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## BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

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## OPENING WORDS

Jewelnel Davis

*University Chaplain and Associate Provost*

## INTRODUCTION TO THE BACCALAUREATE SPEAKERS

Ian Rottenberg

*Dean of Religious Life*

FIRST READING

Mikyle Hassanali  
Columbia College, 2021  
Shia Muslim

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ  
عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ وَأَمِينِكَ وَصَفِيكَ وَحَبِيبِكَ وَخَيْرَتِكَ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ  
وَحَافِظِ سِرِّكَ وَمُبَلِّغِ رِسَالَاتِكَ أَفْضَلَ وَأَحْسَنَ وَأَجْمَلَ وَاكْمَلَ وَأَرْكَى وَأَنْمَى  
وَإَطْيَبَ وَأَطْهَرَ وَأَسْنَى وَآكْثَرَ مَا صَلَّيْتَ وَبَارَكْتَ وَتَرَحَّمْتَ وَتَحَنَّنْتَ  
وَسَلَّمْتَ عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ وَأَنْبِيَائِكَ وَرُسُلِكَ وَصَفْوَتِكَ وَأَهْلِ الْكِرَامَةِ  
عَلَيْكَ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَصَلِّ عَلَى عَلِيِّ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَوَصِيِّ رَسُولِ رَبِّ  
الْعَالَمِينَ عَبْدِكَ وَوَلِيِّكَ وَآخِي رَسُولِكَ وَحُجَّتِكَ عَلَى خَلْقِكَ وَأَيْتِكَ الْكُبْرَى  
وَالنَّبِيَّ الْعَظِيمِ وَصَلِّ عَلَى الصَّديقَةِ الطَّاهِرَةِ فَاطِمَةَ سَيِّدَةَ نِسَاءِ الْعَالَمِينَ  
وَصَلِّ عَلَى سِبْطِي الرَّحْمَةِ وَإِمَامِي الْهُدَى الْحَسَنِ وَالْحُسَيْنِ سَيِّدِي  
شَبَابِ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ وَصَلِّ عَلَى أئِمَّةِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ عَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ وَمُحَمَّدِ بْنِ  
عَلِيٍّ وَجَعْفَرِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَمُوسَى بْنِ جَعْفَرٍ وَعَلِيِّ بْنِ مُوسَى وَمُحَمَّدِ بْنِ  
عَلِيٍّ وَعَلِيِّ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَالْحَسَنِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ وَالْخَلْفِ الْهَادِيِ الْمُهَدِّيِ حُجَّكَ  
عَلَى عِبَادِكَ وَأَمَنَاتِكَ فِي بِلَادِكَ صَلَاةً كَثِيرَةً دَائِمَةً اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ  
وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَجِّلْ فَرَجَهُمْ

O Allah, (please do) send blessings to Muhammad; Your servant, Messenger, confidant, friend, beloved intimate, the choicest of Your created beings, the bearer of Your sacraments, and the conveyor of Your messages, with the most superior, the most exquisite, the most handsomer, the most perfect, the most upright, the most prospering, the most pleasant, the most thoroughly purified, the most sublime, the most and the best blessings, advantages, mercies, affections, and salutations that You have ever bestowed upon anyone of Your servants, Prophets, Messengers, choicest people, and those honored by You from among Your created beings. O

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Allah, (please do) send blessings to `Ali; the Commander of the Believers, the successor of the Messenger of the Lord of the worlds, Your servant, Your beloved representative, the brother of Your Messenger, Your decisive argument over the mankind, Your most important sign, and the great news (from You). (Please do) send blessings to the truthful and pure Lady, Fatimah; the Doyenne of the women of the world. (Please do) send blessings to the sons of 'the mercy to the worlds' and the two leaders of true guidance; al-Hasan and al-Husayn, the two Chiefs of the dwellers of Paradise (Please do) send blessings to the leaders of the Muslims; `Ali bin al-Husayn, Muhammad bin `Ali, Ja`far bin Muhammad, Musa bin Ja`far, `Ali bin Musa, Muhammad bin `Ali, `Ali bin Muhammad, al-Hasan bin `Ali, and the successor, the guide, and the rightly guided.

