



COMMENCEMENT

CLASS OF 2025

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

COLGATE UNIVERSITY

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TWO HUNDRED FOURTH COMMENCEMENT

Processional _____ A selection of traditional pipe music
Mohawk Valley Frasers

The audience is asked to remain seated during the academic procession and to refrain from taking pictures after the academic procession has reached the platform until the conclusion of the ceremonies.

Welcome _____ Lesleigh Cushing
Provost and Dean of the Faculty
Mark S. Siegel University Professor in Religion and Jewish Studies

Invocation _____ Corey S. MacPherson
University Chaplain and Protestant Campus Minister

Introductory Remarks _____ Brian W. Casey
President of the University

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Candidates for Honorary Degrees

Gretchen Hoadley Burke '81, P'11,'20, Doctor of Humane Letters
Colgate Trustee Emeritus; Former Co-Chair of the Campaign for the
Third-Century Leadership Committee
Presented by Toby Bozzuto '96, Chair of Colgate's Board of Trustees

Ann Stringfellow Masten, Doctor of Science
Regents Professor of Child Development, University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Presented by Rebecca Shiner, Charles A. Dana Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences

John McWhorter, Doctor of Letters
Professor of Linguistics at Columbia University and *New York Times* columnist
Presented by David Dudrick, George Carleton Jr. Professor of Philosophy

Julianne Smith, Doctor of Humane Letters
Former U.S. Ambassador to NATO
Presented by Edward Fogarty, Associate Professor of Political Science

Jill Tiefenthaler, Doctor of Humane Letters
Chief Executive Officer, National Geographic Society
Presented by Nicole Simpson, W. Bradford Wiley Professor of International Economics;
Chair, Department of Economics

Deborah Willis, Doctor of Fine Arts
Professor of Photography and Imaging, Tisch School of the Arts, New York University
Presented by Jessica Davenport, Assistant Professor of Religion

Richard Trusty Patrick Woolard '65, Doctor of Humane Letters

Captain, Navy SEALs (retired)

Presented by Corey MacPherson, University Chaplain and Protestant Campus Minister

Address _____ Julianne Smith

Conferring of Degrees _____ President Casey

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts in Teaching

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Greetings from the Alumni Corporation _____ Lauri Curtis Hadobas '77
President of the Alumni Council

Benediction _____ Mark Shiner
Chaplain and Catholic Campus Minister

The Alma Mater _____ Tune: "Juanita"
Sung by Members of the Senior Class

When through thy valley,
Fair Chenango twilight falls,
Bringing its silence
To our college halls;
In that happy moment,
Love for Alma Mater swells,
And the heart outpouring,
Of her glory tells:

Chorus:
Colgate, Alma Mater,
Fairest theme of all our lays!
Colgate! Alma Mater,
Ever blest, thy days.

Far from thy valley,
Yearly rove thy loving ones,
Yet, in their dreaming,
E'er thy name returns;
'Tis the same fond spirit
Which the mem'ry lingers o'er
And our lips but echo
That old song of yore:

Repeat chorus

Recessional _____ Mohawk Valley Frasers

The audience is asked to remain seated during the entirety of the recessional.

Class of 2025 Name Presenters

Paul J. McLoughlin II, *Vice President and Dean of the College*
Dorsey Spencer Jr., *Dean of Students*

University Marshal

Jason Meyers, *Associate Professor of
Biology and Neuroscience*

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts in Teaching

Presented by Lesleigh Cushing, Provost and Dean of the Faculty

Emily Alden Corson *with Distinction*
Cosette Susan Dunkle
Brooke Emily Garretson *with Distinction*
Ashley Anne Graegin *with Distinction*
Amanda Bailey Hinds *with Distinction*
MargauxRose Vallon

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Presented by Lesleigh Cushing, Provost and Dean of the Faculty

Sophie Mai Abdo
Magna Cum Laude
Honors in English
Ismaaeel Abdur-Rahmaan
Brooke Alexandra Abeles
Magna Cum Laude
Clementina Appiah Aboagye
Magna Cum Laude
Molly Abruzzese
Magna Cum Laude
Samantha Hope Ackerman
Summa Cum Laude
William Ackerman
Cum Laude
Honors in Computer Science
George Malcolm Adamson
Summa Cum Laude
High Honors in Psychological Science
Vivian Adelman
Summa Cum Laude
Phi Beta Kappa
Juliana Adeola
Magna Cum Laude
Gifty Ofori Afrifa
Magna Cum Laude
Xose Venus Agbadan
Hanaa Ahmar
Saira Ahuja
Magna Cum Laude
Naheeda Akhtar
Cum Laude
Honors in Computer Science

Senay Aktas
Cum Laude
Hadeel Ayman Al Qoronz
Magna Cum Laude
Felipe Ignacio Alarcon Vaca
Magna Cum Laude
High Honors in Economics
Farrell Faulkner Aldrich
Summa Cum Laude
Kendall Eve Alexander
Summa Cum Laude
Phi Beta Kappa
Asauni Lamont Allen
Cum Laude
William Thomas Allocco
Maxwell Miles Alphonso
Cum Laude
Jordyn Elizabeth Alt
Adam Ilan Alter
Magna Cum Laude
Caroline Elizabeth Altergott
Magna Cum Laude
Fredy Raphael Alvarado-Retana
Elke Ambach
Magna Cum Laude
Zachary Ryan Amendola
Summa Cum Laude
Honors in Computer Science
Phi Beta Kappa
Vishnu Anandraj
Magna Cum Laude

COLGATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

Despina Theodora Anastasiou

Magna Cum Laude

Olivia Grace Anderson

Cum Laude

Ian Alexander José Andrews

Cum Laude

Honors in Geology

Audrey Elizabeth Andrus

Cum Laude

Jaharra Domonique Kaheliah Anglin Stubbs

Magna Cum Laude

Pierce Marion Anthony

Nathaniel Arad

Cum Laude

Elizabeth Austin Armstrong

Magna Cum Laude

Lillian Grace Armstrong

Cum Laude

Jose Arriaza

Cum Laude

Halie Ascioti

Summa Cum Laude

Grace Sophia Ashley

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in English

William James Aspinwall

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Astrogeophysics

Mark Jonathan Attar ††

Adelaide Barnett Atwood

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Computer Science

Andrew James Audas

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Political Science

Rashik Azad

Oliver Rafanelli Backer

Magna Cum Laude

Diya Badola

Cum Laude

Nikhil Bahal

Cum Laude

Honors in Computer Science

Jiaying Bai

Magna Cum Laude

Chandler Baker

Surya Kumar Balaji

Cum Laude

Racquel Chanel Baldeo ††

Madison Kathleen Ballou

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Economics

Ekaterina Balsan

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Chemistry

Alyssa Watanabe Bannister

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Computer Science

Phi Beta Kappa

Fiona Elizabeth Barber

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Psychological Science

Seth Barnes

Jack Joseph Barry

Emmerson Grace Bartels

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Biochemistry

Vivienne Grace Bartels

Magna Cum Laude

Reanna Lauren Bartels-Quansah

Cum Laude

Westley James Bartlett

Kendall Beau Barton

Summa Cum Laude

Kennedy Ann Clark Barton

Cum Laude

Erin Lee Becker

William Joseph Beckhorn

Leila Elaine Bekaert

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Kendall Grace Belanger ††

Nicolas Belpedio

Justin Ben-Ari

Magna Cum Laude

Emilia Louise Witherell Bennett

Cum Laude

Jack Bennink

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Biology

Timothy Baxter Bennitt

COLGATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

Jordan Anyta Ben-Shmuel

Magna Cum Laude

Ava Grace Benton

Magna Cum Laude

Tommy Bergsland

Cum Laude

Nora Kathleen Bergstrom

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Psychological Science

Halle Elizabeth Berkowitz

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Psychological Science

Phi Beta Kappa

Shayan Bhatti ††

Andrew Bialek

Cum Laude

Luca Stephen Bianchi

Magna Cum Laude

Ella Lucille Biehle

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Political Science

Stephanie Ella Bishop

Jacob Mathew Blackwin

Cole Thompson Blair

Magna Cum Laude

Haley Kathryn Bloch

Ryan Nicholas Blumenfeld

Cum Laude

William Fredrick Boemer

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Political Science

Andrew James Bonanni II

Abigail Catherine Bonino

Summa Cum Laude

Eleanor Julianna Born

Magna Cum Laude

Brianna Botello

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Spanish

Phoebe Clair Boultinghouse

Summa Cum Laude

Ryan Thomas Brackett

Magna Cum Laude

Abigail Claire Bradley

Magna Cum Laude

Jacob William Brandes

Magna Cum Laude

Jessica Laine Brazeau

Magna Cum Laude

Michael Alfred Brescia

Johannes Keenan Bressel

Thomas Gerard Brew

Cum Laude

Maggie Lucille Brian

Magna Cum Laude

Neena Ann Gwendolyn Brick

Cum Laude

Benjamin Cole Brodeur

Sawyer Pawling Brown

Magna Cum Laude

Zachary Ryan Brown

Magna Cum Laude

Avery Rose Brundige

Magna Cum Laude

Matthew B. Burack

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Computer Science

Zeke Burden

Magna Cum Laude

Emma Rose Burdick

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Neuroscience

James Christopher Burke

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Computer Science

Renata Costa Burnett

Magna Cum Laude

Alexis Jenna Burton

Peter Briton Busch

Summa Cum Laude

Lavaniel Tamika Butler

Laura Truland Butz

Magna Cum Laude

Alexander Brent Bzdell

Harley Dylan Caggiano

Magna Cum Laude

Zihan Cai †††

Emma Grace Caione

Magna Cum Laude

Mikayla Nicole Cairns

Summa Cum Laude

COLGATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

Mia Campbell	Aryaman Datta Chobey
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Ha-Eun H. Choi
Lesly Cando	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Educational Studies</i>	<i>Distinction in the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum</i>
Hang Cao	Brett Robert Chorske
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	Rania Lubha Chowdhury
Cassie Cappelletti	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Daniel Wyman Chu †
Katherine Lucia Caracciolo	Elizabeth Singleton Coady
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Samuel Goodspeed Carneal	<i>Honors in Political Science</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Benjamin William Coddington
Jackson Paul Carter	Tanner James Cogswell
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Brendan Parker Cassamajor ††	Amelia Jane Cohen
Kerry James Cassidy	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Brittany Madison Cohen ††
Eleanor Varsi Cassulo	Caroline Marie Collins
Annabelle Cunningham Catlin	Ava Elizabeth Comey
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	Lily Sylvia Conetta
Alessia Marie Cawley	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Aimee Sinead Conlon
<i>Honors in Environmental Studies</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Sophia Rose Cecchin	Rory Michael Connor
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>	James Conrad
Morgan Charles Cecil	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Audrey Caroline Conte
Isaiah Dean Cerven	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
John Patrick Ceryanek	Ella Claire Cook
Jaydon Matthew Chalichemala	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Natalie Chapman	Jonathan Connor Cook
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Jiacheng Chen	<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Claudia Pauline Coolidge
Junrui Chen	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Sociology</i>
<i>Honors in Physics</i>	Rachel Ilana Cope
Yumeng Chen ††	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Sophia Rose Child	Ryan Douglas Corbett
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Conrad Stone Chipman	Lydia Rose Coronado
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Michael Francis Corrigan Jr.
Macdonald Tawanda Chirara	

COLGATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

Michael James Cort	Caroline Rose Devine
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Kellie Reeves Couch	Elizabeth Grace Diaz
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Alejandro Villegas Coury	Azana Camille Dickens
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Ke'Tre Lamont Dickens II
Jack Ryan Cousin	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Religion</i>
Julianne Grace Crawford	Sophia Diehl
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Mavric Francis Lloyd Crotty	Jared Michael Diks
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Political Science</i>	<i>High Honors in Astronomy-Physics</i>
Charlotte Elizabeth Crowley ††	Elina Clare Dilschneider
Sarah Cryan	Linh Dinh
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>	Alex DiPaolo
Sophia Cucinotta	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Lucrezia Giustina Rosarita Di Vincenzo
Emily Ann D'Alessandro	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Claire Katherine Dodds
Annabelle Rain Daley †	<i>Cum Laude</i>
McKenna Marie Dalton	Benjamin Dokupil
Julian Dalziel	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Timothy Donovan
Michael Robert D'Ambrosio	Olivia Anne Dorian
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Stella Rose Damrauer	Chloe Dorris
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Thanh Dang	<i>High Honors in Psychological Science</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Brian Kevin Douglas Junior
<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Dylan Owen Dasbach	Grace Margaret Dow
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Connor Campbell Deagle	Emmett Samuel Dowd
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	Mary Katherine Doyle
Maggie Kwas DeLillo	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Yeraldi De Los Santos	<i>Honors in Asian Studies</i>
Claire Colleen DeMore	Sebastian Elliott Druehl
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Chris Deng	Beverly Belle Drummond
<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Ryan Daniel D'Errico	<i>High Honors in Psychological Science</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Yimei Du
Amanda Lauren DeSantis	<i>Cum Laude</i>

COLGATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

Ryan Payton Dugdale

Magna Cum Laude

Saran Afia Duncan

Sydney Rhyann Dunn

Cum Laude

Natalie Elizabeth Duquette

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Psychological Science

Cooper E.M. Durcan

Joyce Ebikhumu

Magna Cum Laude

Clare Edminster

Summa Cum Laude

Mia Angelina Edwards

Magna Cum Laude

Isabel Egnatz †

Gwen Crowe Eichfeld

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Neuroscience

Haran Eiger

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Neuroscience

Zoë Eisel

Summa Cum Laude

Jenna Leigh Eisenmann

Cum Laude

Honors in Religion

Ethan Martin Eisner

Magna Cum Laude

Adeline Eklund

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Computer Science

Eliza Bess Elman

Cum Laude

Honors in English

Rhoman Antoine Sammel Elvis

Cum Laude

Nicholas Ostrom Enders

Cum Laude

Christopher Francis Erickson

Cum Laude

Reid Elizabeth Ewasko

Magna Cum Laude

Owen Dixon Fahey

Magna Cum Laude

Aleza Falk

Summa Cum Laude

Emily Falk

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Anthropology

Andrew Mark Fantasia

Magna Cum Laude

Omar Fargally

Cum Laude

Armando Samuel Justin Fedele

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Sam Hartman Fettuccia

Magna Cum Laude

Gwendolyn Grace Field

Magna Cum Laude

Elizabeth Kerney Figge †

Lauren Elizabeth Fishbein

Summa Cum Laude

Quinn Fitzsimmons

Jennifer Grace Flaherty

Anika Grattan Flik

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Psychological Science

Juan Carlos Flores ††

Paige Elizabeth Foa

Cum Laude

Tate Fonda

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in English

Sophia Angeline Fossati

Cum Laude

Honors in History

Camryn Foster

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Molecular Biology

Aidan Fox

Cum Laude

Leia Isabelle Francis

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Physics

Meredith Anne Francis

Christopher Michel Francoeur

Cum Laude

Rae Katherine Frankel

Magna Cum Laude

COLGATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

Lilly Amelia Frick

Cum Laude

Ella Jane Fugelsang

Magna Cum Laude

Grace Catherine Funston

Magna Cum Laude

Ana Luisa Furiati

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Psychological Science

Jessica Elise Furstein

Cum Laude

Zuzu Bel Gacso

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Neuroscience

Emory Gaddis

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Chemistry

Katherine Rose Gallagher

Moureen Gao

Cum Laude

Honors in History

Anthony Lehi Garcia

Magna Cum Laude

Daniel Andres Garcia Andrade

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Ridgely Elizabeth Gargano

Magna Cum Laude

Jane O'Rourke Garrity

Magna Cum Laude

Hristina Lyubomirova Georgieva

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Mathematical Economics

High Honors in Russian and Eurasian Studies

Phi Beta Kappa

Ali Reza Ghasemi

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Computer Science

Caroline Elizabeth Ghayour

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Antonia Warner Gialamas

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in English

Taylor Rose Gilbert

Magna Cum Laude

Lewis Barr Flinn Gill

Cum Laude

Audrey Theresa Giltner

Magna Cum Laude

Laine Girolamo

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Film and Media Studies

Hannah Elena Goff

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in English

Sophia Goffe

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Computer Science

Phi Beta Kappa

Toby Goldner

Magna Cum Laude

Jenna Evelyn Gold-Wienk

Taylor Anne Golembiewski

Cum Laude

Barbara Gonzalez Fuentes

Summa Cum Laude

Francesca Fan Rose Goodell

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Molecular Biology

Camille Elizabeth Goodhart

Summa Cum Laude

Julia Elizabeth Goosay

Carter Edward Gordon

Summa Cum Laude

Oliver Wolf Gordon

Summa Cum Laude

Ben Graham

Magna Cum Laude

Brendan Matthew Greaney

Cum Laude

Harlan Greenberg

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Computer Science

Zachary Aden Greenberg

Magna Cum Laude

Alexander Greene

Leah Ruth Greenstein

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Neuroscience

Isabella Gregory

Magna Cum Laude

COLGATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

Carly Grizzaffi	Anthony Michael Hannan
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>High Honors in Computer Science</i>	Abigail Nicole Hanson
Aidan Michael Guller	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Caroline Elizabeth Harlow
Jinting Guo	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Kathryn Marie Harper
Tejas Kavi Gupta	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Margaret Harper
Dylan Leah Gutterman	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Amanda Reilly Harragan
<i>Honors in Psychological Science</i>	John Price Hartman
Malia Michal Haakonsen	Mia Ann Hartung
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Benjamin Haber	Spencer McKnight Harvey
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Darius Jarryd Hagyan	Margot Katherine Hayes
Ethan Joseph Halbreich	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Yangboya He
<i>Honors in History</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Araina Lazet Haley	<i>High Honors in Economics</i>
Kendall Faith Hall	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Eli Dale Heakins
<i>High Honors in Mathematical Economics</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>
Lindsay Elizabeth Hall	John Francis Healy
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Nina Cecille Hallberg	<i>Honors in Physics</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Grace Helm
Charlotte Smith Hamilton	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Political Science</i>
Elijah Thomas Hamilton ††	Erika Jade Heng
Ethan Charles Hamlin	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>
<i>Honors in French</i>	Kaitlyn Renee Henning
Ava Rose Hammer	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Jillian Amber Herbst
<i>Honors in Film and Media Studies</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Distinction in the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum</i>	Luz Maria Hernandez †
Kevin Han	Emma Catherine Herwig
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>	<i>High Honors in History</i>
Madeline Handley	<i>Honors in French</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>
Faith Correa Haney	Robert Mackay Herzig
	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>

COLGATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

Emmett Hintz
Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Computer Science
 Charles Wellwood Hobin
Magna Cum Laude
 Brody Alan Hock
 Elisabeth Sheila Hoerle
Cum Laude
 Owen Joseph Holland
Summa Cum Laude
 Harper Ann Hollander
Summa Cum Laude
Honors in English
 Kevin Hollomon
Cum Laude
 Heather Holm
Magna Cum Laude
 Greta Louise Hoogstra
Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Computer Science
 Benjamin Horner
Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Japanese
 Preston Joseph Horoszewski
Magna Cum Laude
 Olivia Lauren Hotaling
Magna Cum Laude
 William Henry Hoyt
 Jiaming Hu
Magna Cum Laude
 Sia Hu ††
 Alexander Taft Hügglér
Cum Laude
 Evan William Hughes
Cum Laude
 Molly Ancilla Hughes †
 Chloe Elizabeth Hunt
Magna Cum Laude
 Kira Huntley ††
 Jack Eli Hyams
Magna Cum Laude
 Hank Ingrey
Summa Cum Laude
 Daniel Louis Ironson
Summa Cum Laude
Honors in Biology

