



COMMENCEMENT

CLASS OF 2026

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

COLGATE UNIVERSITY

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TWO HUNDRED FIFTH 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 _____ Ahmet Celik
Interim University Chaplain and Campus Imam

Introductory Remarks _____ Brian W. Casey
President of the University

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Candidates for Honorary Degrees

Kate Brown, Doctor of Humane Letters
Thomas M. Siebel Distinguished Professor in the History of Science at the Massachusetts
Institute of Technology
Presented by Heather F. Roller, Professor of History and Environmental Studies;
Chair, Department of History

Ann Curry, Doctor of Humane Letters
Journalist
*Presented by Emilio Spadola, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Middle Eastern
and Islamic Studies*

Peter L. Kellner '65, P'87, GP'16,'19, Doctor of Humane Letters
Philanthropist
Presented by James E. Watkins, Professor of Biology

Cristina Martínez, Doctor of Humane Letters
Chef
Presented by Pilar Mejía-Barrera, Senior Lecturer in Spanish

Ole Obermann '93, Doctor of Humane Letters
Global Head of Music, Apple
Presented by Michael Coyle, Professor of English

Lyle D. Roelofs, Doctor of Humane Letters
President Emeritus, Berea College
Presented by Ian Helfant, Professor of Russian and Eurasian Studies and Environmental Studies

Address _____ Ole Obermann '93

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 _____ Joseph A. Leo '01, P'29
President of the Alumni Council

Benediction _____ Edie MacPherson
Interim Protestant 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 2026 Name Presenters

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

University Marshal

Jason Meyers, *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

Danny Otoñiel Arias *with Distinction*
Hannah Lynn Chase
Rhoman Antoine Sammel Elvis
Bardhyl Sadri Gashi
Katherine Elaine McClellan *with Distinction*
Rebecca Cate Ryan *with Distinction*
Michael Emilio Senehi *with Distinction*
Alia Elenora Tuiolosega
Ethan Matthew Tyla

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Presented by Lesleigh Cushing, Provost and Dean of the Faculty

Anika Luisa Accomando <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> <i>Honors in Molecular Biology</i>	Katharine Faith Ansteth <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Alexa Lyn Acker <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Leif Robert Anthony <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Stewart Bailey Adams <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Jocelyn Frida Arcos <i>Honors in Spanish</i>
Alec Joseph Aggazio-Bach	Tyler Bridget Argilagos <i>Cum Laude</i>
Merlin Osiris Aguilar Aguilar <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> <i>Honors in Spanish</i>	Jeffrey Dominick Arigo <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> <i>High Honors in Biology</i>
Rei Alvarez <i>Cum Laude</i>	Charles Edward Aronson
Maya Hudson Albright	Eric Ashton <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Alexandra Rae Aloni <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Milo Austin <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Mario Gabriel Alvarado	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>
Riddick Alan Ammons <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Alexander Baals Kall <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Aryeh Benjamin Andriola <i>High Honors in Chemistry</i>	Lucy Babat
Sadie Rose Andriola	Toby Baer <i>Cum Laude</i>
Ciara Alexandria Sanders-Anselm <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> <i>Honors in Political Science</i>	Morgan A. Bahena <i>Cum Laude</i>
	Anne Marie Bair <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>

COLGATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

Georgia Farr Banner	Ella Marie Bishara
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Matthew Barreira Chong	Peter David Biss
Sofia Fotini Barris	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Lara Isabel Blanton
Brayden Barros-King	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in English</i>
<i>Honors in Peace and Conflict Studies</i>	Sebastian Zach Bohn
Zainab Shahid Bashir ††	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Jeremiah Wheeler Bauer	Casey Marie Borgiel
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Althea Josephine Beattie	Kyle Anthony Born
Boen Joo Beavers	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>High Honors in Neuroscience</i>
Alondra Becerra ††	Henry Janvier Boulind
Baker Wells Beck	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Political Science</i>
Max Henry Robert Beck	Sophia Ann Boyd
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Quinn Bartholomew Beckwith	<i>High Honors in Neuroscience</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Grace Katherine Braham
Dennis Ethan Belotserkovskiy	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Benjamin Singh Brar
<i>Honors in Mathematics</i>	Reilly Elizabeth Brennan
<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Nicole Ben-David	Lucy Mei Li Brewer
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Annika Gisella Ingeborg Berry	Joycelyn Nana Ama Serwaa Brobbey
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Caroline Josephine Brooks
Morgan Elizabeth Berry	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Jaan Peter Brooks
Zachary William Bertin	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Rylie Berwanger	Victoria Nanette Brosie
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Geology</i>	Avery Adams Bross
Ariana Joanne Bezanson	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Yiheng Bi	Mckenzie Layne Broussard
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Elyssa Sima Biederman	Amira Marie Brown
William Pearson Darwin Biggs	Kori Alexander Brown
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Oscar Grace Elaine Brown
Ryan Edward Bilello	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in History</i>

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Phoebe Southwick Brown
Zja'Kyla Janee Brumfield
Charlotte Anais Brun-Henry

