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BACCALAUREATE

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025



Sidney J. Watson Arena



WELCOME

SAFA R. ZAKI

President of the College

* AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Performed by VOCALISTS FROM THE CLASS OF 2025

Accompanied by GEORGE LOPEZ, *Robert Beckwith Artist-in-Residence*

STUDENT ADDRESS

“The Wisdom of an Egg”

ISABELLA JINGYUAN HUANG ’25

DeAlva Stanwood Alexander First Prize Winner

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“In My Life”

By John Lennon (1940–1980) and Paul McCartney (b. 1942)

Arranged by BRENDAN JAMES HILL ’25

Performed by SENIOR A CAPPELLA GROUP MEMBERS

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

“Literary Pioneers: A Bowdoin Bicentennial”

THOMAS J. PUTNAM ’84

Former Director of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and the Concord Museum

* RAISE SONGS TO BOWDOIN

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**Please stand if you are able and join in singing. The words are on the back of the program.*

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain!
America, America, God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat, across the wilderness!
America, America, God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control,
Thy liberty in law.

RAISE SONGS TO BOWDOIN

Words by K. C. M. Sills, Class of 1901

Music by C. T. Burnett

New lyrics by Anthony Antolini '63

Arr. by Thornton W. Allen

Raise songs to Bowdoin, praise her fame,
And sound abroad her glorious name;
To Bowdoin, Bowdoin lift your song,
And may the music echo long
O'er whispering pines and campus fair
With sturdy might filling the air.
Bowdoin, from birth, our nurturer and friend
To thee we pledge our love again, again.

While now amid thy halls we stay
And breathe thy spirit day by day,
Oh may we thus full worthy be
To march in that proud company
Of poets, leaders and each one
Who brings thee fame by deeds well done.
Bowdoin, from birth, our nurturer and friend
To thee we pledge our love again, again.