

"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 50th class, continue in this spirit of community. We celebrate our graduation with triumph and joy.

BENNINGTON COLLEGE

50th Commencement

June 15, 1985

- I. Procession
 - Michael Hooker, President
 - John Williams, Chairman of the Board of Trustees
 - Members of the Class of 1936
 - Master of Fine Arts Candidates
 - Bachelor of Arts Candidates
- II. Opening Remarks -- President Hooker
- 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 -- President Hooker
- VIII. Recessional
- IX. Presentation of Diplomas
 - Platform at Dickinson
- X. Reception
 - Dickinson Terrace

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

BLACK MUSIC William Dixon
DANCE Barbara Roan
DRAMA Raymond Dooley
LITERATURE AND LANGUAGES Stephen Sandy
MUSIC Jeffrey Levine
NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS Thomas Reitz
SOCIAL SCIENCE. Kenneth Kensinger
VISUAL ARTS Neil Rappaport
INTERDIVISIONAL Norman Derby

Commencement music composed by:

Murray Barsky
Sherman Foote
Su Lian Tan

Conductor: Gunnar Schonbeck

Instrumentalists:

Wendy Greenwald -- piccolo
Sue Ann Kahn -- piccolo
Su Lian Tan -- piccolo
Murray Barsky -- clarinet
Robert Miller -- trumpet
Susan Sourdiffé -- trumpet
Robert Haley -- trumpet
David Titcomb -- trombone
Richard Clark -- trombone
Glen Mayer -- trombone
Louis Calabro -- timpani
Andrew Dillon -- snare drum
Sherman Foote -- bass drum
Randall Neale -- cymbal
Peter Calabro -- xylophone
Vivian Fine -- glockenspiel
Joel Chadabe -- synthesizer
Anthony Widoff -- synthesizer

Program cover designed by Leslie Anne Daley '85

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

(* Receiving their degrees as of December 1984)
(# Completed work for their degrees in absentia)

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Murray Mark Barsky - Music
Christine A. Boshier - Visual Arts
Jennifer A. Cox - Visual Arts
Peter Staffan Lundberg - Visual Arts

BACHELOR OF ARTS

BLACK MUSIC

Eric Green Zinman

DANCE

Petra Franklin
Julia Tarlov McCamy
*Aurora Carolina Mendizabal
*Sharon R. Milan

DRAMA

Abigail Gampel
Douglas Eldon Gerlach
*Jonas P. Gjertsson
Michael Hill Goldstein
Andrew E. Hirsch
Jane Leslie Kaufman
Anthony Roberts Koplin
Richard Kronfeld
Catherine Siena McKay
Scott Barrington Palmer
Sari Jill Rubinstein
Paul Sharwell
Maureen Ann Snelgrove
*Stephen Thomas Wall

LITERATURE AND LANGUAGES

Margarita A. Bonifaz
Lisa Rachele Conrad
Lawrence Elliott David
Amanda Marie Donta
Emily Esterson
Edward Mickle Fox
James Charles Geary
*Merav E. Gold
#Jeanne Susanne Gorfinkle
Beth Susan Greenberg
*Daniel Essoun Gwira
Caren Riva Halbfinger
Amy Beth Herskovitz
*Linda Gilberte Hoetink
#Rita Howard
Donna Jones
Beth Mira Kaplan
*Ronald Larry Kurtz
*Lucy McCulloch Mahaffey
Kate Dominica Maher
Frank Anthony Marrazzo, Jr.
Tanya Lynn Mulford
Christine MacRae Mummert
Ulrika Anna Nilson
*Margaret Chapman Owen
*Dana Laurie Peterson
Diann Nicole Sanchez
Dianne Lynn Sauers
Lora Bullard Whelan

NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Ayşe A. Atasoylu
Karen Blackmer
Amy Merryl Gottlieb
Jennifer Jean Hansell
Keiji Kanazawa
David Kirschenbaum
Donna M. Mallard
Lucia Reda Paronetto
Dushyant Pathak
Iain Wacey

VISUAL ARTS

*Robert Vassilios Barnstone
Charrette Marie Boogaerts
Teresa Kimberly Booth
Lindsey Ellen Brown
Anthony Wingate Cafritz
Catherine Mackay Croner
Leslie Anne Daley
*Brian John Delacey
Wendy Carroll Dye
Rachel Anne Fine
Andrea Saskia Fiuczynski
*Barbara Houghton Henry
Susan J. Krinsky
Michael Mark Lavorgna
*Marian Evans Magai
Matthew Marks
*Anne McKenna
Rhea Miranda Nowak
June A. Papineau
Philip Burke Price
Joannah Prockop
Elizabeth S. Roberts
Amy Ross
Amy Lynn Schweitzer
*Carol Clare Stark
*Nina Wellen

MUSIC

Peter Benvenuto Calabro
Andrew P. Dillon
Sherman Hudson Foote
Wendy Hope Greenwald
Edyth Allene Hill
Marie-France Labbe
Janice Karen Milan
Alejandro Antonio Sanchez-
Navarro Martinez
Su Lian Tan
*Andrew E. Tobin
*David Eli Zevin

