



2020  
Residential  
College  
Commencement  
Ceremony  
in the Time of  
COVID-19

Saturday, May 2, 2020  
2:00 p.m. ET  
Virtual Keene Theater

Even if we are occupied with important things and even if we attain honor or fall into misfortune, still let us remember how good it once was here, when we were all together, united by a good and a kind feeling which made us perhaps better than we are.

- Fyodor Dostoyevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov*

# Why We Pipe

If you listen carefully, you'll hear it: it happens every year.

Just before the RC Commencement Ceremony begins, after all the guests are seated and comfortable in the auditorium, issuing from somewhere in the hallway: the drones and chanter of a bagpipe; then a sudden, loud cheer from the graduating students. The staff and faculty of the RC, who have navigated many Commencements together, wait for that call and response as a kind of Invocation to the Event: *l'invitation au voyage*.

But why do we pipe? How did this ancient instrument become an integral part of the Residential College's yearly ritual of honoring its Graduates? Like most traditions, it began by chance. Nearly three decades ago, when the RC was only 25, the late Janet Albert, a staff member who was instrumental in establishing the RC art gallery, mentioned to Director Herb Eagle that her husband was a piper. As often happens in the RC, a casual conversation led to an inspiration: our commencement had outgrown the RC Auditorium and we needed to find another venue; we also needed to find a way to shepherd students and their families back to East Quad for the post-ceremony reception.

Herman Steinman, our original piper, first sounded his four reeds at that year's Commencement Ceremony, which was held in Hale auditorium at the U-M Business School. Several years later, under Director Tom Weisskopf, we moved to the main lecture hall in the Chemistry building, where, in 2006, Herm was conferred with an Honorary RC Degree by Director Charlie Bright. The ceremony was later moved to the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, where it has been held since - until today.

The bagpipe is as much a part of Commencement - and of the "Heart of the RC" - as the presentations by each Graduate. After today's ceremonies, please join us for our virtual e-afterglow to celebrate the graduates. If we were together in the flesh, we'd follow the bagpiper to East Quad as is the tradition. This year, you'll just go from one computer window to another and join our Zoom rooms to see your beloved fellow students, faculty and staff.

John Russell, our bagpiper for today's commencement, has long-standing connections with the RC: his daughter Whitney Russell graduated from the RC in 2008 with a major in Social Science, and his daughter Shauna Russell is an RC Alumna of 2010, with a major in Linguistics.

A new musical contribution this year is the funky *Pomp and Circumstance*, the beloved tune by Sir Edward Elgar. RC alum Drew De Four from the class of 2006 contributes his rendition as a tribute to the RC and its 2020 graduates.

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## **Prelude Musical Selection**

Funky Pomp and Circumstance by Drew De Four, RC class of 2006

## **Opening Procession (for you to march along to at home)**

Bagpiping by John Russell

## **Remarks for the Graduates**

Catherine Badgley  
Director, Residential College

## **Commencement Speakers**

The Residential College Class of 2020  
via video submission by the graduates

## **RC Faculty and Staff Send-Off**

## **Closing Remarks**

Charlie Murphy  
Director, RC Academic Services

## **Closing Musical Selection**

Reprise of Funky Pomp and Circumstance by Drew De Four

Please join us for an "e-afterglow" at [myumi.ch/88nkr](https://myumi.ch/88nkr)  
at the close of the ceremony.

# Residential College Graduates

## Bachelor of Arts

Hannah Kathleen Agnew

Hayla Mae Alawi \*

Sommer Albert

Olabimpe M. Amokomowo

Mary C. Basso

Megan A. Bloem

Brandon C. Bond

Hannah Holland Brauer \*

Thomas Geary Brooks

Emma L. Buis

Jackson E. Bunis

Kieran J. Byrne

Chandra Chandhok

Karlie A. Cradock

Hannah T. Craig \*

Aria Nicole Longmire Davis \*

Ophelia Ruyu Deng

Stephanie E. Doyle

Corey Y. Dulin

Ceren Ege \*

Jacob O. Emery

Zofia M. Ferki \*

Tess A. Garcia \*

Joanna E. Gerberding \*

Abbey M. Hamlin

Mya Lavern Harris

Emilie Dale Helmbold \*

Matthew W. Henning

Jessica E. Hobbs

Ella Horwedel

Emily W. Huhman

Jazzaray James \*

Alison Esther Jaruzelski

Noah D. Keeler-Seiser

Mary Jo Kelly

Arjun Arash Kishore

Aubrey K. Klein

Delaney R. Leach \*

Nicholas Matthew Lee

Camilla K. Lizundia

Morgan Locke

Rebecca Carolyn Lubow

Taylor M. Luthe

Hannah E. Markby \*

Arthur Deam Mengozzi

Erica J. Meyers

Liv Naimi \*

Monica C. Nedeltchev

Abigail Nutter \*

Chris Pang

Collette Anthony Patel

David A. Pirog

Ajilan A. Potter

Cole Potter \*

Claire Elise Prenevost

Kathryn M. Puca

Lauren Alyssa Rainey

Elena A. Ramirez-Gorski \*

Adam B. Rarey

Michael J. Russo

Ramin Rytkönen Samei \*

Kaitlen Diana Sawyer

Madeleine Ekeberg Schneider

Ruby Bennett Schneider \*

Katharine O. Smyth

Emmanuel Solis

Autumn C. Stowe

Andrea L. Tillotson

Ayako Tischler

Abigail R. Ufkes

Ryley Jean Verde \*

Zoya Zalatimo

\* indicates that the student completed an RC major

# Residential College Graduates

## **Bachelor of Science**

Allison Marie Bailey  
Abbigayl Elizabeth Clare Burtis  
Haolan Duan  
Jeremiah R. Dunne  
Catherine H. Gong  
Emily He  
Thomas James Horak  
Rachel B. Kaufman-Levine  
Anna H. Kittendorf  
Yicheng Li

Jannah G. Mandwee  
Eileen R. Misterovich  
Parvathy Krishna Nair  
Claire Peabody  
Yinan Qiu  
Henry William Schnaidt  
Adam S. Udovich  
Rachele E. Willard  
Nelson Xuzhi Zhang  
Zachary E. Zipper

## **LSA Graduates with Residential College Majors**

### **Creative Writing and Literature**

Lynne S. Bekdash  
Grace B. Boyles  
Heather P. Colley  
Raven-Dunaj Amuachechukwu Eaddy  
Ariel Diana Everitt  
Tashi Hammer  
Owen Kramer  
Yuheng Li  
Christine Angelica Mackenzie  
Calahan Russell Merten  
Luca Aurelius Morris  
Taylor D. Moses  
Grace A. Toll  
Myra Teodora Visser  
Kate L. Wilcox  
Dominique N. Witten  
Matthew Shane Yodhes

### **Drama**

Sydney Helen Prince

### **Social Theory and Practice**

Hannah Elizabeth Cooper  
Allyssa Garza  
Claire Alyse Tanenbaum