


The One Hundred Eighty-Sixth
Commencement Exercises
of
LAFAYETTE COLLEGE
May 30, 2021
Easton, Pennsylvania



THE ORDER OF CEREMONY

(The audience will be seated for the Processional and will rise for the Invocation.)

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE BEARER OF THE MACE
Ilan Peleg
Dana Professor of Government and Law

THE CLASS OF 2021
Brian Samble, Marshal
Dean of Students

THE FACULTY
John Meier, Marshal
Provost

THE TRUSTEES
Elisabeth Hughes MacDonald '81, Marshal
Trustee Emeritus

THE PLATFORM PARTY

THE PRESIDENT AND
THE SPEAKER OF THE DAY

THE INVOCATION

ALEXANDRA M. HENDRICKSON
Chaplain of the College and
Director of Religious and Spiritual Life

IN MEMORIAM

ALISON R. BYERLY
President

WAYNE S. LEIBEL
Gideon R. Jr. and Alice L. Kreider Professor of Biology
August 5, 1951 – May 16, 2021

DAVID A. VESHOSKY
Associate Professor of Engineering Studies and
Civil & Environmental Engineering
September 12, 1950 – July 5, 2020

IVAN R. BAQUERIZO '21
August 14, 1998 – October 27, 2019

MCCRAE J. WILLIAMS '21
January 29, 1998 – September 11, 2017

RECOGNITION OF FACULTY ELECTED TO EMERITUS STATUS

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STEPHEN M. NESBIT
Professor of Mechanical Engineering

GEORGE E. PANICHAS
James Renwick Hogg Professor of
Mental and Moral Philosophy

ROGER W. RUGGLES
Associate Professor of Civil and
Environmental Engineering

THOMAS R. YUSTER
Associate Professor of Mathematics

RECOGNITION OF
PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE
AND CONFERRING OF
HONORARY DEGREES

INTRODUCTION BY ROBERT E. SELL '84
Chair, Board of Trustees
ANGEL L. MENDEZ '82
Secretary, Board of Trustees

ALISON R. BYERLY
Doctor of Humane Letters

PRESIDENT BYERLY
INTRODUCTIONS BY MR. SELL

RICHARD MCATEER
Doctor of Public Service

YOLANDA WISHER '98
Doctor of Letters

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

YOLANDA WISHER '98

RECOGNITION OF CLASS OF 2021

PRESIDENT BYERLY

PRESENTATION BY JOSHUA SMITH
Clerk of the Faculty

MICHAEL OLIN
Dean of Academic Advising and
Co-curricular Programs

JOHN MEIER
Provost

TIMOTHY COX
Associate Dean/Jr. and Sr. Class Dean

PRESENTATION OF
SENIOR CLASS GIFT

ALISHA GANGADHARAN '21
GRACE GUERIN '21
TARON HAMPTON '21
KATHERINE LEIVA '21
Chairs, Class of 2021 Gift Committee

PEPPER PRIZE RECIPIENT'S REMARKS

BASIT BALOGUN '21

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

PRESIDENT BYERLY

THE ALMA MATER

Words and Music by Walter C. Stier,
Class of 1884

CALEIGH SCHMID '21 (SINGER)
MARINA CANTOR '21 (SIGNOR)

We'll gather by the twilight's glow
In front of old Pardee.
In all the world no other scene
So fair, so dear to me.
O Lafayette, O Lafayette,
To thee our voices raise!
While loyal lips and loyal hearts
Unite to sing thy praise.

CHORUS

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In front of old Pardee.
In all the world no other scene
So fair, so dear to me.

THE BENEDICTION

CHAPLAIN HENDRICKSON

THE RECESSIONAL

(The audience will be seated until the Class of 2021 exits the stadium.)

APPALACHIAN BRASS QUINTET

Gary Ross, *Trumpet* Brian Woodward, *Trumpet*
Lawrence Kursar, *Horn* Bryan Hay, *Trombone* Gary Cattley, *Tuba*