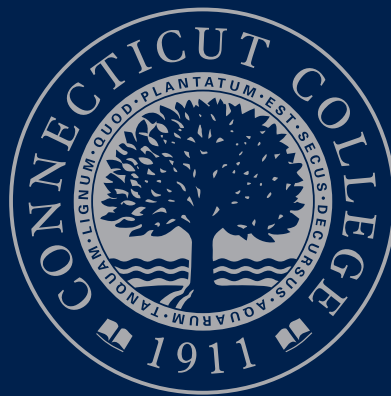


CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

One Hundred Eighth

COMMENCEMENT



SUNDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

PROCESSION ... Selected Marches	The Manchester Pipe Band
A CALL TO ORDER	Marc R. Forster <i>Henry B. Plant Professor of History and College Marshal</i>
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND A CALL TO COMMUNITY	Erika J. Smith <i>Dean of the College and Vice President for Retention and Success</i>
OPENING REMARKS	Andrea E. Chapdelaine <i>President</i>
SENIOR CLASS SPEAKER.....	Zoe Patricia Watts '26
PRESENTATION OF OAKES AND LOUISE AMES PRIZE	R. Danielle Egan <i>Dean of the Faculty and Fuller-Maathai Professor of Gender, Sexuality and Intersectionality Studies</i>
PRESENTATION OF CLAIRE GAUDIANI '66 PRIZE	R. Danielle Egan
PRESENTATION OF ANNA LORD STRAUSS MEDAL	Erika J. Smith
CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE.....	Andrea E. Chapdelaine Dwayne C. Stallings '99 <i>Vice Chair, Connecticut College Board of Trustees</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....	Chief Mutáwi Mutáhash (Many Hearts) Marilynn Malerba
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Andrea E. Chapdelaine Erika J. Smith Ann Livingston Schenk <i>Associate Dean of the College and Dean for Juniors, Seniors and Transfers</i> Marc R. Forster
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME.....	Jennifer Lapan Mann '94 <i>President, Connecticut College Alumni Association Board of Directors</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	Andrea E. Chapdelaine
CLOSING REFLECTION	Rev. Stephanie Haskins <i>Associate Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life and College Chaplain</i>
ALMA MATER	Sophia Rose Okun Ethington '26 Alexa Madison Warren '26 Sophia Joan Wulsin '26 Sean Nelson Jazz Orchestra
RECESSIONAL.....	Sean Nelson Jazz Orchestra

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CONNECTICUT COLLEGE'S TWELFTH PRESIDENT

ANDREA E. CHAPDELAINÉ

Andrea E. Chapdelaine, Ph.D., became Connecticut College's 12th president on July 1, 2024, following a unanimous appointment by the Board of Trustees. With more than 30 years of experience in higher education, she is a strategic and inclusive leader committed to academic excellence, student-centeredness and community building in service to the College's mission. She is a passionate advocate for providing a personalized, purposeful and integrative education that shapes confident global citizens of character, intellect and action. Since arriving on campus, Chapdelaine has focused on meaningful engagement with the entire Connecticut College community, transparent communication, and strengthening shared governance in order to develop a unified vision that will ensure continued excellence and long-term institutional strength and sustainability.

Chapdelaine's deep belief in the critical role of independent colleges and the liberal arts is reflected in her national leadership. She serves on the boards of the American Association of Colleges and Universities and the Council of Independent Colleges, and previously served on the board of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. She currently serves as a member of a national task force focused on developing strategies to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of private higher education.

Chapdelaine previously served as president of Hood College, where she led two strategic planning initiatives, expanded academic programs, increased enrollment and retention, and oversaw exponential growth in the College's endowment. In recognition of her contributions to Hood, a scholarship for first-generation students was established in her honor. In 2019, President Chapdelaine was named one of The Daily Record's 2019 Top 100 Women in Maryland and was appointed to the Governor's Workforce Development Board, in recognition of her work building partnerships to provide experiential learning opportunities for students and to benefit the public good.

