



# Honors Day Convocation

ROSSE HALL

10:45 a.m.

April 16, 2024



## **Program**

Julie C. Kornfeld, President, *presiding*

Paula C. Turner, Professor of Physics, *Faculty Marshal*

## **Processional**

*Please stand (if able)*

Scioto Brass

## **Welcome**

Julie C. Kornfeld, President

## **Conferring of Honorary Degrees**

**Steven S. Fischman, Class of 1963**

*Presented by Wendy Singer*

**Joshua Thomas Radnor, Class of 1996**

*Presented by Peter M. Rutkoff*

**Karen Buchwald Wright, Parent 2005, 2009**

*Citation by Jan E. Thomas*

## **Anthem**

*“Ascendo ad patrem meum”*

“‘I ascend unto my father and your father.’ Lifting his hands, he blessed them, and was carried into heaven. Alleluia”

(paraphrase of Luke 24:50-51)

Composed by Jacob Handl (1550-1591)

Sung by the Kenyon College Chamber Singers

Directed by Benjamin R. Locke, Professor of Music

## **Awards and Honors**

**Trustee Teaching Excellence Awards**

James P. Finn, Trustee

**Fellowships and Awards**

President Kornfeld

**Departmental Prizes**

Jeffrey A. Bowman, Provost

**College Prizes**

Celestino J. Limas, Vice President for Student Affairs

## **Closing Remarks**

President Kornfeld

## **Recessional**

*Please stand (if able)*

Scioto Brass

## Honorary Degrees

### Doctor of Law

Steven S. Fischman, Class of 1963

Steven Fischman, lawyer, real estate developer, philanthropist, Kenyon trustee, and advocate for social justice, we, the Kenyon community, honor you. We celebrate, especially, that you represent the transformative power of the liberal arts, both as it shaped your multiple careers and in the generosity with which you have given to the world.

At Kenyon, not only were you an accomplished student of history, but as the Collegian reports, you led your team in intramural football in 1961.

After graduation, heeding the call of the newly-formed Peace Corps, you set off for South America, where you wrote back to Kenyon of the coffee fields and welcoming people. In doing so, you blazed a path to international service that subsequent students have followed.

And in each moment in your life, you combined personal achievement with giving back. As a young real estate lawyer at Goulston & Storrs — true to your spirit — you also developed their highly successful pro-bono program.

Then shifting careers, you put your knowledge of real estate into practice: building remarkable communities, like Pinehills in Plymouth, Massachusetts — with houses, businesses, and open spaces — winning awards for sustainable ecology and work-life balance.

The thread of service, too, continued. Your leadership at Bend the Arc Foundation guided its support to organizations dedicated to social justice, poverty reduction, and civil rights. We cannot forget that social transformation requires resources — from rolling up one's sleeves to strategy and finances. And your contributions have benefited society and earned you wide recognition.

It is for the generosity of purpose that you embody — and to which we aspire at Kenyon — that we salute you.

Presented by Wendy Singer

*Roy T. Wortman Professor of History*

### Doctor of Fine Arts

Joshua Thomas Radnor, Class of 1996

Josh Radnor, second generation Bexley and Kenyon graduate. You have accomplished a multilayered body of work on Broadway, in film and on television, and as a singer-songwriter. As a screenwriter and director, you have displayed a gentle wisdom born of genuine insight and empathy even as you search for the truths of your and others' existences, a journey that those of us who know you admire privately, and praise publicly, for we hear it in the poetry of your film-making and the rhythms of your music. I so clearly recalled your early performances on the stage here at Kenyon that it became imperative to see you featured in the Tony-nominated play "Disgraced," only a few years following the completion of your MFA degree at NYU. To know you

as a student and friend over 40 years, is to have witnessed a remarkably productive, creative and introspective journey whose accomplishments and accolades we praise here today. Josh, beneath the surface of your extraordinary career beats the heart and soul of a writer and explorer whose creative energy and humanity has garnered the honor we celebrate today.

Of course, there is much more to say than this time and space allow. Let us, now offer our collective cheers in wishing you many happy days, all in the company of friends.

In this same spirit, should unseasonal snows next threaten, we will join you, as we do today, in saying "happy, thank you, more, please."