Cum Laude

Maxwell John Brunner

Magna Cum Laude

Justin Rean Angelo Bugarin

Henry Joseph Burdorf

Magna Cum Laude

Brynn Burton

Cum Laude

Eloise del Carmen Byram

Magna Cum Laude

Nicole Elaine Cafe †

Jiaxin Cai

Summa Cum Laude

Jiyang Cai †††

Abigail Monroe Call

Summa Cum Laude

Leonardo Rafael Cambisaca

Magna Cum Laude

Flannery Elizabeth Cameron

Madison Rose Cammarata

Magna Cum Laude

Corinne Priscilla Campbell

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Molecular Biology

Honors in Spanish

Phi Beta Kappa

Ellie Kidder Campbell

Summa Cum Laude

Paulino Capulin Bautista

Magna Cum Laude

Michele Renee Cardaci

Cum Laude

Rebecca Anne Carew

Magna Cum Laude

Kyle Peter Hoffman Carlesimo

Cum Laude

Lawrence Luciano Caro

Magna Cum Laude

Onil D. Carrion Herrera

Cum Laude

Jack Casavant

Sarah Megan Casey

Diego Castellanos

Magna Cum Laude

Endre Kiaundra Mieke Cattouse

Cum Laude

Josie Leigh Cavallo

Magna Cum Laude

Sophia Rose Ceconi

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Peace and Conflict Studies

Sophia Grace Cerroni

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Neuroscience

Leonardo Matias Chavarry Gutierrez

Cum Laude

Honors in Computer Science

Owen Tyrrell Cheney

Cum Laude

Edward Harrison Cherry

Magna Cum Laude

Jackson Julius Chiappa

Magna Cum Laude

Elizabeth Catherine Chin

Magna Cum Laude

Henry Choi

Magna Cum Laude

Noah Ashton Chorney

Magna Cum Laude

Katrina Christopher

Magna Cum Laude

Aidan Hyun Chung

Magna Cum Laude

Lindsey Ann Chung

Magna Cum Laude

Grace Anne Ciaravino

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Neuroscience

Marie Clausen

Ernest Lantei Clottey

Magna Cum Laude

Harrison David Clyde

COLGATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

William Ian David Cockwell

Cum Laude

Jackson Nicholas Colby

Cum Laude

Dylan Cole

Cum Laude

Maximilian Pearson Cole

Meghan Markham Cole

Summa Cum Laude

Sebastian C. Cole

Angelina Maria Coleman

Cum Laude

Audrey Elizabeth Collins

Magna Cum Laude

Porter Clifton Comstock

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Biology

Michael Concannon

Magna Cum Laude

Ella Nadine Conover

Magna Cum Laude

Katherine Grace Convey

Cum Laude

Everett George Cook

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Political Science

Lara Cook

Cum Laude

Honors in Sociology

Bailey Jiarui Cooper

Summa Cum Laude

Leanna Jo Cotton

Magna Cum Laude

Kianna Jade Criscuola

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Arison Cruz

Magna Cum Laude

Renzo Azul Cruzado Marin

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Computer Science

Brady Harrison Cummins

Callie Dahler

Magna Cum Laude

Nicholas Dalessandro

Harry Stephen Daly

Magna Cum Laude

Eleanor Unsworth Dyer Dana

Magna Cum Laude

Quynh Nhu Thi Dang

Cum Laude

Honors in History

Jack Ryan Darrah

Josephine Olivia DeBono

Magna Cum Laude

Shaelee Sean DeCarolus

Magna Cum Laude

Grace Olivia DelNegro

Cum Laude

Jacob Richard Denekamp

Magna Cum Laude

Alexander Steen Denham

Magna Cum Laude

Alyssa Michelle Dennis

Cum Laude

Celeste Alexis Denny

Magna Cum Laude

Cinthia Gabrielle Destinville

Katelyn Nicole Devereaux

Ahria Dhillon

Aayusha Dhungana

Cum Laude

Ana Victoria Diaz †

Nicole Rose DiCaprio

Cecelia Dillon

Summa Cum Laude

Alexander DiNapoli

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Political Science

Larkin Asher Divine

Talya Djemil

Cum Laude

Daytona Sky Doherty

Magna Cum Laude

COLGATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

Addisyn Nicole Donfris

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Brennan Cremins Donnelly

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Neuroscience

Phi Beta Kappa

Blake Doty ††

John Hunter Drouin

Magna Cum Laude

Ella Duchnowska

Summa Cum Laude

Graham Owen Duncan

Cum Laude

Christopher Jean Paul Durette

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Native American Studies

Nicole Olivia Dutton

Magna Cum Laude

Maria Josephine Eagan

Magna Cum Laude

Eloise Lee Eason

Cum Laude

Nora Louise Eckert

Magna Cum Laude

Ariel Edwards

Cum Laude

Maya Irene Egan

Magna Cum Laude

Matthew Tate Eisinger

Zoe Danielle Elcock

Patrick Olson Eldredge

Magna Cum Laude

Zeb Thomas Eldridge

Magna Cum Laude

Madison Marie Elias

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

James Anthony Elizares von Baeyer

Sophia Grace Ellenbogen

Magna Cum Laude

Lily Meredith Ellis

Summa Cum Laude

Elizabeth Fuller Embleton

Magna Cum Laude

Samuel Douglas Epstein

Samuel John Erickson

Amanda Escalona Aponte †

Ashley Espinal Núñez †

Cameron Robert Essensa

Akalah Shani Esson

Cole Patrick Evans

Cum Laude

Olwethu Ezell

Summa Cum Laude

Nayda Jane Farnsworth

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Computer Science

High Honors in Mathematics

Jessica Susan Fathers

Magna Cum Laude

Ryan Armando Favaro

Lena Jane Fay

Summa Cum Laude

John Redding Fazli

Summa Cum Laude

Katarina Fechner

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Chinese

Phi Beta Kappa

Aaron Joshua Feinstein

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Political Science

Reade Fenner

Magna Cum Laude

Carley Mae Ferentz

Abbey Ferguson

Magna Cum Laude

Claire Michelle Fernicola

Magna Cum Laude

Connor Dean Flanagan

Cum Laude

Eva Leslie Foketi

Cum Laude

Adrianna Michelle Foladare

Magna Cum Laude

COLGATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

Charles Kade Foley	Angel Elyon George
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Kegan Augusti Foley	Jack Benjamin Gerber
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Natoya Tora German
<i>Honors in History</i>	Caroline Gershman
Jack Simon Forstadt	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Henry Ryan Gilbert
Sam Ryan Fox-Wiviott	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Ethan Matthew Gilden
Grace Victoria Fraser	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Alexandra Elizabeth Giller
<i>Honors in Molecular Biology</i>	Clare Murphy Gillis
Ian Freeman	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Elizabeth Mary Gilmartin
Theodore Roman Freeman	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Applied Mathematics</i>
Matthew Ronald Freund	Ian Lucas Gisiger
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Neuroscience</i>	Lindsey Elizabeth Glew
Madeleine Virginia Frost	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Zak Holden Glick-Macalalad
Katherine Furlong ††	Sarah Emily Goggin
Omogbolahan M. Gafari	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Lauren Elizabeth Gage	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Noah Michael Golabek
Amelia Galin	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Sasha Isabel Golden
Wa Gao	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Caroline Hunter Goldie
Lola Varela Garrigue	Melanie Torres Gomez
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Kim Michelle Gates	<i>Honors in French</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Haonan Gong †††
<i>High Honors in Chemistry</i>	Melanie X. Gonzalez
Charles Reno Geddes	Fletcher Lockwood Goodell
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Christel Dine Jovianne Gelins	Christopher Laranja Gooding
Cailen Elizabeth Geller	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Jasper Benjamin Gough