Dua Iftitah

## SECOND READING

Juliette Jung  
*Columbia College, 2021*  
*Christian*

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:1–10 (ESV Translation)

SONG

My Way

Paul Anka, Claude Francois, and Jacques Revaux  
Arranged by Jonathan Nechemiah Cohen

Columbia Clefhangers

Angela Ahn, *Columbia College, 2024*

Tas Azman, *Columbia College, 2023*

Eunice Bae, *Columbia College, 2023*

David Chen, *Columbia College, 2022*

Linhan Dong, *Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2025*

Hunter Holland, *Columbia College, 2022*

Secunda Kariuki, *Columbia College, 2022*

Julia Kastner, *Barnard College, 2021*

Joya Kumar, *Columbia College, 2023*

Emma Lee, *Columbia College, 2022*

Jungsoo Lee, *Columbia College, 2021*

Nicholas Loud, *Columbia College, 2021*

Naomi Namboodiripad, *Columbia College, 2024*

Izzy Silver, *Barnard College, 2024*

Mira Soni, *Columbia College, 2021*

Stan Zheng, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2021*

THIRD READING

Matthew Rosenberg  
*School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2021*  
*Jewish*

בראשית כ"ח:י"ט-י"ז

(י) וַיֵּצֵא יַעֲקֹב מִבְּעַר שָׁבַע וַיֵּלֶךְ חֲרָנָה: (יא) וַיִּפְגַּע בַּמָּקוֹם וַיִּלֵּן שָׁם כִּי-בָא הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ וַיִּקַּח מֵאבְנֵי הַמָּקוֹם וַיִּשֶׂם מִרְאשׁוֹתָיו וַיִּשְׁכַּב בַּמָּקוֹם הַהוּא: (יב) וַיַּחְלֶם וְהִנֵּה סֹלֶם מַצֵּב אֶרֶצָה וְרֹאשׁוֹ מֵגִיעַ הַשָּׁמַיְמָה וְהִנֵּה מַלְאָכֵי אֱלֹהִים עֲלִים וְיֹרְדִים בּוֹ: (יג) וְהִנֵּה יְהוָה נֹצֵב עָלָיו וַיֹּאמֶר אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם אָבִיךָ וְאֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה שֹׁכֵב עָלֶיהָ לָךְ אֲתַנְנָה וְלִזְרַעֲךָ: (יד) וְהִנֵּה זֶרְעֶךָ כַּעֲפַר הָאָרֶץ וּפְרָצְתָ יָמָה וְקִדְמָה וּצְפֹנָה וְנִגְבָּה וְנִבְרָכוּ בְךָ כָּל-מִשְׁפַּחַת הָאָדָמָה וּבְזֶרְעֶךָ: (טו) וְהִנֵּה אֲנֹכִי עֹמֵד וּשְׁמִרְתִּיךָ בְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר-תֵּלֵךְ וְהִשְׁבַּתִּיךָ אֶל-הָאָדָמָה הַזֹּאת כִּי לֹא אֶעֱזָבְךָ עַד אֲשֶׁר אִם-עָשִׂיתִי אֶת אֲשֶׁר-דִּבַּרְתִּי לָךְ: (טז) וַיִּיקָץ יַעֲקֹב מִשְׁנָתוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲכֹן יֵשׁ יְהוָה בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה וְאֲנֹכִי לֹא יָדַעְתִּי:

Jacob left Beer-sheba and set out for Haran. He came upon a certain place and stopped there for the night, for the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of that place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. He had a dream; a stairway was set on the ground and its top reached to the sky, and angels of God were going up and down on it. And the LORD was standing beside him and He said, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the ground on which you are lying I will assign to you and to your offspring. Your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All the families of the earth shall bless themselves by you and your descendants. Remember, I am with you; I will protect you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is present in this place, and I did not know it!"

