



The 142nd
NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON
Commencement

———— Sunday, May 25, 2025, 11 am ————
Thorndike Lawn



NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON
Commencement

Order of Exercises



Presiding

Brian H. Hargrove, Head of School
Josephine M. Hart '74, Board of Trustees

PRELUDE	The Clarion Brass Quintet
PROCESSIONAL	<i>The audience is asked to remain standing throughout.</i>
WELCOME	Brian Hargrove, Head of School
CLASS ORATION	Sacharis (Shai) Lipton-Ferguson
CLASS OF 2025 HYMN	"We Would Be One"
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Mariah Draper Calagione '89, P'18, '20 and Sam Calagione '88, P'18, '20
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS	Brian H. Hargrove Trustee Josephine M. Hart '74 Class Advisors Loubna Boumghait P'24 and Joseph B. Latimer
NMH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME	Trustee Josephine M. Hart '74
SCHOOL SONG	"Jerusalem"
BENEDICTION	The Rev. Lee-Ellen Strawn P'21, '23, '26, NMH Chaplain
SUNG BENEDICTION	"The Northfield Benediction"
DISMISSAL	<i>The audience is asked to remain seated during the recessional of the Class of 2025.</i>

Following the service, please enjoy lunch at Alumni Hall and outside in the tent. The campus store will be open from 9 am to 3 pm. Following lunch, please proceed to your student's dorm so they may collect their belongings. Please plan to depart campus by 2 pm.

Mace Bearer

Mary H. Hefner P'06, '08, '11

Faculty Marshals

Nathaniel M. Hemphill P'11, '14 and James P. Shea P'25, '27

Musicians

Clarion Brass Quintet

Piper

Jarad N. Weeks '08

Flag Bearers

James Bechter '26 and Niayla Curley '26

CLASS OF 2025 HYMN
“We Would Be One”

Lyrics by Samuel A. Wright (1919-2016)
Music by Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

Singing led by Hezhen Skylar Tian '25

The audience is invited to stand and sing.

We would be one as now we join in singing
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
to that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.
We would be one in living for each other
to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow
a nobler world than we have known today.
We would be one in searching for that meaning
which bends our hearts and points us on our way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
with love and justice, strive to make us free.



SCHOOL SONG
“Jerusalem”

C. Hubert Parry (1848–1918)
Text by William Blake (1757–1827)

Singing led by Henry Castillo '25 and Gillian Wiles '25

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark Satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire.
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight;
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In ev'ry green and pleasant land.



THE NORTHFIELD BENEDICTION

Lucy Rider Meyer (1849–1922)

Singing led by Ronald R. Smith P'21, Director of Music Programs

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.
The Lord make his face shine upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee,
And be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up her countenance,
Their countenance upon thee,
And give thee peace,
And give thee peace.



Mariah Draper Calagione '89 and Sam Calagione III '88 *Commencement Speakers*

When Sam Calagione calls Northfield Mount Hermon “truly the centerpiece of my family’s life,” he’s not exaggerating: He and Mariah Draper Calagione met here as students, during a shared workjob shift in the dish room at Alumni Hall. Their children, Sam IV ’18 and Grier ’20, both graduated from NMH. Mariah’s late father, Thomas Draper, was also an NMH alumnus, Class of 1960.

Mariah and Sam have served the school in numerous volunteer roles over the years. In 2024, Mariah completed 13 years on the NMH Board of Trustees — six of them as chair — following in the footsteps of her father, who served on the board in the 1970s. The couple now serves as honorary co-chairs and members of the steering committee of *This Place, This Moment: The Campaign for Northfield Mount Hermon*.

After college, Mariah and Sam founded a brewpub and commercial brewery, Dogfish Head, in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. The company quickly took off, and the Calagiones expanded their brewing operation, added a distillery, and opened several new pubs. Along the way, Dogfish was recognized with numerous industry honors, including a James Beard Award.

Integral to their work has been a focus on service and community — values instilled by their families and by their time at Northfield Mount Hermon. Dogfish Head’s “Beer & Benevolence” program supported a range of community initiatives. In 2019, Dogfish Head merged with Boston Beer Company, maker of Samuel Adams beer. Sam now sits on Boston Beer’s board, while Mariah recently retired as head of the company’s social impact team, where she continued the kind of community-based work they began at Dogfish Head.

The Calagione family has been generous donors to NMH, including gifts that allowed the construction of the Draper Riverhouse and the Calagione Fitness Center. They’ve also supported financial assistance for students, including the establishment of scholarship funds honoring Thomas Draper and Arshay Cooper, founder and director of the A Most Beautiful Thing Inclusion Fund and a member of the NMH Board of Trustees.

The Calagiones’ community service and philanthropic work expand beyond NMH and includes community-based projects in Delaware, where they grew their business and raised their family. In 2023, Mariah received a Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Award, a national honor that recognizes outstanding local public service.