Presented by Peter M. Rutkoff

*Professor Emeritus of American Studies*

### Doctor of Humane Letters

Karen Buchwald Wright, Parent 2005, 2009

Karen Buchwald Wright, industrialist, business leader, philanthropist, you were born and raised in Mount Vernon, where you served for two decades as president and chief executive officer of Ariel Corporation. Founded by your father in 1966, Ariel is now a global leader in manufacturing gas compressors — and Knox County's largest employer.

In 2009, you established the Ariel Foundation to help carry out your vision for, and commitment to, improving the area's quality of life by promoting the arts, education, and the health and well-being of its citizens. Your belief that charity begins at home can be seen in the vibrancy of downtown Mount Vernon, where the products of your creative generosity range from the Grand Hotel to the Woodward Opera House, to educational buildings for both Kenyon College and Mount Vernon Nazarene University, to the whimsical dog fountain on South Main Street. Your ability to imagine and reimagine spaces for families, friends, and communities to gather has been brought to bear in such diverse venues as Ariel-Foundation Park, a favorite Mount Vernon restaurant and the Wright Family Medical Pavilion.

For Kenyon, attended by two of your sons and daughters-in-law, you have served on both the Board of Trustees and the advisory board for the Center for the Study of American Democracy. Your many gifts to the College include the Wright Family Endowed Professorship in Economics, which encourages the study of diverse viewpoints in that field. We honor you today for your leadership and your philanthropy, which promise long-lasting impacts on the futures of Kenyon and all of Knox County.

Written by Jan E. Thomas

*Professor Emerita of Sociology*

## Awards and Honors

### Trustee Teaching Excellence Awards

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Established by the Board of Trustees of Kenyon College to recognize distinguished teaching by Kenyon's faculty. Annually there are two substantial monetary awards, one to a tenured faculty member who has been teaching at the College for at least ten years, and the other to either a tenured or tenure-track faculty member who is in his or her first ten years at Kenyon. The awards for 2024 were presented to:

*Charles P. McIlvaine Professor of English Adele Davidson*  
(senior award)

*Associate Professor of Psychology Margaret Stevenson*  
(junior award)

Unless otherwise noted, recipients of awards, fellowships, and prizes are members of the Class of 2024.

### Fellowships and Awards

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#### Critical Language Scholarship

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; awarded to college students for participation in intensive overseas language and cultural immersion programs.

*Sam Bowden*

*Mylena Gorig Steiner, Class of 2025 (alternate)*

#### The Henry G. Dalton Fellowship in American Studies

Established in 1946 in memory of Mr. Dalton; awarded to students who have demonstrated leadership, character and excellence in academic work for graduate study in American government, history or literature.

*Lauryn Knight Rauschenberger*

#### Fulbright Fellowship\*

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State; provides funds for recipients to study, conduct research, teach or exercise their talents abroad in furtherance of cultural competencies.

*Julia Irene Warner Conner, Taiwan*

*Claire Elizabeth Haynes Class of 2023, Taiwan*

*Niccolo Comini, Spain*

*Madeline Kwasnick Class of 2024, ETA Colombia*

\*A complete list of names and country assignments for Fulbright winners will be included in the Commencement program for 2024.

#### James C. Gaither Junior Fellowship

The James C. Gaither Junior Fellows program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace offers 15 one-year fellowships to uniquely qualified recent graduates to work as research assistants for the endowment's senior scholars in Washington, D.C.

*Sam Bowden*

**The Barry M. Goldwater Excellence in Education Award** as established by the U.S. Congress in 1986 to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in engineering, mathematics, and the natural sciences.

*Dominick Frost, Class of 2026*

*Rachael Elizabeth Tomasko, Class of 2025*

#### The Elmer A. Graham Endowed Scholarship

Established in 1988 to honor a former chairman of the Kenyon College Board of Trustees; covers tuition costs for the recipient's senior year.

*Khue B. Tran, Class of 2025*

#### National Collegiate Athletic Association Postgraduate Award

A one-time, non-renewable grant of \$10,000 awarded by the NCAA to a total of 126 recipients annually, equally divided between men and women; presented to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically and who are at least in their final year of intercollegiate athletic competition.

*Joe Boesel, Class of 2023*

*Mart Edgar Niehoff, Class of 2023*

#### The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program

Recognizes and supports outstanding students who have demonstrated the potential to be high achieving scientists and engineers, early in their careers.

