



**THE COLLEGE
OF LIBERAL ARTS**

CLASS OF 2021

WOODBURY UNIVERSITY

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION
AND AWARDS CEREMONY**

**Thursday, May 6th
five o'clock in the evening**

WELCOME REMARKS

Dr. Reuben Ellis
Interim Dean | College of Liberal Arts

Dr. David Steele-Figueroa
President | Woodbury University

“TRACES, PLACES, FACES, AND GRACES”

Poem written and presented for the occasion by Mike Sonksen

Participating Adjunct Faculty | Interdisciplinary Studies

AWARDS

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

AWARDS IN ART HISTORY

Presented by Dr. Amy Converse

Coordinator | Art History

Outstanding Achievement in Art History

Recognizes outstanding academic achievement in Art History.

Priscilla Victorino Figueroa

Elizabeth White

Ellie Poulin

AWARD IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Presented by Dr. Will McConnell

Chair | Interdisciplinary Studies

Outstanding Achievement in Interdisciplinary Studies

Recognizes the highest level of excellence in the integration of two disciplinary foci.

Juan Silva

AWARDS IN MATH AND SCIENCE

Presented by Dr. Annie Chu

Chair | Math and Science

Outstanding Achievement in Math and Science

Recognizes outstanding academic achievement in math and science, in both depth and breadth.

Tiffany Ng

Presented by Dr. Eugene Allevato

Participating Adjunct Faculty | Math and Science

Outstanding Contribution in Applying Math to Community Service

Recognizes excellence in applying mathematical ideas and effective service to the Youth Opportunity Movement, Watts.

Nicolas Bianco

AWARDS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Presented by Dr. H. Eric Schockman

Coordinator | Political Science, History, and Public Safety Administration

Outstanding Achievement in Political Science

Recognizes the highest levels of excellence in the Political Science major.

Elona Nazaryan

Nare Davtyan

AWARD IN PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Presented by Dr. Richard Matzen

Acting Chair | Professional Writing

Outstanding Achievement in Professional Writing

Recognizes writing that exceeds the typical expectations of an assignment, shows consistent superior quality throughout, develops a complex idea, is original and creative, and demonstrates evidence of critical thinking and engagement with an issue or issues.

Casey Driver

AWARD OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO COLA

Presented by Mike Sonksen

Coordinator | Pathways to Student Success (PASS)

Special Contributions to the College of Liberal Arts

Recognizes work, talent, and time devoted to and engaged with furthering the programs or mission of CoLA and a consistent commitment to service that exists outside of the regular curriculum leading to a degree within the College.

Joshua Jones

AWARDS FOR TUTORING SERVICES

Presented by Laurel DiGangi

Coordinator | Tutoring Services

Outstanding Achievement in Tutoring Services

Recognizes the contributions of peer-tutors from The Writing Center and the Math, Science, & Subject Tutoring Center, who, through their leadership and devotion, have nurtured the academic success of their peers.

Patrick Castro

Madison Chambers-Garcia

Ellie Poulin

Maddy Ramirez

AWARD OF WORK STUDIES SERVICE

Presented by Rachel Farnsworth

Administrative Assistant | College of Liberal Arts

Outstanding Achievement in Work Studies

Recognizes student workers who exemplify excellence in work performed for the College of Liberal Arts office.

Leily Salazar

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Dr. Reuben Ellis

Interim Dean | College of Liberal Arts

HONOR CORDS are silk ropes with tassels on the ends, worn like a shawl around the neck, traditionally bestowed on degree-recipients in recognition of their scholarship and achievement in a particular discipline. They are medieval and ecclesiastical in origin, although today the silks correspond to the academy's various fields of study via their traditional colors.

College of Liberal Arts ::

BLUE AND WHITE

(traditional colors of the liberal arts)

History ::

WHITE

Interdisciplinary Studies ::

CITRON GREEN

<i>MORIA</i> Literary Magazine ::	OLIVE GREEN
Political Science ::	NAVY BLUE
Professional Writing ::	WHITE (literature) / SILVER (rhetoric) / CRIMSON (journalism)
Tutoring Services ::	PALE BLUE
Urban Studies ::	VIOLET

THE MAJOR DEGREE PROGRAM

Casey Driver Professional Writing
MORIA Literary Magazine

Presented by Dr. Richard Matzen, Acting Chair of the Writing Department

Nare Davtyan Political Science

Grigor Khandjian Political Science
- *Summa Cum Laude*

Elona Nazaryan Political Science
- *Cum Laude*

Presented by Dr. H. Eric Schockman, Coordinator of Political Science, History, and Public Safety Administration | Dr. Douglas Cremer, Professor of History and Interdisciplinary Studies

Nicolas Bianco Interdisciplinary Studies

Joseph Karmo Interdisciplinary Studies
- *Magna Cum Laude*

Tiffany Ng Interdisciplinary Studies
- *Magna Cum Laude*
MORIA Literary Magazine

Jesse Perez Interdisciplinary Studies

Megan Pollett Interdisciplinary Studies

Juan Silva Interdisciplinary Studies

Presented by Dr. Will McConnell, Chair of Interdisciplinary Studies

THE MINOR DEGREE PROGRAM

Rebekah Kamemoto Professional Writing

MORIA Literary Magazine

Antonio Maiorano

Professional Writing

Evelyna Nazari

Professional Writing
- *Summa Cum Laude*
MORIA Literary Magazine

Jessica Ordaz

Professional Writing
- *Cum Laude*

Alyssa Pieprzyca

Professional Writing
- *Cum Laude*
MORIA Literary Magazine

Cailyn Reinhart

Professional Writing

Presented by Laurel DiGangi, Coordinator of Tutoring Services | Dr. Linda Dove, Participating Adjunct Faculty | Mike Sonksen, Participating Adjunct Faculty

Samson Levi

Urban Studies
- *Magna Cum Laude*

Paola Perez

Urban Studies

Presented by Dr. Emily Bills, Coordinator of Urban Studies

MORIA LITERARY MAGAZINE (in addition to the previously designated graduates)

Alexis Ash
Amelia Goddard
Jae Ha (Jason) Lee
David Newell
Andres Peña
Devon Ward

TUTORS

Patrick Castro - *Cum Laude*
Madison Chambers-Garcia - *Magna Cum Laude*
Ellie Poulin - *Summa Cum Laude*
Maddy Ramirez

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATE STATUS TO DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Dr. Reuben Ellis
Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts

BENEDICTION

Dr. Douglas Cremer
Professor of History and Interdisciplinary Studies

Our Heartfelt Congratulations to All the CoLA Awardees and Graduates!