

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND

VASSAR



Commencement

CONFERRING OF DEGREES



Sunday

May 29, 2016

The Outdoor Theater

at Ten o'Clock

2016

ORDER OF EXERCISES

PROCESSIONAL

Rhosymedre *R. Vaughan Williams*
Pomp and Circumstance March No 1 and 4 *Sir Edward Elgar*
Academic Processional, based on a theme by J. Brahms

Hudson Brass Quintet
Paul Bellino, *Tenor Trombone*
Gary Boyd, *Trumpet*
Nicholas Calouri, *French Horn*
Brad Ward, *Bass Trombone*
Jim Osborn, *Trumpet*

WELCOMING REMARKS

Catharine Bond Hill, *President*

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT GIFT

Juan Pablo Fernandez, Andrés Liam Orr

REMARKS

Jonathan L. Chenette, *Dean of the Faculty*
Lauren Nicole Garcia, *Senior Class President*
William A. Plapinger '74, *Chair, Board of Trustees*
Missie Rennie Taylor '68, *President, AAVC*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Sherrilyn Ifill '84
President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Catharine Bond Hill, *President*
Graduates presented by Christopher Roellke, *Dean of the College*

RECESSIONAL

Triumphal March from Aida *G. Verdi*
"Marcia" from Three Pieces *Ludwig Maurer*
Ode to Joy *Beethoven*
Hudson Brass Quintet

Debbie Greener and Sam Tallerico, *Sign Language Interpreters*
Weiqun Gu and Jianhang Mai, *Mandarin Language Interpreters*
Sonia Berah and Anna Maria Messina Riso, *Spanish Language Interpreters*

Please silence your cell phones and pagers before the start of the ceremony.

A reception in honor of the Class of 2016 and their families will be held on the Chapel lawn immediately following commencement.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ramy Hosny Abbadly | Eloy Alexander Bleifuss Prados | Liam Kent Collier |
| Yasmine Cheryl Abbey | Carly Louise Bloomfeld | Flora Isham Collins |
| Mohammed Akram Abdelaziz | Ezekiel Jay Blumenfeld | † Hannah Hart Colonnesse |
| Paige Margot Abramowitz | Juliette Boberg | Nicholas Christopher Connolly |
| Fiona Jane Abrams | Zachary Matthew Bokhour | Daniel Mitchell Cooper |
| Sara Abigail Abramson | Cynthia Jean Bonacum | Maximilian Bryan Cordeiro |
| Thomas Gordon Adam | Erin Michelle Boss | Nicholas Anthony Corrado |
| † Naadu Dromo Addico | Timothy James Boycott | Stephanie Ellen Corrigan |
| Alexander Justin Adler | Zachary Owen Boylan | Corinne Maria Cotta |
| Faith Wanza Adongo | Riley Bradshaw | Kelsey Marie Cox |
| Christian Geldi Aguado | Aja Ariel Brady-Saalfeld | Zachary John Cox |
| Solomon Oluwasemilogo Ajasin | Lucy Frances Brainerd | Samantha Lynne Crane |
| Elizabeth Akhmetova | John Michael Brandt | Gregory Thomas Cristina |
| Deborah Rose Gendelman Altman | Jake Noah Brawer | Taylor Wilson Crowl |
| Michael Gerard Ambrosino | Matias Luis Breuer | Connor Thomas Cucalon |
| Jenna Nahid Amlani | Bridget Rebecca Brogan | |
| Karam Xavier Anthony | Brielle D. Brook | Adam Joseph D'Agostino |
| Reid Beckhard Antin | Angela Helene Brown | Kyle Innis Dannenberg |
| Phelan Patricia Caverly Arata | Christopher Louis Brown | Jonathan Crafton Danzer |
| Derek James Arrowood | Matthew William Brown | Alexander Davis |
| Sophie Charlotte Kiyoe Asakura | Timothy Lee Brown II | Spencer Michael Davis |
| Martin Fredrick Ascher | Joshua Adamson Bruce | Gianna Scott De Filippis |
| Joshua Jacob Ashley | Renee Jessica Bryant | Cheniah Chenique Deane |
| Cheikh Ahmadou Athj | Jordan Phillip Burns | John Anthony DeLeonardis Jr. |
| Jessica Au | Simeon Busano | Camille Victoria Liboro Delgado |
| Lital Ruth Avni-Singer | | Katie Mehera DeMatteis |
| Alyssa Nicole Ayala | Matthew Alexander Cabrera | Mark Thomas Derasmo |
| Farah Aziz | Kristen Marie Caccavale | Natalie Marie DiCenzo |
| Arshy Daniel Azizi | Alyssa Angelina Valdespino Caplan | Huong Dieu Dinh |
| | David Allen Carrell Jr. | Daniel Taizoon Doctor |
| Julia Pauline Baker | Henry Donald Carroll | Daniel James Dones Tovar |
| Amanda Jane Ballard | Chelsea Hannah Carter | Margaret Elizabeth Donolo |
| Jason Aaron Ballon | Willow Cornelius Carter | Silvi Dore |
| Charles Davison Banda | Zachary Joel Cartun | Sean Michael Downing |
| Handong David Bang | Alessio Caruso | Caitlin Joyce Drakeley |
| Ashley Rose Barad | Ana Isabel Castillo James | Jamily Isabel Duarte |
| Maranda Elise Barry | Colin Thomas Cederna | Aimee Elise Dubois |
| Molly Jessica Barth | Lindsay Ruth Charlop | Matthew Edward Dubow |
| Samantha Hope Basch | Katherine Ellen Cheatham | Virginia Smith Duncan |
| Tessa Lucy Evelyn Baum | Fiona Chen | Joseph Patrick Dunning |
| Alycia Ruth Beattie | Min Chen | |
| Curt Werner Beck II | York Chen | Nathaniel Allen Edgar |
| Dean Ben-Benjamin | Christina Eunbich Cho | Colin Dail Edwards |
| Aaron Louis Liss Bendich | Albert M. Chung | Kendall Gordon Elam |
| Paige Amelia Benson | Pei Jing Jade Chung | Lily Augusta Elbaum |
| Jeffrey Francis Berg | Alexander Joseph Cincotta-Eichenfield | Victoria Cecelia Catherine Elias |
| Hope Newhall Berry | Cady Cirbes | Katherine Peters Eliot |
| Moiz Ali Bharmal | Augusto Alberto Cividini | Jake Taylor Ellis |
| Amreen Partap Singh Bhasin | Elam Skaffgard Coalson | Sybil Anne Engleby |
| Dzifa Esi Binka | Ethan Harris Cohen | Brooks Albers English |
| Benjamin Isaac Blair | Kamaria Marlene Coley | Jose Rafael Erazo |

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Lisa Marie Esposito
Sino Vazhakattu Esthappan
John Daniel Eubanks
Victor Eyo

Sam Tyree Faber Manning
Ava Ravenstock Farrell
Christopher Hastings Farrell
Layla Anne Fassa
Talia Merriel Feldberg
Edward Nash Bothwell Fenster
† Hannah George Fenton
Tanesha Yvonne Ferguson
Juan Pablo Fernandez Nadurille
Claire Constance Fey
Alexandra Nicole Figler
Katharine Seelye Finney
Shane Michael Flattery
Jebediah Dewayne Flood
Michael Patrick Fracentese
Sarah Eleanor Freedman
Hannah Lisette Frimtzis
Matthew James Fritschle
Anne Elizabeth Fritzon
Liliana Damrad Frye
Rachel Anne Fuerstman