*Freya Beinart, Biophysics*

*Phillip Diamond, Physics*

#### The Jess Willard Falkenstine Award

Given by the Beta Alpha Chapter of Beta Theta Pi in honor of the late Mr. Falkenstine, coach and director of athletics at Kenyon from 1953 to 1964; awarded annually to outstanding athlete-scholars who, in the opinion of the selection committee, display the characteristics, including leadership and integrity, exemplified by the award.

*Sophia Jaqueline Schmitz*

*Israel Zavaleta*

#### The North Coast Athletic Conference Scholar-Athlete Award

Established by the NCAC; awarded annually to one man and one woman from each institution in the conference in recognition of outstanding academic and athletic achievement.

*Madeleine Garner*

*Malcolm Gaynor*

## Departmental Prizes

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### AFRICAN DIASPORA STUDIES

#### **The Allen B. Ballard Prize**

Named in honor of Mr. Ballard, Class of 1952, professor emeritus of history and African studies at SUNY-Albany. The prize annually rewards an outstanding scholarly project that promotes our understanding of the history, cultures, and peoples of the African Diaspora, by focusing on issues pertaining to social justice.

*Clinton Adu Gyamfi, Class of 2025*

### AMERICAN STUDIES

#### **The William B. Scott Award**

Awarded annually for the best written, visual, or exhibition project in an American studies course; presented to a student for work done in the current or previous academic year.

*Sydney Thaler*

### ANTHROPOLOGY

#### **The Margaret Mead Award**

In honor of the renowned American anthropologist; presented to a student majoring in anthropology who, in the judgment of the department's faculty, has demonstrated consistently excellent academic achievement in all areas of the discipline.

*Maya Schwingel*

### ART

#### **The Robert H. Hallstein Memorial Award in Art**

Established in honor of Robert H. Hallstein by his parents, this award is granted to a senior art major whose consistent high level of artistic accomplishment in studio art courses is recognized by the art department faculty.

*Gracey Alley*

*Dani Buch*

*Jackson Oberhauser*

#### **The Peterson Prize in Art**

Established by the parents of M. Kristina Peterson, Class of 1973, this award is granted to a senior art major whose consistent high level of artistic accomplishment in studio art courses is recognized by the art department faculty.

*Sydney McCallie*

### ART HISTORY

#### **The Richard Kingan Liggitt Memorial Award in Art History**

Established in 1991 in memory of Mr. Liggitt, Class of 1974, by a bequest from Mr. Liggitt's estate and by friends; granted at the discretion of the department for outstanding achievement in art history. Recipients' names are engraved on a plaque displayed in the Gund Gallery.

*Brit Hyde*

*Lindsey Kieran Neff*

### BIOLOGY

#### **The Robert Bowen Brown Jr. Prize**

The gift of the late Mr. Brown of the Class of 1911 and Mrs. Brown in memory of their son, Robert Bowen Brown Jr. of the Class of 1940; awarded to a member of the senior class who, in the opinion of the department's faculty, has done the best original or research work in biology during the year.

*Omar Jaroslav Morosse*

#### **The Dorothy E. And Thomas C. Jegla Prize**

Awarded to a first-year student who has done excellent work, including the independent project, in the yearlong "Introduction to Experimental Biology" laboratory sequence.

*Sebastian Jones, Class of 2026*

*Maggie Potter, Class of 2026*

#### **The Maxwell Elliott Power Prize**

Established as a memorial to the late Professor Power of the Department of Biology; awarded to an upperclass student of unusual promise in biology.

*Adrian Lee, Class of 2025*

*Zhiyu Song*

### CHEMISTRY

#### **The Chemical Rubber Company Chemistry Achievement Award**

A certificate given to a first-year chemistry student who, in the opinion of the department's faculty, is doing outstanding work in the course.

*Jenna Ray, Class of 2027*

*Isabella Chloe Thompson, Class of 2027*

#### **The Carl Djerassi Award in Chemistry**

A cash award named for the world-renowned scientist, author, educator, and 1943 alumnus of Kenyon; presented for outstanding achievement to a senior majoring in chemistry or biochemistry who exemplifies the liberally educated scientist. This senior is honored not only for excellence in chemistry, but also for excellence in significant studies undertaken elsewhere in the College. The recipient's name will be engraved on a plaque displayed in Robert J. Tomsich Hall.