SOCIAL SCIENCE

#Amie J. Applestein
#Lynn Makinen Barney
Susan Joanne Breton
Dori N. Bye
Jon David Cohen
Sarah Gates Collard
Sara Willett Duke
Melissa Ann Freeman
#Mary Ellen Grill
Moirra Killoran Gutman
Karim A. H. Jinnah
Jesse Katz
Elizabeth Putnam Leach
Evan Davis McGlinn
*Ramoncita Adela Reyes y Ver
*Wendy Jill Shaw
Bethany J. Stanley
Kris D. Stoffer
#Denise M. Walsh
*Carole Sue Woodworth

INTERDIVISIONAL

Mark Jonathon Aitchison - Visual Arts/Literature and Languages
Kevin Samuel Alter - Visual Arts/Natural Science and Mathematics
David McCutcheon Bell - Drama/Visual Arts
*Anne Elisia Bradford - Literature and Languages/Dance-Drama
Pilar M. Castro - Literature and Languages/Music
Anne Louise Coggan - Visual Arts/Social Sciences
Vanessa Mary Cox - Literature and Languages/Visual Arts
Emelie J. de Jong - Music/Literature and Languages
Laurie Rachel deRobles - Social Science/Literature and Languages
#Marsha Aberle Dietz - Literature and Languages/Social Science
*Beth Allegra Donaldson - Music/Dance
Jill Alysse Eisenstadt - Literature and Languages/Music
Adriana Natasha Galesi - Literature and Languages/Visual Arts
Aileen Davis Ghee - Dance/Literature and Languages
Andrew Philip Grossman - Natural Science and Mathematics/Dance
*Karyna Heffernan - Visual Arts/Drama
T. Kent Hikida - Literature and Languages/Visual Arts
*Donna-Marina-Alexandra Hill - Visual Arts/Social Science
Magdalene Eva Horstman - Visual Arts/Music
Karen Suzanne Houppert - Visual Arts/Literature and Languages
*Eric Mathews Isselhardt - Social Science/Literature and Languages
Tina Charlotte Jorgensen - Literature and Languages/Social Science
*Kay Elizabeth Kimball - Social Science/Music
Scott Thomas Krafft - Visual Arts/Literature and Languages
Dawn Eda Learsy - Dance/Visual Arts
*Matthew S. Monaghan - Visual Arts/Dance-Drama
Eric E. Ramirez - Social Science/Natural Science and Mathematics
Miriam Schechner - Social Science/Visual Arts
Barbara Schwartz - Social Science/Literature and Languages
Michael Stuart Strauber - Drama/Music
Susan Dennison Sutton - Visual Arts/Literature and Languages
Susan Diane Verrilli - Music/Social Science
Amory Margaret Walsh - Drama/Social Science
Vincent Craig Webster - Literature and Languages/Visual Arts
*Nora Cecilia Wertz - Literature and Languages/Visual Arts

DOUBLE MAJOR

Stephen F. Nunns - Drama/Literature and Languages

Bennington College salutes Dianne R. Valle, Christopher J. Walshe, and Eileen S. Wilentz on the successful completion of the Post Baccalaureate Pre-Medical and Allied Health Program.

EXHIBITS OF 1985 SENIOR THESES

(On display in the Crossett Library)

LITERATURE AND LANGUAGES

Margarita A. Bonifaz
Lisa Rachele Conrad
Vanessa Mary Cox
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SENIOR ART EXHIBITIONS
(On display in the Suzanne Lemberg Usdan Gallery)

Mark Aitchison
Kevin Alter
Robert V. Barnstone
David M. Bell
Charrette Marie Boogaerts
Theresa Booth
Lindsey Brown
Anthony Cafritz
Anne Louise Coggan
Vanessa Mary Cox
Catherine Croner
Leslie Anne Daley
Brian Delacey
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Bennington, Vermont

50th Commencement

June 14 - 15, 1985

Friday, June 14

1 - 6 p.m.	Senior Art Exhibit
9 - 10 p.m.	
Suzanne Lemberg Usdan Gallery	
2 p.m.	Commencement Music Concert
Paul Robeson House	
4 p.m.	Commencement Dance Concert
Martha Hill	
6 p.m.	The Senior Supper
Jennings Lawn	Outdoor buffet for Seniors,
(Greenwall in case	their guests, faculty and
of rain)	staff
7:30 p.m.	Bennington: A Pioneer's
Jennings Lawn	Perspective
	Louise Stockard Vick '36
7:45 p.m.	Commencement Address
Jennings Lawn	Elizabeth Swados '73

Saturday, June 15

9 a.m. - 12 noon	Senior Art Exhibit
Suzanne Lemberg Usdan Gallery	
10 a.m.	Conferring of Degrees
Barn Quadrangle	
(Greenwall in case of rain)	
11 a.m.	Presentation of Diplomas
Platform - Dickinson	

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 Arts Center