Genesis (Parshat Vayetzei) 28:10–16

FOURTH READING

Gauri Talwar and Ria Sawhney  
*Barnard College, 2021*  
*Sikh*

ਏਕੈ ਨੈਨ ਏਕੈ ਕਾਨ ਏਕੈ ਦੇਹ ਏਕੈ ਬਾਨ ਖਾਕ ਬਾਦ ਆਤਸ ਔ ਆਬ ਕੋ ਰਲਾਉ ਹੈ ॥  
ਜੈਸੇ ਏਕ ਆਗ ਤੇ ਕਨੂਕਾ ਕੋਟ ਆਗ ਉਠੇ ਨਿਆਰੇ ਨਿਆਰੇ ਹੁਇ ਕੈ ਫੇਰੀ ਆਗ ਮੈ ਮਲਿਾਹਗਿ ॥  
ਜੈਸੇ ਏਕ ਧੂਰ ਤੇ ਅਨੇਕ ਧੂਰ ਪੂਰਤ ਹੈ ਧੂਰ ਕੇ ਕਨੂਕਾ ਫੇਰ ਧੂਰ ਹੀ ਸਮਾਹਗਿ ॥  
ਜੈਸੇ ਏਕ ਨਦ ਤੇ ਤਰੰਗ ਕੋਟ ਉਪਜਤ ਹੈ ਪਾਨ ਕੇ ਤਰੰਗ ਸਬੈ ਪਾਨ ਹੀ ਕਹਾਹਗਿ ॥  
ਤੈਸੇ ਬਸ੍ਰਿਵ ਰੂਪ ਤੇ ਅਭੂਤ ਭੂਤ ਪ੍ਰਗਟ ਹੁਇ ਤਾਹੀ ਤੇ ਉਪਜ ਸਬੈ ਤਾਹੀ ਮੈ ਸਮਾਹਗਿ ॥੧੭॥੮੭॥  
ਕੇਤੇ ਕੱਛ ਮੱਛ ਕੇਤੇ ਉਨ ਕਉ ਕਰਤ ਭੱਛ ਕੇਤੇ ਅੱਛ ਵੱਛ ਹੁਇ ਸਪੱਛ ਉਡ ਜਾਹਗਿ ॥  
ਕੇਤੇ ਨਭ ਬੀਚ ਅੱਛ ਪੱਛ ਕਉ ਕਰੈਗੇ ਭੱਛ ਕੇਤਕ ਪ੍ਰੱਤਛ ਹੁਇ ਪਚਾਇ ਖਾਇ ਜਾਹਗਿ ॥  
ਜਲ ਕਹਾ ਬਲ ਕਹਾ ਗਗਨ ਕੇ ਗਉਨ ਕਹਾ ਕਾਲ ਕੇ ਬਨਾਇ ਸਬੈ ਕਾਲ ਹੀ ਚਬਾਹਗਿ ॥  
ਤੇਜ ਜਿਉ ਅਤੇਜ ਮੈ ਅਤੇਜ ਜੈਸੇ ਤੇਜ ਲੀਨ ਤਾਹੀ ਤੇ ਉਪਜ ਸਬੈ ਤਾਹੀ ਮੈ ਸਮਾਹਗਿ ॥੧੮॥੮੮॥

The eyes are the same, the ears the same, the bodies are the same and the habits are the same; all the creation is the amalgam of earth, air, fire and water.

Just as millions of sparks are created from the fire although they are different entities, they merge in the same fire.

Just as many creatures are born from dirt and eventually become dirt again.

Just as waves are created on the surface of the big rivers and all the waves are called water.

Similarly the animate and inanimate objects come out of the Supreme Lord having been created from the same Lord; they merge in the same Lord.

There are many tortoises and fish and there are many who devour them. There are many a winged phoenix, who always continue flying.

There are many who devour even the phoenix in the sky and there are many who even eat and digest the materialized devourers.

Not only to speak of the residents of water, earth and wanders of the sky; all those created by god of death will ultimately be devoured by him.

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Just as the light merged in darkness and the darkness in the light, all the created beings generated by the Lord will ultimately merge in Him.

Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Dasam Bani

## INTERLUDE

“Verleih’ uns Frieden” *Cantata WoO 5*

Felix Mendelssohn

### Bach Society

Alexa Chan, *Barnard College, 2024*  
Grace Clifford, *Columbia College, 2022*  
Deena Corkindale, *Barnard College, 2023*  
Larry Davis, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2024*  
Alan Du, *Columbia College, 2022*  
Scott Geng, *Columbia College, 2023*  
Vanessa Ho, *Columbia College, 2022*  
Julia Holder, *Columbia College, 2024*  
Jenny Jin, *Columbia College, 2021*  
Rhea Kothari, *Columbia College, 2022*  
Adeline Larsen, *Barnard College, 2024*  
Morgan Lawrence, *Barnard College, 2023*  
Eleanor Lin, *Columbia College, 2024*  
David Newtown, *Columbia College, 2018*  
Audrey Nicholson, *Columbia College, 2023*  
Isaac Parlin, *Columbia College, 2023*  
Cindy Ruan, *Barnard College, 2024*  
Sarah Shen, *Columbia College, 2024*  
Nicole Sim, *Barnard College, 2020*  
Jeffrey Torborg, *Columbia College, 2022*  
Cindy Wang, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2021*  
Silu Wang, *Barnard College, 2023*



SENIOR REFLECTION

Hariti Patel  
*Barnard College, 2021*  
*Hindu*

SENIOR REFLECTION

Yaira Kobrin-Wiener  
*Columbia College, 2021*  
*Jewish*

SONG

Rise Up

Andra Day and Esa Einai  
Arranged by Yaffa Muhlbaum

Pizmon

Talia Albukrek, *Barnard College, 2023*  
Dan Cohen, *General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2023*  
Ilan Cohen, *General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2024*  
Noah Friedman-Nathan, *General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2023*  
Eliana Gayle-Schneider, *Barnard College, 2021*  
Emily Herman, *Barnard College, 2021*  
Gil Levitan, *General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2021*  
Yaffa Muhlbaum, *General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2021*  
Lexi Orlinsky, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2021*  
Raphael Simonson, *Columbia College, 2023*  
Beatrice Tulchin, *Barnard College, 2023*  
Hadassah Turk Tolub, *General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2022*  
Naomi Walthour, *Barnard College, 2024*  
Margeaux Wolberg, *General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2022*

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## SENIOR REFLECTION

Yasmine Ayman  
*Columbia College, 2021*  
*Baha'i*

## SENIOR REFLECTION

Khadija Balndeh  
*General Studies, 2021*  
*Muslim*

## SONG

Happier/Maana Ke Hum Yaar Nahi

Ed Sheeran/Parineeti Chopra  
Arranged by Shreya Sunderram

## CU Sur

Aurnov Chattopadhyay, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2021*

Mehr Kaur, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2023*

Supriya Makam, *Columbia College, 2022*

Roma Nayak, *Barnard College, 2023*

Areej Qadeer, *Barnard College, 2023*

Sapna Ramesh, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2021*

Melinda Samaratunga, *Barnard College, 2022*

Priyanka Shrijay, *Barnard College, 2023*

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FAMILY TRIBUTE

Lauren Pham  
*Barnard College, 2021*  
*Catholic*

CLOSING WORDS

Chaplain Jewelnel Davis

ALMA MATER

“Stand, Columbia!”  
*Austria*

Gilbert Oakley Ward, Columbia College, 1902  
Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

Mother, stayed on rock eternal,  
Crowned and set upon a height,  
Glorified by Light supernal—  
In thy radiance, we see light.  
Torch, thy children’s lamps to kindle,  
Beacon-star to cheer and guide  
Stand, Columbia! Alma Mater—  
Through the storms of Time abide!

Mighty patriots, warriors, sages  
Thou hast borne, a shining band;  
Teach thy kin in future ages  
Still to love their native land.  
Thron’d upon the hill where heroes  
Fought for liberty, and died,  
Stand, Columbia! Alma Mater—  
Through the storms of Time abide!

Honor, love, and veneration  
Crown forevermore thy brow!  
Many a grateful generation  
Hail thee as we hail thee now!  
Till the lordly Hudson seaward  
Cease to roll his heaving tide,  
Stand, Columbia! Alma Mater—  
Through the storms of Time abide!

## THE BACCALAUREATE

The Baccalaureate service is believed to have originated in a statute of 1432 at Oxford University requiring each bachelor to deliver a sermon in Latin as part of his academic exercise. Since the earliest universities in this country were founded primarily to educate ministers, the British practice of a Baccalaureate service was continued.

The tradition of the Baccalaureate service at Columbia University began after the move to the Morningside Heights campus in 1897. The Baccalaureate service is a multifaith service celebrating the completion of the undergraduate academic career.

This service is prepared and coordinated by the Commencement Office and the Office of Religious Life.