*Chevaugn Phillip Campbell*

*Henry Chanu Kotkin*

#### **The Gordon L. Johnson Research Prize**

Presented in memory of Professor Emeritus Gordon Johnson to the student who, in the opinion of the department's faculty, has done the best research project during the preceding year with a member of the chemistry faculty.

*Victoria Osborne*

## CLASSICS

### **The George L. Brain Prize**

Given by friends in memory of Mr. Brain, Class of 1920, a devoted alumnus and trustee of Kenyon; awarded to a student who has done outstanding work in classics.

*Sara Nicole Landon*

### **The Carl Diehl Prize**

Provided by a donation from Mr. Diehl, friend of the classics and former member of the Kenyon community; awarded to a first-year student or sophomore who has done outstanding work in "Beginning Greek" and to a first-year student or sophomore who has done outstanding work in "Beginning Latin."

*Nadya Matish, Class of 2027 (Greek)*

*Olivia Braun, Class of 2027 (Latin)*

## ECONOMICS

### **The Paul Titus Economics Prize**

Presented annually to a senior who has demonstrated unusual competence in economics and in the use of the tools of economic analysis.

*Tucker James Fulton*

*Noah Adam Hargrove*

## ENGLISH

### **The Robert Daniel Memorial Scholarship**

Given by Dorothea Daniel in memory of her husband, a professor of English at Kenyon from 1960 to 1983; awarded to a returning student who, in the judgment of the Department of English, has made a significant and extraordinary contribution to the literary life and vitality of Kenyon.

*Sara Carmichael, Class of 2025*

*Jaden "JStew" Stewart, Class of 2025*

### **The English Junior Prize**

The prize is awarded annually to one or more juniors majoring in English who, as determined by the department, have done the most distinguished work in their courses in English.

*Madi Hofstetter, Class of 2025*

*Kathleen Turk, Class of 2025*

### **The Denham Sutcliffe Memorial Award**

Given by a friend and admirer in memory of Professor Sutcliffe, chair of the Department of English from 1956 until his death in 1964; awarded to a senior for excellence in the study of English and American literature.

*Sam Bowden*

*Ocean Wei*

### **The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Senior Prize**

Established by the Lambda Chapter of Sigma Pi in memory of Mr. Timberlake, Class of 1917, the prize was made possible by a bequest from the estate of George K. Ralston, Class of 1924. The prize is awarded annually to one or more seniors majoring in English who, as determined by the department, have done the most distinguished writing during the senior year.

*Rebecca Renner*

## ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

### **The Environmental Studies Outstanding Senior Award**

Given to a senior environmental studies major who has demonstrated both exceptional achievements as a scholar and leadership in their commitment to environmental issues.

*Liz Navratil*

*Bryn Savidge*

## GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

### **The Molly R. Hatcher Prize in Gender and Sexuality Studies**

Established by the Women's and Gender Studies Committee in 1989 and renamed in 2000 as a memorial to Ms. Hatcher, Class of 2000, who was pursuing a concentration in women's and gender studies; awarded to a current student for the best work of art, composition, essay, performance, scientific study or other piece, produced during the previous calendar year, in which gender is a central theme. The recipient's name is inscribed on a plaque displayed in the Crozier Center.

*Kathleen Turk, Class of 2025*

## HISTORY

### **The Robert L. Baker Memorial Prize**

Given annually to commemorate the standards of scholarship exemplified by Mr. Baker, Professor of History from 1959 to 1991; awarded to the student who has submitted the best essay on an aspect of European history between the fall of Rome and the era of Napoleon.

*Raya Kenney*

### **The Alan G. Goldsmith Memorial Prize**

A cash award given by friends in memory of Mr. Goldsmith, Class of 1911, a trustee of Kenyon from 1947 to 1952; presented to a student who, in the judgment of the department's faculty, has accomplished the best work in history in the current year.

*Nika Cooper*

*Elizabeth Redmond, Class of 2025*

### **The Curtis A. Seichter Award**

Given in memory of Mr. Seichter, Class of 1980, by classmates and friends; awarded to a student who has demonstrated excellence in the study of history, irrespective of the field, as judged by a faculty committee appointed to review portfolios of the nominated students' work.

