



CANTERBURY SCHOOL

THE ONE-HUNDRED-FOURTH  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

MAY 28, 2021

# PROGRAM

**11:00 AM** ..... Commencement Exercises

## **PROCESSION OF FACULTY AND GRADUATES**

**PROCESSIONAL** ..... *Festival March* by Antonio Valenti

**REMARKS** ..... Rachel E. Stone, Head of School

## **AWARDING OF PRIZES**

Suzanne Roberts, Associate Head of School for Academics

Peter LaVigne, Assistant Head of School for Student Life

**VALEDICTORY SPEAKER** ..... Sandra Wang Xu '21

## **AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS**

Rachel E. Stone, Head of School

Wright Danenbarger, Dean of Faculty

Elyse “EJ” Soifersmith, 2021 *Cantuarian* Dedicatee

**BENEDICTION** ..... Fr. Mark Connell

**RECESSIONAL** ..... *Trumpet Tune and Aire* by Henry Purcell

**12:00 PM** ..... Al Fresco Lunch Pick-up, Steers Center Patio

# THE CLASS OF 2021

Sam Richard Alexanian (^)  
 Colin Anna  
 John Robert Barton  
 Giselle Madison Bradshaw (\*\*) (^) (CHS)  
 Samantha Jade Brinker  
 Evan J. Burke  
 Natasha Burns  
 Nicholas Giovanni Enzo Capanna (\*\*) (^) (CHS)  
 Lexah Nicole Caraluzzi (^) (CHS)  
 Ju Yeon Cho (^) (CHS)  
 Declan G. Clancy (\*\*) (^)  
 Lida Isabella Coco (^)  
 Ian Brian Cooke  
 Na'Sah Dabbs (^) (CHS)  
 Katherine Elizabeth Delamere (^) (CHS)  
 Nicholas Joseph DeMatteis III  
 Peyton Marie DeRouen (^)  
 Chigozie Chukwuemeka Dike  
 Jake Oliver Elston (^)  
 Anika Grattan Flik (CHS)  
 Natale Frangione  
 Isaiah Joseph Golonka  
 Nicolas Fields Graham (^)  
 Lily Anna Greenwood (^)  
 Kennison Ann Harmon (\*\*) (^)  
 Luke James Hassiak (\*) (^)  
 Katherine Anne Hawley (\*\*) (^) (CHS)  
 Colleen O'Donahue Healy (\*\*) (^)  
 Harris Wescott Hilfiker  
 Dingkun Hong (^)  
 Brett Thomas Hutchison  
 Jia Yi Ji (^) (CHS)  
 Christian M. Johnson  
 Abigail Rose Kavanaugh (^) (CHS)  
 Torin Henry Kearney (^) (CHS)  
 Henry Maxwell Keating (\*\*) (^)  
 Kayleigh McMahon Keefe  
 Abigayle Mabasa King (^)  
 Cameron John Krinsky (^) (CHS)  
 Lorelai Lee Swanek (^) (CHS)  
 Kexin Li (^)  
 Yurou Li (^) (CHS)  
 Jakari Tyree Liston  
 Camryn Brooke Liuzzi  
 Jenna Lynch (^)  
 Kenny Lee Maxwell  
 Stella Belle McCormack  
 Shea Malone McKenney

Rylee Elizabeth Miles  
 Autumn Leigh Mish  
 Fatima Nda-Isaiah (^)  
 Quinn James O'Connor  
 Maximilian Albert Oeser (\*\*) (^)  
 Ella Nicole Olcese (^) (CHS)  
 Elizabeth Ondrey (\*\*) (^)  
 Margaret Ondrey (\*\*) (^)  
 Yesenia Flor Ortiz (^)  
 Peter James Papadopoulos  
 Camila Maria Peña Gomez  
 Anabelle Rose Pernerewski  
 Luke Joseph Pliego  
 Sean Nii-Anetey Quayee (\*\*) (^)  
 Sydney Laurance Ragland (\*) (CHS)  
 Owen Parker Ramée  
 Luciana Marie Robertelli  
 Cassidy Marie Rockwood (CHS)  
 Jack Rufa (^) (CHS)  
 Cameron Antonio Schopfer (\*\*) (^)  
 Benjamin Mizer Secor (CHS)  
 Nikhil Ojas Sheth  
 Yishan Shi (^) (CHS)  
 Rohan Singh  
 Avery Joseph Smith  
 Andreas Matthew Sorosiak  
 Nicholas Gerard Spinoso  
 Nicholas Tyler Sturino  
 Daniella Elizabeth Suarez (^)  
 Samuel P. Tscheppe (^) (CHS)  
 Sebastian Benjamin Tseng (^) (CHS)  
 Jessica Claire Waldmann  
 Zhilu Wang (^)  
 Andrew Richard Widlar  
 Andrew Wang Xu (^) (CHS)  
 Kai Xu (CHS)  
 Sandra Wang Xu (^) (CHS)  
 Celine Kim Yoo (^)  
 Maxwell Judd Zakheim  
 Charlotte Custis Zapletal (^) (CHS)

(CHS) = Member of The Canterbury Honor Society

(\*) = Child of Canterbury Graduate

(\*\*) = Sibling of Canterbury Graduate

(^)= Four-year member, "Diehard" of the Class of 2021

# MAJOR AWARDS

## **THE J.P. MANDLER TEACHING AWARD**

In honor of J.P. Mandler, who served the School for 46 years in the roles of English Department Chair, Director of Studies, Dean of Faculty, Director of Technology, Dean of the School, Senior Master, and Longest-Tenured Faculty Member. Presented each year to that faculty member who reflects the fundamental commitment to excellence in classroom teaching.

## **THE ROBERT M. STEELE '72 SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD**

In memory of Robert M. Steele, a model scholar-athlete.  
For academic and athletic achievement.

## **THE CHARLES R. HUNTINGTON SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD**

In memory of Mr. Huntington, teacher, coach, and Athletic Director from 1969-1999.  
For academic and athletic achievement.

## **THE ELIZABETH (BETTY) BURKE AWARD**

Given by the family of Mrs. Burke, who served the School from 1964 to 1995 in the roles of faculty spouse, parent, hostess, and school nurse.  
For cheerful determination to serve God and others.

## **THE CLASS OF 1987 CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

Presented to the Sixth Former who in the judgment of classmates has best fulfilled obligations to school, to fellow students, and to self.

## **THE RICHARD L. AND MARY CATHARINE FARRELLY AWARD**

Presented to the Sixth Former who serves Canterbury quietly, yet thoroughly.

## **THE PHILIP H. BRODIE AWARD**

In memory of Mr. Brodie, who was a teacher at Canterbury from 1919-1921 and 1924-1957. For exceptional achievement and all-around service to the School.

## **THE DR. NELSON HUME AWARD**

Presented to the Sixth Former whose leadership, character, and achievements have been of the highest order, and whose performance embodies the ideals of the founding Headmaster.

*Music provided by The Western Connecticut State University  
Brass Ensemble and Mariah Reisner, carillonneur, playing  
the Jose M. Ferrer Memorial Carillon.*