Matthew Lee Gabriele
Peter Davidson Galer
Michael Paul Gambardella
Lauren Nicole Garcia
Richa Gautam
Jacqueline Noelle Muñoz Geoghegan
Arisa Lucia Gereda
Jeffrey Nathan Gerwin
J'nae Brittany Keesa Gibbs
Katherine Kelly Giesa
Stephanie Edna Giessner
Margaret Edith Chiseko Ginoza
Sarah Irene Gittins
Benjamin Nathaniel Glasner
Emma Morgan Glassman
Lauren Ashli Glinton
Cari Lynn Goldfine
Michael Jeffrey Goldman
Isabelle Gibson Goldstein
Sophia Elizabeth Gonsalves-Brown
Adam Kruschka Gray
Jacob Matthew Greenberg
Kelsey Ann Greenway
Maya Susanna Gardon Grunfeld
Paula Guardans-Godo
Tomas Eduardo Guarnizo
Christa Leigh Guild
Daniel Kelan Gutowski
Dillon Victor Guynup

Alan Johnson Hagins
Rachel Lauren Hahn
Sylvia Valle Haigh
Parisa Halaji-Dezfuli
Stephen Erik Halberg Jr.
Isaiah Charles Hale
Chloe Ann Hallum
Spencer Brittain Hamilton
† Joyce Nahrah Han
Aliyah Anesa Harith-Bey
Hannah Mary Harp
Owen James Harrang
Robert Cyrus Harvey
Yasaman Tatiana Hassanzadeh
Jocelyn Hassel
Joshua D. Hawthorne-Madell
James Vincent Haxton
Cristina Danielle Headrick
Matthew Kandel Heiden
Kate Alice-Delia Hennessy
Colin Andrew Hepburn
Anna Katrine Hermann
Nicholas Michael Hess
Sophie Lillian Hessekiel
Matthew William Higgins
Aaron Matthew Hill
Logan Allen Hill
Roman Hlatky
Olivia Joan Hoch
Benjamin Isaac Hoffman
Victoria Malgorzata Holod
Jonathan Neil Hong
Janou Eleonore Hooykaas
Maya Horowitz
Elena Nicole Horvit
Asia Riché Howard
Sean Lawrence Hoy-Skubik
Niki Alani Hrusa Castillo
Shelia Meng-Xue Hu
Sha Huang
Christopher James Hunt

Elena Giovanna Iannuzzi
Shahira Jhiva Idris
Noble Cooke Ingram
Anna Rose Iovine
Michael Benjamin Iselin

Raquel Clarice Jackson-Stone
Victoria Adeline Jahns
Tanvi Jaluka
Frank Benjamin James
Khasi-Marc Leon Jamieson
Rebecca Chantel Jannou
Sanne Järvinen-Cossé
Maggie Lin Jeffers
Gavin Wells Jennings

Isabella Carrère Johnson
Julianne Allen Johnson
Naomi Jordan Johnson
Nicholas Titus Johnson
Sarah Ruth Beaumont Johnson
Whitman Ross Johnson
Darienue Thayer Jones
Ellen Oldacre Jones
Imara Jones
Lennon Richard Jones
Tony Taeun Joo
Lena Sarah Josephs
Andrew Joung

Lillian Bailey Kaar
Lillian Rebecca Kalish
Evan Kamber
NaYoung Kang
Kelsey Anne Karpman
Carly Michelle Katz
Nora Louise Kaye
Sean Andrew Keller
Eliza Mette Kellman
James Brendan Kelly
Phoenix Marie Kenney
Hannah Molly Keohane
Louis Christopher Khouray
Brendan John Kiernan
Aaron Sung-Hyun Kim
David Young Kim
Elias Stull Kim
Ellis Youngeun Kim
Jonggeol Jeffrey Kim
Sung Jin Kim
Kacey Melissa King
Sarah Elizabeth Gilbert King
Sarah Kate King
Neila Louise Kline
Collin Anthony Knopp-Schwyn
Sophie Louise Koeller
Prentiss Berns Koldyke
Zachary Robert Kondak
Aaron I. Kopelman
Emily Jane Kottler
Ian Banks Kowalok
Jacqueline Nora Krass
Reno Joseph Kriz
Anna Kuo
Benjamin Isaac Kurchin
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Maude de Moll Kushto

Melanie Shoye Leng Lai Wai
Morrie Sung Lam
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| Erin Elizabeth Leahy | Alex Molina | Yun Woo Park |
| † Sophie Christina Lederman | Elijah Jahliel Mondesir | Noah Warner Stevens Parson |
| Benjamin Welles Lehr | Gabriella Sofia Mongelli | Marya Lucia Pasciuto |
| Robert Thomas Leinheiser | Matthew Jacob Montgomery | Preston Travis Pasko |
| Sarah Isabelle Leonard | Alexandra Tatyana Moon | Palak Patel |
| Mary Elizabeth Leshner | Caitlan Shera Moore | Divya Pathak |
| Samantha Mack Levy | Maria Theresa Morris | Allison Taylor Pearl |
| Liqiao Li | Tyler James Morrow | Ashley Morgan Pecorelli |
| Mija Danielle Lieberman | Lucy Anne Morse | Domenic Joseph Pedulla |
| Hannah Sage Lind | Mira Motani | Bo Peng |
| Antong Ellie Liu | Alexandra Mary Moulton | Albin Robert Pepe |
| Cindy Liu | John Sande Mrlik | Andrew Thomas Perratore |
| Natasha Maria Lobo | Renata Mukai | Camilla Harrison Pfeiffer |
| Christopher John Logan | Kristina Marie Muller | Alexander Reed Pfeufer |
| Tatiana Londono | Kimberly Ann Mulvehill | Noelle Eva Phansalkar-Michalik |
| Ariel Rose Looser | Stephanie Muñoz | Christian Siever Hill Phelps |
| John Thomas Loree | † Sarah Caitlin Murphy | Katrine Philippides |
| Michael Demetrios Loukeris | Erin Nicole Murray | Samantha Rae Pianello |
| Lindsay Erin Lucido | Sarah Elizabeth Muskin | Harrison Winslow Pickering |
| Josue Lugardo | | Ruby Leigh Pierce |
| Isabella Kathryn Luksh | Justin Nam | Audrey Lee Pierson Stachecki |
| | Jake Mathew Namaroff | Sophia Grace Pitcairn |
| Katherine Elaine Maguire | Andrew Needleman | Yessenia María Pitones |
| Sushant Mahat | Cayla Hanni Neipris | Carrie Cullen Plover |
| Martin Chung Him Man | Mildred Elizabeth Nelson | Julian Levi Plovnick |
| Carlos Eduardo Mandeville | Jessica Ng | Madeline Hannah Pollis |
| Huntley George Macdonald Manhertz III | Kadeem Yannick Khemit Nibbs | Niccolo Dante Porcello |
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| Elana Raquel Marble | Nathaniel Thomas Nichols-Fleming | Maryam Pourmaleki |
| Thomas Edward Marrison | Tinatín Nikvashvili | Joshua Michael Pratt |
| Kathryn Ann Marshall | Kamila Donna Nixon | Taylor David Pratt |
| Jackson Oker Martel | Rachael Igoki Njuki | Alexander Jon Preneta |
| John Mason | Wanda Noonan | Rejxhis Prifti |
| John Alexander Masters | Taylor Nicole Nunley | Karina Primelles |
| Karina Mateo | † Kenchukwu David Nwosu | Maya Ling Pruitt |
| Hannah Hatsumi Matsunaga | | |
| Margot Ann Mayer | Colleen Siobhan O'Connell | Ning Qin |
| Drury Page Hawk McAlarney | Aileen Marie O'Connor | David Quispe Campbell |
| Celina Bruges McCarthy | Brian Patrick O'Connor | |
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| Elijah Ian McDonnaugh | Thomas Joseph O'Connor | Karen Eleanor Ratcliffe |
| Alejandro Antonio McGhee | † Dorian Claire Oberstein | Alexander Matthew Raz |
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| Stoddard McDonald Meigs | Rebecca Brooks Olson | Brianna Paige Reed |
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| Angela Marie Mentel | Pirilti Onukar | Parker Christian Reeves |
| Heloise Marie Cecile Mercier | Hannah Rie Ornatowski | Michaela Ester Regehr |
| Haley Irene Merritt | Andrés Liam Orr Sevilla | † Hannah Alexandra Reynolds |
| Rachel Marie Messbauer | Molly Rose Kiley Osborn | Rafael A. Ricaurte |
| Jackson Benedict Miller | | Elena Maria Riecke |
| Jesse Nathan Dearman Mills | Nicholas Hamilton Page | Justin Alan Riley |
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Jacqueline Blair Rosenbaum
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Samantha J. Rosenwald
Jordan Alexander Ross
Noah David Ross
Hayley Alice Rothman
Jayce Mateo Rudig-Leathers
Blake Gregory Rumuly

