

# WELLS COLLEGE

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL

## COMMENCEMENT

TEN O'CLOCK

SATURDAY, MAY 22

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-ONE



## THE ALMA MATER

Fair Wells, with loyal hearts  
We will forever sing,  
And to the name we love  
Our joyous tribute bring,

And Wells, dear Wells  
We shout in singing,  
To thee our song we raise,  
Thee would we ever praise,

Our Alma Mater, dear Alma Mater  
To thee our song we raise,  
Thee would we ever praise,  
Our Alma Mater, beloved Wells.

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Talyse Hampton '09*

“LIFT EV’RY VOICE AND SING”

*Talyse Hampton '09*

INVOCATION

*The Reverend Barbara Blom '82*

WELCOME FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*Marie Chapman Carroll '75, Chair of the Board of Trustees*

PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME

*Jonathan Gibralter, President*

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

*Kaylen Furr '21*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

*Katie Fong '06*

*Member, Board of Trustees*

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

*Jonathan Gibralter, President*

ACADEMIC AWARDS

*Cindy J. Speaker, Provost and Dean of the College*

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

BENEDICTION

*The Reverend Barbara Blom '82*

ALMA MATER

*Talyse Hampton '09*

RECESSIONAL

The audience is requested to stand during the academic processional and recessional.

# DEGREES CONFERRED IN 2021

HENRY BIRK ALBERT, *degree expected*

JULIA MARIE BASHAW

DIAMOND SYDNEY RYAN BENSON

MICHAEL LEE BOVE

ABIGAIL RUTH CARSKY, *summa cum laude; in absentia*

Distinction in Inclusive Childhood Education

Phi Beta Kappa

Excellence in Teacher Education Award

MICHAEL ANTHONY COMPAGNI

AARON EDWARD CONNOLLY, *magna cum laude*

Kathryn S. Maloney Senior Scholar–Athlete Award

Koch Student Library Prize–General

KATHERINE ROSE COUTURE

LA'RONICA L. CRAVEN, *magna cum laude*

Distinction in Psychology

Phi Beta Kappa

Excellence in Applied Psychology Award

IAN RICHARD CRAWFORD, *cum laude*

Distinction in Business

Lesley Wead Zabriskie Express Award—Baseball

ELIZABETH JANEAN CREE

SHELBY NICOLE CUSHING, *cum laude*

Distinction in Business

SAMUEL BRIAN DALCAIS

NICHOLAS ROBERT DE BRUYN, *in absentia*

JENNA ELISE DEVORA

AILIN XIAOQING DOLSON-FAZIO

JUSTIN NORMAND DUDE, *cum laude*

Distinction in Business

REBEKAH LOREN EDWARDS, *magna cum laude*

Distinction in Political Science

Edwin B. Morgan Prize

Thomas Knuth International Prize

HANNAH ROSE FLANSBURG

KAYLEN MARIE FURR, *summa cum laude*

Distinction in Psychology

Distinction in Women's and Gender Studies

Phi Beta Kappa

Dorothy Allison Razor's Edge Prize in Women's Studies

Margaret Schwartz Music Prize

Margaret Schwartz Psychology Prize

William Liberi '05 Memorial Prize

ALLISON M. GARDNER, *degree expected*

Distinction in Business

ALIAH ANGELE GILKES RICHARDSON

Distinction in Women's and Gender Studies

Dorothy Allison Razor's Edge Prize in Women's Studies

Psychology Leadership, Service and Contribution Award

NIKOLAS GONZÁLEZ, *degree expected*

EMILY FAYE ANN GREENWOOD

JOY ANN GROBELNY, *degree expected*

Distinction in Psychology

Phi Beta Kappa

Margaret Schwartz Psychology Prize

DANA RUSSELL GROVER, *summa cum laude*

Distinction in Sustainability

Phi Beta Kappa

Sustainability Prize

EMMERICH HAUF, *cum laude; in absentia*

Kate Clugston Class of 1914 Prize in Theatre

HANNA LYNN HEATON

Distinction in Psychology

ALISA JANE HINES

JORDAN TAYLOR JACOBS, *cum laude*

LEAH EVE JEZER–NELSON, *cum laude*

Distinction in Sociology and Anthropology

Koch Student Library Prize–Special Interest

Susan W. & Pike Sullivan Entrepreneur Award

CAROLINE ROSE KELEMEN

AMARI W. KELLY

PATIENCE KORPO KOENIG, *magna cum laude*

Distinction in Environmental Science

Phi Beta Kappa

Cayuga Watershed Prize in Environmental Science

LACEY ELIZABETH LATTIN, *cum laude*

Edwin B. Morgan Prize

JANLYNN ALANA MCCOY, *in absentia*

KEELAN ANN MCGREEVY

Distinction in Visual Arts

BRITTNEY MICHELLE MEADE, *magna cum laude*

Distinction in Sustainability

Distinction in Business

Lesley Wead Zabriskie Express Award—Softball

Outstanding Business Major Award

Susan W. & Pike Sullivan Entrepreneur Award

Sustainability Prize

TIFFANY MARIE MINER

ERIN MICHELLE MORRISSEY, *cum laude*

BETHANY MERRILL MURPHY, *cum laude; in absentia*  
Distinction in Inclusive Childhood Education

CHEYENNE MIKAYLA NOWALK, *summa cum laude*  
Distinction in Environmental Science  
Distinction in Sustainability  
Phi Beta Kappa  
Sustainability Prize  
Wells Women in Science Prize

SAVANNAH NOELLE OLSEN, *in absentia*

NANAKO OTSUKA, *cum laude; in absentia*  
Distinction in International Studies

KAYA HOPE PERRY, *magna cum laude*  
Distinction in Sustainability  
Sustainability Prize

VICTORIA LYNN CARMEN PERRY

DANIEL TROUT POPP, *cum laude*  
Distinction in Chemistry  
Ruth M. Dunlop Prize in Chemistry

MATTHEW DAVID RASH, JR.