*William Michael Gerhardinger*

## INTEGRATED PROGRAM IN HUMANE STUDIES

### **The Richard F. Hettlinger Award**

Honors the founder and first director of the Integrated Program in Humane Studies; given to the student in the program who best exemplifies the ideals of interdisciplinary scholarship and enthusiastic inquiry into the questions concerning human nature and values that Professor Hettlinger revered in his teaching and life.

*Devon Turner*

## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

### **The International Studies Award**

Established in 2011; awarded to the senior international studies major who best exemplifies the mission of the International Studies Program.

*Madeline Kwasnick*

## LATINO/A STUDIES

### **The Christopher E. Schmidt-Nowara Latino Studies Award**

Established in 2015 to honor the memory of Christopher E. Schmidt-Nowara, Class of 1988, Professor of Spanish Culture and Civilization at Tufts University, this award is presented for the best written, visual, or exhibition project on the diverse experiences of people who trace their origins to the countries of Latin America and the Spanish Caribbean.

*Mia Isabella Huerta, Class of 2025*

## MATHEMATICS

### **The Reginald B. Allen Prize**

The gift of Mrs. Bessie Allen in memory of her husband, for many years head of the Department of Mathematics; awarded to a student who has shown unusual promise in mathematics.

*Phillip Diamond*

*Braden Yeshe Zeman*

### **The J. R. Butz Mathematics Prize**

Established in 1997 through a bequest from Jeffrey R. Butz, Class of 1969, to honor achievement in mathematics; awarded to Kenyon's highest scorer in the W.L. Putnam Mathematical Competition.

*Jimmy Baker, Class of 2026*

*Katherine Hayoung Choi, Class of 2027*

### **The Solomon R. S. Kasper Prize**

A cash award established in 1992 in memory of Mr. Kasper, Class of 1986, by his family; given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding creativity and ingenuity in mathematics and computer science.

*Malcolm Gaynor*

*Noah Adam Hargrove*

## MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

### **The Arabic Prize**

Presented for outstanding achievement in the study of Arabic.

*Kate Whipple*

### **The Thomas Au '69 And Jack Au '73 Chinese Prize**

Established in 2011 by Thomas Au, Class of 1969, and Jack Au, Class of 1973; awarded for outstanding achievement in Chinese studies.

*Amelia Chung, Class of 2026*

### **The Edward Harvey Prize in French**

Named for the late Samuel Mather Professor Emeritus of French Language and Literature at Kenyon; presented for excellence in French studies.

*Louis Sandford Schirmer*

### **The Charles Singer Williams Prize in French**

Established in 1992 through the bequest of Thelma S. Williams in honor of her son, Charles Singer Williams, Class of 1963; awarded to an outstanding student of French language and literature.

*Anna Fahey*

### **The Sigrid Lanzrath Memorial Prize in German**

A cash prize, given in memory of Sigrid Lanzrath, who, as an official of Inter Naciones, Bonn, became a real friend of Kenyon; awarded for outstanding achievement in German studies.

*Nika Cooper*

### **The Italian Prize**

Presented for accomplishment in the study of Italian.

*Oliver Henry Chetlin*

### **The Japanese Prize**

Presented for outstanding achievement in Japanese studies.

*Valerie Kakos*

### **The Natalia Olshanskaya Scholarship in Russian Studies**

Established in 2016 through donations from Kenyon alumni, faculty, and friends whose lives were touched by Professor Olshanskaya, the scholarship is awarded each year to a junior Russian major or minor to their financial aid package to help pay for off-campus study in the language and/or culture.

*Robin Pratt, Class of 2026*

### **The Russian Prize**

Presented for extraordinary work in the Russian language.

*Sam Bowden*

### **The Spanish Prize**

Presented for excellence in the study of Spanish literature.

*Madeline Kwasnick*



## MUSIC

### **The Gabriel A. Ben-Meir Senior Award in Music**

Established in 2015 by the department in memory of Gabriel A. Ben-Meir, Class of 2003; given annually to a senior music major in recognition of outstanding achievement during the course of four years in the department.

*Theodore Runyan Schwamm*

*Hemmi Song*

### **The Thomas B. and Mary M. Greenslade Award in Music Performance**

Established by the late Kenyon Archivist Thomas B. Greenslade, Class of 1931, and his late wife, Mary; given annually to the student or students who have given the most outstanding solo performance or series of performances during the academic year.