Reid Alexander Irwin
Magna Cum Laude
 Joshua Andrew Israel
Summa Cum Laude
Phi Beta Kappa
 Nicole Emily Izversky
Summa Cum Laude
Honors in Computer Science
 Liliana Izzo
Magna Cum Laude
 Robert Francis Jacobs III
Magna Cum Laude
 Isabella Jaffe
Magna Cum Laude
 Jah
Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Computer Science
 Matthew Jamison
 Amy Jasso
 Joan Jatto
 Lilly Jette
Cum Laude
 Sahaj Jhajharia
 Innoo Ji
Magna Cum Laude
 Zimeng Jia
Magna Cum Laude
 Elizabeth Joffrey
Summa Cum Laude
Honors in Neuroscience
Phi Beta Kappa
 Alex Taylor Johnson †
 Avery Quinn Johnson
Magna Cum Laude
 Graham Robert Johnson
Magna Cum Laude
 Hadley London Johnson
Summa Cum Laude
Honors in Neuroscience
 Abigail Kathryn Jones
Magna Cum Laude
 Alexandra Lois Marie Jones
Magna Cum Laude
 Sydney Marie Jones
 Jordan Catherine Juetten
Magna Cum Laude

Trent Spencer Kadin	Catalina Cano King
Gia Kalro	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Christopher Hewitt King ††
<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>	Nelle Elizabeth Kniffin
Nick Kang	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Aryan Kanumuri	Emily Ruth Kociubes
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Devan Kapur	<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>
Zoe Mira Kapur	Katherine Sylvie Kolitch †
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Pranav Reddy Kommareddy
<i>Honors in Molecular Biology</i>	Samanta Kost
Olivia Marie Karcutskie	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Naomi Evelyn Kraemer
Mehraz Karim ††	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Lillian Lee Karyo	<i>High Honors in Political Science</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Jacob Krehbiel
<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Laine Quincy Katz-Vanzo	<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	William Robert Kucera III
Laurajane Olivia Kehler	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Alisa Nicole Kukharkin
Meredith Addison Kelley	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>High Honors in Psychological Science</i>
<i>High Honors in Molecular Biology</i>	Samyuktha Kumar
Kwakyé Gabriel Anoh Kendja	Zoey Rose Kurtz
<i>Honors in Physics</i>	Jackson Carl Kustell
Joshua Alexander Kendra †††	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Katie Keyes	<i>High Honors in Physics</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Nathan Kwon
Simon Joseph Khairallah	Grace Maggie LaBruno
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies</i>	Rio Ella Lacey
Ahmed Ayub Khan	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>High Honors in Economics</i>
<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>	Matthew Donovan LaCombe
<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Bayasgalan Kherlen	Jenna Marie Lacy
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>	<i>High Honors in Molecular Biology</i>
Michael Thomas Kiely	Richard Lalaj
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Raina Land
Sarah Killcommons	Lucy T. Langer
Sohee Angela Kim	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Olivia Berkley Larson
Hailey Ann Kinard	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	

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Andrew Steven Lass
Summa Cum Laude
Honors in Computer Science

Maria Jose Laverde
Cum Laude

Conlan Patrick Leahey

Melanie Rose Lebow
Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Computer Science

Kyle LeClair

Pierce Eastland Leclerc
Cum Laude
Honors in Applied Mathematics

Ariana Ayoung Lee
Summa Cum Laude

Benjamin Lee
Cum Laude
Honors in Mathematical Economics

Faith Michelle Lee
Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Computer Science

Sophia Renee Lee-Wlodek

Natalia Legname
Cum Laude

Alison Katherine Lennie

Dale Bernard Lepper

Pedro Levi
Cum Laude

Emma Noelle Lewis
Summa Cum Laude
Honors in Biology
Phi Beta Kappa

Nia-Patrice Sophia Lewis
Cum Laude

Sarafina Glaricia Lewis
Cum Laude

Justin Li
Magna Cum Laude

Michelle Fangqing Li ††

Lucy Isabelle Licata
Magna Cum Laude

Jayden Paige Lichtenstein
Summa Cum Laude

Sabria Sharon Liddell
Summa Cum Laude

Anna R. Lieb
Summa Cum Laude
Honors in Computer Science

Helen Cade Lieberman
Summa Cum Laude

Alexa Lim

Cum Laude
 Jake Christopher Lion
Magna Cum Laude

Liu Yi Tian

Yixuan Liu
Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Sociology
Distinction in the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum

Quinn Catherine Livesay
Magna Cum Laude
High Honors in Sociology

Julia Haley Lombardo
Summa Cum Laude

Jerry Long
Cum Laude

Bridget Looby
Cum Laude

Evelyn Annette Lopez
 Sophia Luz Lopez
Magna Cum Laude
High Honors in History

Nicolas Louis-Jacques
 Cooper William Lowell
 Hana Jane Lowenthal
Cum Laude

Katherine Eliza Lubow
Summa Cum Laude

Cooper Maxwell Luedde
 Paul Robertson Lynch
Magna Cum Laude

Brett Alexander Lynott
Summa Cum Laude

Ruby Macfarlane
Magna Cum Laude

Kaitlyn Machado
Magna Cum Laude

Valentina Kelly Machado Sejas
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Victoria Williams Mack