Liliana Thi Sabsowitz Silverman
Jada Marie Sacco-Hunter
† Alison P. Sagliocca
Dakota Paul Sagnelli
Eric Daniel Santacruz
Michael Scott Saugstad
Aran Montare Savory
Marokey Sawo
Laura Anna Schachter
Madeleine Bell Schafer
Mollie Beth Schear
Marie Frances Schmidt
Nicole Christine Schonitzer
Samuel Leffert Schwamm
Matthew Morter Schwartz
Alessandra Elaine Seiter
Sean Gregory Sellers
Rose Evelyn Serafini
Katharine Alyssa Shakespeare
Andrew James Shapiro
Ivan Quentin Shapiro
Ariana Fiora Sharma
Emma Ellora Sharon
Lily Zyndorf Shell
Leyao Shen
Margaret Stotler Shepherd
Joshua Evan Sherman
Zachary Edward Sherman
Joshua Victor Shields
Mi Rae Shin
Samuel Holmes Short
Yuhan Shui
Arden Evan Shwayder
Jason Charles Sill
Carlie Ann Silva
Jennifer Brooke Silverman
Julia Ward Simcoe
Morgan Lindsey Simmons
Andrew Duncan Sironko
Ariadne Eastman Skoufos
Brittani Imani Skyers-White
Kain Sebaztian Smith
Samantha Christine Smith
Han Kyul Song

Joseph Pallix Sopchak
Maria Alejandra Soto
Grace Mi Sparapani
Rachel Dawn Spayd
Jean-Sebastien Alexandre Spratt
Razvan Teodor Stanescu
Jonathan Asher Stark
Lauren Elizabeth Stauffer
Emily Joy Stensloff
Graham Arthur Stewart
Vanessa Marie Stewart
Lindsay Brianne Suarez
Naomi Ann Sudo
Amy Elizabeth Sullivan
Christopher H. Sundberg
Katherine Elise Sutton

Irene Catherine Tait
Mary Converse Talbot
Kyle Yanic Tam
Gabrielle Erin Wynne Tannenbaum
John Carlisle Tapscott
Juliany Francely Taveras
Kristell Michelle Taylor
Brian Gerard Tedford
Joshua David Temprow
Bethany Keiko Terry
Cory James Terwilliger
Taylor Tracy Thewes
Cierra Rae Thomas
Hannah Elizabeth Tobias
Korina Jesse Tolbert
Maya Hallel Toler
Elisabeth Anastasia Topaltzas
David Wang Toto
Nghiem Huu Tran
Catherine Elizabeth Tween
Mallory Ann Tyler

Evan Joseph Udine

Adit Vaddi
Kelsey Lauren Van Noy
Taylor Alexander Vann
Eli Jonathan Vargas
Nicholas Robert Vargish
Juan Antonio Vasquez Jr.
Timothy Franklin Veit
Cosmo Michael Veneziale Jr.
Madison Genevieve Vilkin
Spencer Nicholas Virtue
Olga Zita Voyazides

Elyse Theresa Walczyk
Patrick Ryan Walker
Tristin Scott Walker
Zijun Wang

Ziqiao Wang
Isaac Clayton Wash
Erikson Gen Wasyl
Emily Allison Webb
Laura Webber
Kristianna Nicole Weber
Rebecca Lillian Weir
Emory Lynne Werner
Gabriella Stark Whelan
Kyle Patrick Whelan
Lauren Jean Wiebe
Thomas Steven Wiechert
Aidan Isaiah Pierce Wilcox
Daniel Marcus Willens
Jonah Mackenzie Nye Williams
Rudi Chloe Williams
Alaina Victoria Wilson
Alberto Wilson III
Zachary Donald Wilson
Peter Temple Winkeller
John Thomas Winton
Justine Taylor Woods
Priscilla Tian-Ruey Wu
Cory Edward Wuenschell

Yaniv Gabriel Yaffe
Yilong Yang
Ruo Chao Patrick Yao
Winifred Miller Yeates
Priscilla Edinam Yevo
Christopher Dongsik Yhun
Clyfford H. Young
Victoria Garland Youngblood
Jessy Fan Yu
Ronald Guanghui Yu

Bianca Dorothy Zarrella
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Yuqing Zhang
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Cathy Zhuang
Sarah Elizabeth Zimmerman
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HONORS AT GRADUATION

Departmental Honors

AFRICANA STUDIES

Alejandro Antonio McGhee

AMERICAN STUDIES

Wanda Noonan

ANTHROPOLOGY

Paige Margot Abramowitz

Kyle Innis Dannenberg

* Sean Andrew Keller

* Carlie Ann Silva

ART HISTORY

* Sophie Charlotte Kiyoe Asakura

* Angela Helene Brown

Virginia Smith Duncan

Liqiao Li

* Martin Chung Him Man

Samantha J. Rosenwald

Ziqiao Wang

* Olivia Gabrielle Zisman

ART STUDIO

* Nathaniel Allen Edgar

ASTRONOMY

Sean Gregory Sellers

BIOCHEMISTRY

Julia Pauline Baker

* Zachary Joel Cartun

York Chen

Isaiah Charles Hale

* Benjamin Isaac Hoffman

* Neila Louise Kline

* Morrie Sung Lam

* Sushant Mahat

* Matthew Jacob Montgomery

Andrew Needleman

* Domenic Joseph Pedulla

* Emory Lynne Werner

BIOLOGY

John Michael Brandt

Lindsay Ruth Charlop

* Fiona Chen

Albert M. Chung

Daniel Mitchell Cooper

Yasaman Tatiana Hassanzadeh

* Lena Sarah Josephs

* Eliza Mette Kellman

* Emily Jane Kottler

* Leyao Shen

CHEMISTRY

* Alessio Caruso

* Drury Page Hawk McAlarney

Haley Irene Merritt

* Thomas Joseph O'Connor

CHINESE

Naadu Dromo Addico

Jessica Au

Jordan Alexander Ross

Hayley Alice Rothman

Michelle Zhao

COGNITIVE SCIENCE

Jake Noah Brawer

* Gianna Scott De Filippis

Kelsey Ann Greenway

* Karina Primelles

* Samuel Leffert Schwamm

* Rebecca Lillian Weir

COMPUTER SCIENCE

* Timothy Lee Brown II

* James Brendan Kelly

Zachary Robert Kondak

Reno Joseph Kriz

* Henry Robert Rizzi

Jayce Mateo Rudig-Leathers

* Michael Scott Saugstad

Tristin Scott Walker

Stephanie Jumeiy Zhu

DRAMA

* Joseph Patrick Dunning

Sybil Anne Engleby

* Rachel Marie Messbauer

* Jasen Ty Miyamoto

* Sarah Elizabeth Amelie Moley

* Malinda Kathleen Reese

Gabrielle Erin Wynne Tannenbaum

* Elyse Theresa Walczyk

EARTH SCIENCE

Olivia Joan Hoch

ECONOMICS

* Amanda Jane Ballard

* Andrew Joung

* Benjamin Isaac Kurchin

* Hyun Park

Christopher Dongsik Yhun

* Cathy Zhuang

EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

* Samantha Hope Basch

Elana Raquel Marble

Alejandro Antonio McGhee

* Nghiem Huu Tran

ENGLISH

* Eloy Alexander Bleifuss Prados

Ethan Harris Cohen

Katharine Seelye Finney

* Cari Lynn Goldfine

* Jacqueline Nora Krass

* Dylan Alexander Manning

* Gabriella Sofia Mongelli

* Jennifer Ognibene

* Allison Taylor Pearl

* Grace Mi Sparapani

* Priscilla Tian-Ruey Wu

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Sarah Kate King

Benjamin Welles Lehr

* Ariel Rose Looser

Maria Theresa Morris

Sarah Elizabeth Muskin

* Naomi Ann Sudo

Taylor Alexander Vann

* Kristianna Nicole Weber

* Also General Honors

Departmental Honors (continued)