Lilah Genachowski	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Thor Albert Graham
Alexander Thomas Genel	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Camilo Granada Cossio

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Elijah Wade Grant-Pereira	Tanner John Harmon
Sarah Delaney Green	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Theater</i>
<i>High Honors in Neuroscience</i>	Abigail Francesca Harn
<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Alisha Rose Greenstein	Ethan Matthew Harris
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Skylar Juliana Harris ††
<i>Honors in Spanish</i>	John Michael Hartzell
Morgan Kim Greenwald	Rylee Hatch ††
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Andrew Reinhard Hatfield
<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
John Crawford Griffith	Regan Allen Hau
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Christopher Michael Gross	<i>Honors in Spanish</i>
Benjamin Daniel Grunther	Lilia Marie Hayduchok
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Julia Isabella Guerra	<i>Honors in Molecular Biology</i>
Jaquelin Guevara ††	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>
Langh Guite	Jenna Nicole Hayson
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Sylvia Guo Wenxuan	<i>High Honors in Molecular Biology</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Eleanor Elisabeth Hedges
Deepanya Gupta	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Daisy Genevieve Annelise Helm
Steven David Gutierrez	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Nicholas Haas	<i>High Honors in Sociology</i>
Sophia Louise Hagerty	Jack O'Brien Henderson
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>High Honors in Economics</i>	Ashley Hendrata †
Wyatt Dean Hall	Sasha Anne Herman
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Nicole Marie Hernandez
<i>High Honors in Biology</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Julianna Grace Hallyburton	Lindsay Nicole Hess
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Pieter Heming Halvorson-Taylor	<i>High Honors in Psychological Science</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Camille Elizabeth Hick
Carlotta Alana Hample-Forcier ††	Peter Boyce Hilgendorff III
Jessie Cecilia Han	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Ean Charles Hill
Ellrose Charlotte Hanlon	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in the Classics</i>
Saylor Elizabeth Hark	

COLGATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

Flannery Clare Hogan

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Geology

Talia Claire Holceker

Magna Cum Laude

Becca Vynn Hom

Kathryn Mary Hoover

Cum Laude

Max Hopkins

Cum Laude

Honors in Biology

Ekra Mushrat Hoque

Magna Cum Laude

Catherine Wenjuan Laiyan Hoskins

Declan Thomas O'Gara Huddleston

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Geography

Colin George Hughes

Jessica Joy-on Hui

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Biochemistry

DaQuan Shaquille Hurt

Cum Laude

Brady Nicholas Hutchison

Ralph K. Hyacinthe ††

Alyssa Ilyukhina

Summa Cum Laude

Tirel Nicole Jackson

Maeve Catherine Jacobson

Summa Cum Laude

Ryan Michael Jee

Cum Laude

Ashley Jeon

Magna Cum Laude

Daniel Yeajun Jeong

Vivian Jiang

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Biochemistry

Isabel Jimenez

Magna Cum Laude

Carlyn Elizabeth Johnson

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Biology

Christopher Lance Johnson

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Political Science

Cody Marie Johnson

Magna Cum Laude

Samantha Johnson

Magna Cum Laude

Cameron Thomas Jones †

Charles Boyden Jones

Magna Cum Laude

Janaya Skye Jones

Honors in Native American Studies

Michael Hayes Jones

Cum Laude

David Juarez Flores

Cum Laude

Ethan Judlowe

Magna Cum Laude

Andrew Seokjin Kang

Min Sun Kang †

Sophie Carroll Karbstein

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Peace and Conflict Studies

High Honors in Russian and Eurasian Studies

Phi Beta Kappa

Nephileen Llana Kattel

Cum Laude

Allie Marie Kavalauskas

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Arts and Humanities

Anna Katherine Keeling

Summa Cum Laude

Elisabeth Joan Kelk

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Psychological Science

Kiran Patrick Kelly

Aidan Cooper Kenefick †

John Kempton Kenna

Summa Cum Laude

Grace Elizabeth Kenney

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

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Maya Molouk Khadem <i>Cum Laude</i>	Audrey Elizabeth Kris <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Andrew Khalife <i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>High Honors in Neuroscience</i>
Lillian Q. Kibby <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Malcolm Aaron Kron <i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>High Honors in Psychological Science</i>	Amanda Brooke Krowitz <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Spencer Kidd <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in English</i>
Maxmilian David Kiefer <i>Cum Laude</i>	Elizabeth Caroline Kuehndorf <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Matilda May Killeen <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Grace Marie Kwitek <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Hope Lemy Kim <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Simon Roger Labelle <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Sarah Kelsay-Ann Kinnard <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Sophia Elizabeth Lager <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Will Dierker Klaasmeyer <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>High Honors in Psychological Science</i>
Joshua Louis Klafter	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>
Grace Klag <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Kiera Lamb <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Jamie Lauren Kleinbord <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Alexi Robbie Landes <i>Cum Laude</i>
Vivian Maryeva Klemmer <i>Cum Laude</i>	Taryn Beech Lane <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Andrew Harrison Koehler <i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Political Science</i>
Emma Claire Koestler <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Thomas Emmanuel Lanuza <i>Cum Laude</i>
Zaven Dale Koltookian	Cutter Jackson LaPine <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Stephen John Kovach <i>Cum Laude</i>	Pearson Latse
Kelly Joy Kowenhoven <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Elle Manners Laub <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Jacob Thomas Kozlowski <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Frida Sarah Laux <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Samuel Tyler Kresch <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Justin Ray Lawrence
<i>Honors in Political Science</i>	Jordan Anxin Lazaar <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Nathaniel Paul Krigsman	<i>Honors in Chemistry</i>
	Zoe Krause Lebowitz <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
	Aidan Repsher Lee <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
	Andrew Bryce Lehman

COLGATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

Allison Eve Lemmon

Magna Cum Laude

Daniel Leon Silva

Magna Cum Laude

Matthew Amando Leopold

Summa Cum Laude

Suzanne Briggs LeStage

Summa Cum Laude

Brandon Rhys Leuzzi

Cum Laude

Lauren Astin Levin

Magna Cum Laude

Brian Leyva-Ramirez

Chenlin Li

Cum Laude

Yizhou Li

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Computer Science

Zhuangyi Liao

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Psychological Science

Phi Beta Kappa

Zachary Abram Lightfoot

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Biology

Phi Beta Kappa

Sabrina Ming-Hui Lin

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Molecular Biology

Flora Louise Lingafelter

Summa Cum Laude

Julia Beatrice Treadwell Lippman

Magna Cum Laude

Jack Emerson Lira

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in English

Kiera Elizabeth Litwin

Gloria Liu

Magna Cum Laude

Jiayi Liu

Cum Laude

Delaney Sydney Lobell

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Anna Guineé Lochhead

Magna Cum Laude

Nicholas Van Logan †

Charles Richard Lohman

Cum Laude

Maylia Jevan Lohman

Cum Laude

Alejandro Lopez

Kylee Lopez †

Victor Alejandro Lopez †

Osvaldo Johann Lopez Carranza

Ariana Nicole LoPinto

Cum Laude

Luke Stanley Lostumbo

Magna Cum Laude

William Lu

Liam Lubin

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Bill J. Luo

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Physics

Sayed Shafaat Mahmud

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Astronomy-Physics

Michael Charles Mahoney

Cum Laude

Georgina Katherine Maisto

Magna Cum Laude

Daniella Makielo

Marco Alejandro Maldonado

Mariana Cecilia Manco-Stenz

Summa Cum Laude

Hannah Jamie Marcotrigiano

Cum Laude

Sarah Morgan Marcovici

Magna Cum Laude

Ella Sophie Mark

Summa Cum Laude

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Chanya Markels <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Zemira Revaya Solange Meade <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Miller Alan Marks <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Africana and Latin American Studies</i>
Josue Martinez	Charles Stephen Mehos <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Rachael Martinez <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Edward Jerome Meisel <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Peace and Conflict Studies</i>	<i>Honors in Political Science</i>
Alessandra Jeanne Mason <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Tomas Melgoza <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Katharine Grace Mathews ††	Alysha Adelle Mendez
Jordan Eliot Maxham <i>Cum Laude</i>	Amy Meng <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Kyle Isaiah Mayers †	<i>High Honors in Psychological Science</i>
Eli Lucas Mayes <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Katherine Neva Metcalf <i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Physics</i>	Robert Harding Metz Junior <i>Cum Laude</i>
Andrew Joseph Mazzacano <i>Cum Laude</i>	Eleanor Hiroko Kakimoto Meunier †
Emma Rosemary McCartan <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Christina Denine Midgette <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Liam McCarthy <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Josh Miller <i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>High Honors in Biochemistry</i>	Benjamin Purdy Mines <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Morgan Elizabeth McClutchy <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Alaina Jasuvilen Minor <i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Spanish</i>	<i>Honors in Women's Studies</i>
Garrett William McCraley	Louis Rex Misiaszek <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Peter Flynn McGrath <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Mathematical Economics</i>
<i>High Honors in Physics</i>	Benjamin James Mitchell †
<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	Max Spencer Mitelman
Abigail Kathryn-Maritza McGuire <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Paige Mizutani <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Native American Studies</i>	Harun Mohamed ††
Owen Thomas McMorrow <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Danny Molyneux <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
James Daniel McPartland	Brendan Shamus Monahan Jr.
Alta Moses McQuillen <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Kristina Scofield Montgomery <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>High Honors in Molecular Biology</i>	<i>Honors in Environmental Studies</i>

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Estelle Durant Monti
Magna Cum Laude
High Honors in Biology

Perla Alejandra Morales
Cum Laude
Honors in Educational Studies

Morgan Rose Morel

Allison Claire Moss

Hunter Perry Moss

Matthew Richard Motichka
Summa Cum Laude
Honors in Economics

Avery Odile Moulle-Berteaux
Magna Cum Laude

Terry Aiden Mowrey
Magna Cum Laude

Mason Graham Mozo

Lillian Claassen Mrachek
Magna Cum Laude

Kaitlin Grace Mulgrew
Magna Cum Laude

Jack Mullen
Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Environmental Geography

Dylan Sean Murphy
Magna Cum Laude

Faith Ann Murphy
Magna Cum Laude

Mary Katherine Murphy
Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Peace and Conflict Studies

Natalie Newell Murray
Magna Cum Laude

Elena Elizabeth Hatcher Myatt
Summa Cum Laude

Sohail Nabi

Rahul P Nair
Magna Cum Laude

Muntazer Naqvi
Summa Cum Laude

Eliza Lillian Nelson
Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Educational Studies