A proud first-generation college graduate, Chapdelaine holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and justice studies from the University of New Hampshire and master's and doctoral degrees in social psychology from the University of Connecticut. She has served five private liberal arts colleges, beginning as a faculty member at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind.; Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.; and Albright College in Reading, Penn. She also served as dean of undergraduate studies and provost at Albright. Her scholarly work has focused on faculty support, the role of undergraduate research in student learning, ethical issues in community-based learning, and procedural justice.

HONORARY DEGREE

CHIEF MUTÁWI MUTÁHASH (MANY HEARTS) MARILYNN MALERBA

Chief Mutáwi Mutáhash (Many Hearts) Marilyn “Lynn” Malerba, the 18th chief of the Mohegan tribe and the first Native American to serve as treasurer of the United States.

Malerba is a nationally respected leader whose career reflects a deep commitment to service, sovereignty, public health and community well-being. Appointed lifetime chief of the Mohegan tribe in 2010, she is the first woman to hold the position in the tribe’s modern history. Before becoming chief, she served as chairwoman of the tribal council and as the tribe’s executive director of health and human services.

In June 2022, then-President Joe Biden appointed Malerba as treasurer of the United States—the first Native American to hold the office. During her tenure, she oversaw major expansions in tribal economic development and investment, including unprecedented federal recovery

funding for tribal nations. She also created the Treasury Department’s first Office of Tribal and Native Affairs, advancing her long-held vision to ensure Indigenous voices and priorities are represented in federal economic policy.

Malerba began her career in health care, serving as a critical care nurse and later as director of cardiology and pulmonary services at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital. She holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice from Yale University and several honorary doctorates recognizing her leadership and advocacy. Her national service also includes work with the Indian Health Service, the National Institutes of Health, the Justice Department and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Center for Indian Country Development. Locally, she has served on several boards supporting economic and community development in eastern Connecticut.

THE OAKES AND LOUISE AMES PRIZE

The Oakes and Louise Ames Prize, named for a president emeritus of the College and his wife, is given to a graduating senior who has completed the year's most outstanding honors study. The prize is offered by the trustees in recognition of the quality of academic achievement that Oakes and Louise Ames fostered during their 14 years of service to Connecticut College.

EMILY CHRISTINE BRANKMAN '26

Emily Christine Brankman, a Dance and History double major, Classics minor and scholar in the Peace and Conflict Pathway from West Newbury, Massachusetts, is awarded the 2026 Oakes and Louise Ames Prize for her honors thesis, “one, and other, one another, another (again): A Historical and Embodied, Kinetic and Theoretical Investigation of Otherization.”

Intricate and highly original, Brankman’s thesis explores otherization and its use as a tool for power through theoretical, historical and movement-based investigations. Over the course of the academic year, Brankman worked with a group of nine dancers to develop and choreograph a nearly 30-minute performance piece. She incorporated theories and presentations of otherness by philosophers, artists and activists from Jean-Jacques Rousseau to Martha Graham to Edward Said into her choreographic research process. After examining othering across disciplines and time, Brankman powerfully asserts that otherization can be

countered only through intentional acknowledgment and accountability.

In a letter nominating Brankman for the Ames Prize, Dayton Professor of Dance Rosemarie Roberts praised her use of lighting, costuming and movement along with her capacity to critically analyze and discuss dancemaking and called Brankman’s thesis a “stunning performance and paper that demonstrates the highest level of artistry, academic rigor and achievement.”

Professor of Dance David Dorfman, who served as Brankman’s thesis adviser, said that “through her precise and expansive interpretation of systematic theories of othering and her translation of those ideas and behaviors into artistry and movement,” Brankman makes the compelling case that otherization is a learned and chosen behavior. “Her thesis calls upon readers and viewers to recognize the consequentiality of their own choices and reminds us that proximity, intimacy and empathy can be a crucial salve if utilized effectively.”

