New York University
2021 Virtual All-University
Commencement

Wednesday, May 19, 2021
11:00 a.m. (ET)

NYU Skirball Center for the Performing Arts
New York City
The Academic Procession in Order of March

Torchbearer

Judith Haber
Ursula Springer Leadership Professor in Nursing, Rory Meyers College of Nursing

University Color Guard

Christina Avgerinos, Secretary, Administrative Management Council
Workplace Experience Manager, Business Operations and Administration, University Development and Alumni Relations

Nicky Nenkov, Chair, Student Government Assembly
BA, Liberal Studies

Max Yiu, President, Senior Class Activities Board
BA, College of Arts and Science

Faculty Council Representatives

Darcey Merritt, Chief Marshal
Chair, Tenured/Tenure Track Faculty Senators Council;
Associate Professor, Silver School of Social Work;
Faculty Fellow, McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research,
Silver School of Social Work

Ethan W. Youngerman
Chair, Full-Time Continuing Contract Faculty Senators Council;
Senior Language Lecturer, Expository Writing, Faculty of Arts and Science
School Procession

Each school and college is led, in the order of its founding, by the dean or their representative and the 2021 class representative for degrees and certificates.

**College of Arts and Science (1832)**
Gene Jarrett, Dean
Jendayi Omowale, BA
Victoria Tong, BA, Youngest Baccalaureate Degree Candidate
Lydia Samora Mason, BA

**School of Law (1835)**
Trevor Morrison, Dean
Julia E. Paranyuk, JD

**Grossman School of Medicine (1841)**
Steven B. Abramson, Executive Vice President and Vice Dean for Education, Faculty, and Academic Affairs
Qanetha Ahmed, MD

**Tandon School of Engineering (1854)**
Jelena Kovačević, Dean
Sofia Barysheva, BS

**College of Dentistry (1865)**
Elizabeth Garrison, DDS

**Graduate School of Arts and Science (1886)**

**Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development (1890)**
Jack H. Knott, Dean
Lorena Kanzki, MA

**Leonard N. Stern School of Business (1900)**
Raghu Sundaram, Dean
Arianna M. Sanchez, MBA

**Rory Meyers College of Nursing (1932)**
Eileen Sullivan-Marx, Dean
Gavin Arneson, BS

**School of Professional Studies (1934)**
Susan Greenbaum, Dean
Rachel Jiwon Kim, BS

**Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service (1938)**
Sherry Glied, Dean
Divya Jethwani, MPA

**Silver School of Social Work (1960)**
Neil Guterman, Dean
Jasmin Collazo, DSW

**Tisch School of the Arts (1965)**
Allyson Green, Dean
Sabrina Song, BFA

**Gallatin School of Individualized Study (1972)**
Susanne Wofford, Dean
Judy Luo, BA

**Liberal Studies (1972)**
Julie Mostov, Dean
Diya Radhakrishna, BA, Student Speaker

**NYU Abu Dhabi (2010)**
Ann Morning, Academic Director, NYU Abu Dhabi in New York; Associate Professor of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Science

**NYU Shanghai (2013)**
Almaz Zelleke, Professor of Practice in Political Science and Co-Area Head of Social Science

**School of Global Public Health (2015)**
Cheryl G. Healton, Dean
Inés María Del Giudice, MPH
Speakers and University Leadership

Dasha Rettew (GAL '14)
President, NYU Alumni Association; Member, Board of Trustees

Deborah N. Archer
Jacob K. Javits Professor; Professor of Clinical Law and Co-Faculty Director, Center on Race, Inequality, and the Law, NYU School of Law; President, American Civil Liberties Union

Lisa M. Coleman (GSAS '07)
Senior Vice President for Global Inclusion and Strategic Innovation

Clay Shirky, Vice Provost

Andrew D. Hamilton, President
Order of Exercises

Pronouncement

Clay Shirky
Vice Provost

Land and Ancestral Acknowledgment

Lisa M. Coleman (GSAS ’07)
Senior Vice President for Global Inclusion and Strategic Innovation

Welcome

William R. Berkley (STERN ’66)
Chair, Board of Trustees

Remarks

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senate

Tribute to the Class of 2021
Student Speaker

Diya Radhakrishna, BA
Liberal Studies

Alumni Message to the Class of 2021

Daniel Dae Kim (TSOA ’96)
Actor and Producer

Remarks

Anthony S. Fauci
Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Remarks

Hakeem Jeffries (LAW ’97)
Member, United States House of Representatives (NY-8)

Guest Speaker

Deborah N. Archer
Jacob K. Javits Professor; Professor of Clinical Law and Co-Faculty Director,
Center on Race, Inequality, and the Law, NYU School of Law;
President, American Civil Liberties Union

Poem: “Faces Unseen”

Lydia Samora Mason, BA
College of Arts and Science

President’s Message

Andrew D. Hamilton
President

Welcome to the Alumni Association

Dasha Rettew (GAL ’14)
President, NYU Alumni Association; Member, Board of Trustees
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees and Certificates in Course

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Sofiia Barysheva, BS

College of Dentistry
Charles N. Bertolami, Dean
Elizabeth Garrison, DDS

Graduate School of Arts and Science
Susan Antón, Interim Dean
Karmen Hutchinson, MS

Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Jack H. Knott, Dean
Lorena Kanzki, MA

