

BARD COLLEGE

SENIOR CLASS  
AWARDS CEREMONY



CLASS OF 2020

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WELCOME

Tessa Greenhalgh '20

REMARKS

Leon Botstein

FACULTY SPEAKER

Yuka Suzuki

STAFF SPEAKER

Cammie Jones

CLASS SPEAKER

Sam Kiley '20

PRESENTATION OF SENIOR AWARDS

CLOSING REMARKS

Leon Botstein

## AWARDS

*Awards are given to Bard students in open competition, irrespective of financial need.  
The awards carry various stipends.*

### **Book Awards for Excellence in Language Learning**

Awarded to one student from each foreign language program taught at the College, upon the nomination of the faculty in each language program; based on effective language learning, growth and improvement over the course of study, enthusiasm, diligence, commitment, and leadership in the classroom

*Marlaina Yost (Arabic)*

### **Class of 1969 Award**

Established by the Class of 1969 on the occasion of their 35th reunion, an annual award given to a junior or senior who, in the judgment of the faculty and the dean of the College, has demonstrated a commitment to justice, peace, and social equity through scholarly pursuits, community involvement, and personal example

*Rachel Flynn*

### **Peter Hutton Film Award**

In honor of Peter Hutton, a renowned filmmaker, professor, and beloved colleague; an award given to a junior or senior film major in recognition of exceptional skill, artistry, and commitment to the art of filmmaking

*Anaka Wetch*

### **Alexander Hirschhorn Klebanoff '05 Award for Outstanding Achievement in Art History**

Awarded to a student whose Senior Project demonstrates extensive scholarship and daring originality. The student should also demonstrate a commitment to art and artists in and around Bard College and show both a deep appreciation and diversified understanding of art history.

*Gabriella Goldberg*

*Shay Kothari*

### **Reamer Kline Award**

An award given anonymously by an alumnus of the College to deserving students who, in the judgment of the president, best perpetuate the high ideals, devotion, and energetic involvement in the life and work of the College exemplified by Dr. Kline during his 14 years as president of Bard

*Eilidh Strauss*

### **Robert Koblitz Human Rights Award**

An award established in 1987 by Bard alumni/ae who are former students of Robert Koblitz, late professor emeritus of political studies, in his name and honor, and awarded annually to a member of the Bard community—student, faculty, administration, or staff—whose work demonstrates an understanding of and commitment to democracy

*Ava Mazzye*

**Larry McLeod '76 Award in Jazz**

An award established by the family and friends of Larry McLeod '76 and given annually to a student, not necessarily a music major, who has done much to keep the sound of jazz going at Bard

*Anthony Henry*

**Elizabeth Murray and Sol Lewitt Studio Arts Award**

An award given annually to two deserving seniors whose work exemplifies dedication, commitment, and integrity

*Julia Kunze*

*Hui Won Lee*

**M. Susan Richman Senior Project Award in Mathematics**

A prize named in honor of Dr. Richman, mathematician, university educator and administrator, and mother of two mathematicians, given annually to recognize the senior student exhibiting the most mathematical creativity, as determined by the mathematics faculty

*Emma Bernstein*

**Studio Arts Award**

An award given annually to two deserving seniors whose work exemplifies dedication, commitment, and integrity

*Alex Prestrud*

*Victoria Wayland*

**Christina R. Tarsell Service Award**

An award given to commemorate the life and achievements of Chris Tarsell, a beautiful soul who is too soon gone. The award is given to a moderated student who enriches the community through humanitarian service and bridge building.

*Ryan Jones*

**Christina R. Tarsell Studio Arts Award**

An award given to commemorate the life and achievements of Chris Tarsell, a beautiful soul who is too soon gone. The award is given to a talented junior or senior of integrity whose work exemplifies intellectual openness, humanism, and a passion for light and color.

*Coco Ma*

*Livia Sponberg-Paraday*

## PRIZES

*Prizes are given to Bard students in open competition, irrespective of financial need,  
according to the intentions of the donors.  
The prizes carry various stipends.*

### **Bard Biology Prize**

A prize given annually to a graduating senior in biology who has demonstrated curiosity, perseverance, resilience, and achievement through engagement with the discipline and the world

*Adele Finch*

### **Bard College Conservatory of Music Prize**

A prize presented to graduating seniors at the Bard College Conservatory of Music who, in the opinion of the faculty, best embody the values of the Conservatory

*Gitta Markó*

### **Bard Equity and Inclusion Achievement Prize**

A prize awarded each year to the graduating Equity and Inclusion senior who best exemplifies the spirit of the program through academic achievement and personal growth

*Anthony Henry*

### **John Bard Scholars Prize**

Honorary prizes awarded annually by the faculty of each division of the College to not more than two students in each division for outstanding academic achievement in the field of major interest

