

# CONNECTICUT COLLEGE



## BACCALAUREATE

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 | Harkness Chapel

# Baccalaureate Ceremony

*Honoring the Class of 2021*

Harkness Chapel  
Tuesday, May 18, 2021  
4 p.m.

# Baccalaureate Ceremony

PRELUDE

*Intermezzo Op. 117 No. 2*, Johannes Brahms  
Emma Coles '21

INVOCATION

Rabbi Susan Schein  
Director of Zachs Hillel House, College Chaplain

WELCOME

Katherine Bergeron, President

MUSICAL SELECTION

*The Swan*, Camille Saint-Saëns  
Devon Rancourt '21  
Accompanied by John P. Anthony, Professor of Music, College Organist

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE CLASS OF 2021

Jordyn Turin '21  
Class Vice President

## INTRODUCTION OF PRAYERS

Angela Nzegwu  
Director of Religious and Spiritual Programs

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Ahmed AboHamad '21  
Reanna Kuzdzal '21  
Sarah Lawler '21  
Kevin Odwesso '21

Clare Peyton '21  
Lindsey Perlman '21  
Priyanka Ramchurn '21

## DANCE PERFORMANCE

*Healing*

### *Dancers*

Elisa Kennedy '21  
Riley Myhaver '21  
Lindsey Perlman '21  
Mara Senecal-Albrecht '21  
Ayana Sequira '21

### *Musicians*

Issa Coulibaly, percussion  
Venlo Odom, drum  
Asa Peters '19, alto saxophone  
Richard Schenk, piano

## INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS

Sarah Lawler '21

## REFLECTIONS

Shani Collins-Achille  
Associate Professor of Dance

Jefferson Singer  
Dean of the College,  
Faulk Foundation Professor of Psychology

John F. McKnight Jr.  
Dean of Institutional Equity and Inclusion

POEM

*Archives*  
Kairis Rivera '21

BENEDICTION

Angela Nzegwu

POSTLUDE

West African Drumming  
Issa Coulibaly, djembe  
Venlo Odom, dundun

# Baccalaureate Traditions

**Baccalaureate Ceremony.** A contemplative event honoring the graduating class. Believed to have originated at the University of Oxford in 1432, when each bachelor was required to deliver a sermon in Latin as part of his academic requirements, the ceremony includes a variety of speakers and performances from campus and the local community.

**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. The current seal is based on a design created by Connecticut College’s first president (1913-1917), Frederick H. Sykes.

**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.

**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 of Trustee Emeritus Linda J. Lear ’62.



*Program text printed on 100% recycled paper.*