Leonard N. Stern School of Business
Raghu Sundaram, Dean
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Gallatin School of Individualized Study
Susanne Wolford, Dean
Judy Luo, BA

Liberal Studies
Julie Mostov, Dean
Diya Radhakrishna, BA

NYU Abu Dhabi
Mariët Westermann, Vice Chancellor
Thais Thomas, BA

NYU Shanghai
Jeffrey S. Lehman, Vice Chancellor
Bella Xu Yitong, BS

School of Global Public Health
Cheryl G. Healton, Dean
Inés María Del Giudice, MPH
The Ceremony of the Torch

Clay Shirky
The silver torch, designed by Tiffany & Co., was given to the University in 1911 by Helen Miller Gould. The torch symbolizes “academic purpose and authority.” It has become a tradition for a senior member of the faculty to carry the torch in the commencement procession. The first passing of the torch to the youngest graduate took place in 1938. The practice prevailed until the commencement of 1944 when the torch was passed to a returning veteran of World War II. The ceremony was abandoned as of the commencement of 1953 and was reinstated nine years later.

Judith Haber, Torchbearer
_Ursula Springer Leadership Professor in Nursing, Rory Meyers College of Nursing_

Victoria Tong, BA, Youngest Baccalaureate Degree Candidate
_College of Arts and Science_

Conferring of Degrees and Certificates in Course

Andrew D. Hamilton

Farewell

Andrew D. Hamilton
Acknowledgments

“Old New York University” Participants

Presented during the Commencement Countdown

Danté Crichlow, BFA, Tisch School of the Arts
Janean Cuffee, BS, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Hriditaa Rajeev Dekate, BS, Tandon School of Engineering
Isabel Ebeid, BFA, Tisch School of the Arts
Bobbie Edmunds, BFA, Tisch School of the Arts
Valeria Galvan, BS, School of Professional Studies
Gabe Golob, BS, School of Professional Studies
Evelyn Herrera, BS, Tandon School of Engineering
Ashley Lung, BS, Stern School of Business
Gage Richard Gregorio Thomas, BFA, Tisch School of the Arts

Program Announcer

Larry Miller, Clinical Music Associate Professor and Director, Music Business Program, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development

New York University Pipes and Drums

Brian C. Meagher, Jr. (WAG ’94), Pipe Major
James Felder (CAS ’97; TSOA ’06), Piper
John Henderson, Piper
Mark Celli, Drum Sergeant
Karl Kim (STEINHARDT ’22), Drummer

School Banner Bearers

Gabrielle Branche, BA, NYU Abu Dhabi
Doraian Givens, BA, Gallatin School of Individualized Study
Melanie A. Gonzalez, MBA, Stern School of Business
Mary V. Holiman, MPH, School of Global Public Health
Samuel A. Ison, JD, School of Law
Shivam Jindal, BS, Tandon School of Engineering
Kaili Le, BS, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Lynette Adorae Lester, MD, Grossman School of Medicine
Brandon Lu, BS, College of Arts and Science

Yixuan (Shirley) Luo, MS, School of Professional Studies
Bria Mathis, MPA, Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
Paul Mensah, MS, Graduate School of Arts and Science
Hannah Moses, BS, Rory Meyers College of Nursing
Mohammad Saleem, BFA, Tisch School of the Arts
Richard Seeno, BA, Liberal Studies
Ethan Slater, BS, NYU Shanghai
Arlys Tineo, MSW, Silver School of Social Work
Jessica Tufano, DDS, College of Dentistry
“Tribute to the Class of 2021” Participants

Farah Abdul-Rahman, PhD, Graduate School of Arts and Science  
Allyson Alfonso, MD, Grossman School of Medicine  
Rhea Almeida, MPA, Wagner Graduate School of Public Service  
Gabrielle Branche, BA, NYU Abu Dhabi  
Anysa Fernandez, MS, Tandon School of Engineering  
Anushree Godbole, BS, Stern School of Business  
Caiti Houlihan, MA, Graduate School of Arts and Science  
Jordon Jew, BS, Rory Meyers College of Nursing  
Rachel Jiwon Kim, BS, School of Professional Studies  
Adrielle Lee, BA, Liberal Studies  
Lexy Miaor Li, BA, NYU Shanghai  
Max Markham, JD, School of Law  
Safeena Mecklai, JD, School of Law  
Tamara Moctezuma, BA, Liberal Studies  
Jendayi Omowale, BA, College of Arts and Science  
Oscar San Román Orozco, MPH, School of Global Public Health  
Gabriela Romero, BFA, Tisch School of the Arts  
Leonard Santos, MA, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development  
Chynna Seck, BA, Gallatin School of Individualized Study  
Rei Shimizu, PhD, Silver School of Social Work  
Jessica Tufano, DDS, College of Dentistry  
Junyi (Bob) Zou, BA, College of Arts and Science

Production

The 2021 Virtual All-University Commencement is produced by the Office of University Events

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Megan Murphy (SPS ’22), Graduate Assistant

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Empire State Building Lighting Partner

On Tuesday, May 18, 2021, the lights of the iconic Empire State Building glowed violet to salute New York University’s Class of 2021. As an Empire State Building Lighting Partner, NYU is proud that this long-standing tradition continues in honor of our graduating students.