FILM

Thomas Gordon Adam
* Reid Beckhard Antin
Henry Donald Carroll
Alexander Matthew Raz
Jada Marie Sacco-Hunter

FRENCH & FRANCOPHONE
STUDIES

Arshy Daniel Azizi
* Kristina Marie Muller
* Carrie Cullen Plover
* Brianna Paige Reed
Zijun Wang

GEOGRAPHY

* Taylor Wilson Crowl
* Alessandra Elaine Seiter

GERMAN STUDIES

* Sean Michael Downing
* Colin Dail Edwards

GREEK AND ROMAN
STUDIES

Camille Victoria Liboro Delgado
Richa Gautam
Kacey Melissa King
* Alaina Victoria Wilson

HISTORY

* Joshua Jacob Ashley
Katherine Ellen Cheatham
* Gianna Scott De Filippis
* Rachel Anne Fuerstman
Rebecca Brooks Olson
* Hannah Alexandra Reynolds
Lauren Elizabeth Stauffer

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

* Jenna Nahid Amlani
* Phelan Patricia Caverly Arata
* Alexander Davis
* Colin Dail Edwards
* Madeleine Alpert McCarthy
* Carrie Cullen Plover
Madeleine Bell Schafer
* Nicholas Robert Vargish
* Laura Webber

ITALIAN

Silvi Dore
* Lena Sarah Josephs
Marya Lucia Pasciuto
* Madeline Hannah Pollis

JAPANESE

Jebediah Dewayne Flood
* Anne Elizabeth Fritzon
Ellis Youngeun Kim
Rachael Igoki Njuki
Hayley Alice Rothman
* Yilong Yang

LATIN AMERICAN &
LATINO/A STUDIES

Daniel James Dones Tovar
Jacqueline Noelle Muñoz Geoghegan
David Quispe Campbell

MATHEMATICS

* Sean Michael Downing
* Christopher James Hunt
Reno Joseph Kriz
John Mason
* Matthew Jacob Montgomery

MEDIA STUDIES

Zachary Matthew Bokhour
Jake Taylor Ellis
Layla Anne Fassa
Noah M Mintz
* Juliany Francely Taveras

MEDIEVAL & RENAISSANCE
STUDIES

Sarah Ruth Beaumont Johnson
* Noah David Ross

MUSIC

Henry Donald Carroll
Sarah Ruth Beaumont Johnson
Ruby Leigh Pierce
* Madeline Hannah Pollis
* Joseph Pallix Sopchak
Spencer Nicholas Virtue
* Patrick Ryan Walker

NEUROSCIENCE AND
BEHAVIOR

Charles Davison Banda
* Stephanie Edna Giessner
* Lucy Anne Morse
Nicholas Hamilton Page
Monica Elise Raiss
Kelsey Lauren Van Noy

PHILOSOPHY

Arshy Daniel Azizi
Jacob Matthew Greenberg
Erin Elizabeth Leahy
Catherine Elizabeth Tween

PHYSICS

* Mohammed Akram Abdelaziz
* Elias Stull Kim
* Ian Banks Kowalok
* Sushant Mahat
* Ariana Fiora Sharma

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Moiz Ali Bharmal
Sino Vazhakattu Esthappan
* Edward Nash Bothwell Fenster
Sophia Elizabeth Gonsalves-Brown
* Jocelyn Hassel
James Vincent Haxton
Lillian Rebecca Kalish
* Elias Stull Kim
* Hannah Hatsumi Matsunaga
* Emily Marielle Mitamura
Sophia Grace Pitcairn
David Quispe Campbell

PSYCHOLOGY

Fiona Jane Abrams
* Anne Elizabeth Fritzon
* Sung Jin Kim
* Hannah Sage Lind
* Laure Elise Recoder
* Brianna Paige Reed
* Emma Violet Roellke

RELIGION

Farah Aziz
Victoria Cecelia Catherine Elias
Palak Patel

Departmental Honors (continued)

RUSSIAN STUDIES

- * Phelan Patricia Caverly Arata
- Alycia Ruth Beattie
- Matthew Edward Dubow
- Alexandra Nicole Figler
- Alexandra Tatyana Moon
- Amy Elizabeth Sullivan

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY &
SOCIETY

- * Margaret Edith Chiseko Ginoza
- * Kate Alice-Delia Hennessy
- Shahira Jhiva Idris
- Katherine Elaine Maguire
- Matthew Morter Schwartz
- * Jean-Sebastien Alexandre Spratt

SOCIOLOGY

- Alexander Joseph Cincotta-Eichenfield
- * Janou Eleonore Hooykaas
- * Sarah Caitlin Murphy
- Andrew James Shapiro
- Julia Ward Simcoe

URBAN STUDIES

- * Huong Dieu Dinh

WOMEN'S STUDIES

- * Tessa Lucy Evelyn Baum
- * Erin Michelle Boss
- * Julianne Allen Johnson
- Elena Maria Riecke
- Brittani Imani Skyers-White
- * Mary Converse Talbot

HONORS AT GRADUATION

General Honors 2016

Mohammed Akram Abdelaziz
Jenna Nahid Amlani
Reid Beckhard Antin
Phelan Patricia Caverly Arata
Sophie Charlotte Kiyoe Asakura
Martin Fredrick Ascher
Joshua Jacob Ashley
Amanda Jane Ballard
Ashley Rose Barad
Samantha Hope Basch
Tessa Lucy Evelyn Baum
Eloy Alexander Bleifuss Prados
Erin Michelle Boss
Angela Helene Brown
Timothy Lee Brown II
Jordan Phillip Burns
Alyssa Angelina Valdespino Caplan
Zachary Joel Cartun
Alessio Caruso
Fiona Chen
Taylor Wilson Crowl
Alexander Davis
Gianna Scott De Filippis
Natalie Marie DiCenzo
Huong Dieu Dinh
Sean Michael Downing
Joseph Patrick Dunning
Nathaniel Allen Edgar
Colin Dail Edwards
Lily Augusta Elbaum
Edward Nash Bothwell Fenster
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Rachel Anne Fuerstman
Matthew Lee Gabriele
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Cari Lynn Goldfine
Jocelyn Hassel
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Benjamin Isaac Hoffman
Janou Eleonore Hooykaas
Elena Nicole Horvit
Christopher James Hunt
Sanne Järvinen-Cossé
Julianne Allen Johnson
Lena Sarah Josephs
Andrew Joung
Nora Louise Kaye
Sean Andrew Keller
Eliza Mette Kellman
James Brendan Kelly
Elias Stull Kim
Sung Jin Kim
Neila Louise Kline
Emily Jane Kottler
Ian Banks Kowalok
Jacqueline Nora Krass
Benjamin Isaac Kurchin
Melanie Shoye Leng Lai Wai
Morrie Sung Lam
Hannah Sage Lind
Ariel Rose Looser
Sushant Mahat
Martin Chung Him Man
Dylan Alexander Manning
Hannah Hatsumi Matsunaga
Drury Page Hawk McAlarney
Madeleine Alpert McCarthy
Rachel Marie Messbauer
Emily Marielle Mitamura
Jasen Ty Miyamoto
Sarah Elizabeth Amelie Moley
Gabiella Sofia Mongelli
Matthew Jacob Montgomery
Lucy Anne Morse
Kristina Marie Muller
Sarah Caitlin Murphy
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Jean-Sebastien Alexandre Spratt
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Nghiem Huu Tran
Nicholas Robert Vargish
Elyse Theresa Walczyk
Patrick Ryan Walker
Erikson Gen Wasyl
Laura Webber
Kristianna Nicole Weber
Rebecca Lillian Weir
Emory Lynne Werner
Alaina Victoria Wilson
Priscilla Tian-Ruey Wu
Yilong Yang
Cathy Zhuang
Olivia Gabrielle Zisman