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Yata Mack

Colleen Ann Mackey

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Neuroscience

Declan Maddison

Lucie Erika Magel

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Psychological Science

Rian Magner

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Psychological Science

Thao Mai

Summa Cum Laude

Devon Marie Maillet

Magna Cum Laude

Ruben Kollman

Magna Cum Laude

Ryan Joseph Mancino

James Henry Manderlink

Summa Cum Laude

Angus Dubin Manion

Ellen Raine Mannschreck

Georgette Madeleine Manos

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Magdalen Marie Manzella

Cum Laude

Kaitlin Ann Maratea

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in French

Phi Beta Kappa

Nathaniel Maynard Marchesi

Cum Laude

Emily Rose Marcoline

Summa Cum Laude

Katherine Jane Marcus

Aurora Markwell

Ellie Marie Marotta

Magna Cum Laude

Demi Alexia Maroudas ††

Mack Donnelly Douglas Marrone

Magna Cum Laude

Anna Nicole Martin

Cum Laude

Daniel Martinez

Alba Martinez Angoitia

Hayden Amanda Masia

Summa Cum Laude

Leah Kate Massa

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in History

Abraham Mateos-Enriquez

Kate Maxwell

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Vince James Maxwell

Erin Elizabeth Mays

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Magna Cum Laude

Duncan Mathewson McCarthy

Magna Cum Laude

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Meg Locke McClenahan

Magna Cum Laude

Averill Kenna Catherine McCorkle

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 Abygail Alisson Metellus
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 Eden Ashford Miller
Magna Cum Laude
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 Kayla Justinne Mistica
 Taylor Isabel Mitchell
Magna Cum Laude
 Enzo Mizerek
Summa Cum Laude
 Lanyon Mlinek
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Cum Laude
 Jackson Moran
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Cum Laude
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Magna Cum Laude
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Magna Cum Laude
 Vianey Simone Morris
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 Hannah Elizabeth Murphy
Magna Cum Laude
 Joe Mussomeli
Magna Cum Laude
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 Carly Grace Myers
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<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Chance Niesner	Sydney Cole Pence
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Gugleen Kaur Nijjar	Reymundo Perez
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
A.B Njie	Shanely Pérez
James Ngugi Njoroge	<i>Honors in Spanish</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Verenice Saralee Perez
Joshua Lowell Noteboom	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	William Hunter Perry
Christina Cassaro Oberting	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Courtney Elizabeth Peryer
Elsa Carolina O'Brien	Wyatt Zachary Petersen
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Christopher John O'Connell	Tai Pham †
Hannah Lee O'Donnell	Gabriel Lee Pickard
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
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<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Rachel Plasky
Chidinma Nneka Okafor	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
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<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Hailey-Ann Robin Sydney Jade Plues
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Sabikun Orpita	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Daniela Ortiz-Flores	Annabel Leigh Poitras
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Oliver Polsky
Cynthia Ortiz-Naranjo	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Benjamin Diego Pomonis
Zhiming Ouyang	Alexandra Suzanne Popham
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Emma Noreen Powers
Felicia Owoborode	Charlotte Faith Prendy
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Inioluwa Tanitoluwa Oyewusi	Molly Elizabeth Pritchard
Mason Chiu Pahule	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
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Amelia Rastley

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Nathan Rindfuss

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Cum Laude

Jorge Rochet

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Chapin Campbell Rockwell

Summa Cum Laude

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Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Molecular Biology

Lucas Rodriguez Cortina

Cum Laude

Alexis Nicole Romero

Magna Cum Laude

Abigail Eliza Rosenblatt

Cum Laude

Daniel Ruiz

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Music

Alexa Russo

Honors in Geology

Kyleigh Elizabeth Russo

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Psychological Science

Cassie Dalton Ryan

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Sociology

Rebecca Cate Ryan

Magna Cum Laude

Edgar Saavedra

Hope Marguerite Sacco

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in English

Pahul Sachdeva ††

Noah Shelton Saint Surin

Chloe Sakowski

Summa Cum Laude

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Magna Cum Laude

Jane Lillian Salon

Cum Laude

Nathalie Iliana Salvador

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Olivia Katherine Simone Saman †

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Cum Laude

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Magna Cum Laude

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Magna Cum Laude

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Magna Cum Laude

Lily Schoonmaker

Cum Laude

Honors in English

Avery Elizabeth Schuller

Magna Cum Laude

Paul Edward Schulze

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High Honors in Mathematics

Natalie Schwab

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Maya Rachel Schwartz

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Nicholas Dhong-Ho Schwarz

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Olivia Lee Seitz

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Ada Ayres Shaffer

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Cum Laude

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Gabriel Andre Silva

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Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Environmental Geography

Lauren Whitney Simpson

Magna Cum Laude

Tajveer Singh Dhesi

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Computer Science

Matthew Sisca

Magna Cum Laude

Alexander Garnet Smith

Cum Laude

Caleb Daniel Smith

Magna Cum Laude

Callaghan Katherine Smith

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Psychological Science

Sophie Fiona Smyth

Charles Robert Snyder

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Anya Karolina Sokolowski

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Honors in Neuroscience
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Tucker William St. Lawrence
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Lucy Schryver Stanley
Cum Laude
Maeve Elizabeth Stauff
Magna Cum Laude
Lauren Sterne
Summa Cum Laude
High Honors in Film and Media Studies
Lauren Yang Stewart
Magna Cum Laude
Ian Bullitt Stimson
Magna Cum Laude
Thomas Winslow Stovall
Lucy Sexter Stovell
Magna Cum Laude
Luca Wesley Sturgeon
Ryan Max Stuzin
Magna Cum Laude
Meghan Subak
Magna Cum Laude
Shloka Subramaniam ††
Madeline Anne Sullivan
Cum Laude
Megan Elizabeth Sullivan
Cum Laude
High Honors in Biology
Ankita Vaishnavi Suri
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Aidan Jack Sussman
Magna Cum Laude
Cameron Noble Swaney
Magna Cum Laude
Klara Louise Sweeney
Cum Laude
Lilly Izabella Sweeney
Magna Cum Laude
Shane Michael Sweeney
Cum Laude

Campbell Ann Swift
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Anna Elizabeth Swinchuck
Magna Cum Laude
Aleksia Taçi
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Alexander George Tauber
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Donald Vito Tedesco III
Magna Cum Laude
Taylor Courtney Paige Thames
Graham Pike Theodore
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High Honors in Computer Science
William Porter Thomas
Chase Robert Thompson
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Lauren Hannah Thompson
Louisa Rose Thompson
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Phi Beta Kappa
Felicite Tien
Summa Cum Laude
Honors in Neuroscience
Taylor James Tobias
Summa Cum Laude
Honors in Religion
Siobhan Luisa Toole
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Phi Beta Kappa
Steven Peter Torre
Cum Laude
Charles David Tourbaf
Cum Laude
Oliver Scott Townend
Cum Laude
Graham Trask
Cum Laude
Talia Frances Troy †
Benjamin Orval Trumble
Alia Elenora Tuiolosega
Jack Abbott Turner