*Eli Hiton, Class of 2023*

*Samuel Rabieh, Class of 2025*

### **The Kathleen “Kay” Locke Community Service Prize in Music**

Established in 2015 in honor of Kay Locke, wife of Professor of Music Benjamin R. Locke; given annually to the student or students who have provided outstanding service to the Kenyon community through their musical activities.

*Kyle Kelley, Class of 2025*

*Khue B. Tran, Class of 2025*

## NEUROSCIENCE

### **The Jon L. Williams Prize**

Named for the founder of Kenyon’s neuroscience program; awarded to a senior who has shown exceptional academic achievement, engagement in research, and service to the program.

*Yana Honcharuk*

### **The Harry Itagaki Award for Excellence in Neuroscience**

Given to a neuroscience student in recognition of their achievement in written scientific communication, including but not limited to grant writing. It may be given to a current student of any graduating year. In addition to recognition by the faculty, the recipient receives a certificate and a modest cheque. This award was first given in Spring 2023.

*Sophia Knaysi*

## PHILOSOPHY

### **The Virgil C. Aldrich Prize**

Named for a former professor of philosophy at Kenyon; awarded for dedication to, and excellence in, the study of philosophy.

*Lucas Dunst*

## PHYSICS

### **The Elbe H. Johnson Prize**

Established in 1967 by the department in memory of the late Mr. Johnson, Henry G. Dalton Professor of Physics, and in recognition of his many years of devoted service to Kenyon; awarded to a student who has shown special promise in physics during the year.

*Owen Brown, Class of 2027*

*Calista Pearlstone, Class of 2027*

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

### **The John Chesnut Memorial Prize**

Given by Alexander M. Griggs of the Class of 1953 in memory of his classmate, the prize consists of books of permanent value; awarded to the student who has done the best work in the field of political science during the year.

*Ben Gimbel*

*Marco Jacimovic*

## PSYCHOLOGY

### **The Psychology Award for Outstanding Service**

Given to honor the student’s commitment to psychology related community service on or off campus.

*Lucy Davis Scott*

### **The Jeffrey S. Williams Memorial Award for Integrative Study in Psychology and Economics**

A cash prize established by the Williams family in 1984 in memory of Mr. Williams, Class of 1983; presented annually to the student majoring in either psychology or economics who, in the opinion of the faculties of those departments, best demonstrates the capacity to progress beyond his or her own discipline and seek integration between it and other fields of inquiry.

*Gabriela Sara Rachman*

### **The Wilson Award for Academic Excellence in Psychology**

Given to celebrate the student’s high academic achievements. Named in honor of Julia Wilson, Class of 2018, an outstanding scholar and athlete.

*Sadie Wasta Gould*

*Gabriela Sara Rachman*

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

### **The Simpson Prize**

The gift of Dr. and Mrs. Hector C. McKnew of Newark, Ohio, in memory of Rev. Thomas Porter Simpson, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Newark, Ohio; awarded to a student who, in the opinion of the department’s faculty, has done outstanding work in the department.

*Ellie Greenberg, Class of 2025*

### **The Theta Alpha Kappa Undergraduate Achievement Award**

Awarded to a member of the Alpha Gamma Sigma chapter of the Theta Alpha Kappa national honor society.

*Carly Jessica Kahan*

### **SOCIOLOGY**

#### **The Jane Addams Award**

In honor of the much-celebrated social activist; presented to a student majoring in sociology who, in the judgment of the department's faculty, has displayed in the past year's work qualities of excellence, enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment in the discipline.

*Smrami Patel*

#### **The George Herbert Mead Award**

In honor of the noted American social theorist; presented to sociology majors who demonstrate innovation in theory or methodology or consistently display other qualities of academic excellence as student scholars.

*Shelby Claire Goodwin*

## **College Prizes**

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#### **The Chalmers Library Research Award**

This award recognizes the excellent and thoughtful work of students who have successfully navigated and engaged with the library's resources, services, and staff.

*Zelda Saltzman*

#### **The George Gund Award**

Established by the late Mr. Gund of Cleveland, a Kenyon trustee and parent; given annually for the best essays on topics that illuminate the nature of American life, culture or principles of government.

*Joseph Ferrari for "Reciprocity, Not Resistance: A Plea to Save American Democracy"*

#### **The George B. Ogden Award**

A cash award given by Thomas J. Goddard, Class of 1903, in honor of his friend George B. Ogden; awarded annually to the student who submits in competition the best essay in English prose.