CLAIRE GAUDIANI '66 PRIZE

The Claire Gaudiani '66 Prize for Excellence in the Senior Integrative Project is awarded annually to the student with the best SIP in one of the College's interdisciplinary centers.

JENIFER ALVARADO RIVADENEIRA '26

Jenifer Alvarado Rivadeneira, an English, Latin American Studies and Sociology triple major and scholar in the Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts from New York, New York, is awarded the 2026 Claire Gaudiani '66 Prize for her honors thesis and senior integrative project, "Civil Disillusionment: Citizens' Perceptions of Governance in Guayaquil."

Alvarado Rivadeneira's thesis examines political perceptions in the Pacific community of Guayaquil, Ecuador, where she served for two summers as a legal intern in a local attorney's office. Using a mixed methodological approach, Alvarado Rivadeneira integrates quantitative survey data on civic knowledge, institutional trust and personal experience with a qualitative analysis of anonymous political street art to reveal civic disillusionment as a defining feature of contemporary civic life in Guayaquil.

Situating these present-day perceptions within a broader historical and structural context, Alvarado Rivadeneira strongly demonstrates how civic disillusionment emerges as a rational response to sustained inconsisten-

cies between constitutional promises and lived experiences. She ultimately concludes that rebuilding trust will require not just structural reform, but also consistent and visible accountability that aligns with citizens' civic expectations.

"Jenifer does an excellent job of analyzing a complicated and shifting political reality," said Associate Teaching Professor of Hispanic Studies Jessica Koehler, who served as Alvarado Rivadeneira's thesis adviser. "She effectively shows the patterns of corruption and other factors that have led to the disillusionment of Guayaquil's citizens, and her discussion of the street art that she photographed provides a genuine representation of their lived experiences."

In a letter recommending Alvarado Rivadeneira for the Gaudiani Prize, Associate Professor of German Studies and Faculty Director of the Toor Cummings Center Suzuko Knott said her thesis is "a truly innovative, insightful and interdisciplinary" work that "embodies the core mission of CISLA to educate students to become interculturally competent, socially engaged and politically informed leaders."

THE ANNA LORD STRAUSS MEDAL

Anna Lord Strauss was national president of the League of Women Voters, held five presidential appointments to national and international committees and missions, and served Connecticut College as a trustee for the extraordinary term of 32 years. The Anna Lord Strauss Medal is presented in her honor to the graduating senior who has done outstanding work in public or community service, including service to the College.

OLIVIA GRACE McDONALD '26

Olivia Grace McDonald, a Government major, Economics minor and Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy scholar from Guilford, Connecticut, is awarded the 2026 Anna Lord Strauss Medal.

At the local, state and national levels, McDonald has demonstrated a strong commitment to academic and community engagement, particularly at the intersection of law, economics, politics and social justice. On campus, she has supported collaboration among students, faculty and staff as a Holleran Center scholar and fellow and as chair of the Government and International Relations Department Student Advisory Board. She also advocated for equitable funding policy on campus as a three-year member of the Student Government Association Finance Committee. For her honors thesis, she contributed to scholarship on federalism and housing advocacy by conducting original research examining responses to the landmark 2005 Supreme Court case on eminent domain, *Kelo v. City of New London*.

An advocate and changemaker, McDonald translated her passions and scholarship into impact through six internships. Most recently, she conducted comprehensive legal research and drafted case briefs supporting antitrust enforcement

for the Office of the Connecticut Attorney General. Other work included coordinating civic engagement initiatives for the office of Connecticut Secretary of State Stephanie Thomas, political organizing with U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro, and shadowing Guilford First Selectman Matt Hoey and municipal department leaders to analyze local governance in her hometown. She also supported candidate workshops and an election tracking initiative to advance housing advocacy efforts for the Pro-Homes CT coalition, analyzed land use decision-making trends through demographic research for the Centers for Housing Opportunity, and volunteered at the Covenant Shelter of New London.