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Zoe Eleni Tzivas

Magna Cum Laude

Clara Margarita Ulivi

William Hart Upchurch

Magna Cum Laude

Gabriella Grace Urbano

Magna Cum Laude

Sarah Knecht van Dyke

Summa Cum Laude

Lauryn Anne Vassel

Cum Laude

Lia Veit

Summa Cum Laude

Kathryn Diana Victor

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Arts and Humanities

Anabel Rosa Viera

Summa Cum Laude

Orlando Noel Villagrana

Gabriel Villamil Pinzon

Cum Laude

Neha Manish Viradia

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Physics

Peter Hopewell Vitale

Cum Laude

Dylan Vlasak

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Neuroscience

Benito Robert Vlassis

Cum Laude

Sidharth Wadhera

Cum Laude

Mitchell Benjamin Waksler

Cum Laude

Seth Nicholas Walden

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Film and Media Studies

George Elliot Walker

Cum Laude

Griffin Baird Walker

Magna Cum Laude

Ta'Von Amir Walker ††

Sean Wallace

Magna Cum Laude

Shayla Lynn Walley

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Computer Science

Sophie Dale Wand

Magna Cum Laude

Anzi Wang

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Computer Science

Yimeng Wang

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Computer Science

Yuhao Wang

Magna Cum Laude

Zixuan Wang

Annalise Stewart Waters

Magna Cum Laude

Ayla Anne Weale

Summa Cum Laude

Eleanor Kendall Weber

Cum Laude

Michael Weitz

Magna Cum Laude

Ethan Malachi West

Claire Elizabeth Whalen

Hannah Maureen White

Magna Cum Laude

Cannan Bartram Whittier

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Ally Wilchusky

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in History

Samantha Skylar Wilder †††

Cullen Williams

Cum Laude

Samuel Bigelow Williams

Teagan James Williams

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Honors in Neuroscience

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Charlotte Durant Winton

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Benjamin David Woertz

Magna Cum Laude

Toby Beckett Sheppard Wolfson

Magna Cum Laude

Ethan Wolfgang Woodfin

Mason Ray Woodman

Cum Laude

Lydia Tess Woodworth

Magna Cum Laude

Rahneke Henderson Worrell

Samantha Kate Wotring

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in History

Honors in English

Peyton Rockwell Wray

Cum Laude

Honors in Philosophy

Brianna Denise Wright

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Political Science

Kaleigh Swan Wright

Magna Cum Laude

Chenhao Wu

Magna Cum Laude

Xiang Wu

Magna Cum Laude

Cici Yang

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Theater

Maxwell Colby Yates

Cum Laude

Charles Frost Young

Ella Grace Young

Cum Laude

Eric Brereton Young

Cum Laude

Youqing Yuan

Magna Cum Laude

Krelyn Daymar Zacarias †

Marisa Noelle Zarcone

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Mathematics

Phi Beta Kappa

Cole Zeh

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Benjamin Holmes Zehner

Cum Laude

Chengye Zhang

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Yuyang Zhao

Cum Laude

Zilin Zhou

Magna Cum Laude

Paige Ashley Zimmerman

Magna Cum Laude

Leyu Zou

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Nia-Patrice Lewis

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Award for Academic Excellence in Computer Science

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Anzi Wang

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Laine Girolamo
Lauren Sterne
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Paul O. Stillman '55 Award

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Jewish Studies

Jewish Studies Award

Ava Hammer

LGBTQ Studies

Ken Valente Award for Leadership in LGBTQ Studies and Community

Jose Arriaza

LGBTQ Studies Award for Academic Excellence in Honor of Marilyn Thie

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Mathematics

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Paul Schulze

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COMMENCEMENTS AT COLGATE 1821–2025

Colgate University, founded in 1819 as the Baptist Education Society of the State of New York, is today celebrating its 204th commencement. The first ceremony, in 1821 — before the first class of students had completed their studies — was an exhibition, open to the public, that established the style of commencements for many years to come.

As an opportunity for participants to demonstrate their accomplishments, the earliest ceremonies, taking up both morning and afternoon sessions, included student orations, music, and prayer. In 1831, the *Baptist Register* reported of the June 10 exercises that “the closing speaker, though occupying 65 minutes, held the attention of the assembly to the last.” The audience may not have been quite so rapt as the *Register* reported; in 1832, the faculty voted that graduation speeches should henceforth be limited to 12 minutes.

From 1822 to 1826, commencement exercises were held in the Baptist Meeting House, which stood near what is now the junction of Utica and Eaton streets in Hamilton. Beginning in 1827, the ceremony took place in the chapel of the newly completed West Hall, the first campus building. Commencement moved again in 1846 to the new Baptist Meeting House (known today as First Baptist Church) on Broad Street and returned to the campus in 1861, to the new Alumni Hall. In the 1890s, it moved to the Baptist Meeting House.

There was something of an informal air about 19th-century commencements here. Peddlers sold food and drink for the benefit of those not included in the dinners provided for invited guests. The students themselves took care of many other details: arranging music, decorating with evergreens and flowers, printing programs, and ushering. In 1854, the seniors hired a brass band to lead the procession and to play during the exercises. The faculty reportedly “opposed the innovation.”

The institution itself had also undergone significant changes. In 1846, the Baptist seminary was chartered by the State of New York under the new name of Madison University, with the authority to award undergraduate degrees in addition to training ministers. (The seminary moved to Rochester, N.Y., in 1928.) The Latin formula that appears on the diplomas today was devised by two faculty members in 1846 to mark the expanded mission and name change. In 1890, Madison University was renamed Colgate University in recognition of the longstanding services of the Colgate family.

In 1919, commencement moved to Colgate Memorial Chapel, which had been erected in 1918 in memory of James B. Colgate. In 1955, the exercises were moved outdoors to the Academic Quadrangle. Reid Athletic Center became the site in 1963; 10 years later, the gathering moved back outdoors — to the grassy plain between Taylor Lake and Oak Drive. Sanford Field House housed the commencement ceremony from 2009 to 2017, and has since served as the inclement weather alternative location.

Colgate began welcoming viewers from afar to commencements via live streaming in 2006. In 2020, Colgate held a fully virtual commencement due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the virus still a looming presence in 2021, the ceremony was moved to the Andy Kerr Stadium; that year, Colgate celebrated the class in hybrid fashion, with some graduates recognized from remote locations through a digital presentation.

The formal commencement procession has evolved over Colgate’s history. The earliest processions were a lengthy feature of the ceremonies. Various routes were followed, the longest probably the one taken in the 1870s from the Baptist church in the village all the way up the hill to Alumni Hall. Today, the procession remains one of the most impressive aspects of commencement. Typically, it is led by the University marshal and the faculty, followed by the master’s degree candidates, the graduating seniors in alphabetical order, and the platform party. The wearing of academic caps and gowns was first introduced in 1900 by President George E. Merrill, at the urging of the students. It was also in 1900 that maroon became Colgate’s official color, a change from the previous school colors, blue and magenta (1868 to 1886) and maroon and orange (1886 to 1900).