PRIZES

2016

THE ACADEMY OF AMERICAN POETS PRIZE
for excellence in writing poetry

Alexander Matthew Raz '16

ATHLETIC AND FITNESS ALUMNAE/I OF
VASSAR COLLEGE

Erikson Gen Wasył '16

THE BETSY HALPERN-AMARU BOOK PRIZE

*for excellence in the study of classical texts of Judaism,
Christianity, or Islam*

Victoria Cecelia Catherine Elias '16

THE GABRIELLE SNYDER BECK PRIZE

for summer study in France

Jane Diana Lu '17

THE CATHERINE LUCRETIA BLAKELEY PRIZE

for study in international economic relations

Matthew Lee Gabriele '16

THE WENDY RAE BRESLAU AWARD

for outstanding contribution of a sophomore to the community

Sara Naomi Goldberg '18

Anish Kanoria '18

Siennah Tanyu Yang '18

THE BEATRICE DAW BROWN POETRY PRIZE

for excellence in the writing of poetry

Jacqueline Nora Krass '16

THE VIRGINIA SWINBURNE
BROWNELL PRIZES

for excellent work in biology

Fiona Chen '16

Yasaman Tatiana Hassanzadeh '16

Emily Jane Kottler '16

for excellent work in political economy

Amanda Jane Ballard '16

Andrew Joung '16

for excellent work in history

Hannah Alexandra Reynolds '16

THE SARA CATLIN PRIZE

*for outstanding contribution of a senior to the religious life
of the community*

Farah Aziz '16

Arisa Lucia Gereda '16

THE JEFFREY CHANCE MEMORIAL PRIZE

for excellence in both coursework and research in chemistry

Thomas Joseph O'Connor '16

THE CHEMICAL RUBBER COMPANY AWARD

for outstanding freshman in general chemistry

Elizabeth White Whidden '19

THE MAN-SHENG CHEN SCHOLARLY AWARD
for excellence in Chinese studies

Moiz Ali Bharmal '16

Melanie Shoye Leng Lai Wai '16

YIN-LIEN C. CHIN PRIZE

for the best thesis/senior project in the Department of Chinese and Japanese

Naadu Dromo Addico '16

Jessica Au '16

Rachael Igoki Njuki '16

Michelle Zhao '16

THE JUNE JACKSON CHRISTMAS PRIZE

for academic excellence in Africana Studies

Alejandro Antonio McGhee '16

THE E. ELIZABETH DANA MEMORIAL PRIZE

for an individual reading project in English

Elizabeth Suzanne Dean '17

THE JEAN SLATER EDSON PRIZE

for music composition

Joseph Pallix Sopchak '16

Patrick Ryan Walker '16

THE LUCY KELLOGG ENGLISH PRIZE

for excellence in physics and astronomy

Juan Antonio Vasquez Jr. '16

FRANCES D. FERGUSSON COACHES' AWARD

*awarded to a senior student-athlete whose contribution to Vassar Athletics
extends beyond pure performance.*

Isabelle Gibson Goldstein '16

John Sande Mrlik '16

THE FRANCES DALY FERGUSSON PRIZE

*to a senior in the art history department for his or her
outstanding accomplishments*

Angela Helene Brown '16

THE HARVEY FLAD/ANNE CONSTANTINOPOLE
AMERICAN STUDIES BOOK PRIZE

for outstanding academic contribution

Clyfford H. Young '16

THE HELEN KATE FURNESS PRIZE

for an essay on a Shakespearean or an Elizabethan subject

Maggie Lin Jeffers '16

THE JAMIE NISSE GREENBERG
PHILOSOPHY PRIZE

*for demonstrating academic excellence, a passion for philosophy, and the
promise of graduate work in philosophy.*

Arshy Daniel Azizi '16

THE MARJORIE LYNN GLUCK THESIS PRIZE
*awarded for an outstanding thesis on issues related to women, public policy
and politics at the global, national or local level.*

Elena Maria Riecke '16

Prizes (continued)

THE CLYDE AND SALLY GRIFFEN PRIZE

for excellence in American history

Rachel Anne Fuerstman '16

THE HINERFELD FAMILY ANNUAL AWARD

for outstanding work in sociology

Sarah Caitlin Murphy '16

THE JANET HOLDEEN-adams PRIZE

for excellence in computer science

Timothy Lee Brown II '16

Michael Scott Saugstad '16

THE J. HOWARD HOWSON PRIZE

for excellence in the study of religion

Farah Aziz '16

Palak Patel '16

THE RUTH GILLETTE HUTCHINSON PRIZE

for excellence in a paper on American economic history

Andrew Joung '16

THE ANN E. IMBRIE PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE

IN FICTION WRITING

to a senior for excellence in the writing of fiction

Katharine Seelye Finney '16

THE JOHN IYOYA PRIZE

for creative skills in teaching

Sophie Christina Lederman '16

THE AGNES REYNOLDS JACKSON PRIZE

for excellence in written work in economics

Benjamin Nathaniel Glasner '16

THE M. GLEN JOHNSON PRIZE

for excellence in international studies

Jenna Nahid Amlani '16

Mira Motani '16

THE JESSE KALIN BOOK PRIZE

for excellence in Japanese language and culture studies

Yilong Yang '16

THE MOLLY THACHER KAZAN MEMORIAL PRIZE

for distinction in the theater arts

Asia Riché Howard '16

Sarah Elizabeth Amelie Moley '16

Hannah Elizabeth Tobias '16

Elyse Theresa Walczyk '16

THE LESLIE A. KOEMPEL PRIZE

for an outstanding thesis in sociology involving fieldwork or a special project.

Janou Eleonore Hooykaas '16

THE JULIA FLITNER LAMB PRIZES

to junior majors and senior majors for excellence in political science

Emma Robin Davis '17

Edward Nash Bothwell Fenster '16

Lillian Rebecca Kalish '16

Shiqi Lin '17

THE OLIVE M. LAMMERT PRIZES

for excellence in biochemistry

Neila Louise Kline '16

Morrie Sung Lam '16

for excellence in chemistry

Alessio Caruso '16

THE OLIVE M. LAMMERT BOOK PRIZES

for excellence in biochemistry

Samantha Tucker Cronin '17

for excellence in protein chemistry

Neila Louise Kline '16

Christian Andres Vivar '17

for excellence in general chemistry

Zhuo Biao Cai '19

Monica Marie Feeley '19

Julie Jae McInvale '19

Julie Fleur Morel '19

Ellena Christen Nador '18

Eli Leffert Schwamm '19

for excellence in organic chemistry

Austin Ojiambo Atsango '18

Lisa Je '18

Jennie YuChang Lytel-Sternberg '18

Tyler Hansen Wen '18

for excellence in physical chemistry

Tianyi Li '17

THE LARKIN PRIZE IN LATIN

for outstanding work in the study of Latin

Kacey Melissa King '16

THE LARKIN PRIZE IN ANCIENT SOCIETIES

for outstanding work in the study of Greek and Roman civilizations

Camille Victoria Liboro Delgado '16

THE ABBY LEACH MEMORIAL PRIZE

for summer excavation in the Mediterranean

Kelly Claire Manning Bernatzky '19

Tianqi Zhu '17

THE HELEN D. LOCKWOOD PRIZE

for excellence in the study of American studies

Wanda Noonan '16

Prizes (continued)

