



# Yale University

*Three Hundred Twenty-Fifth Commencement*

May 18, 2026

New Haven, Connecticut

## PROCESSIONAL

*March Processional* Nino Marcelli, 1890–1967

*Crown Imperial (Coronation March)* Sir William Turner Walton,  
1902–1983

*Ceremonial March* Thomas C. Duffy, 1955–

*Fairest of the Renaissance Faire* Erika Svanoë, 1976–

*Apotheosis, Opus 15* Hector Berlioz, 1803–1869

*Please stand as you are comfortable while the university color guard processes up the center aisle, and remain standing during the president's and chaplain's remarks.*

## GREETINGS

Maurie McInnis *University President*

## PRAYER

Maytal Saltiel *University Chaplain*

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

*Please be seated.*

Pericles Lewis *Dean of Yale College*

James A. Levinsohn *Dean of the Yale Jackson School of Global Affairs*

Kerwin K. Charles *Indra K. Nooyi Dean of the School of Management*

Deborah Berke *Edward P. Bass Dean of the School of Architecture*

Megan L. Ranney *Dean of the School of Public Health*

Ingrid C. Burke *Carl W. Knobloch, Jr. Dean of the School of the  
Environment*

Kymerly Pinder *Stavros Niarchos Foundation Dean of the School of Art*

Lynn Cooley *Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences*

Gregory E. Sterling *The Reverend Henry L. Slack Dean of the  
Divinity School*

James Bundy *Elizabeth Parker Ware Dean of the David Geffen School  
of Drama*

Azita Emami *Dean of the School of Nursing*

José García-León *Henry L. and Lucy G. Moses Dean of the School  
of Music*

Cristina Rodríguez *Sol and Lillian Goldman Dean of Yale Law School*

Nancy J. Brown *Jean and David W. Wallace Dean of the School  
of Medicine*

Lynn Cooley *Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences  
(conferral of doctoral degrees)*

## HYMN

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

Psalm LXV: Thy Praise Alone. *Tune: York*

*This hymn was sung in 1718 at the first Commencement after the naming of Yale College and has been sung in every century since. The fourth verse was composed by Robert Blocker, dean of the School of Music from 1995 to 2023, for the university tercentennial.*



Thy praise alone, O Lord, doth reign  
In Sion thine own hill;  
Their vows to thee they do maintain,  
And evermore fulfill.

For that thou dost their pray'rs still hear  
And dost thereto agree;  
Thy people all both far and near  
With trust shall come to thee.

Of thy great justice hear, O God,  
Our health of thee doth rise;  
The hope of all the earth abroad,  
And the sea-coasts likewise.

We dedicate our lives anew  
That light and truth will shine  
Throughout the world, O God, we pray,  
To all of humankind.

## CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES

*Please be seated.*

Maurie McInnis *University President*

Scott Allan Strobel *University Provost*

*Since the Commencement of 1702, certain distinguished persons, selected by the Yale Corporation, have received honorary degrees. The provost announces the name of each recipient, an honorary marshal places a hood over the shoulders of the recipient, and the president reads a citation and confers the degree.*



## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Kwame Anthony Appiah *Doctor of Humanities*

Emery N. Brown *Doctor of Medical Sciences*

Katie Ledecy *Doctor of Humane Letters*

Ingrid Mattson *Doctor of Divinity*

Lynn Nottage '89 MFA *Doctor of Letters*

Robert D. Putnam '65 MA, '70 PhD *Doctor of Social Science*

Kurt Schmoke '71 BA *Doctor of Laws*

JoAnne Stubbe *Doctor of Science*

## ABOUT THE HONORANDS



The tradition of awarding honorary degrees at Yale began in 1702. Conferred by the university's board of trustees, these degrees recognize pioneering achievement or exemplary contribution to the common good. Recipients, by their example, encourage the graduates to value creativity, curiosity, discipline, integrity, and a passion for public service. To read about the recipients, hover your phone's camera over the code at left.

## PROCESSION AND HERALDRY



Music throughout the ceremony is performed by the Yale University Concert Band, conducted by Thomas Christopher Duffy. Singing is led by the Yale Glee Club, directed by Jeffrey Jay Douma. The Yale Memorial Carillon is played by members of the Yale University Guild of Carillonneurs. To learn about schools' and colleges' heraldic banners, Commencement history, and the procession party, hover your phone's camera over the code at left.

## 2026 DEGREE RECIPIENTS



Graduates will receive their diplomas during school and college ceremonies following Commencement exercises. To view a listing of all Yale 2026 degree recipients, hover your phone's camera over the code at left.

*An accessible PDF of this program, as well as a captioned broadcast of the ceremony, can be found on the Yale 2026 website: [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

PROCESSIONAL AISLE

Guest Seating

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PHELPS ARCHWAY

MCCLELLAN HALL

Guest Seating

CONNECTICUT HALL

VANDERBILT HALL

Platform

Faculty

Graduates



First Aid

Livestream

Video Screen

Accessibility

Restroom

Water

Hospitality Station