#### **The Arts**

*Olivia Berkey*

*Macey Downs*

#### **Languages and Literature**

*Artun Ak*

*Amber Junker*

#### **Social Studies**

*Aliya Beyhum*

### **Andrew Jay Bernstein '68 Prize**

A prize in memory of Andrew Jay Bernstein '68, given to one or more seniors in recognition of the originality and quality of the Senior Project in psychology

*Yifan Gu*

**Marc Bloch Prize**

A prize given each year by the Historical Studies Program to the student who completes the best Senior Project in historical studies

*Mitchell Levinson*

**Heinrich Bluecher Prize**

A prize in memory of Dr. Heinrich Bluecher, professor of philosophy at Bard College from 1952 to 1967, given annually by his family, friends, and former students to one or more Upper College students who best exemplify the ideals of scholarship espoused by Dr. Bluecher

*Kate Gonzales*

*Ariadne Sinnis-Bourozikas*

**Franz Boas / Ruth Benedict Prize**

A prize given to a senior in recognition of achievement demonstrated by the Senior Project in anthropology

*Emily Giangiulio*

**President Leon Botstein Prize**

A prize endowed by the Bard faculty on the occasion of 30 years of President Botstein's leadership of the College, given to a graduating senior with a strong academic record across the disciplines who has been judged by the faculty to have demonstrated intellectual ambition, creativity, and integrity

*Eric Dougherty*

**Rachel Carson Prize**

Honors the outstanding Senior Project in environmental and urban studies that reflects Carson's determination to promote biocentric sensibility

*Glennys Romero Medina*

**Maya Deren Prize**

A prize established anonymously in memory of Maya Deren and awarded to a film major for excellence in and commitment to cinema

*Theodore Webb*

**Alice P. Doyle Prize in Environmental Studies**

A prize given annually to a graduating senior whose Senior Project illuminates the social dimensions of environmental issues

*Elinor Stapylton*

**Jacob Druckman Memorial Prize**

A prize established by Ingrid Spatt '69 to honor the memory of Jacob Druckman, a beloved teacher and friend, and associate professor of music from 1961 to 1967, awarded to a senior in the Music Program who demonstrates excellence and innovation in music composition

*Nicolas Fopeano*

*Meghan Mercier*

**Lyford P. Edwards Memorial Prize**

A prize awarded annually in memory of Lyford P. Edwards, a former professor of sociology at the College, to a student in the senior class who demonstrates excellence in the social sciences

*Bernadette Benjamin*

*Macey Downs*

**William Frauenfelder Translation Prize**

A prize established in honor of William Frauenfelder, professor of modern languages and literature from 1934 to 1957 and 1969 to 1977, and awarded to a senior whose project includes a substantial work of literary translation of particularly high quality and attention to scholarship

*Megan Halm*

**Antonio Gramsci Prize**

A prize awarded annually to a qualified and deserving student, nominated by the Division of Social Studies, who has demonstrated excellence in political studies, political economy, and the policy implications of academic analysis

*Augusta Spiro Jaeger*

**Jerome Hill Prize**

A prize given in memory of Jerome Hill to a senior with an excellent Senior Project and for exceptional service to the Film and Electronic Arts Program

*Gus Aronson*

**Ana Itelman Prize for Choreography**

A prize established by her family, friends, and admirers in memory of Ana Itelman, professor of dance from 1957 to 1969 and joint founder of the Drama/Dance Program at the College. It is awarded, when the occasion suggests, to dance students who have shown creativity, imagination, and theatrical invention as a choreographer, director, or creator of other forms of performance art and whose work embodies wit, style, dynamism, and visual flair, as did hers.

*Kate Williams*

**Ana Itelman Prize for Performance**

A prize established by her friends and admirers in memory of Ana Itelman, professor of dance from 1957 to 1969 and joint founder of the Drama/Dance Program at the College. It is awarded, when the occasion suggests, to dance students who have shown onstage, in both acting and dance, the expressiveness she worked to develop.

*Olivia Berkey*

**William E. Lensing Prize in Philosophy**

An annual prize in memory of William Lensing, professor of philosophy from 1949 to 1981, given to one or more Upper College philosophy majors chosen by the program's faculty for excellence in the field

*Luke Jennings*

**Levy Economics Institute Prize**

A prize awarded to a senior with an outstanding academic record, whose Senior Project represents originality of thought in economics and public policy and who has contributed to furthering the goals of the Levy Institute while at Bard

*Tinatin Bezhanidze*

**William J. Lockwood Prizes**

A prize awarded to the senior student who, in the judgment of the president, has contributed most to the general welfare of the College

*Justyn Díaz*

A prize awarded to the senior student who, in the judgment of the president, has contributed most to the intellectual life of the College