In a letter nominating McDonald for the Strauss Medal, Associate Professor of Government Daniel Moak said she is “one of the most active and community-engaged” members of the Conn community. “Olivia is constantly connecting her academic interests with a desire to promote political change. She is a leader who helps bring people together to create meaningful connections, and her work is driven by her desire to build a more just society and world. I have no doubt that Olivia will continue to pursue civic engagement for the rest of her life.”

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¹¹ Legacy graduate ¹² In absentia ¹³ Awarded posthumously
¹⁴ Dual degree candidate; completion of degree requirements expected May 2027

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CATHERINE BENOÎT

Professor of Anthropology

Catherine Benoît received her B.A.s from Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University and Paris Diderot University, and her Ph.D. from the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences. She joined Connecticut College in 2001.

Benoît's research career has focused on how space, places, landscapes and borders define individual and collective identities in the francophone African diaspora of the Caribbean and the Indian Ocean.

In her book *Body, Gardens, Memory: Anthropology of the Body and Space in Guadeloupe*, Benoît examines how dooryard gardens define the Creole self and worldviews. She is pursuing this understanding of Creole cultures by looking at the development of a subaltern ecology among enslaved African populations and their descendants.

Following her book *In the Heart of the 'Friendly Island': Migrations, Culture and AIDS in Saint Martin*, which explores the transnational therapeutic itineraries of HIV-positive migrants seeking care in St. Martin, Haiti, Guadeloupe and Europe amid discrimination and high deportation rates, Benoît studied the emergence of new European overseas borders comprised of deportations, as well as fatal maritime

policies responsible for thousands of deaths in the French overseas departments of the Caribbean and Indian Ocean.

She has consulted for UNESCO, UNAIDS and UNFPA on AIDS and reproductive health in several Caribbean, African and Asian countries.

Benoît has been affiliated with several international research programs sponsored by the French Ministry of Research, the French Ministry of Justice, the University of the Antilles, and the University of French Guiana.

She was a post-doctoral fellow in the African American Studies Department at the University of California, Berkeley; Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection at Harvard University; and the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at Yale University. She also held the Transregional Studies Chair at Imera/Aix-Marseille University in 2024.

Benoît has won grants and awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Wenner-Gren Foundation, the French Ministry of Culture, France's National Agency for AIDS Research, and the French Foundation for Medical Research.

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CANDACE HOWES

Barbara Hogate Ferrin '43 Professor of Economics

Candace Howes received her B.A. from Barnard College and her Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. She joined Connecticut College in 1995.

Howes spent her career studying the problems of the long-term-care workforce and low-wage workers. Her earlier work focused on the impact of declining competitiveness on U.S. manufacturing workers. She previously served as the auto industry analyst for the United Auto Workers in Detroit, and she provides research assistance and expert testimony for the advocacy groups that support long-term-care workers and consumers.

In 2011, she was honored with the Helen Brooks Regan Faculty Leadership Award, presented annually to a tenured faculty member whose outstanding service in a leadership role exemplifies the College's commitment to shared governance, democratic process and campus community development. At various times, she chaired the departments of Economics and Gender, Sexuality and Intersectionality Studies and served as the three-time chair of the Priorities, Planning and Budget Committee.

Howes was part of a group awarded a two-year, \$157,000 grant by the Russell Sage Foundation to study

the problems of paid and unpaid care work in the U.S. Her three chapters in the book *For Love or Money: Care Provision in the United States*, published by Russell Sage, covered the effect of job quality on the quality of care provided in institutional and home-based long-term-care settings. She won a \$500,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Atlantic Philanthropies as part of the Better Jobs Better Care initiative, with which she studied how low wages and benefits contribute to the shortage of home care providers in California.

She wrote the book *Competitiveness Matters: Industry and Economic Performance in the U.S.* and the Economic Policy Institute monograph *Japanese auto transplants and the U.S. automobile industry*. Other work has been published in *The Gerontologist*, the *Industrial Relations Journal* and *State of California Labor*.

