



**Bennington College**  
**52nd Commencement**  
*May 22, 1987*  
**Celebrating the Class of 1987**

*Vernon Vance Bailey*

"We wanted to emphasize the feelings  
of triumph and joy more than  
honor or achievement."

--Margot Suter Rood '36

Bennington's graduation ceremony has basically remained unchanged since the first class graduated in 1936. The nomination of candidates for degrees by the faculty and the subsequent vote to award the degrees by the trustees have become a tradition.

The planning of the first ceremony aroused great controversy. The faculty, faithful to Bennington's progressive spirit, proposed that there be no ceremony. But the students insisted that they could not be decently graduated without a formal award of degrees.

Still, the students wanted their ceremony to signify celebration rather than competitive reward. The procedures would be simple and brief, and there would not be any special awards or singling out of students.

We, the 52nd class, continue in this spirit of community. We celebrate our graduation with triumph and joy.



BENNINGTON COLLEGE

52nd Commencement

June 13, 1987

I. Procession

John H. Williams II, Interim President  
Adam Yarmolinsky, Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
Master of Fine Arts Candidates  
Bachelor of Arts Candidates

II. Opening Remarks -- Interim President Williams

III. Faculty Nomination of Candidates

IV. Faculty Vote of Approval

V. Trustee Vote of Approval

VI. Presentation of Master of Fine Arts Degrees

VII. Concluding Remarks -- Interim President Williams

VIII. Recessional

IX. Presentation of Diplomas  
Platform at Dickinson

X. Reception  
Dickinson Terrace

## FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

DANCE. . . . .Barbara Roan  
DRAMA. . . . .Leroy Logan  
LITERATURE AND LANGUAGES . . . . .Arturo Vivante  
MUSIC. . . . .Gunnar Schonbeck  
NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS. . . . .Reinhoud van der Linde  
SOCIAL SCIENCE . . . . .Kenneth Kensinger  
VISUAL ARTS. . . . .Rochelle Feinstein  
INTERDIVISIONAL. . . . .Rush Welter

Commencement music composed by:

Melinda Castriota  
Janet Gillespie  
Daniel Gorn  
Sylvia Halpern  
Alice Yang Wu

Conductor: Jeffrey Levine

Musicians: Eهران Elisah  
Douglas Personette  
Marjorie Roosen  
Jared Shapiro  
Gunnar Schonbeck  
John Tisbert

IN MEMORY OF OUR CLASSMATES

Mara Zalk  
Libby Zion

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

(\* Receiving their degrees as of December 1986)  
(# Completed work for their degrees in absentia)

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Sandra Lynette Burton - Dance  
Cynthia Peller Katz - Visual Arts  
June O'Dea - Visual Arts  
Miriam Elise Steinberg\* - Visual Arts

BACHELOR OF ARTS

DANCE

Hope E. Clark  
Rachel Elizabeth Goldberg  
Jane Rebecca Kocol  
Chivas de Lancia Sandage  
Janet Anne Schuman

DRAMA

Melanie Fraser#  
Elizabeth Anne Hipwell  
Nina Humphrey  
Allison Koturbash  
Jason Evan Licht  
William Charles Lipscomb  
Diane Helene Minter  
Yvonne Procho  
Julia Child Prud'homme  
Marina Ricciardi#  
Ellen S. Simpson  
Edwin Perkins Triggs  
Matthew Weiss  
Cristobal Zanartu

LITERATURE AND LANGUAGES

Elena Lin Allee  
Eric James Arehart  
Jane R. Beal\*  
William Benoit#  
Aviva Bower  
Elizabeth H. Dalton  
Joseph Dinmore  
James Thomas Harney\*  
Suzanne Elizabeth Jack  
Mary Minter Krotzer  
Rebekah Minkoff\*  
Joel Monture-Knecht  
Tam Putnam  
Laura Safir  
Alexander Paul Sokoloff  
Cynthia Ann Terry\*  
Scott L. Wang  
Judith A. Warburton

MUSIC

Melinda Jayne Castriota  
Claudia Friedlander  
Janet Maureen Gillespie  
Daniel Eric Gorn  
Sylvia Halpern  
Brian Alex Mindlin\*  
Antony Joseph Widoff  
Alice Yang Wu

## NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Lisa Coohill  
Denis Desjarlais  
Megan Jean Fritts  
Alexander J. McAdam

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

David Michael Burgess  
Sujit CanagaRetna#  
Brian Lee Cason#  
Gerard Roch Chartrand  
Jane Davies  
Leslie Kim Gartrell\*  
Marianne Henry  
Christine A. St. John  
K. Victoria Threlfall#