Thomas Ryan Nemeč
Summa Cum Laude
High Honors in the Classics

Phi Beta Kappa

Shadana Nepal

Katelyn E. Nettles
Summa Cum Laude
High Honors in Education Studies

Owen Daniel Neuharth

Robert Davis Newton
Magna Cum Laude

Tatsu Nishizawa
Magna Cum Laude

Dorian Noble
Cum Laude

Daniel Noroce
Cum Laude

Jakob Ezra Norton-Scherer

Phoebe Antigone Ntrivalas
Summa Cum Laude
High Honors in Molecular Biology

Ivanna Nunez

Shannon Bradley O'Grady
Cum Laude

Summer Kaitlin O'Neill
Magna Cum Laude

Isabelle Sarah O'Shea
Magna Cum Laude

James Michael Ontita Ogoti
Cum Laude

Jai Ohri
Magna Cum Laude

Osatare Etinosa Ojefua
Cum Laude

Ella Paige Olafsson
Magna Cum Laude

Sarah Elizabeth Oley
Cum Laude

William Scott Olszewski
Cum Laude

Fatima Monee Opiela

Tina Or
Summa Cum Laude

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Jennifer Maria Orellana Contreras

Charlie Oropeza

Zachary Thomas Osborne

Cum Laude

Rachel Somuah Osei

Michelle Janet Ovchinsky

Summa Cum Laude

Quinlan Emhyr Owens

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Theater

Grace Adjewaa Owusu-Amoah

Robert Bradford Ozerdem

Magna Cum Laude

Noah Packman

Magna Cum Laude

Brian Pallares

Danielle Palmer

Cum Laude

Daniel Patrick Panetta

Magna Cum Laude

Caroline Frances Panzirer

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Jaeryung Park

Ryan Sanghoon Park

Olivia Nicole Pascione

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Psychological Science

Robert James Patch

Summa Cum Laude

Dilni Shania Pathirana

Magna Cum Laude

Felicia Megan Paul

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Psychological Science

Jack Hamilton Payne

Cum Laude

Benjamin Michael Pazderak

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Applied Mathematics

Havya Peddineni

Magna Cum Laude

Samantha Danielle Perez

Cum Laude

Sophia Christina Perez

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Psychological Science

Sarah Claire Perlitz

Magna Cum Laude

Corrigan Christopher Peters

Magna Cum Laude

Honors in Economics

Sloan Uygur Petersohn

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Neuroscience

Alexis Paige Petford

Magna Cum Laude

Emily Frances Pfaff

Magna Cum Laude

Nishelle Eva Phansalkar-Michalik

Summa Cum Laude

Danielle Rose Phillips

Dane Joseph Picariello

Abigail Nicole Pierce

Summa Cum Laude

Lucrezia Alexandra Pignatelli ††

Taylor Bayer Pinkernell

Cum Laude

Marshal Pryce Pitchford

Cum Laude

Eliza Davol Potter

Magna Cum Laude

Noah Potter

Mary Thomas Powell

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors in Biology

Christopher Spence Powers

Cum Laude

Piers Maximillion Tigershold Pozil

Cum Laude

Delainey Price-Elliott

Magna Cum Laude

James Preston Pryor

Magna Cum Laude

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Benjamin Pudelka <i>Cum Laude</i>	Patricia Judith Rizzo <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Surawanich Porsche Pumma	<i>High Honors in Applied Mathematics</i>
Elizabeth Garnett Rainey <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>High Honors in Chemistry</i>
<i>Honors in English</i>	Alexis Jane Rodgers <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Elijah Matthew Ramirez <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Dylan Jon Roelofs <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Stephanie Ramos	Sarah Christine Roger
Brian D. Rawls Jr.	Hannah Grace Rogoff <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Charles Carson Rayden <i>Cum Laude</i>	Perin Alise Romano <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Riley Jane Raymond <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>High Honors in English</i>
Sarah Katherine Regner <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Philosophy and Religion</i>
<i>Honors in Philosophy</i>	Simon Michael Romano <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Grace Elizabeth Reilly <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Archie Arturo Rook ††
Amelia Reinholt	Alexander Theodore Rose <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Macy Jane Race Reisman <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Charlotte Olivia Rose <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in English</i>	William Walker Rose <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Maeve Sophia Reiter <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Richard Jay Rosen <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Ashley Kayla Renwick	Luke Timothy Rosenzweig <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
David Roberto Reyes Lopez <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Sabine L. Roser <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Valeria Reyes <i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Film and Media Studies</i>
Caleb William Reynolds	Ryland Christopher Ross <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Hannah Louise Richards <i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Applied Mathematics</i>
Ethan Drew Rifkin <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Physics</i>
Desiree R. Rigaud <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Ashton Max Roth <i>Cum Laude</i>
Nathan Richard Rioboli <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Zora Martine Rothenberg <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Marina Rizk <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>High Honors in Sociology</i>
	Bennett Riley Rowe <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>

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Jocelyn Janae Rowe ††	Jack Cardwell Schaeffer
Madelyn Theresa Rudolph	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Vincent Christini Ryan	Madison Mary Schiller
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
William Rye	Luciana Elsie Schinella
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Physics</i>	Kathryn Elizabeth Schluter
Carlie Anne Rzeszotarski	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Biology</i>
Matthew Suat Saah	Grace Monica Schmelzinger
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Benjamin Hudson Sachs	Billie Rose Scholz
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Cole Winchester Sachs	<i>Honors in Sociology</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Ana Christine Schremp
Raghav Raj Sah	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Leigha Danielle Schultze
Ava Rose Saladino	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Environmental Studies</i>
<i>High Honors in Psychological Science</i>	Eldon Sullivan Scott III
<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Miles Martin Salinas	Luciano Ettore Sebastianelli
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Eli Senzel
Sarah Rae Salzman	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Maya Rose Servedio
Eloise Margaret Borelli Sampson ††	Sarah Ann Sexton
Rafael Sanchez Lazaro	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Taitwoine Sanders	<i>High Honors in Biochemistry</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>
Sydney Carter Santiago	Maximillian Rajeev Shah
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Tabitha Young Saour	Antonia Eleanor Shannon
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>High Honors in History</i>	<i>Honors in Religion</i>
<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	Jordan Shapiro
Treyvhon Allen Saunders	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>High Honors in Japanese</i>
Andrew Justin Savage	Avigail Sharon
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Sahana Savarkar	Erin Elizabeth Shea
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Jariyah Sawyer	