Howes is a member of the American Economics Association, the Labor and Employment Relations Association, the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession and the International Association for Feminist Economics.

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Academic Regalia and the Academic Procession. The robes and colorful hoods of the academic regalia have a religious origin. The style of the garments worn today dates back to the 12th century, when universities were the training grounds for Europe's clergy.

Current academic dress in the United States is based on an intercollegiate code established in 1895. The bachelor's gown has long, pointed sleeves, is untrimmed and is worn closed. The master's gown, worn either open or closed, has long, crescent-shaped sleeves. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves, is worn closed, and has velvet panels down the front, around the neck and on the sleeves.

The customary head covering is either the mortarboard or the Oxford cap. The mortarboard tassel is black for bachelor's and master's degree holders and gold for those with doctoral degrees. The hood, which drapes over the back of the gown, also is significant. The length and width of the hood and the color of its trim and lining signify the wearer's highest academic achievement and the degree-granting institution. The velvet trim reveals the wearer's major field of study.

Honor cords, sashes or stoles are often awarded to graduating seniors who are members of honor societies, centers for interdisciplinary scholarship or for various academic and nonacademic achievements, awards or honors.

The senior class processes to Tempel Green to begin the Commencement procession reflective of the same tradition that occurs at Convocation and the opening of the academic year when they were first-year students.

The Alma Mater. *Alma Mater by the Sea* was written in the spring of 1920 by two Connecticut College students, Olive Littlehales Corbin '21 (words) and Edith C. Smith '20 (music). Their composition prevailed over other original student works in a contest to find a College song. Additional stanzas were added in the late 1980s by Jeffrey G. Barnhart '89 MAT '92 and Claire L. Gaudiani '66.

Bagpipe Music. Scottish or Irish bagpipe bands have long been a special feature of American holiday parades. Connecticut College employs the Manchester Pipe Band to lead the Commencement procession for the same reason that they are so popular in street parades: They add excitement, drama, color and a rousing sound to the occasions. The Manchester Pipe Band was founded in 1914 and is the second-oldest pipe band in continuous existence in the United States.

Class Colors and the Class Banner. The tradition of class colors goes back to the very beginning of the College, when the Class of 1919 chose theirs. The next three classes did the same in their first year. Beginning with the Class of 1923, first-year students no longer selected their own colors and instead adopted those of the class who had graduated that spring. The original four color combinations have been in rotation ever since: green and grey, blue and buff, purple and gold, and red and white. The Class of 2026 banner reflects the class colors, and is carried by the class marshals who lead the procession. The banners representing the current four class years are on permanent display in the College Center at Crozier-Williams. Additionally, they are carried in Reunion parades and at the annual Convocation that signifies the start of the academic year.

College Motto. *Tanquam lignum quod plantatum est secus decursus aquarum*, which means "Like a tree planted by the rivers of water

(that bringeth forth its fruit in its season)." The motto is a Vulgate version of a phrase from the first psalm. Connecticut College's translation comes from the King James version of the Bible.

College Seal. The College seal is composed of several elements, including two open books, a tree on a background of water and the College's motto: *Tanquam lignum quod plantatum est secus decursus aquarum*, which means "Like a tree planted by the rivers of water (that bringeth forth its fruit in its season)." The current seal is based on a design created by Connecticut College's first president (1913-1917), Frederick H. Sykes.

Commencement Saplings. Thanks to the generosity of Athena Tsakanikas-Philippides '86 through the Konstantinos T. Tsakanikas Memorial Fund, graduates are presented with individual spruce saplings, which they carry as they march. The sapling represents the tree on the College seal, and its growth serves as a reminder of the connections among the graduates, the College and the world. This tradition began with the Class of 1993.

Flags. Connecticut College maintains a collection of international flags that represent the countries of the College's students. The international flags are displayed on significant ceremonial occasions to celebrate the diverse nature of the student body. The international flag collection is updated each year as new students join the Connecticut College community. In 2019, the College added three flags—those of the Mashantucket Pequot, Mohegan and Eastern Pequot Tribal nations—to acknowledge the land, history and continued presence of the Indigenous peoples of this region.