The first University marshal was Deacon Jonathan Olmstead, one of the institution’s 13 founders. Since 1991, the marshal has carried a walnut and silver mace. The gift of Walter ’32 and Dorothy Fullam, the University mace was commissioned by then–Professor of Biology William J. Oostenink, who served as marshal for 25 years. Designed and created by Leonard Urso of Rochester, the mace features a scale rendering of the chapel dome in gold and silver. The staff has 13 segments (after the original 13 founders) and is wrapped with a spiral ascending band of silver symbolizing a scholar’s path in the pursuit of knowledge.

ACADEMIC COSTUME

Academic costume has its origin in the Middle Ages, when the cleric-students of the then-church universities were required to wear their gowns at all times.

The principal components of the costume are cap, gown, and hood. Once, they served a functional purpose: the long gowns and caps (then usually round berets) provided warmth in unheated libraries; the hoods were cowls that could be slipped over the head.

Today, the costume is symbolic rather than practical garb. A black mortarboard is the traditional cap, although many universities use tams for doctoral degree holders. The tassel may correctly be black for any degree of the wearer, but holders of a doctoral degree and governing officials of colleges and universities are entitled to wear a gold tassel.

Gowns were traditionally solid black with black trim, but today, many colleges and universities have developed distinctive robes that draw on traditional institutional colors and symbols. Stylistic details vary according to the degree of the wearer. Bachelors' gowns have long pointed sleeves, with no adornment. Masters' gowns are also distinguished by their sleeves: either elbow-slit, according to the style in the United States until 1960; or with wrist openings, in conformance with present practice. Doctoral gowns have bell-shaped sleeves with three bars of velvet on each, and velvet panels down the front and around the neck.

The hood is the most symbol-laden element in the academic costume, showing not only the level of degree but also the faculty (branch of learning) in which it was awarded, and the institution from which it was received. The size

of the hood and the width of its velvet trimming indicate the level of the degree: bachelor (3 feet long, 2-inch velvet), master (3.5 feet long, 3-inch velvet), or doctor (4 feet long, 5-inch velvet). The color of the hood's velvet trimming indicates the faculty in which the degree was awarded: white – liberal arts; brown – fine arts; gold – science; pink – music; scarlet – divinity; purple – law; orange – engineering; dark blue – philosophy; kelly green – medicine; salmon pink – public health; russet – forestry; and apricot – nursing. Holders of a PhD traditionally wear the dark blue of philosophy regardless of their field of study.

The colors in the lining of the hood demarcate the institution from which the wearer received their degree. Although academic dress in the United States was codified in the late 1800s, institutions in other countries have their own distinctive traditions and styles. The rich array of colors worn at our ceremony represent the wide range of institutions from which our faculty and administrators received their training.

When our honorary degrees are awarded, the honorees will receive a hood lined in Colgate's maroon and with velvet trim noting their field: Doctor of Fine Arts (DFA), brown; Doctor of Humane Letters (LHD), white; Doctor of Science (ScD), golden yellow; Doctor of Music (MusD), pink; Doctor of Letters (LittD), white; Doctor of Divinity (DD), scarlet; Doctor of Laws (LLD) and Doctor of Civil Law (DCL), purple.

Colgate graduates may be seen wearing a variety of cords, stoles, and pins that highlight their accomplishments and involvements during their years on campus; a gold cord represents the top academic distinction of *summa cum laude*.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Gretchen Hoadley Burke '81, P'11,'20

Doctor of Humane Letters

Gretchen Hoadley Burke '81 is deeply interested in education, providing access to underserved students, and supporting visual artists around the world. She has served in leadership roles on a number of philanthropic boards including The Episcopal Academy, Steppingstone Scholars Inc., Via Art Fund, and Tinworks Art. She has led numerous capital campaigns, including the \$100 million raised to build a new campus for The Episcopal Academy and \$35 million for the new children's zoo at the Philadelphia Zoo.

In her 13 years on Colgate's Board of Trustees, she was vice chair for eight years and co-chaired the \$1B Campaign for the Third Century. Together with her husband, Steve '80, she funded several initiatives, including the Upstate Institute's Gretchen Hoadley Burke '81 Endowed Chair for Regional Studies supporting outstanding teaching and research on the upstate New York region; financial aid; the renovation of Case Library and Geyer Center for Information Technology; and Burke Hall, one of two residence halls that opened in 2019. She has also been a member of the Women's Leadership Council.

While a Colgate student, Burke majored in English and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Burke earned an MBA from Harvard Business School, then worked in finance and banking prior to staying home with her five children, two of whom, Daniel '11 and Hallie '20, are Colgate graduates.

Ann Stringfellow Masten

Doctor of Science

Ann Masten is Regents Professor of child development and Distinguished McKnight University Professor at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities in the Institute of Child Development. She studies risk and resilience in human development, including research on young people exposed to homelessness, poverty, war, disasters, and migration. She identified the fundamental psychosocial resilience factors in children that promote positive development and protect against adversity. In 2024, Masten received the Grawemeyer Award in Psychology for her idea that resilience depends on ordinary but powerful processes. She donated the \$100,000 prize to the University of Minnesota, where she also earned her PhD in clinical psychology, to establish the Masten Award in Developmental Resilience Science.

Past president of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) and the developmental division of the American Psychological Association (APA), Masten is a fellow in the APA and the Association for Psychology Science. Among other awards, she has received the Smith College Medal from her alma mater, lifetime contribution awards from APA and SRCD, and an honorary degree from Erasmus University of Rotterdam. She was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2021.

Masten has published more than 300 scholarly works, cited more than 110,000 times. Her free online course, "Resilience in Children Exposed to Trauma, Disaster, and War," has been taken by thousands of participants from more than 180 countries. The second edition of her book *Ordinary Magic: Resilience in Development* will be released this month and her autobiography is included in the 2025 volume *Pillars of Developmental Psychology*.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

John McWhorter

Doctor of Letters

Linguistics scholar and cultural commentator John McWhorter is an associate professor of linguistics at Columbia University, where he also teaches music history. With a specialty in language change and language contact, he is the author of *The Missing Spanish Creoles*, *Language Simplicity and Complexity*, and *The Creole Debate*.