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Evan Joseph Sheldon	Madison Margaret Steele
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>High Honors in Neuroscience</i>	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>
Matthew Scott Sherter	Drew Stephans
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Jenavieve Elise Sherwood	David Laurence Stephens
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Biology</i>	<i>Honors in Chemistry</i>
Naomi Sarah Siff-Scherr	Sara Lynn Stewart
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Abigail Pearson Sikorski	Ellie Lucinda Stokes
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Abrielle Alice Silva	Arianna Eve Stolorow
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Stella Krista Melland Strassberg
<i>High Honors in Environmental Economics</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	Richard Parker Stroud
Phoebe Sawyer Sisson	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Anya Fay Suko
Emma Jean Slupik	Aidan Witold Sulimirski
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>High Honors in Neuroscience</i>	Andrew Ciaran Sullivan
Charlotte Ann Smith	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Yuchen Sun
Jenna Soe ††	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Salem Gabriella Sokpoli	Kyle Joel Susi
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Lavinia Mara Sutherland
Sami Omar Soltani	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Alessandra Kay Song	Ava Marie Svejkovsky
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
John Tyler Spadone	Stephanie Aramide Syl-Akinwale
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Emilia Carolina Spina	Matthew Kevin Szypula
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Danielle Ann Spyra	<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Sara Sophia Tabibian
Cason Cole Stafford	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Andrew John Takacs
David Franklin Stearns	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Harshitha Talasila
<i>High Honors in Economics</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Applied Mathematics</i>	Sebastian Tavares Tamburro
Graham Anthony Stearns	Joy Tang
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>

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Riley Taylor	Richa Vaid
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Geology</i>	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>
Stuart Di Re Terry	Claire Elizabeth van Kempen
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Cristian Teruel	Jonathan Edward Van Magness
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Sarah Vu Than	Thomas Vanneck
Matthew Leighton Thayer	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Benjamin Joseph Thomas	Mary Maureen Johanna Vertetis
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Felix Jolyon Thomas-Yount	Clara Vickery
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Philosophy</i>	<i>High Honors in Psychological Science</i>
David Stewart Thomson	<i>Honors in Biology</i>
Serena Tian	Maria Vieira
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Thomas Vincent
Gisele Carolina Tjan	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Political Science</i>
<i>Honors in Astrogeophysics</i>	Jacob Dimitry Viner
Nathaly Citlally Tlaseca Verde	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Grace Sarah Tolles	Pablo Emanuel Vivas Rivera
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
K'Cyee Toma	Alexander Luke Vogt
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Mia Valentina Toribio Lantigua	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>
Elena María Toro Cordova	Ingrid Lane Vorbrich
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Callen John Tortolani	<i>Honors in Molecular Biology</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Religion</i>
Savannah Jane Tracy	Madeline Kate Vuignier
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Nickolette Anne Trembly	<i>Honors in Theater</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Matthew James Walinski
South Christian Trimble	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Maxwell Britton Walker
Kyra Trumbull	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>High Honors in English</i>
<i>High Honors in Film and Media Studies</i>	Max Wendrich Walters
<i>Honors in English</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Bridget Lynn Tulikangas	Alice Ester Maria Walton
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Natalie Anne Urban	Grace Wang

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Xinran Wang	Coleman Luhr Wohlken
Yichun Wang	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Olivia Rose Waterman	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>
Alexa Jade Watson	Bryce Harrison Wood
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Juliana Alexis Way	Natalie Juliana Woodson
George Stephenson Weems VI	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>High Honors in Psychological Science</i>
Makayla Anne Weems	Harvey Montgomery Wright ††
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Katrina Mairi Wright
Ellen Anderson Weinstock	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>High Honors in Environmental Geography</i>
<i>Honors in Religion</i>	Jieni Wu
Catherine Sally Whang	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Film and Media Studies</i>
Olivia Grace White	Zhifei Wu
Rocco Dadian White †	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Rylee Paige Wicker	Coco Xie
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Eric John Widrick	Cristian Xique
<i>Honors in Geology</i>	Zishen Xu
Emmett Anthony Wiley	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Natalie Pamela Yale
Haywood Thomas Wilkiemeyer	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Honors in Religion</i>
Caiden Nicholas Williams	Qingqing Yang
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>High Honors in Film and Media Studies</i>	Gillian Margaret Yonce
Luca Joseph Williams	Marie McMann York
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>	Khu You
Logan James Wilson	Bayard Gregory Young
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Liam Winograd	Kyle Sunghyun Yu
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Gloria Yupa
Yabesi Witinya	Jannah Alicia Zabadi
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Honors in Computer Science</i>	<i>Honors in Geography</i>
Samuel Avery Witonsky	Mina Zaman ††
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Logan Stephen Zamzam
Sasha Mian Wittenbrink	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Natalie Anne Zaterka
	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>

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Fuhai Zhang

Magna Cum Laude

Leyi Zhang

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Educational Studies

Phi Beta Kappa

Yilin Zhang

Yuchen Zhao

Cum Laude

Joyce Zheng

Cum Laude

Kathy Zheng

Amy Zhou

Cum Laude

Honors in History

Bowie Zhou

Magna Cum Laude

Angie Zhu

Summa Cum Laude

Siqi Zhuang

Summa Cum Laude

Honors in Mathematical Economics

Phi Beta Kappa

Garrett William Zimmerman

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors in Psychological Science

Jack Davidson Zizza

Magna Cum Laude

Claire Lorraine Zobel

Stephanie Ana Zuaznabar †

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††† Anticipated graduation May 16, 2027

National Fellowships and Scholarships

Boren Fellowship
Abby Call

Critical Language Scholarship
Amira Brown

Fulbright U.S. Student Scholarship
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Onil Carrion Hererra
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Amanda Krowitz
Bill Luo
Thomas Nemec
Emilia Spina

*National Institutes of Health Intramural Research
Training Award*
Amanda Krowitz
Bill Luo
Thomas Nemec
Emilia Spina

