Delta of Connecticut, Phi Beta Kappa
Connecticut College

Initiation Ceremony

May 9, 2021
5:30 p.m.
The Ceremony

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME
Lawrence A. Vogel
Chapter President and Professor of Philosophy

PRESENTATION OF THE INITIATES
Christopher N.B. Hammond, Chair of the Membership Committee, Associate Professor of Mathematics, and Associate Dean of the College for Curriculum

HISTORY OF THE WINTHROP SCHOLAR AWARD AND OF THE PHI BETA KAPPA SOCIETY
Rae Gaubinger, Chapter Historian and Assistant Professor of English

INDUCTION
Lawrence A. Vogel

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE
Katherine Bergeron
THE PHI BETA KAPPA POET

Kate Rushin
Distinguished Visiting Poet in Residence 2021-2022,
Department of English

Introduced by Charles O. Hartman,
Chapter Member, Lucy Marsh Haskell ’19
Endowed Professor of English and Poet in Residence

THE PHI BETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIPS

Joseph D. Alchermes, Chapter Vice President and
Chair of the Scholarship Committee,
Director of the Architectural Studies Program, and
Associate Professor of Art History

CHARGE TO THE NEW MEMBERS

Lawrence A. Vogel
Class of 2021

Winthrop Scholars

Ahmed AboHamad
Majors: Biological Studies & Philosophy

Elizabeth Berry
Majors: English & Italian Studies

Genevieve Beveridge Duff
Majors: Educational Studies & Psychology

Craig Haber
Majors: Computer Science & Psychology

Jiayi Jin
Major: Economics
Minor: Mathematics

Ruby Helene Johnson
Major: Human Development

Benjamin James Lewis
Major: Government
Minors: Applied Statistics & Finance

Stephanie Caroline Martinez
Major: Government
Minor: History

Devin Laurence Dittes McNamara
Major: Psychology

Jenna Grace Ortoleva
Major: Biological Sciences

Clare D’Adamo Peyton
Major: Psychology
Minor: Theater

Elizabeth Vinson
Major: English
Minor: History

Ann Foster Monk
Majors: Global Islamic Studies & International Relations
Minor: Arabic Studies
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Samantha Frieda Barth
Majors: Economics & Sociology

Theresa Jane Beardell
Major: Environmental Studies

Lara Johnson Cazemajou
Majors: American Studies & Government
Minor: Africana Studies

Joshua Coleman
Majors: Environmental Studies & History

Emily Nowack Cowan
Major: Music and Technology
Minor: Computer Science

Maggie DiPalo
Major: Psychology
Minor: Dance

Andrew Flynn
Majors: Government & History

Wyntre Rose Fries
Major: Computer Science

Fiona R. Hull
Majors: Global Islamic Studies & History
Minor: Arabic Studies

Amanda Jeanette LaMacchia
Major: Neuroscience
Minor: Computer Science

Stephanie Lewis
Major: Behavioral Neuroscience
Minors: Philosophy & Psychology

Maria MacNeill
Major: English
Minors: Italian Studies & Linguistics

Stephanie Alana Melnyk
Majors: English & Government

Eve Terry O’Brien
Major: Art History
Minor: Religious Studies

Claire Elizabeth Pellegrini
Major: Botany
Minor: Art

Cameron Nicole Peyko
Major: Psychology
Minors: Economics & Finance

Nicole Poole
Major: Biological Sciences

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Abhijeet Pradhan  
Major: Computer Science  
Minor: Mathematics  

Devon Rancourt  
Majors: History & Slavic Studies  

Jack Rider-McGovern  
Major: Slavic Studies  
Minor: Arabic Studies  

Jordan Elizabeth Rottger  
Majors: Film Studies & Slavic Studies  

Aidan Catherine Sachs  
Majors: Educational Studies & Human Development  
Minor: Psychology  

Mara Senecal-Albrecht  
Major: Dance  
Minor: Africana Studies  

Ashley Steinkrauss  
Majors: Behavioral Neuroscience & Educational Studies  
Minor: Applied Statistics  

Chelsea Marie Vickers  
Major: Computer Science  
Minor: Psychology  

Zoë Walker  
Majors: Art & Art History  

Yuening Wang  
Majors: Economics & Psychology  

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The 2021 Phi Beta Kappa Poet

Kate Rushin is the author of The Black Back-Ups and “The Bridge Poem,” which was selected for inclusion in African American Poetry: 250 Years of Struggle and Song and in Lift Every Voice, the online companion, both published by The Library of America.

She received a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Brown University and a Bachelor of Arts in Theater and Communications from Oberlin College. She has served as Visiting Writer and Director of the Center for African American Studies at Wesleyan University.

Kate Rushin is currently teaching poetry at Connecticut College and has been appointed Distinguished Visiting Poet in Residence in the Department of English for the 2021-2022 academic year.

She performs her poetry with the master bassist, Professor Nat Reeves, and his quartet.

The Delta of Connecticut, Connecticut College 2021 Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship Recipients

Ahmed AboHamad,
Connecticut College Class of 2021
Seeking the Ph.D. in Philosophy
The University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

Viangely Asencio,
Connecticut College Class of 2020
Seeking the Ph.D. in Sociology
The University of California, Davis
Davis, California

Pariya Prama,
Connecticut College Class of 2021
Seeking the M.S. in Nursing
The School of Nursing, Yale University
Orange, Connecticut

Shaniqua Shaw,
Connecticut College Class of 2018
Seeking the J.D.
Columbia Law School, Columbia University
New York City, New York

Yoldas Yildiz,
Connecticut College Class of 2018
Seeking the Ph.D. in Molecular Biology and Physiology
Loyola University, Chicago
Chicago, Illinois
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2020-2021

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Membership Committee Chair, Christopher N.B. Hammond, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Associate Dean of the College for Curriculum

Thank you for joining us to celebrate the accomplishments of the new members of the Delta of Connecticut, Connecticut College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. If you have questions about Phi Beta Kappa, please contact the Chapter Secretary, MaryAnne Borrelli, at mabor@conncoll.edu.

The chapter would like to thank the many members of the College community who have contributed to the success of this event. Special thanks are due to members of the President’s Office, the Dean of the College Office, the Dean of the Faculty Office, the Office of Communications, the Registrar’s Office, and the Events and Catering Office.

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