

# History of the **CUM LAUDE SOCIETY**

The Cum Laude Society was founded in 1906 by Dr. Abram W. Harris, the Director of the Tome School in Port Deposit, Maryland. He was determined that scholastic achievement in secondary schools should receive as much recognition as that given to other accomplishments. He envisioned a society modeled on Phi Beta Kappa that encouraged and recognized true scholarship.

The society was first named the Alpha Delta Tau Society. Charters were granted only to schools of the highest academic caliber.

In 1916, when Greek letter societies were becoming increasingly social in nature, the name of the organization was changed to the Cum Laude Society. At that time, the Society became incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland. The Society originally welcomed senior boys. In 1920, membership was extended to girls' schools and to high school juniors.

Gilman School has been a member of the Cum Laude Society since 1952. Today's induction ceremony allows us to reaffirm our belief in the purpose of the Society — to promote academic excellence and to uphold the spirit of the Society's motto:

**Arete** – excellence both in scholarship and in the moral sense

**Dike** – justice in all things

**Time** – dignity, true worth, and honor



## **GILMAN**

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# **The Cum Laude Society**

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## **Gilman School Cum Laude Induction Ceremony**

MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021

### **OPENING REMARKS**

Henry P. A. Smyth  
*Headmaster*

Édouard Lalo: *Symphonie Espagnole, 1st movement*

Pieter S. Heesters, *violin*  
Ariel F. Dechosa, *piano*

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER**

Joseph N. Duncan  
*President of the Gilman Chapter, The Cum Laude Society*

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Ava Lias-Booker  
*Partner, Baltimore Office Head of Litigation,  
and Diversity & Inclusion Committee Chair  
McGuire Woods*

### **CHARGE TO INDUCTEES & PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES**

Joseph N. Duncan

Thomas H. Broadus III  
*Secretary of the Gilman Chapter, The Cum Laude Society*

*Jules Demersseman: The Carnival of Venice*

Ian M. Raley, *alto saxophone*  
Ariel F. Dechosa, *piano*

### **BENEDICTION**

Johnnie L. Foreman, Jr.  
*Director of Community, Inclusion, and Equity*

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Robert L. Heubeck, Jr.  
*Head of Upper School*

### **ELECTED IN THE FALL OF 2020**

Krishna Bhambhani  
Jackson Donald Brenneman  
Edward Everest Conover  
Lucas Marshall Dett  
Cole Christian Emry  
Owen Zachary Grimm  
Joseph Benson Harlan III  
Charles David Nueremberger  
Heath Spencer Otenasek  
Maxwell Aiden Friedman Sternlicht  
James Paget Zollinger

### **ELECTED IN THE SPRING OF 2021**

Thomas Charles Gammie  
John Tucker Hebert  
Temilade Samson Koleosho  
Antonio Mendez-Trendler  
Ian Michael Raley  
Mason Alexander Roth  
Caleb William Soong  
Noah Mayer Spore  
Benjamin Ellis Tewey  
Aidan Caldwell Tydings  
Matthew Peter Wills  
Jiashu Yang  
Eric Le Zhang

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**PRESIDENT:** Joseph N. Duncan

**SECRETARY:** Thomas H. Broadus III

**MEMBERS:** Justin W. Baker, Ian C. Brooks, Patrick M. Hastings, Robert L. Heubeck, Jr.,  
Daphne C. McWilliams, Sarah J. Miller, Henry P. A. Smyth, James S. B. Spragins