



Yale College

Class Day Exercises

May 21, 2023

New Haven, Connecticut

PROCESSIONAL

Ceremonial March Thomas C. Duffy, 1955–

*The Class of 2023 banner is carried by class officers
Qinqin (Nina) Huang, JR Im, and Olivia Schlaepfer.*

OPENING

“Exit Through the Gift Shop”

Hamzah Jhaveri *Trumbull College '23*

Neal Sarin *Berkeley College '23*

Nico Taylor *Branford College '23*

Lil Wenker *Saybrook College '23*

WELCOME

Bayan Galal and Zaporah Price *2023 Class Day Committee*

CLASS DAY ADDRESS

Elizabeth Alexander '84 B.A. *Poet, Educator, and Cultural Advocate*

DEAN'S GREETING

Pericles Lewis *Dean of Yale College*

CLASS DAY TRADITIONS

Yabi Degefu and Anastasia Hufham *2023 Class Day Committee*

CONFERRAL OF STUDENT PRIZES

Victoria Chun *Director of Athletics*

The Nellie Pratt Elliot Award

The William Neely Mallory Award

REFLECTION

“Some Things to Remember as You’re Forgetting”

Ayla Raana Jeddy *Benjamin Franklin College '23*

CONFERRAL OF STUDENT PRIZES

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

Head of Morse College

The Nakanishi Prize

The James Haas Prize

REFLECTION

“On Loving”

Abey Varghese Loving *Benjamin Franklin College '23*

CONFERRAL OF STUDENT PRIZES

Pericles Lewis *Dean of Yale College*

The Warren Memorial Prize

The Arthur Twining Hadley Prize

The Russell Henry Chittenden Prize

The Louis Sudler Prize

The Alpheus Henry Snow Prize

CLASS MEMORIES

Ziad Hassan and Eda Uzunlar *2023 Class Day Committee*

CLASS HISTORY

“A Video By You”

CLOSING

“Our Time at Yale”

Cameron Bell *Jonathan Edwards College '23*

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!”

*The alma mater is performed by Yale Glee Club members
from the Class of 2023, conducted by Yale Glee Club President
Peter Sykes.*

CLASS DAY ONLINE



To learn more about Class Day traditions, the Class of 2023 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 2023 website by visiting yale2023.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 22, 2023

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

Old Campus

Diploma Ceremonies

Monday, May 22, 2023

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 yale2023.yale.edu.



DANIELS GATE

MILLER GATE

BATTELL CHAPEL

LANMAN-WRIGHT HALL

Platform

Faculty

Graduates

Accessible Seating

HIGH STREET GATE

PROCESSIONAL AISLE

Guest Seating

Guest Seating

PROCESSIONAL AISLE

DWIGHT CHAPEL

PHELPS ARCHWAY

Guest Seating

LINSLEY-CHITTENDEN HALL

MCCLELLAN HALL

Guest Seating

CONNECTICUT HALL

VANDERBILT HALL



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First Aid
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Livestream
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Video Screen
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Accessibility
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Restroom
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Water
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Hospitality Station