THE MICHAEL MCCARTHY AND
MITCH MILLER PRIZE

*for distinguished philosophical work and the
promise of teaching*

Jacob Matthew Greenberg '16

THE ANTONIO MARQUEZ PRIZE

for poetry and fiction

Remy Gould Beauregard '19

Kayla Marisol Gonzalez '19

Micah Gabriel Katz-Zeiger '18

Natalie Gabrielle Kopke '17

Isabel Sarah Morrison '19

for non-fiction in Spanish

Ashley Rose Barad '16

Matthew E. Brill-Carlat '19

Alayna Marie O'Bryan '17

for video and other media

Joseph Lawrence Weiman '17

THE HELEN MIRINGOFF PRIZE

for a substantial contribution to an agency of the community through field work

Elijah Jahliel Mondesir '16

Giselle I. Sanchez Huerta '17

THE EDITH GLICKSMAN NEISSER PRIZE

for excellence in child development and education

Samantha Hope Basch '16

Emma Violet Roellke '16

THE NEUROSCIENCE AND BEHAVIOR
SENIOR PRIZE

for excellence in both academic and independent work in the major

Emma Louise Nichols '16

THE ASHISH PATIL '08 MEMORIAL PRIZE

for excellence in interdisciplinary studies

Alaina Victoria Wilson '16

H. DANIEL PECK PRIZE FUND IN
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

for an Environmental Studies senior thesis

Ariel Rose Looser '16

Naomi Ann Sudo '16

THE DOROTHY PERSH PRIZE

for summer study in France

Sarah Elizabeth Mawhinney '18

THE ETHEL HICKOX POLLARD MEMORIAL
PHYSICS AWARD

to the junior physics major with the highest average

Samuel Avery Gartenstein '17

Erik Alexander Szwed '17

THE PHI BETA KAPPA PRIZE

*to the members of Phi Beta Kappa who have the most distinguished
academic records*

Alessandra Elaine Seiter '16

Alaina Victoria Wilson '16

THE GERTRUDE BUTTENWIESER PRINS PRIZE

for study in the history of art

Sophie Charlotte Kiyoe Asakura '16

THE LEO M. PRINCE PRIZE

for most notable improvement

Eli Jonathan Vargas

THE RENO PRIZE IN GREEK

for outstanding work in the study of Greek

Alaina Victoria Wilson '16

THE BETTY RICHEY OUTSTANDING
PERFORMER OF THE YEAR

*in recognition of outstanding athletics performance in a Vassar Athletics
Department sponsored sport over the course of a current,
single academic year.*

Julia H. W. Cunningham '17

Matthew Knigge '18

THE KATE ROBERTS PRIZE

for excellence in biology

Timothy James Boycott '16

Bethany Keiko Terry '16

THE DASHIELLE ROBERTSON '17
MEMORIAL PRIZE

for excellence in Women's Studies

Erin Michelle Boss '16

Brittani Imani Skyers-White '16

THE JULIE STOMNE ROSWAL PRIZE

for excellence in German

John Carlisle Tapscott '16

THE LEWIS RUBENSTEIN AWARD

*for a senior major in Studio Art demonstrating general outstanding
achievement in this discipline*

Nathaniel Allen Edgar '16

THE MARIAN GRAY SECUNDY PRIZE

for meritorious achievement in field research and community service

Alejandro Antonio McGhee '16

THE ELLEN CHURCHILL SEMPLE PRIZE

for excellence in the study of geography

Taylor Wilson Crawl '16

Alessandra Elaine Seiter '16

THE SHERMAN BOOK PRIZE

for distinguished accomplishment in Jewish studies

Emily Marielle Mitamura '16

Prizes (continued)

THE MARILYN SWARTZ SEVEN
PLAYWRITING AWARD

*to a junior or senior in any discipline who submits the best dramatic work
written for the stage*

Juliany Francely Taveras '16

THE RICHARD FEITLER '86 AND MARGERY
KAMIN FEITLER '86 SISTER ARTS PRIZE

*for poetry based on a work of art in the collection of Vassar's Frances Lehman
Loeb Art Center*

Kayla Ann Schwab '17

THE ERMINNIE A. SMITH MEMORIAL PRIZE

for excellence in the study of geology

Olivia Joan Hoch '16

Collin Anthony Knopp-Schwyn '16

THE ALICE D. SNYDER PRIZE

for excellence in English

Jennifer Ognibene '16

THE LILO STERN MEMORIAL PRIZE

for the best paper submitted for an anthropology, geography or sociology course

Caitlin Emma Thandi Munchick '17

Julia Marie Pantalone '17

THE DEANNE BEACH STONEHAM
PRIZE FOR POETRY

for the best original poetry

Michaela Wilson Coplen '18

THE LILIAN L. STROEBE PRIZE

for outstanding work on a senior thesis or project

Sean Michael Downing '16

Colin Dail Edwards '16

THE LUCIA V. TORIAN '69 PRIZE

for Music Performance Training

Ruby Leigh Pierce '16

THE HARRIET GURNEE VAN ALLEN PRIZE

for excellence in biology

Daniel R. Moskop '18

THE MATTHEW VASSAR OUTSTANDING
CAREER AWARD

*in recognition of outstanding athletics performance in a Vassar athletics
department-sponsored sport over the course of their career at Vassar.*

Caitlin Joyce Drakeley '16

Noah Warner Stevens Parson '16

THE VERNON VENABLE PRIZE

for philosophical excellence and outstanding contribution to the department

Erin Elizabeth Leahy '16

Catherine Elizabeth Tween '16

THE MASHA N. VOROBOIOV MEMORIAL PRIZE

for summer Russian language study

Matthew Edward Dubow '16

Michelle Amit Morochnik '17

THE FRANCES WALKER PRIZE

for the greatest proficiency in the study of piano

Sarah Ruth Beaumont Johnson '16

THE SOLOMON AND BARBARA WANK PRIZE

for excellence in African, Asian or Latin American History

Alberto Wilson III '16

Yaniv Gabriel Yaffe '16

THE LAURA ADELINA WARD PRIZES

for excellence in English or European history

Joshua Jacob Ashley '16

for excellence in English literature

Grace Mi Sparapani '16

THE WEITZEL BARBER ART TRAVEL PRIZE

*to provide a junior or senior in the art department with the opportunity to
travel in order to study original works of art*

Angela Helene Brown '16

Tomas Eduardo Guarnizo '16

Harrison Winslow Pickering '16

THE MARY EVELYN WELLS AND GERTRUDE
SMITH PRIZE

for excellence in mathematics

Christopher James Hunt '16

THE FLORENCE DONNELL WHITE PRIZE

for excellence in French

Anna McKenzie Abrams '18

Antigone Karvounarakis Delton '18

Rachel Antoinette Ludwig '18

Zijun Wang '16

THE JANE DEALY AND WOODROW WIRSIG
MEMORIAL PRIZE

in recognition of outstanding promise and accomplishment in journalism

Noble Cooke Ingram '16

THE FREDERIC C. WOOD, SR. BOOK PRIZE

for excellence in moral and ethical concerns

Ramy Hosny Abbady '16

THE SOPHIA H. CHEN ZEN MEMORIAL PRIZE

for the best thesis in Asian Studies

Victoria Adeline Jahns '16

for the best thesis in history

Rachel Lauren Hahn '16

THE IRON BREWER AWARD

Rory Vivian Chipman '17

Brooks Albers English '16

VASSAR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Devan Kelsey Kane Gallagher '19

