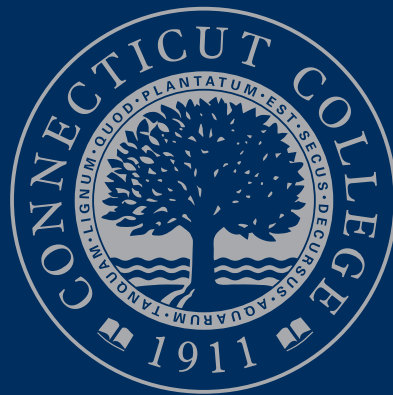


CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

One Hundred Fifth

COMMENCEMENT



SUNDAY, THE TWENTY FIRST OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL ... 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	Nakia Hamlett <i>William Meredith Assistant Professor of Psychology and Interim Dean of Institutional Equity and Inclusion</i>
OPENING REMARKS	Debo P. Adegbile '91 <i>Chair, Connecticut College Board of Trustees</i>
SENIOR CLASS SPEAKER	Mehin Suleiman '23
PRESENTATION OF THE OAKES AND LOUISE AMES PRIZE	R. Danielle Egan <i>Dean of the Faculty, Fuller-Maathai Professor of Gender, Sexuality and Intersectionality Studies</i>
PRESENTATION OF ANNA LORD STRAUSS MEDAL	Erika J. Smith <i>Dean of the College</i>
CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE	Debo P. Adegbile '91 Karen D. Quint '87 <i>Vice Chair, Connecticut College Board of Trustees</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Sally Susman '84
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	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	I.H. "Chip" Clothier V '79 P'10 <i>President, Board of Directors, Connecticut College Alumni Association</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	Debo P. Adegbile '91
CLOSING REFLECTION.....	Rev. Stephanie Haskins <i>Director of Religious and Spiritual Programs and College Chaplain</i>
ALMA MATER	William Martin Ferguson '23 Sophie Maria Hage '23 New London Big Band

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DEBO P. ADEGBILE '91

Debo P. Adegbile '91 is a partner in the Government and Regulatory Litigation Group at the global law firm Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, where he represents a variety of corporate, municipal and not-for-profit clients, including colleges and universities, in trial and appellate courts and investigations. He chairs the firm's antidiscrimination practice and serves on the firm's Global Management, Partner Compensation, and firm-wide Executive Diversity and Inclusion Committees. He was also a member of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, on which he served a six-year term following his appointment by President Barack Obama in 2016. Until 2014, he was senior counsel to United States Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy and previously served as acting president and director-counsel and director of litigation of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. Adegbile twice defended the constitutionality of core provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 in oral arguments before the United States Supreme Court and has testified before Congress several times. Prior to joining LDF, Adegbile was an associate at the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison for seven years.

Adegbile has taught classes at New York University School of Law and University of D.C. Law School, where he served as the Joe Rauh Chair in 2020. He is a member of the NYU School of Law Board of Trustees and vice chair

of the Vera Institute for Justice Board of Trustees. He is the former chair of the Board of Trustees of the Manhattan Country School and serves on the Advisory Council of the Center for Democracy and Technology and the Policing Project Advisory Board at NYU Law School.

At Connecticut College, Adegbile majored in government and was awarded the Anna Lord Strauss Medal at Commencement in recognition of his outstanding work for the College and community. As a student, Adegbile was a member of the men's soccer team and was involved with the Office of Volunteers for Community Service and student government and athletics advisory boards. He worked as an intern at New London High School and the New London Public Defender's office, among other volunteer service. He earned a J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1994. As an alumnus, Adegbile has served as a speaker at numerous events, including Convocation, Baccalaureate, Orientation, Camel Athletics Club, Reunion, the Agnes Gund '60 Dialogue Project and the Elevate social justice project, and he has served as class agent and member of the prelaw advisory and young alumni committees, Forum, and on the Presidential and DIEI and Communications and Marketing VP search committees. He was awarded the Agnes Berkeley Leahy Award in recognition of his service to the College at Reunion 2011.

HONORARY DEGREE

SALLY SUSMAN '84

Sally Susman '84, executive vice president and chief corporate affairs officer at Pfizer and author of the new book *Breaking Through: Communicating to Open Minds, Move Hearts, and Change the World*, is a global leader in business, politics and civil society.

At Pfizer, Susman leads engagement with all of Pfizer's external stakeholders overseeing communications, corporate responsibility, global policy, government relations, investor relations, patient advocacy and philanthropic activities around the world. She shapes policy around patient advocacy and advances the company's efforts to improve global public health.

Beyond Pfizer, Susman has served on numerous corporate and nonprofit boards, including the Board of Trustees at Connecticut College. She is a member of the board of UL Solutions, a global independent safety science company; and co-chair of the International Rescue Committee, one of the largest humanitarian aid organizations in the world. She is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. In 2022, *Forbes* named her as one of the World's Most Influential Chief Marketing Officers for leading Pfizer's brand refresh and shaping the narrative around the company's COVID-19 vaccine.