*Delaney Marrs, Class of 2026 for "In Search of the Irish Family Banshee, Her Cry Echoing Across Generations"*

#### **The Academy of American Poetry Prize**

A cash prize, to be awarded annually, is presented to a student for the best poem or group of poems submitted in competition.

*Marilyn Gates, Class of 2026, for "World"*

#### **The Muriel C. Bradbrook Prize**

The gift of Professor Bradbrook, a distinguished visitor to the Department of English from Cambridge University; awarded annually to the student who submits in competition the best original short story or other specimen of prose fiction.

*Benjamin Michael Leonberger, Class of 2026 for "The Dinner Party"*

#### **The Propper Prize for Poetry**

Given by friends in memory of James M. Propper, Class of 1951; awarded to the first-year student or sophomore whose poem or group of poems, submitted in competition, is judged best by the Poetry Prize Committee.

*Ocean Teu, Class of 2027 for "I've never understood slasher movies"*

*Nicole Wang, Class of 2026 for "Ghost Town"*

#### **The John Crowe Ransom Poetry Prize**

Established in 1968 by the College in honor of the late Carnegie Professor of Poetry; a copy of Ransom's "Selected Poems" is awarded to the junior or senior whose poem or group of poems, submitted in competition, is judged best by the Poetry Prize Committee.

*Stephanie Chang, Class of 2025, for "The Sea Goddess, Mazu, Falls in Love"*

#### **The Barbara H. Reitsma Award of the Math and Science Skills Center**

Established in 2020 to honor Barbara Reitsma, the center's late former director, and to recognize a senior tutor in the center who embodies her legacy of compassion and dedication.

*Phillip Diamond*

#### **The Ashford Memorial Award for Excellence in Dramatics**

A cup given by the Iota Chapter of Psi Upsilon in honor of the late William Ray Ashford, Professor of Modern Foreign Languages and friend of theater at Kenyon from 1924 to 1954; awarded annually to the student who, in the opinion of the judges, has made the most notable contribution to theater at Kenyon. The award may be made on the basis of one outstanding performance or piece of work or on the sum of an individual's activities during one or several years.

*Diya Chabria, Class of 2025*

#### **The James E. Michael Prize in Playwriting**

Established by alumni in 1978 at the opening of the Bolton Theater, honoring the late Professor Emeritus of Drama James E. Michael; given to the student who has submitted the best original script to the judging committee. The recipient's name will be engraved on a plaque displayed in the Bolton Theater lobby.

*Liza Borghesani, for "Gutpunch"*

#### **The Paul Newman-Joanne Woodward Award for Best Performance**

Given by Mr. Newman, Class of 1949, and his wife, for the best acting performance by a student; awarded annually to two students who, in the opinion of the judges, have given the most skillful and successful performance in an acting role during the year.

*Liza Borghesani, for the role of Jenny in "Assistance"*

*Jack Winston Teitelbaum, for the role of Jeff in "Lobby Hero"*

**The Dance Prize**

Established in 1987 by members of the Kenyon community; awarded annually to the student who, in the opinion of the judges, has made the most notable contribution to dance at Kenyon. The recipient's name will be permanently displayed on a plaque in the Bolton Theater lobby.

*Zoe Weiner*

**The Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award**

This award is presented annually to the student organization and/or individual student that/who has best promoted social justice through service activities and programs as exemplified by the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr.

*Yadhira Ramirez*

**The Doris B. Crozier Award**

Established in 1973 in recognition of the leadership and standards set by the women of the Class of 1973 by friends of Ms. Crozier, dean of the Coordinate College for Women from 1968 to 1972; awarded to a student who has demonstrated qualities of vision, responsibility, courage and dedication to excellence. The recipient's name is inscribed on a cup displayed in the office of the dean of students.

*Marissa Sun, Class of 2025*

*Hannah Sussman, Class of 2025*

**The E. Malcolm Anderson Cup**

Established in 1935 by the late Mr. Anderson, Class of 1914 and inscribed each year with the name of the student who, in the opinion of students and faculty members, has done the most for Kenyon during the year.

*Chevaugn Phillip Campbell*



Note: Several honors had not been awarded at the time this program went to press. A complete list of award-winners can be found online at [kenyon.edu/honorsday](https://kenyon.edu/honorsday) (or scan code).

**Kenyon**