McWhorter has written extensively on issues related to linguistics, race, and other topics for *Time*, the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New Republic*, CNN, and elsewhere, and has been a contributing editor at the *Atlantic*. For the general public, he is the author of *The Power of Babel: A Natural History of Language*; *Our Magnificent Bastard Tongue: The Untold History of English*; *The Language Hoax: Why the World Looks the Same in Any Language*; *Words on the Move: Why English Won't — and Can't — Sit Still (Like, Literally)*; *Talking Back, Talking Black: Truths About America's Lingua Franca*; and other books, including *Nine Nasty Words* and *Woke Racism*, both of which were *New York Times* bestsellers.

He hosts the Lexicon Valley language podcast, has authored six audiovisual sets on language for the Great Courses company, and has been writing weekly for the *New York Times* since 2021.

The American Council of Trustees and Alumni awarded McWhorter the 2022 Philip Merrill Award for Outstanding Contributions to Liberal Arts Education. He was nominated for an NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work in Non-Fiction. McWhorter earned his BA from Rutgers, MA from New York University, and PhD in linguistics from Stanford University.

Julianne Smith

Doctor of Humane Letters

Ambassador Julianne Smith is a distinguished national security expert with more than two decades of experience in U.S. and European defense policy, transatlantic relations, and geostrategic risk. She has held senior leadership positions at the White House, Department of Defense, and Department of State, where she has shaped NATO's response to the Ukraine war, advanced U.S.-European economic and military partnerships, and addressed global security challenges stemming from China, North Korea, Iran, and Russia.

Most recently, Smith served as the U.S. Permanent Representative to NATO (2021–24), where she played a pivotal role in securing Allied support for Ukraine, coordinating intelligence sharing with allies, and finalizing Finland and Sweden's accession to the alliance. She also led efforts to integrate China into NATO's Strategic Concept.

During the Obama administration, Smith served as acting national security advisor and deputy national security advisor to Vice President Joseph Biden. Previously, she served as the principal director for European and NATO Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Her career spans influential roles at think tanks such as the German Marshall Fund, Center for a New American Security, and Center for Strategic and International Studies, where she published extensively on grand strategy, Russia, counter-terrorism, and China's deepening relationships in Europe.

Smith has been honored with the Order of the Polar Star of Sweden, U.S. Department of Defense Distinguished Service Award, Sue M. Cobb Award for Diplomatic Excellence, and Cross of the Order of Merit of Germany. Fluent in French and German, she has conducted extensive research in Europe, including fellowships at the Robert Bosch Academy and the American Academy in Berlin. She earned her BA from Xavier University and MA from American University.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Jill Tiefenthaler

Doctor of Humane Letters

As chief executive officer of the National Geographic Society, Jill Tiefenthaler is shaping the future of one of the world's most iconic organizations. She leads the society's mission-driven work, guiding a global community of National Geographic Explorers — scientists, innovators, educators, and storytellers — dedicated to illuminating and protecting the wonder of our world. She also serves on the society's Board of Trustees.

Since becoming CEO in 2020, Tiefenthaler launched the society's strategic plan, NG Next, ushering in a new era of growth and global impact. She is spearheading the transformation of National Geographic headquarters in Washington, D.C., including the opening of the Museum of Exploration — the most significant expansion of the society's public space in 137 years. Opening in 2026, the museum will connect millions with the organization's work and work of its explorers.

Under Tiefenthaler's leadership, the society has achieved its most ambitious fundraising results, raising more than \$100 million each of the past three years. She also strengthened the organization's partnership with The Walt Disney Company and serves on the board of National Geographic Partners.

A visionary leader in institutional transformation, Tiefenthaler spent more than 30 years in higher education. She served as president of Colorado College, provost at Wake Forest University, and professor of economics and associate dean at Colgate. She earned her BA from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, and her MA and PhD in economics from Duke University.

Deborah Willis

Doctor of Fine Arts

Deborah Willis is University Professor and Department of Photography & Imaging chair at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts and directs NYU's Center for Black Visual Culture/Institute of African American Affairs. She teaches courses on photography and imaging, iconicity, and cultural histories visualizing the black body, women, and gender. Her research examines photography's multifaceted histories, visual culture, the photographic history of slavery and emancipation, contemporary women photographers, and beauty.

Willis is the author of *Kamala: Her Historic, Joyful, and Auspicious Sprint to the White House* (Kevin Merida, co-author), *The Black Civil War Soldier: A Visual History of Conflict and Citizenship*, and *Posing Beauty: African American Images from the 1890s to the Present*, among others. She has held curated exhibitions at the Kalamazoo Institute of the Arts and FotoFocus.

Awarded the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellowship, Willis was a Richard D. Cohen Fellow in African and African American Art at Harvard University's Hutchins Center, a John Simon Guggenheim Fellow, Alphonse Fletcher Jr. Fellow, and the Robert Mapplethorpe Photographer in Residence of the American Academy in Rome. A member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, she received the Crystal Bridges Museum's 2022 Don Tyson Prize for the Advancement of American Art. Willis was named the Norton Museum of Art's Mary Lucille Dauray Artist-in-Residence and taught her masterclass Home, Reimagining Interiority at Anderson Ranch in 2023. In 2024, Willis was appointed board chair of the Andy Warhol Foundation and elected to the American Philosophical Society.

Willis earned her BFA at the Philadelphia College of Art; MFA at the Pratt Institute; MA in art history at the City University of New York; and a PhD in cultural studies at George Mason University.

Richard Trusty Patrick Woolard '65*Doctor of Humane Letters*

Early in his Navy career, Rick Woolard completed Navy SEAL and Army Ranger Training, then led more than 100 combat missions in Vietnam as a SEAL officer.

Captain Woolard later commanded SEAL Team Six, the Naval Special Warfare Development Group, and SEAL Team Two, where he spearheaded the initial development of SEAL Combat Swimmer, Sniper, and Mountain and Arctic Warfare capabilities. He also served with the British Special Boat Service and as director for combating terrorism in the Pentagon. His military decorations include the Silver Star and Legion of Merit as well as three each of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

The Congressional Record describes his career; his military experiences appear in several books and documentaries, including the film *A Bond Unbroken: The Why of Minh*, which tells how he and his SEAL teammates found and rescued their Vietnamese combat interpreter 40 years after the war.

After active duty, Woolard enjoyed a second career in the private sector and became involved in charitable work. He served as president of the Special Operations Fund, putting hundreds of widows and children of fallen special operators through college, and later as chairman of the National Navy SEAL Museum Board of Directors, creating the Navy SEAL Monument in Virginia Beach and the Naval Combat Demolition Units Monument on Omaha Beach in Normandy.

At Colgate, Woolard majored in sociology and anthropology, was a member of Phi Kappa Tau, and played intramural sports.

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