*Pierce Fellow in Education and Human
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Allie Kavalasuskas

*US English Language Teaching Assistantship
Program in Austria*
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Watson Fellowship
Harshitha Talasila

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Raghav Sah
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Harshitha Talasila

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N.Y. Engagement
Lulu Manco-Stenz

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Olwethu Ezell
Omogbolahan Gafari
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Abrielle Silva
Emma Slupik

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Natalie Yale

Bartolina Sisa Award for Excellence in Latin American Studies
Ashley Espinal Nunez

Manning Marable Award for Service
Rei Albarez

Pauli Murray Award for Excellence in African American Studies
Zemira Meade

Wangari Maathai and Nelson Mandela Award for Excellence in African Studies
Steph Syl-Akinwale

Art

Award for Excellence and Citizenship in Architecture
Dylan Murphy
Cub Scott

Fitchen Award for Excellence in Art and Art History
Bennett Rowe

Harriette Wagner Memorial Award
Lindsay Hess

Asian Studies

Award for Excellence in Asian Studies: Japan
Eleanor Meunier

Athletics

Director of Athletics Award
Meg Cole
Hunter Drouin

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Joseph Huther Prize
Katie Convey
Taitwoine Sanders

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Marie Clausen
Trey Saunders

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Oswald T. Avery Award
Corinne Campbell
Lilia Hayduchok

Raymond J. Myers Award
Jeff Arigo
Carlyn Johnson
Mary Thomas Powell

Christopher Oberheim Memorial Award
Jenna Hayson
Estelle Monti
Joy Tang

Chemistry

American Chemical Society's Division of Biological Chemistry Undergraduate Award in Biochemistry or Chemical Biology
Brian Pallares

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American Chemical Society's Division of Organic Chemistry Undergraduate Award in Organic Chemistry
Robert Ozerdem

American Chemical Society's Division of Physical Chemistry Undergraduate Award in Physical Chemistry
Patti Rizzo

McGregory Fellowship in Chemistry
Kim Gates

Haskell Schiff Memorial Prize
Andrew Prosnitz
Vasileios Rallakis
Dylan Scott
Laney Siple

Roy Burnett Smith Prize in Chemistry
Vivian Jiang
Liam McCarthy
Patti Rizzo

Classics

Newton Lloyd Andrews Prize
Jackson Colby
Bailey Cooper
Grace Kenney
Josue Martinez
Stephanie Zuaznabar

J. Curtiss Austin Latin Prize
Milo Austin
Tommy Nemeč
Coleman Wohlken

Computer Science

Award for Academic Excellence in Computer Science
Morgan Greenwald
Sia Hu
Grace Kenney
Yizhou Li

Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Computer Science Community
Thomas Lanuza
Dilni Pathirana

Edward P. Felt '81 Memorial Prize Fund in Computer Science
Nayda Farnsworth
Sia Hu

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Nayda Farnsworth
Yizhou Li

Earth and Environmental Geosciences

Award for Excellence in Geoscience
Madison Cammarata

Award for Excellence in Research
Emily Pfaff

Norma Vergo Prize in Geology
Rylie Berwanger
Aidan Kenefick

East Asian Languages and Literatures

Award for Excellence in Chinese Language
Katarina Fechner

Award for Excellence in Japanese Language
Jordan Shapiro

Mori Family Award for Excellence in Japanese Language
Paulino Capulin

Economics

Carolina Castilla Award for Excellence in Economics
Andrew Hatfield
Zoe Lebowitz

Chi-Ming Hou Award for Excellence in International Economics
Frank Stearns

Marshall-Keynes Award for Excellence in Economics
Matt Motichka

J. Melbourne Shortliffe Prize
Sophia Hagerty
Abrielle Silva

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Educational Studies

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Ethan Tyla

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English and Creative Writing

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Amanda Krowitz

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COMMENCEMENTS AT COLGATE 1821-2026

Colgate University, founded in 1819 as the Baptist Education Society of the State of New York, is today celebrating its 205th 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 long-standing 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

Kate Brown

Doctor of Humane Letters

Kate Brown is the Thomas M. Siebel Distinguished Professor in the history of science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Brown's research explores the convergence of history, science, technology, and bio-politics in the creation of large-scale disasters. She is the author of *Plutopia: Nuclear Families, Atomic Cities, and the Great Soviet and American Plutonium Disasters* (2013) and *A Biography of No Place: From Ethnic Borderland to Soviet Heartland* (2004).

Brown's 2019 book, *Manual for Survival: A Chernobyl Guide to the Future*, has been translated into seven languages and earned the Marshall Shulman and Reginald Zelnik prizes for best book in East European history, as well as the Silver Medal for the Laura Shannon Book Prize. The work was also a finalist for the 2020 National Book Critics Circle Award, the Pushkin House Award, and the Ryszard Kapuściński Award for Literary Reportage.

Brown's latest book, *Tiny Gardens Everywhere: The Past, Present, and Future of the Self-Provisioning City* (Norton 2026), was published earlier this year. Supported by fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study, a segment of the work was recently featured in the *New Yorker*.

A former Guggenheim and Carnegie Fellow, Brown was also the winner of the American Academy's Berlin Prize in 2016.

Ann Curry

Doctor of Humane Letters

Seven-time Emmy-winning journalist Ann Curry is a cornerstone of U.S. news and journalism. She has appeared before the camera on some of America's largest networks, including NBC News, PBS, TNT, and more. Her TED talks have been viewed around the world.

Curry joined NBC News in 1990, rising to national prominence as a reporter, anchor, and co-host for the shows *Today* and *Dateline*. After leaving NBC News in 2015, she hosted the PBS series *We'll Meet Again* and TNT's *Chasing the Cure*. Curry has reported extensively from global conflict zones and natural disasters, providing frontline coverage from Darfur, Lebanon, Afghanistan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as well as on-site reporting following the September 11 attacks in New York City and the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

Curry is recognized not only as a journalist but also as a humanitarian. Her work has garnered honors such as the Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Award for Global Citizenship, the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Medal of Valor, the NAACP's Excellence in Reporting Award, the Centre for Responsible Leadership's Truth in Media Award, the Edward R. Murrow Lifetime Achievement in Journalism Award, and more.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Peter L. Kellner '65, P'87, GP'16,'19

Doctor of Humane Letters

Peter L. Kellner '65 is a retired managing director of Morgan Stanley and an advocate for Colgate University's *Third-Century Plan*. Kellner's journey reflects a lifelong commitment to leadership, conservation, and philanthropy.

