

# WILLIAMS COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

*June 4, 2023*



TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH COMMENCEMENT



*For a full list of 2023 Williams graduates, prizes and honors please visit [commencement.williams.edu](https://commencement.williams.edu)*

NOTE TO SPECTATORS: Arrangements have been made for a professional photographer to take pictures of the degree recipients. It is hoped that this will minimize the need for other picture-taking. Press photographers, family members and friends of the degree recipients who still want to take photographs during the Commencement ceremony are asked to avoid blocking the view of others seated in the audience.

# Order of Exercises

## PROCESSIONAL

BAGPIPES	Declan J. Houlihan '23
THE HIGH SHERIFF OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY	Thomas N. Bowler
CHIEF MARSHAL	Gretchen Long
SENIOR MARSHALS	Emmanuelle J. Copeland '23 Mohammad Z. Faizaan '23 Shirley Lin '23 Yunjin Park '23
MARSHALS FOR ADVANCED DEGREES	Emmelyn Butterfield-Rosen Marc Gotlieb Thomas S. Powers '81
CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES	
FACULTY MARSHALS	W. Anthony Sheppard Safa R. Zaki
EMERITUS FACULTY	
THE FACULTY	
MARSHAL FOR TRUSTEES AND RECIPIENTS OF HONORARY DEGREES	James E. Mahon Jr.
THE CHAPLAINS	Valerie D. Bailey Fischer Sidra Mahmood Anne Myers Bridget E. Power Seth M. Wax
RECIPIENTS OF HONORARY DEGREES AND TRUSTEES	
PRESIDENT	Maud S. Mandel
PRESIDENT'S MARSHAL	Eiko Maruko Siniawer '97
MARSHAL OF THE COLLEGE	Lee Y. Park

#### PROCESSION

*The Williams March*

Written and produced by Jay Corey

#### ANTHEM

*America the Beautiful*

Led by Oliver E. Hall '23 with accompaniment from Joel Nicholas '23

Lyrics by Katharine Lee Bates

Music by Samuel A. Ward

#### INVOCATION

Bridget E. Power, *Catholic Chaplain*

#### WELCOME

Maud S. Mandel, *President of the College*

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WILLIAM BRADFORD TURNER CITIZENSHIP PRIZE

#### RECOGNITION OF RETIRING FACULTY

M. Jennifer Bloxam, *Music*

Ralph Bradburd, *Economics*

Deborah A. Brothers, *Theatre*

Kerry A. Christensen, *Classics*

Susan Dunn, *Humanities*

Peter K. Farwell, *Athletics*

John Kleiner, *English*

Peter Montiel, *Economics*

David Lionel Smith, *English*

Brad Wells, *Music*

#### MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

*Purple Valley*, by Joel Nicholas '23

Performed by Joel Nicholas '23, Diego J. Mongue '25 and Curren T. Flaherty '23

#### ADDRESSES BY MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR CLASS

Taylor G. Braswell '23, *Class Speaker*

Minsuh Choi '23, *Phi Beta Kappa Speaker*

Mark M. Bissell '23, *Valedictorian*

#### CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES

Sara J. Bloomfield, *Doctor of Laws*

Fred Krupp, *Doctor of Laws*

Safa R. Zaki, *Doctor of Laws*

#### ADDRESS

Fred Krupp

#### CONFERRAL OF THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN ART HISTORY

#### CONFERRAL OF THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN POLICY ECONOMICS

#### CONFERRAL OF THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

The class requests that audience members hold their applause until the last degree is awarded. The student speakers, student musicians and class marshals are the last class members to receive their diplomas.

#### WELCOME TO THE SOCIETY OF ALUMNI

Brent E. Shay '78, *President, Society of Alumni*

#### COLLEGE SONG

*The Mountains*

Led by Oliver E. Hall '23 with accompaniment from Joel Nicholas '23

Lyrics by Washington Gladden, Class of 1859

1. O, proudly rise the monarchs of our mountain land,  
With their kingly forest robes, to the sky,  
Where Alma Mater dwelleth with her chosen band,  
And the peaceful river floweth gently by.

The mountains! The mountains! We greet them with a song,  
Whose echoes rebounding their woodland heights along,  
Shall mingle with anthems that winds and fountains sing,  
Till hill and valley gaily, gaily ring.

2. Beneath their peaceful shadows may old Williams stand,  
Till the suns and mountains nevermore shall be,  
The glory and the honor of our mountain land,  
And the dwelling of the gallant and the free.

#### BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Valerie D. Bailey Fischer, *Chaplain to the College and Protestant Chaplain*

#### RECESSIONAL

*Procession of the Nobles*

Music by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Arranged and produced by Jay Corey

*Crown Imperial*

Music by William Walton

Arranged and produced by Jay Corey

# Congratulations

On behalf of the college trustees and Williams alumni everywhere, we congratulate you on this momentous milestone. It has been remarkable watching your achievements to date. You have proven yourselves to be the critical thinkers, problem solvers and compassionate citizens the world truly needs right now.

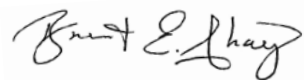
Please also accept our heartfelt welcome to the Society of Alumni, a global family of more than 31,000 Ephs who are eager to help you succeed.

Wherever your path may lead, we hope that Williams will always be a home for you.

**LIZ BESHSEL ROBINSON '90**  
**CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



**BRENT E. SHAY '78**  
**PRESIDENT, SOCIETY OF ALUMNI**



#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that Williams College stands on the ancestral homelands of the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohicans, who are the Indigenous peoples of the region now called Williamstown. Following tremendous hardship after being forced from their valued homelands, they continued as a sovereign Tribal Nation in Wisconsin, which is where they reside today. We pay honor and respect to their ancestors past and present as we commit to building a more inclusive and equitable space for all.

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