Born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, Susman graduated

from Connecticut College with a B.A. in government and studied at the London School of Economics. Early in her career, she spent eight years on Capitol Hill focused on international trade issues, first as legislative assistant for the Senate Commerce Committee and later as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs in the Clinton Administration. Before joining Pfizer in 2007, she held senior roles in communications and government relations at The Estée Lauder Companies and American Express.

Since graduating from Connecticut College, Susman has returned often to campus to speak with students about government, corporate ethics and gender in business and politics. Her visits are part of the Career Informed Learning initiative in Connections, designed to help students communicate, present and deliver robust solutions to complex problems by bringing real-life challenges into the classroom.

In recognition of her lifelong commitment to learning and to promoting public understanding of health and science, the College is proud to confer upon Sally Susman the Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, with gratitude and admiration for her advocacy of global public health, effective communications, and the values of academic excellence and student success.

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.

MATTHEW HIROSHI YAMAMOTO '23

Matthew Hiroshi Yamamoto, a botany major and music minor, is awarded the Oakes and Louise Ames Prize for his honors thesis, "Comparing Long-term Patterns of Spread of Native and Invasive Plants in a Successional Forest." Yamamoto's work uses advanced statistical analysis to study the patterns of spread for native and invasive (or non-native) plants over 70 years and draw important conclusions about invasive plant ecology.

The first study directly comparing patterns of spread of native and invasive species in a developing forest, Yamamoto's research draws on a large long-term dataset recording the presence of specific plant species on permanently established plots within an unmanaged tract of land in the Connecticut College Arboretum. His thesis explores the relationships among the different variables that characterize each site, including soil quality, tree abundance, distance from trails or roads and light level, and the number of invasive versus native plants found there over time.

One of Yamamoto's overarching conclusions is that invasive plants appear to behave much like native plants in terms of how they colonize a new area, despite a common theory among scientists that invasive plants are fundamentally different in their colonization patterns. Yamamoto found

invasive plants did not appear to spread farther or occur in areas with more light than native plants, nor were they invading a wider variety of sites than native plants. Another key finding is that the initial age of a forest was the most important factor for native species and even more so for invasive species—even when controlling for factors such as light availability that vary with forest age. The study results will be submitted for publication in the journal *Oecologia* this summer, and Yamamoto will present his findings at the Botanical Society of America's annual research conference in Boise, Idaho, in July.

Associate Professor of Botany and Environmental Studies Chad Jones, who served as Yamamoto's thesis adviser and nominated him for the Ames Prize, called Yamamoto's work "the best conceived and executed undergraduate thesis that I have ever read," adding that it demonstrates Yamamoto's superior ability and skills throughout the entire scientific process, including hypothesis development, data collection, analysis and interpretation.

"Forests are not as resistant to invasion as previously thought, and this research contains significant results that will help us better understand how and why invasive species are spreading in northeastern forests," Jones said.

THE ANNA LORD STRAUSS MEDAL

Anna Lord Strauss, a remarkable woman, 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.

CRYSTAL HERNANDEZ '23

The 2023 Anna Lord Strauss Medal is awarded to scholar-activist Crystal Hernandez '23, a sociology; gender, sexuality and intersectionality studies; and Hispanic studies triple major from Houston, Texas.

Hernandez has an extensive history of volunteer and advocacy work addressing issues ranging from women's equity and empowerment to immigration reform at the campus, local and national levels. In her home city of Houston, Hernandez advocated for bipartisan immigration reform while conducting research and outreach on the legal and electoral frameworks needed to achieve changes to immigration policy. In an effort to include more Spanish-speaking and immigrant communities in U.S. political systems, she interned with the U.S. Census Bureau's Research and Methodology Directorate and used her skills in Spanish and qualitative research to improve census questionnaires for Spanish speakers. As an intern for Houston's SUSTAIN Wellbeing COMPASS Coordinating Center, Hernandez conducted research and developed educational materials around HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness in the state. She served as an EMERGE fellow at Houston Community College, where she helped first-generation college students transition from secondary to higher education and provided mentorship and guidance to new students. She also supported Spanish language justice and inclusion within Houston Independent Schools.

Hernandez brought that same commitment to equity and social justice to the New London and Connecticut College communities. As a part of the Akomawt Education Initiative, a grassroots indigenous rights organization, Hernandez fought to ban Native American mascots in Connecticut high schools. Additionally, she participated in the local BOLD Network, designing intersectional feminist curricula for young women's empowerment and media literacy and collaborating with the organization on its strategic plan and long-term sustainability.

At Conn, Hernandez has continued to pioneer campus

advocacy work around issues of identity, social justice and college transitions. She helped to found the Genesis Mentoring Program for New London High School students interested in college preparation, post-high school success, and personal exploration and development. She also served as a program coordinator and signature programming fellow for the Genesis Race and Ethnicity Programs, developing programming for first-generation and BIPOC students.