Kellner's career in finance began at Bank of America's NYC Edge Act in 1967, where he rose to the rank of vice president before transitioning to investment banking. Joining Morgan Stanley in 1973 as a corporate finance associate, he was elected managing director in 1982.

His career took him across the Atlantic in 1988 to serve as chairman of Morgan Stanley's newly established German bank in Frankfurt. In 1990 he relocated to London, which remains his primary residence. Though he initially retired in 1995, Kellner continued to serve as a senior adviser until 2007 and has remained an active private investor for more than two decades.

Kellner and his late wife, Maria, traveled from Antarctica to the Arctic Circle. Today his focus has shifted toward philanthropy — primarily in education and conservation — and political engagement on both sides of the Atlantic.

On Nantucket in Massachusetts, Kellner has become a prominent voice in conservation. He is currently producing a documentary, *In Human Hands: Nantucket's Fragile Environment*, which highlights his work with Quidnet Meadow, an award-winning wildflower sanctuary.

Born in New York City to German immigrants, Kellner was raised in Yonkers and attended public schools before arriving at Colgate. While on campus, he was a member of Delta Upsilon and served as the manager of the 1964 football team. He earned an MBA from the Columbia Graduate School of Business and served in the U.S. Army National Guard and Reserves.

Cristina Martínez

Doctor of Humane Letters

María Cristina Martínez Guerrero is a James Beard Award-winning chef, dedicated to the preservation of Mexican ancestral culinary traditions. Born in Capulhuac, Estado de México — a town renowned for its barbacoa heritage — Martínez began her training at age 5 under the guidance of her father, known locally as “El Rey de la Barbacoa.” As a third-generation barbacoa maker, she carries forward a legacy rooted in family, heritage, and a deep respect for traditional Mexican gastronomy.

In her adopted city of Philadelphia, Martínez founded South Philly Barbacoa, a restaurant that has earned national acclaim for its traditional flavors and unwavering dedication to the craft. She later expanded her vision with Casa Mexico, a space designed to celebrate regional dishes and the warmth of family recipes, offering guests a true taste of Mexico.

Martínez has dedicated her career to elevating authentic Mexican cuisine through time-honored methods. From the daily preparation of handmade tortillas to the slow-cooked lamb barbacoa, her menus emphasize responsibly sourced, high-quality ingredients, reflecting a philosophy centered on authenticity, integrity, and cultural pride.

In recognition, Martínez received the James Beard Award for Best Chef: Mid-Atlantic. Her story and techniques have reached a global audience through her featured episode on Netflix's *Chef's Table*.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Ole Obermann '93

Doctor of Humane Letters

Ole Obermann '93 has spent more than three decades in senior leadership roles across the global music industry, championing artists through periods of profound technological change. Widely respected for his ability to anticipate the industry's next phase of growth, he is known for balancing innovation with a deep respect for intellectual property. In his current role at Apple, Obermann is focused on the impact of artificial intelligence on music creation and fan engagement.

Prior to joining Apple, Obermann held leadership positions at Bytedance/TikTok, Warner Music Group, and Sony Music. Early in his career, he led Liquid Audio, a pioneering digital music download platform that helped lay the groundwork for today's digital music economy.

As global head of music at Bytedance/TikTok, Obermann established the company's foundational relationships with artists and the music industry, cementing TikTok's role as the world's leading engine for music discovery. While serving as chief digital officer at Warner Music Group, he spearheaded the company's digital transformation, secured its first licensing agreement with Facebook, and established the Boost fund to invest in music-focused start-ups. At Sony Music, as executive vice president of global digital business development, he was a key architect of the company's first partnership with Spotify.

Today Obermann leads Apple Music's global business, overseeing the development of the platform's next generation of music offerings. His responsibilities also include oversight of Shazam, the world's leading music identification service, and Platoon, Apple's global platform for independent artists.

A graduate of Colgate with a degree in international relations, Obermann earned an MBA in management and strategy from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management in 2000. He currently resides in London with his wife and three sons.

Lyle D. Roelofs

Doctor of Humane Letters

Lyle D. Roelofs, emeritus president of Berea College, concluded an 11-year tenure as Berea's ninth president in June 2023.

At Berea Roelofs oversaw a period of significant physical and social expansion. Under his leadership, the college became the first in the nation to complete a university-run hydroelectric dam project on the Kentucky River. His administration also prioritized diversity and civic engagement. Roelofs was instrumental in establishing the Association for Teaching Black History in Kentucky, a partnership with Kentucky State University and the Muhammad Ali Center aimed at integrating the contributions of Black Kentuckians into the state's K-12 curriculum.

Before his appointment at Berea in 2012, Roelofs served as provost and dean of the faculty and as interim president (2009–2010) at Colgate starting in 2004. During his time, the Colgate faculty emphasized diversity in hiring, and he was involved in various construction projects, including the Robert H.N. Ho Science Center and the expansion and renovation of the then-Case Library, now the Case Library and Geyer Center for Information Technology.

His career, spanning more than 35 years, also included teaching and research roles at other liberal arts institutions, including Haverford College, Brown University, and Calvin College.

A graduate of Calvin College, Roelofs earned his master's and PhD in physics from the University of Maryland. His scholarly work in computational science earned him a distinguished chair at Haverford College and fellowships from the Humboldt Foundation and the National Science Foundation, as well as visiting scientist roles at the Fritz-Haber Institut in Berlin and universities across Germany.

Roelofs remains an active figure in higher education finance consulting and civic organizations that expand college opportunities for students in his local community.

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