

# Yale College

*Class Day Exercises*

May 17, 2026

New Haven, Connecticut

## PROCESSIONAL

*Ceremonial March* Thomas C. Duffy, 1955–

## DEAN'S GREETING

Pericles Lewis *Dean of Yale College*

## INTRODUCTION

Sarah Ben Tkhayet & Esha Garg *2026 Class Day Co-Chairs*

## CLASS DAY ADDRESS

Min Jin Lee '90 B.A. *Novelist and Essayist*

## CLASS DAY TRADITIONS

Maya Moseley & Kevin Seo *2026 Class Day Co-Chairs*

## CONFERRAL OF STUDENT PRIZES

Pericles Lewis *Dean of Yale College*

Victoria Chun *Director of Athletics*

Catherine Panter-Brick *Chair, Council of Heads of College;*  
*Head of Morse College*

The Louis Sudler Prize

The Nellie Pratt Elliot Award

The William Neely Mallory Award

The Nakanishi Prize

The James Haas Prize

The Warren Memorial Prize

The Arthur Twining Hadley Prize

The Russell Henry Chittenden Prize

The Josiah Willard Gibbs Prize

The Alpheus Henry Snow Prize

## SONG

*I Am Loved as I Love* Jeffrey Douma, 1971–

*This song and the alma mater are performed by Yale Glee Club members from the Class of 2026.*

## CLASS OFFICERS' GREETING

Audrey Nannor & Coby Yang *Class of 2026 Co-Secretaries*

Jonathan Akinniyi & Daniela Chaclan *Class of 2026 Co-Treasurers*

## THE IVY ODE

“The Light We Take Forward”

Yara Chami *Saybrook College '26*

Grace Halak *Saybrook College '26*

Ayush Iyer *Branford College '26*

Anjal Jain *Silliman College '26*

Naomi-Jeanne Main *Davenport College '26*

## COMEDIC REFLECTION

“The Final Project”

Josh Bock *Silliman College '26*

Amara Neal *Grace Hopper College '26*

Prentiss Patrick-Carter *Grace Hopper College '26*

## CLASS ORATION

“Tuesday”

Shubh Gupta *Timothy Dwight College '26*

## CLASS HISTORY

“Time of Our Lives”

## ALMA MATER

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

*Bright College Years* H.S. Durand, Class of 1881

(Carl Wilhelm, composer)

Bright college years, with pleasure rife,  
The shortest, gladdest years of life;  
How swiftly are ye gliding by!  
Oh, why doth time so quickly fly?

The seasons come, the seasons go,  
The earth is green or white with snow,  
But time and change shall naught avail  
To break the friendships formed at Yale.

In after years, should troubles rise  
To cloud the blue of sunny skies,  
How bright will seem, through mem'ry's haze  
Those happy, golden, bygone days!

Oh, let us strive that ever we  
May let these words our watch-cry be,  
Where'er upon life's sea we sail:  
"For God, for Country and for Yale!"

## CLOSING

Class Day Co-Chairs

## RECESSIONAL

*Frozen Flames March* Thomas C. Duffy, 1955-

### CLASS DAY ONLINE



To learn more about Class Day traditions, the Class of 2026 leadership, and the prizes conferred during today's ceremony, hover your phone's camera over the code at left.

### DIGITAL PROGRAM AND LIVESTREAM



An accessible PDF of this program, as well as a captioned broadcast of the ceremony, can be found on the Yale 2026 website by visiting [yale2026.yale.edu](http://yale2026.yale.edu) or hovering your phone's camera over the code at left.

### GUEST RESOURCES



For details to help families and guests navigate their time in New Haven, including parking and shuttle information, accessibility services, public safety resources, and frequently asked questions, hover your phone's camera over the code at left.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Commencement Weekend continues tomorrow and includes the following events:

University Commencement (*Ticket holders only*)

Monday, May 18, 2026

10:30 AM (*Gates open at 8:00 AM*)

Old Campus

Diploma Ceremonies

Monday, May 18, 2026

*The diploma ceremonies are held immediately following the conclusion of Commencement exercises and take place in each residential college courtyard. A map of diploma ceremony locations is available at [yale2026.yale.edu](http://yale2026.yale.edu).*



DANIELS GATE

MILLER GATE

BATTELL CHAPEL

LANMAN-WRIGHT HALL

Accessible Seating

HIGH STREET GATE

DWIGHT CHAPEL

LINSLEY-CHITTENDEN HALL

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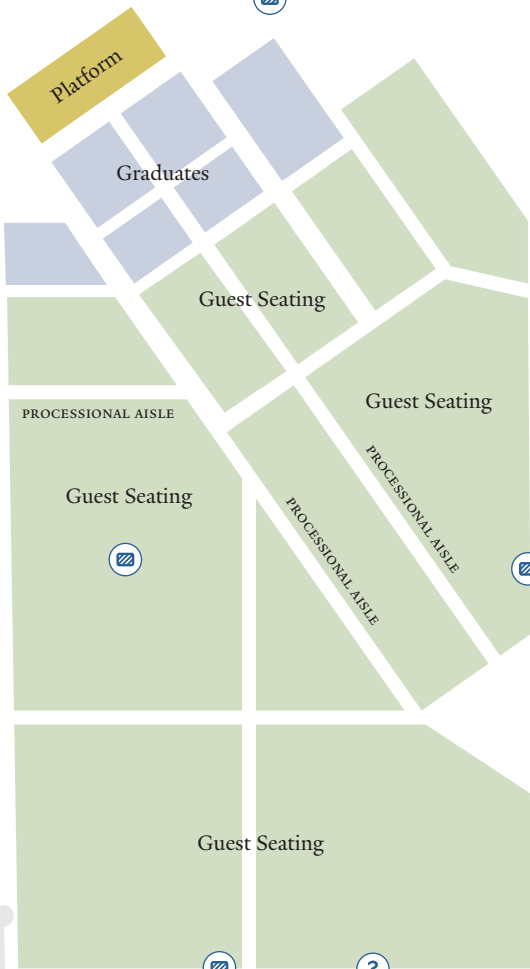
PHELPS ARCHWAY

MCCLELLAN HALL

Guest Seating

CONNECTICUT HALL

VANDERBILT HALL



First Aid

Livestream

Video Screen

Accessibility

Restroom

Water

Hospitality Station