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# BENNINGTON COLLEGE

CLASS OF 2018

83RD ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

JUNE 2, 2018

BENNINGTON, VERMONT

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

—MARGOT SUTER ROOD '36

Bennington’s graduation ceremony has remained fundamentally 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 awarding of degrees.

Still, the students wanted their ceremony to signify celebration rather than competitive reward. The proceedings would be simple and brief, and there would be no special awards or singling out of students.

We, the 83rd class, continue in this spirit of community. We celebrate our graduation with triumph and joy.

Khumboh KD Kaluah	Lulwama Mulalu	William Fitzpatrick Scully
Kadidia Kamate	Fionnuala Rose Murphy	Sangeeth Raja Selvaraju
Gabe Kates-Shaw	Jabeen Murtaza	Chloe Lillian Shelford
Nejla Katica	Sophie Marie Nevin	Rajat Shrestha
Megan Marie Knapp	**An Nguyen	Christiana Stawasz
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Jonas Laforteza	*Hans Joseph Olsen	Isabel Twanmo
Dung Le	Lauren Omokheoa	Ajsa Udovcic
Benjamin Lee	Jeanelle Ortiz-Quezadas	Melodi Var Ongel
Samuel Kelly Fair Levit	*Katherine Parker	María Vargas Aguilar
Jack Lindsay	Sophie Rose Parker Goos	Lazar Vujanic
Tony Lu	Charles Pisano	Sophie Patterson Ward
Roma Lucero	Isabella Poulos	Eva Weber
Drew Sofi Lucia	Colin Daniel Powers	Pixel West
Thomas Ludacer	Liam Quinn	Viva Kanani Obiajulu Wittman
**Eleanor MacPhee	Ayesha Raees	Lily Joyce Wujek
Griffin Manos	Dani Redmon Robbins	Davide Yepes Tamayo
Fiona McGovern	Jorja Lauren Rose	Iliyana Yotova
Marshall McGraw	Zadie Ross	Louay Youssef
Liam McRae	Mary Roth	*Jessica Zeng
Syeda Rumana Mehdi	Asmita Saha	Sundara Ziegler
Elana Mendelsohn	Jocelyn Salcedo	
Morgan Morse	Joana Santos	

## CLASS OF 2018





**MASTERS OF FINE ARTS**

Rebecca Brooks

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Yanan Yu

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Caroline Adams

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\*\*Cat Adragna

Katherine Anne Dines  
Christensen

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Mardryka Adzick

Nathan Copperwheat

\*Rebecca Elaine Green

Caroline Elizabeth  
Albrechtsen

Olive Darling Couri

\*Jordan Greenblatt

Zoe Aloise

Shana Crawford

Sarah Gross

\*Chloe Amos

Webb Crawford

Nate Guevin

Yulia Andreeva

Julia Crowley

Wesley Haaf

Nayeem Aquib

Ariane Curtin-Bowen

Everett W. Haddard

\*Sashank Aryal

Jonah Daniell

Tristan Louise Harness

Michael Ash

David DaSilva

Muhammad Haroon

Aayush Baral

Nam Phuong Thi Doan

Jacob Hausthor

Nicholas Barney

Irene Susmita Childs Dole

Ashlyn Joy Haywood

Bibek Basnet

Kevin Ducey

Rachel Hegarty

Aidan June Baxter-Ferguson

\*\*Fiona Lea Eden

\*Milo Ryder Henderson

Caleb Blansett

Francesca Edwards

Julia Ofelia Herrera

Blair Blumberg

Rohan Edwards

Linh Hoang

Atalya Boytner

Martin Feld

Amina Hodzic

Sydney Paige Bradley

Emma Holly Daniel Flowers

Lilianna Ellis Hogan

Jenna Brewer

Dana Corcoran Foote

Krisztina Hogue

\*\*Michaela August Brown

Moses Gavron

Zoe Huey

Mary Grace Bullock

Owen Gerber-Hatem

Claire Hunter

\*Eli Singer Calhoun

Jack Daniel Gerrard

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Jordan Jacobs

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Elio Jahaj

\*\*Ariana Chaves

Erin Gildea

Lecil James

Ferne Johansson

**BENNINGTON COLLEGE**

83rd Annual Commencement ♦ JUNE 2, 2018

*Commencement fanfares composed by graduating seniors:*

*Kevin Ducey, Dana Foote, Rachel Hegarty, and Morgan Morse*

**I. PROCESSION**

Alan Kornberg '74, *Chairman, Board of Trustees*

Mariko Silver, *President*

Isabel Roche, *Provost and Dean of the College*

Board of Trustees

Faculty

Bachelor of Arts Candidates

*“Ceremonial March” composed by the late Luis Calabro,  
former faculty member*

**II. REMARKS**

Mariko Silver, *President*

Stephen Shapiro, *Faculty Member*

**III. AWARDING OF DEGREES**

**IV. RECESSIONAL**

*“Joyful Noise” composed by Michael Wimberly*

Brass quartet: Michael Gallagher, Steven Morics,  
Thomas Neeson, Gerald Zaffuts

Bennington percussion conductor Michael Wimberly  
with percussion students Nathaniel Contreras '19,  
Daniel O'Connor '21, Nicholas Williams '20