*Nadia Russell*

**Wilton Moore Lockwood Prize**

Established in 1927 by Mr. Wilton Moore Lockwood, a prize awarded to students who have submitted particularly distinguished creative and critical writing in coursework

*Jamie Gray Gillette* (creative)

*Andres Meraz* (critical)

**Adolfas Mekas Prize**

Awarded for exceptional scriptwriting by a senior film student

*Dalia Glazman*

**Edmund S. Morgan Prize in American Studies**

A prize honoring the student who has written the outstanding Senior Project in American studies

*Alexis Maresca*

**Don Parker Prize for Dance**

A prize awarded annually to one or more seniors in the Dance Program who have shown the greatest development and progress as performers at Bard

*Molly Rockwood*

**Don Parker Prize for Theater and Performance**

A prize awarded annually to one or more seniors in the Theater and Performance Program who have shown the greatest development and progress as performers at Bard

*Cheyenne Conti*

*Violet Savage*

**Sidney Peterson Prize**

A prize given to a senior for exceptional service in the spirit of the late experimental filmmaker

*Alexandra Diaz-Albertini*



**Seymour Richman Music Prize for Excellence in Brass**

Established in memory of Seymour Richman (1932–48), a talented and joyous trumpet player, given annually to an outstanding senior Bard College Conservatory of Music brass instrument player whose performances have embodied creativity, originality, and dedication

*James Yu-Tien Chou*

**Robert Rockman Prize**

A prize established by the Class of 1966 to honor and acknowledge Robert Rockman, a beloved teacher devoted to making the Bard experience come to life for more than 40 years, and awarded to a junior or senior for excellence in literature and theater

*Jane Colon-Bonet*

**Arwa Salih Middle Eastern Studies Prize**

An annual prize honoring the spirit and scholarship of writer and student activist Arwa Salih, awarded to a Middle Eastern Studies major in the Upper College chosen by the program's faculty for excellence in the field

*Marlaina Yost*

**Bill Sanders '90 Memorial Prize**

A prize given in memory of Bill Sanders '90 to a student for appreciative, elegant, and insightful critical writing in English literature

*Charlotte Foreman*

**Margaret Creal Shafer Prizes in Composition and Performance**

Given by the Hudson Valley Chamber Music Circle to music majors who have excelled—one as a composer, the other as a performer—and demonstrated active participation in the Music Program

*Tristan Geary* (composition)

*Guang (Jason) Yang* (composition)

*Yidao Ho* (performance)

*Lindsey Williams* (performance)

**Dr. Richard M. Siegel '43 Memorial Prize in Science**

Given in memory of Dr. Richard M. Siegel '43 to a student majoring in science who, in the judgment of the faculty, demonstrates academic excellence

*Aleksandr Fedchin*

**Idahlia Gonzalez Stokas Memorial Prize**

A prize awarded in loving memory of Idahlia Gonzalez Stokas to a graduating senior who best exemplifies the spirit of Bard and who, having overcome personal challenges during his or her studies, has demonstrated academic excellence

*Jadyn Gray-Hough*

**Adolf Sturmthal Memorial Prize**

A prize established in 1987 by the family, former students, and friends of Adolf Sturmthal—economist, educator, and author, who served on the Bard faculty from 1940 to 1955—and awarded annually to a senior student who has done outstanding work in the field of economics

*Peyton Nash*

**Carter Towbin Prize for Theater and Performance**

A prize awarded annually in memory of Carter Towbin to an Upper College theater and performance student in recognition of creativity, versatility, and overall contribution to the work of that program

*Philip Carroll*

*Thai Harris Singer*

**Lindsay F. Watton III Memorial Prize in Russian and Eurasian Studies**

A prize established by friends of Lindsay F. Watton III, professor of Russian language and literature, awarded annually to a senior whose Senior Project demonstrates excellence in the field of Russian and Eurasian studies. The project should be interdisciplinary and reflect a knowledge of Russian or the Slavic/Eurasian language relevant to the theme of the project.

*Jasper Francis*

*Andres Meraz*

**Written Arts Prize**

A prize offered by the faculty of the Written Arts Program to the graduating senior or seniors whose Senior Project is of the highest quality

*Charlotte Foreman*

**Bard College  
Alumni/ae Association  
congratulates and  
welcomes you.**

All graduates of Bard College are automatically members of the Bard College Alumni/ae Association, a community of more than 15,000 Bard alumni/ae worldwide. The Office of Development and Alumni/ae Affairs exists to support and further the mission of the College, and to connect alumni/ae with one another and the College. We encourage all new graduates to cherish and maintain the friendships and contacts they made here, as well as using their membership in the Bard College Alumni/ae Association to engage with Bardians from all eras who share common professional, artistic, intellectual, and civic interests.

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