James Matthew Thomas '19

PHI BETA KAPPA

Elected Members from the Class of 2016

Phelan Patricia Caverly Arata
Reid Beckhard Antin
Sophie Charlotte Kiyoe Asakura
Tessa Lucy Evelyn Baum
Eloy Alexander Bleifuss Prados
Erin Michelle Boss
Angela Helene Brown
Jordan Phillip Burns
Alyssa Angelina Valdespino Caplan
Fiona Chen
Alexander Davis
Gianna Scott De Filippis
Huong Dieu Dinh
Sean Michael Downing
Colin Dail Edwards
Rachel Anne Fuerstman
Matthew Lee Gabriele
Richa Gautam
Stephanie Edna Giessner
Cari Lynn Goldfine
Jocelyn Hassel

Kate Alice-Delia Hennessy
Janou Eleonore Hooykaas
Elena Nicole Horvit
Christopher James Hunt
Sanne Järvinen-Cossé
Julianne Allen Johnson
Lena Sarah Josephs
Sean Andrew Keller
Eliza Mette Kellman
Ian Banks Kowalok
Jacqueline Nora Krass
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Katherine Elise Sutton
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Nghiem Huu Tran
Emory Lynne Werner
Alaina Victoria Wilson
Priscilla Tian-Ruey Wu
Yilong Yang

The Phi Beta Kappa Prize for 2016 is awarded to Alessandra Elaine Seiter and Alaina Victoria Wilson.

SIGMA XI

Elected Members from the Class of 2016

Julia Pauline Baker
Timothy James Boycott
John Michael Brandt
Timothy Lee Brown II
Joshua Adamson Bruce
Alessio Caruso
Fiona Chen
Olivia Joan Hoch
Benjamin Issac Hoffman
Andrew Joung
Elias Stull Kim

Neila Louise Kline
Emily Jane Kottler
Sushant Mahat
Haley Irene Merritt
Thomas Joseph O'Connor
Jennifer Ognibene
Augene Samghyok Park
Domenic Joseph Pedulla
Maryam Pourmaleki
Emma Violet Roellke
Laura Anna Schachter

Sean Gregory Sellers
Ariana Fiora Sharma
Leyao Shen
Razvan Teodor Stanescu
Bethany Keiko Terry
Juan Antonio Vasquez Jr.

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Elected Members from the Class of 2016 Awarded Certification

Cady Cirbes Haley Irene Merritt Thomas Joseph O'Connor Alison P. Sagliocca

PSI CHI

Elected Members from the Class of 2016

Fiona Jane Abrams
Jake Noah Brawer
Natalie Marie DiCenzo
Anne Elizabeth Fritzson
Richa Gautam
Stephanie Edna Giessner
Nora Louise Kaye
Sung Jin Kim
Hannah Sage Lind

Jasen Ty Miyamoto
Lucy Anne Morse
Emma Louise Nichols
Colleen Siobhan O'Connell
Laure Elise Recoder
Brianna Paige Reed
Emma Violet Roellke
Rebecca Lillian Weir

ALPHA KAPP DELTA

Elected Members from the Class of 2016

Christina Eunbich Cho
Alexander Joseph Cincotta-Eichenfield
Michael Patrick Fracentese

Janou Eleonore Hooykaas
Sarah Caitlin Murphy

VASSAR FELLOWSHIPS

Awarded to the Class of 2016

ANN CORNELISEN FUND FOR
POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS
Arisa Lucia Gereda
Ellis Youngeun Kim

NANCY SKINNER CLARK FELLOWSHIP
Yasmine Cheryl Abbey
Leyao Shen

DE GOLIER FELLOWSHIP
Thomas Joseph O'Connor

ELOISE ELLERY FELLOWSHIP
Josue Lugardo

JAMES RYLAND AND
GEORGIA A. KENDRICK FELLOWSHIP
Jacqueline Nora Krass
Victoria Adeline Jahns

VASSAR MAGUIRE FELLOWSHIP
FOR STUDY ABROAD
Arshy Daniel Azizi
Robert Thomas Leinheiser
Noah David Ross

MARY PEMBERTON NOURSE FELLOWSHIP
Lucy Anne Morse

HELEN DWIGHT REID FELLOWSHIP
Ning Qin

MARY LANDON SAGUE
Alessio Caruso
Alex Molina

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SHAKESPEARE THEATER FELLOWSHIP
John Daniel Eubanks

THE ELSIE VAN DYCK DEWITT
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Alejandro Antonio McGhee

VASSAR FELLOWSHIP FOR GRADUATE STUDY
Rachel Anne Fuerstman

FELLOWSHIPS, ASSISTANTSHIPS, AND AWARDS

From Outside Institutions

Mohammed Akram Abdelaziz
New York University

Dzifa Esi Binka
Lutheran Volunteer Corps

Lucy Frances Brainerd
George Washington University

Min Chen
Health Professions Scholarship Program

Colin Dail Edwards
Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, Germany

Victoria Cecelia Catherine Elias
Great Oaks Charter School

Rachel Anne Fuerstman
Brandeis University

Kelsey Ann Greenway
Fulbright Grant, Israel

Roman Hlatky
University of Texas

Benjamin Isaac Hoffman
University of Georgia

Niki Alani Hrusa Castillo
Princeton in Latin America

Elena Giovanna Iannuzzi
CUNY Graduate School

Victoria Adeline Jahns
Chinese Government Scholarship

Julianne Allen Johnson
City Year

Sarah Ruth Beaumont Johnson
Boston University

Lillian Rebecca Kalish
Princeton in Asia

Kacey Melissa King
Zeph Stewart Latin Teacher Training Award

Liqiao Li
University of Chicago

Mija Danielle Lieberman
Chinese Government Scholarship

Josue Lugardo
Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine

Martin Chung Him Man
Yale School of Architecture

Haley Irene Merritt
New York University

Emily Marielle Mitamura
University of Minnesota

Alex Molina
Pennsylvania State University

Matthew Jacob Montgomery
Yale University

Emma Louise Nichols
*Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation
Post-Bachelor Fellowship*

Thomas Joseph O'Connor
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

Palak Patel
Emerson College

Andrew James Shapiro
CUNY Graduate Center

Julia Ward Simcoe
Teaching Assistant Program in France

Morgan Lindsey Simmons
Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, Sri Lanka

Lauren Elizabeth Stauffer
University of Connecticut

John Carlisle Tapscott
Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, Germany

Alberto Wilson III
University of Houston

Yaniv Gabriel Yaffe
Teach for America

Priscilla Edinam Yevo
Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai

2016

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS & COUNCIL MEMBERS

OFFICERS

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Samantha Christine Smith, *Secretary*
Chelsea Hannah Carter, *Treasurer*

SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL

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Maya Horowitz
Hannah Molly Keohane
Cindy Liu

Andrés Liam Orr
Laura Anna Schacter
Joshua Evan Sherman
Morgan Lindsey Simmons

SENIOR CLASS MARSHALS

Ramy Hosny Abbady
Chelsea Hannah Carter

Lauren Nicole Garcia
Samantha Christine Smith

Maya Hallel Toler

2016 DAISY CHAIN & USHERS

Hannah Molly Keohane, *Daisy Chain Coordinator*

Morgan Lindsey Simmons, *Daisy Chain Coordinator*

DAISIES

Rose L. Arditi
Claire L. Baker
Kristina Bowman
Carinn Candelaria
Jillian Rea Elkin
Margaret Foster
Christie Honore
Ashley G. Hoyle

Lilia Hutchinson
Sophia F. Koreto
Beatrice Land
Emily Martin
Janet M. Ortiz
Jennifer Pineda
Amanda Saich
Danielle Winter

USHERS

Jacob Butter Ronald Hitt

The traditional Daisy Chain forms an important part of Commencement exercises at the college. The tradition dates from the late 1880s when members of the sophomore class decorated the Chapel for Commencement with daisies picked in nearby fields. Later on, the decorations took the form of a rope of daisies to mark reserved seats for the seniors. In 1894, the story goes, a member of the graduating class suggested that the sophomores pick up the chain and carry it from the Chapel to the 1894 class tree where a ceremony of burying the class records took place.