ALYSSA JANELLE RODRIGUEZ, *degree expected*

YOMI AWAN RUSSELL

GABRIELLE ANNE SAWYER

ALICIA ANNE SCALES

MARITZA CELESTE SCHAROUN

MORGAN ELIZABETH SCHONER, *cum laude*  
Distinction in Psychology  
Distinction in Business

KEVIN QUINELL SCHRANK

TALIA JUDE SCIBETTA, *cum laude*  
Distinction in Environmental Science

JACOB MATTHEW SHAFFER

DEREK EVERETT SHEA, *magna cum laude*  
Distinction in Environmental Science

KEVIN P. SPAETH

KIANNA MARIE STAMPS, *summa cum laude*

Distinction in Political Science  
Distinction in Sociology and Anthropology  
Phi Beta Kappa  
Ariel Lawson Memorial Prize  
Carter A. Woods Prize  
History/Political Science Prize  
Thomas Knuth International Prize

TREVOR DONALD STEIN  
Distinction in Business

ALEXIS J. STERIO

AMY LOUISE STORTI

JEANNA RENEE SWIFT

SAMANTHA ELIZABETH TRATT, *cum laude*

JALEN CECIL TRIBBLE, *degree expected*

JORDAN THOMAS VANHERPE, *in absentia*

MADELYN NICOLE WALIKIS  
Wood Prize in Physics and Its Application

SHELBY LEE WALTON, *magna cum laude*  
Distinction in History  
Julia Taylor Martin Prize in American History

MOLLIE ELIZABETH WALTS, *cum laude*  
Distinction in Biological Sciences: Health Sciences  
Ariel Lawson Memorial Prize  
Distinguished Health Sciences Student Award  
Kathryn S. Maloney Senior Scholar-Athlete Award

BRENON COLBY WEED, *magna cum laude*  
Distinction in Computer Science  
John Perry Prize in Mathematics and  
Computer Science

MAEGHAN MICHELE WESTMILLER

GUADALUPE NOE YAMAMOTO

*Inclusion in this program does not officially signify that a student has completed the requirements for a degree or earned the diploma.*

### **LATIN HONORS**

Traditional Latin honors (*cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *summa cum laude*) are awarded for excellence throughout a student's career. Students who graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or better earn: 3.50 - 3.749 = *cum laude*; 3.75 - 3.899 = *magna cum laude*; 3.90+ = *summa cum laude*. These honors are noted on the transcript and the diploma. Graduates who have earned Latin honors wear gold cords to denote their achievement: one cord for *cum laude*, two for *magna cum laude*, and three for *summa cum laude*.

### **PHI BETA KAPPA**

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most distinguished of academic honorary societies, recognizing students who have distinguished themselves academically, have broad scholarly and cultural interests, and have demonstrated intellectual integrity and strength of character. Election to Phi Beta Kappa is the most widely recognized of academic honors.

### **CAYUGA LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Wells College recognizes our collective responsibility to acknowledge our colonial history. This land is the traditional land of the Cayuga Nation, a member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. Since 2005, the Cayuga Nation have been returning to this land. Wells College commits itself to ensuring the traditions and culture of indigenous peoples are embraced and reflected upon in order to engage in solidarity with the Cayuga Nation.

### **COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS**

The processional and recessionary are led by faculty and student marshals. The faculty marshal, Professor of Physics Scott Heinekamp, is the most senior member of the Wells faculty. The student marshals are Breanna Jones, academic support manager, and André Lynch, associate dean of student equity and inclusion.

## **ACADEMIC REGALIA**

Faculty and academic officials wear regalia to represent their degrees and disciplines, with differing colors, sleeve length or shape, headwear and tassels signifying education level, field of study and institution at which they studied.

Wells College follows the tradition of awarding undergraduate hoods during the Commencement ceremony. The red and white seen on the chevrons are the College's official colors. Hoods are traditionally conferred upon the graduates by the Collegiate Association president and class president from the graduates' sister class. This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the alumnae hooders are Katie Fong '06 and Rachel Porter '06.

Women's Resource Center (WRC) stole—Purple is the color of loyalty, constancy to purpose, unswerving steadfastness to a cause. White, the emblem of purity, symbolizes the quality of our purpose; and gold, the color of light and life, is as the torch that guides our purpose. The colors together represent democracy that is real and whole.

The Kente was developed by the Asante people of Ghana who associated the cloth with a marker of class, royal status, regional origin, or patriotism. Despite the Kente cloth's transformations, it remains a symbol of pride that authenticates the wearers' experiences.

The rainbow flag, commonly known as the gay pride flag or LGBT pride flag, is a symbol of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) pride and LGBT social movements. Other uses of rainbow flags include as a symbol of peace.



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