Hernandez has played many key roles within the College's Division for Institutional Equity and Inclusion. She facilitated discussions for the Gund Dialogue Project, which promotes intergroup dialogue based on critical theory and experiential learning to increase intercultural awareness and appreciation throughout the college. She also interned for two years at the Center for the Critical Study of Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE), where she developed strategies to increase the presence of CCSRE on campus and developed and facilitated CCSRE programming in partnership with student organizations and academic departments. She has also volunteered for the Office of Sexual Violence Prevention and Advocacy as a SafetyNet peer educator and is a member of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán, an organization promoting Chicano unity through political action, culture and history; of Las Voces Unidas; and the Women of Color Collective.

In her coursework, Hernandez has achieved Dean's Highest Honors and researched historic discrimination against flight attendants in the United States, fertility care for women of color and LGBTQIA+ issues on college campuses. She has presented her work to the New York Health Department, the Sylvia Rivera Law Project and the Trevor Project. In 2022, Hernandez received the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship in support of her studies abroad in Ciudad Real, Spain. Earlier this weekend, she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, Delta of Connecticut Chapter.

A consummate leader, scholar and changemaker, Hernandez is most deserving of this prestigious honor.

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Bruce Branchini received his B.S. from Lehigh University and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. He joined Connecticut College in 1986.

A prolific researcher, Branchini is a preeminent expert on the biochemistry of bioluminescence, or the emission of light by living organisms. He has worked with undergraduates, research assistants and research scientists for 45 years investigating the basic biochemistry leading to the emission of light by the firefly. His research teams have developed novel methods for purifying the protein that catalyzes the light-emitting reaction and used synthetic organic techniques to prepare novel substrates for the firefly protein and substrates for a bioluminescent jellyfish that emits blue and green light. Most recently, his lab has been using molecular biology methods to produce mutant luciferase proteins with properties that are desirable for applications such as drug screening, mechanistic studies and in vivo imaging.

In 2015, Branchini was able to definitively prove exactly how fireflies glow, solving a mystery that had puzzled

scientists for decades. In 2011, he was awarded the College's first patent for an engineered enhanced version of an Italian firefly's light-emitting protein.

Branchini also studies the determination of protein structure using nuclear magnetic resonance instrumentation. His research has been supported by numerous large grants, including from the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

As director of the College's Bioluminescence Research Group, Branchini has mentored and overseen the research activities of more than 100 undergraduate students. He has taught many courses in biochemistry and organic chemistry, including spectroscopic methods. He led a Study Away Teach Away program in Florence in 2003, and has taken students on research trips to Tennessee, Wisconsin and Texas, as well as to Florence and Bologna, Italy. In 2002, he was awarded Conn's Nancy Batson Nisbet Rash Faculty Research Award, presented annually to a member of the faculty for outstanding scholarly or artistic accomplishments.

KATHLEEN MCKEON

Professor of Mathematics

Kathleen McKeon received her B.S. from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and her M.S. and Ph.D. from Michigan State University. She joined Connecticut College in 1987.

McKeon specializes in graphical enumeration, combinatorial generation, graph coloring and labeling. She has taught numerous courses in the Mathematics Department, including "Discrete Mathematics;" "Graph Theory;" "Probability;" "Calculus I;" "Mathematics and the Natural Sciences;" "Abstract Algebra;" a ConnCourse, "Networks and their Applications;" and a First-year Seminar, "Cryptography." She has also led individual studies with student researchers in graph theory.

McKeon's recent research has included working with two graph theorists at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo on a graph rainbow coloring project that involved coloring the edges of a graph so that each pair of vertices is joined by a path in which all edges are assigned different colors. That research resulted in papers published in *Mathematica Bohemica* and *Networks*.

Throughout her career, McKeon has worked closely with area middle school and high school mathematics teachers to strengthen and broaden the math curriculum. To support that work, she received several grants, including an Eisenhower Professional Development grant from the State of Connecticut Department Education and funding from the Lucent Technologies Foundation K-16 program. She was also a co-principal investigator on a National Science Foundation grant that provided scholarships and other support for mathematics and computer science majors from groups underrepresented in those fields.

On campus, McKeon served on the committee that developed ConnCourses as part of Connections. She then served as a ConnCourse coordinator and a member of the Connections Coordinating Committee for several years after the implementation of the new curriculum. She has also served as the associate director of the Holleran Center for Community Action and as a faculty consultant to the Honor Council.

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 processional 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, freshmen no longer selected their own colors and instead adopted those of the class that 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 2023 banner reflects the class colors, which 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 of 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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NEW LONDON BIG BAND

Saxophones: Erik Elligers, Malin Carta, Mike Levinthal, Josh Thomas, Lisa LaDone

Trumpets: Don Clough, Luke Wingfield, Tom Brown, Haneef Nelson

Trombones: Sean Nelson, Leroy Loomer, Vince Yanovitch, Wes Mayhew

Rhythm Section: Jen Allen, Gianni Gardner, Lou Bocciarelli, Nathan Lassell

THE MANCHESTER PIPE BAND

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 that worked principally in the textile mills of Manchester, the band has operated continuously for 109 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.

Four areas are designated as gathering spaces for faculty and graduates who wish to connect immediately following the ceremony.

Arts – green side of the Athey Center for Performance and Research at Palmer Auditorium, across from the information tent

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 and computers.

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