From then on, the carrying of a Daisy Chain became a feature of Vassar's Class Day ceremonies, the sophomores escorting their "sister class" to the senior class tree and laying the floral rope around it in a wide circle, within which the graduates sang their class song for the last time.

Men joined the Daisy Chain at the May 30, 1971 Commencement. Today the chain will lead the recessional of seniors to the 'Main Circle' where it will be displayed for the seniors and their Commencement guests.

2016

COUNCIL OF BLACK SENIORS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rudi Chloe Williams, *President*
Lauren Ashli Ginton, *Vice President*
Karina Mateo, *Secretary*
Solomon Oluwasemilogo Ajasin, *Treasurer*

Cindy Liu, *Programming Liaison*
Royal Ymani Scales, *Junior Intern*
Yasani Dia' Mar Spencer, *Junior Intern*

2016

AFRICAN VIOLETS & USHERS

VIOLETS

Miranda B. Amey
Hosannah Bryan
Charmaine Chan
Regina Ebo

Stephanie Saint Germain
Rachel Marie Jones
Yun Young Kim
Jasmine Raizel Martinez

Yesenia Perez
Savannah D. Smith
Taylor Veasley

USHER

Seung Baang

Alan Gutierrez

The African Violets, who are students in their freshmen through junior years, assist the Council of Black Seniors (CBS) in activities during the academic year, notably the all-campus Baccalaureate Service, which the CBS has sponsored since 1991 to complement the academic rites of the Commencement ceremony.

TRUSTEES

2015 – 2016

Karen Herskovitz Ackman '88
John P. Arnhold P'07
Jamshed J. Bharucha '78
Jason Blum '91
Beth Burnam '77, P'10
Mark Burstein '84
Darys Estrella '92
Linda A. Fairstein '69
Richard Feitler '85
Anthony J. Friscia '78, P'15
Jeffrey A. Goldstein '77, P'12
Lorna Bade Goodman '63, P'88
Heather Sturt Haaga '72
Maryellen Cattani Herringer '65
Catharine Bond Hill
Huang Hung '84
Stephanie Hyacinth '84
Philip N. Jefferson '83
Henry P. Johnson '88
Lisa Kudrow '85
Geraldine Bond Laybourne '69, P'93
Susan Zadek Mandel '78
Kenneth W. Miles '07
Carol S. Ostrow '77 P'09, P'15
Tamar L. Smith Pichette '86
William A. Plapinger '74, P'10 *Chair*
The Honorable Richard W. Roberts '74
Eve E. Slater '67
Karen Strain Smythe '82
Milbrey "Missie" Rennie Taylor '68
Debra Fagel Treyz '74
Jill Troy Werner '71
Christianna Wood '81
Pamela Mars Wright '82

THE ACADEMIC COSTUME CODE

The custom of wearing academic dress stems from the Middle Ages when scholars were also clerics and wore the costumes of their monastic orders. Significant parts of academic dress are the gown, the hood, and the cap. Each has a particular significance and is worn in accordance with standards established by the Academic Costume Code of the American Council on Education.

Gowns

Gowns recommended for use in the colleges and universities of this country have the following characteristics. The gown for the *bachelor's degree* has pointed sleeves, and is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the *master's degree* has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. The gown is supplied with fasteners so that it may be worn open or closed. The gown for the *doctor's degree* has bell-shaped sleeves. It is supplied with fasteners so that it may be worn open or closed.

Material. Cotton poplin or similar material for the *bachelor's* and *master's degrees*, and rayon or silk ribbed material for the *doctor's degree*.

Color. Black is recommended.

Trimnings. None for the *bachelor's* or *master's degrees*. For the *doctor's degree*, the gown is faced down the front with black velvet and three bars of black velvet are sewn across the sleeves. These facings and crossbars may be velvet of the color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors' gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the colors associated with the different subjects are as follows:

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Agriculture | Maize |
| Arts, Letters, Humanities | White |
| Commerce, Accountancy, Business | Drab* |
| Dentistry | Lilac |
| Economics | Copper |
| Education | Light Blue |
| Engineering | Orange |
| Fine Arts, including Architecture | Brown |
| Forestry | Russet |
| Journalism | Crimson |
| Law | Purple |
| Library Science | Lemon |
| Medicine | Green |
| Music | Pink |
| Nursing | Apricot |
| Oratory (Speech) | Silver Gray |
| Pharmacy | Olive Green |
| Philosophy | Dark Blue |
| Physical Education | Sage Green |
| Public Administration, including | |
| Foreign Service | Peacock Blue |
| Public Health | Salmon Pink |
| Science | Golden Yellow |
| Social Work | Citron |
| Theology | Scarlet |
| Veterinary Science | Gray |

*Sapphire blue as alternate. Not recommended because of the likely confusion with blues previously assigned to other subjects.

Caps

Caps recommended for use in the colleges and universities of this country have the following characteristics.

Material. Cotton poplin, broadcloth, rayon, or silk, to match gown, or, for the *doctor's degree* only, velvet.

Color. Black.

Form. Mortarboards are generally recommended, although soft square-topped caps are permissible for women.

Tassel. A long tassel is fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap. Black or the color appropriate to the subject is worn, except that the doctor's cap may have its tassel of gold thread.

Hoods

Hoods recommended for use in the colleges and universities of this country have the following characteristics. The length of the hood worn for the *bachelor's degree* is three feet, for the *master's degree*, three and one-half feet, and for the *doctor's degree*, four feet. The hood worn for the *doctor's degree* shall have panels at the sides. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree; more than one color is shown by division of the field color in a variety of ways, such as chevron or chevrons, equal division, etc.

Material. The same as that of the gown in all cases.

Color. Black in all cases.

Trimnings. The binding or edging of the hood is velvet or velveteen, two inches, three inches, and five inches in width for the *bachelor's*, *master's*, and *doctor's degrees*, respectively; while the color should be indicative of the subject to which the degree pertains. For example, the trimming for the degree of Master of Science in Agriculture should be maize, representing agriculture, rather than golden yellow, representing science. No academic hood should ever have its border divided to represent more than a single degree.

Some Permissible Exceptions

1. Members of the governing body of a college or university are entitled to wear doctor's gowns (with black velvet), but their hoods may be only those of degrees actually held by the wearers or those especially prescribed for them by the institution.

2. In some colleges and universities, it is customary for the president, chancellor, or chief officer to wear a costume similar to that used by the head of a foreign university. This practice should be strictly limited.

3. The chief marshal may wear a specially designed costume approved by his or her institution.

4. It is customary in many large institutions for the hood to be dispensed with by those receiving bachelor's degrees.

5. Persons who hold degrees from foreign universities may wear the entire appropriate academic costume, including cap, gown, and hood.

6. Members of religious orders and similar societies may suitably wear their customary habits. The same principle applies to persons wearing military uniforms or clad in special attire required by a civil office.

7. It is recommended that collegiate institutions that award degrees, diplomas, or certificates below the baccalaureate level use caps and gowns of a light color, e.g. light blue for teacher-training and light gray for other types of institutions.

English Translation of Diploma

The President and Board of Trustees of Vassar College in the State of New York send greetings to all those who will read this document.

Be it known

that we, with the approval of the Faculty, have conferred upon _____

the title and degree commonly called Bachelor of Arts and with it all the rights, honors, privileges, universally attendant upon it. In witness whereof let this document stand, with the seal of the College and the signatures of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and of the President.

Date

Chairman, Board of Trustees

President

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