## VISUAL ARTS

Paul William Bauman\*  
Mikael Benzon  
Tao Thomas Chin\*  
Monica Delima Church  
Richard Luke Claymon  
Emily Dennis  
Christina DeRosa  
Emma J. S. Holmes  
Pedro Mendez  
Chiara Pellegrin  
Matthew Ranson  
Gary Edward Rith  
Ann Margaret Russ  
Linda Uram  
Paul Francis Wallace, Jr.  
Daniel Amin Wasserman  
Erica Wurtz

## INTERDIVISIONAL

Sandra Carpenter# - Natural Science & Mathematics/  
Literature & Languages  
Anne Carter - Visual Arts/Drama  
Alyssa Anne Ettinger - Visual Arts/Literature & Languages  
Nina Galin - Dance/Music  
David Williams Hess - Visual Arts/Social Science  
John William Ingle, Jr.\* - Music/Dance  
Audrey Kindred\* - Social Science/Dance  
Annette Levine - Literature & Languages/Social Science  
Diana Maltz - Literature & Languages/Social Science  
Vonn M. Marsch - Natural Science & Mathematics/Drama  
Caitlin McCaffrey# - Literature & Languages/Visual Arts  
Jim Nicholson - Music/Drama  
Sally Ann Olmer\* - Literature & Languages/Visual Arts  
Penelope Gwendolyne Owen\* - Social Science/Literature & Languages  
Denise Angela Phillips - Literature & Languages/Visual Arts  
Julia Crane Rosenblum - Drama/Literature & Languages  
James Rotondi - Literature & Languages/Drama  
Vincent Royce - Natural Science & Mathematics/Visual Arts  
Sarajennifer Sharp - Literature & Languages/Drama  
Sarah Anne Shaw\* - Literature & Languages/Drama  
William K. Zobrist - Literature & Languages/  
Natural Science & Mathematics

## DOUBLE MAJOR

Christopher Mack - Drama/Literature & Languages



EXHIBITS OF 1987 SENIOR THESES  
(On display in the Crossett Library)

LITERATURE AND LANGUAGES

Elena Lin Allee  
Aviva Bower  
Elizabeth H. Dalton  
Joseph Dinmore  
Alyssa Anne Ettinger  
Suzanne Elizabeth Jack  
Mary Minter Krotzer  
Annette Levine  
Diana Maltz  
Tam Putnam  
James Rotondi  
Laura Safir  
Sarajennifer Sharp  
Alexander Paul Sokoloff  
Scott L. Wang  
William K. Zobrist

SOCIAL SCIENCE

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Brian Lee Cason  
Jane Davies  
Marianne Henry  
David Williams Hess  
Christine A. St. John  
K. Victoria Threlfall

NATURAL SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS

Alexander J. McAdam

SENIOR ART EXHIBITIONS

(On display in the Suzanne Lemberg Usdan Gallery)

Mikael Benzon  
Anne Carter  
Monica Delima Church  
Luke Claymon  
Emily Dennis  
Christina DeRosa  
Alyssa Anne Ettinger  
David Williams Hess  
Emma J. S. Holmes  
Caitlin McCaffrey  
Pedro Mendez

Sally Ann Olmer  
Chiara Pellegrin  
Denise Angela Phillips  
Matthew Ranson  
Gary Edward Rith  
Vincent Royce  
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Erica Wurtz



B E N N I N G T O N      C O L L E G E

Bennington, Vermont

Commencement

June 12 - 13, 1987

Friday, June 12

1 - 6 p.m.  
9 - 10 p.m.  
Suzanne Lemberg Usdan Gallery

Senior Art Exhibit

2 p.m.  
The Carriage Barn

Commencement Music Concert

4 p.m.  
Martha Hill

Commencement Dance Concert

6 p.m.  
Jennings Lawn  
(Tent on Commons Lawn  
in case of rain)

The Senior Supper  
Outdoor buffet for Seniors,  
their guests, faculty and  
staff

7:30 p.m.  
Jennings Lawn

Commencement Address  
Barbara Lazear Ascher '68

Saturday, June 13

9 a.m. - 12 noon  
Suzanne Lemberg Usdan Gallery

Senior Art Exhibit

10 a.m.  
Barn Quadrangle  
(Tent in case of rain)

Conferring of Degrees

11 a.m.  
Platform - Dickinson Terrace

Presentation of Diplomas

A reception for the graduates and their guests will be held at Dickinson Terrace immediately following the ceremonies.

In case of rain, the conferring of degrees and the reception will be held in the Tent on Commons Lawn.