Laurel Chain. In the spirit of Connecticut College's original founding as a women's college, members of the junior and sophomore classes, dressed in white, carry chains of laurel to guide the graduates to the ceremony. Laurel was traditionally used as a symbol of honor and fame. The ancients presented laurel wreaths to university graduates in rhetoric and poetry. The laurel chain has been part of Connecticut College's ceremonies since the first Class Day in 1919.

The Mace. A mace was originally a weapon consisting of a staff with a ball of steel or brass at one end. The word "mace" comes from the Latin *mateola*, meaning mallet. The mace evolved from an instrument of battle to a symbol of authority. Connecticut College's mace was a gift to the College from The Century Council when Claire L. Gaudiani '66 began her presidency in 1988. Designed and fabricated by Richard Scheller '73, it contains brass sleeves with the names of the College presidents.

'Pomp and Circumstance.' The trio section from Sir Edward Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1* is the most popular musical piece played at American graduations. The first of five marches by the composer, the piece is a perfect tune for a graduation because its inspirational quality elicits feelings of promise and optimism, while its stately, wistful quality suggests that a milestone has been reached—that we are bidding farewell to the past.

The Presidential Medallion. Featuring the Connecticut College seal, the presidential medallion is worn on ceremonial occasions as part of the president's regalia. It was created for the Inauguration of the College's 10th president, Leo I. Higdon Jr., and was a gift from Trustee Emeritus Linda J. Lear, a 1962 graduate of the College.

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

ALMA MATER

OLIVE LITTLEHALES '21
EDITH C. SMITH '20



Al - ma Ma - ter by ____ the sea, Our hearts ____ in love are ____
Hail to our col - lege, white ____ and blue. ____ Keep through the years all our



lift - ed to thee; We'll car - ry your stand - ard for - ev - er, ____
love deep and true, Our Al - ma Ma - ter we love thee, ____



Loy - al - ty To C. C. Faith, Friend-ship and Love. ____
I - vied walls, C. C. calls To Loy - al - ty true. ____

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SEAN NELSON JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Lou Bocciarelli, *bass*
Tom LaMark, *piano*
Sean Nelson, *trombone*

Matt Parker, *saxophone*
Molly Sayles, *drums*
Luke Wingfield, *trumpet*

THE MANCHESTER PIPE BAND

Dan Pisowloski, *Pipe Major*
Jake Otto, *Leading Drummer*

The Manchester Pipe Band is a not-for-profit organization focused on performance and instruction of traditional Scottish and Irish music, and is based in Manchester, Connecticut. Organized in 1914 by the large immigrant community who worked principally in the textile mills of

Manchester, the band has operated continuously for 112 years, making it one of the oldest bagpipe bands in North America. A year-round schedule of performance, instruction and musical competition has the band performing at local musical events and ceremonies, providing tuition-free instruction on a weekly basis, and traveling regularly with two competition groups in the eastern United States, Canada and occasionally Scotland.

MARSHALS

College Marshal
Marc R. Forster

Trustee Marshal
Emily Kuder

Faculty Marshal
Tristan Anne Borer

Senior Marshals
Mikayla Angelina Aquino '26 and Westley Wrenn Cardani '26

Alumni Marshal
David Dorfman '81

Four areas are designated as gathering spaces for faculty and graduates who wish to connect immediately following the ceremony. Each location also includes a collection bin for graduates who wish to donate their caps and gowns to future Camel grads.

Arts – green side of the Athey Center for Performance and Research at Palmer Auditorium

Humanities – in front of Blaustein Humanities Center

Social Sciences – green side of Frederic Bill Hall

Sciences – green side of Science Center at New London Hall

The livestream of the Commencement ceremony can be found at conncoll.edu/commencement and viewed on smartphones, tablets, computers or any streaming device.

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