CLASS OF 2025 CANDIDATES FOR THE NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON DIPLOMA

Italics indicate Cum Laude • Postgraduate

Xiao Xuan Wu, Valedictorian
Jasper Kane Neff, Salutatorian

- *Mohammed Khalid Mohammed Al Salhi*
Shahd Wesam Alnabulsi
Wyatt Wayne Hodges Amos
Soren James Anderson-Flynn
Blake Robert Baksay
Sophie Kyra Balk
Julian James Christopher Bartels-Thiel
- Anthony Richard Basile
Quinn Garrett Bathory-Peeler
Patience Lenora Beasley
Grace Elizabeth Stanton Bird
Milan Rosa Blanton
Esa Blume
Carlota Sofia Bottome
Oscar Feidhlim Boyle
Elsie Asayo Bradford
Keona Yudi Burch
Isabel Churchill Cadena
Mahe-Lee Caron
Sara Angel Carrion
Will Marshall Caruso
Greyson Michael Joseph Casey
Henry Gabriel Castillo
Supriya Chatterjee
Miles John Chattman
Vincent Jordan Chaudhri
Jaden Chen
Youxu Chen
Yu Hei Cheung
- Jeweliana Rose Chino
- Minji Choi
Ryan Choi
Sophie Rose Cohen
Alexandra Katherine Cope
Erik Coscollola
James Patrick Costello III
Grace C. Cummiskey
Cecilia Cunningham-dePedro
Fiona Ahlfors Cutchins
- Christopher Daniels
- Benjamin Robert Davis
Isabella Carolina Dias-Sotiriou
- Liam Marco Diez Barroso
- Seth Daniel Digby
Beatrice Donovan
- *Sonam Drema*
- Quaadir Durden
Margaret Hill Eaton
Isabelle Simone Eaton-Neubert
Nikolaus Erdos
Gabriella Sophia Fernandez
Sofia Rose Fleischmann
Liam Roosevelt Foehl
Lydia Alexandra Foote
Phoebe Jane Garrett
Joshua Israel Gold
- Alexander Goldman
- Max Golosovker
Griffin Williams Gooding
Jacob Benjamin Gordon



CLASS OF 2025 CANDIDATES FOR THE NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON DIPLOMA

Italics indicate Cum Laude • Postgraduate

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Emma Ruby Green | • Jianna “G” Lazore |
| Dylan Cole Greenstein | <i>Kennard Allensky Liong</i> |
| Tanner Guentensberger | Sacharis Isaiah Lipton-Ferguson |
| Hailey Ann Haughey | Siyi Liu |
| Ella Cresswell Hayes | Jagger Dean Lucas |
| <i>Xi He</i> | Unandi Lungu |
| <i>Brooke Hindinger</i> | • Helena Mactier |
| Ava Jane Hoy | Dominic Marinilli |
| Braydon Becker Hudtloff | Connor Gallagher Marshall |
| Elliott William Humphries | <i>Katalin Sage Mazansky</i> |
| Rachel Shoshana Huynh | • Cameron McGarr |
| Alexander Ingalls Hyde | <i>Claire Tae-Mi Melican</i> |
| Nehikhare Nigel Iyahan | • Rocco Meyerhoff |
| Asher Shalom Jackson | Grady Morris Miller-Foulk |
| Derek Jara | • <i>Grace Minihane</i> |
| Ross Ellis Johnson | Griffin Bassett Moore |
| <i>Finn Johnston</i> | Benjamin Mundahl |
| Nathaniel Frederick Johnston | John William Murphy IV |
| • Morgan Jones | Maxim Myagkov |
| <i>Yoona Agnes Jung</i> | <i>Jasper Kane Neff</i> |
| • Dylan Tate Kadish | <i>Riley Louise Newport</i> |
| Nielsen R. Kasser | Khanh Trinh Gia Nguyen |
| Jed Perlow Kaufman | <i>Fan Yee Ivan O</i> |
| Amelia Joss Keeler | <i>Kyan Oakley</i> |
| Sooan Kim | • William Taylor Olsen |
| Yujin Kim | Mia Pace |
| Daryna Kitsela | Vincenzo Thomas Pasquarosa |
| • Ryan Christopher Kukulowicz | • Thomas Alexander Patino |
| Mateo Sebastian LaHaie | <i>Ariana Peterson-Ismail</i> |
| Franly Lamar Hernández | Cameron Gregory Phillip |
| <i>Maxwell Welch Landrey</i> | Pasin Piamthipmanus |
| Ivan Lau | Lucian J. Pierre |
| Luke William Laurino | Madigan Rose Pillsbury |
| Alexander Sudler Lazarre | Simon Potoma |



CLASS OF 2025 CANDIDATES FOR THE NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON DIPLOMA

Italics indicate Cum Laude • Postgraduate

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Victoria L. Prah | Lyric Ciarian Thomas |
| <i>Magdalene Ann Provencal</i> | <i>Hezhen "Skylar" Tian</i> |
| Yijie Quan | <i>Henry Charles Titterton</i> |
| David Rainone | Parker Claire Paxton Toyloy |
| Ava Isabel Reitz-Bouren | Devin Rose Troy |
| • Linzy Breanna Roberson Ortega | Damon Kin Tung Tung |
| Michael B. Robertson | James Dede Uduanu |
| Daniel Lev Rosen | Elianna Akiko Umana Kimura |
| Sydney Elizabeth Rourke | • Andrew David Urosevic |
| Mack Draper Russell | Isabella Coralita Valdevit |
| Masood Saidi | Rigel Samuel Louis Vélez |
| Henry Saito | <i>Amida Vongvasin</i> |
| • <i>Shinboon Sangnoom</i> | Mia Valentina Voutsinas |
| Avery Elizabeth Schneider | <i>Christie Shin-Yi Wang</i> |
| Addison Rose Schonewald | <i>Weicheng Wang</i> |
| Graham Adams Sharpe | Xiaomier Wang |
| Liam Dominick Shea | <i>Chayarat Wangweera</i> |
| Man Hei Raymond Siu | Hannah Weitzel |
| Amaya Rose Snyder | <i>Zachary Jacob Wells</i> |
| Christopher Park Sparrow | Gillian Arden Wiles |
| Reese Marshall Spiro | Lucas Matthew Willis |
| Adam Mitchell Stetson | <i>Augustine Long Wilson</i> |
| <i>Riccardo Strohhecker</i> | Rachel Diane Wood |
| Mary G. Styspeck | <i>Inga Rane Wooten-Forman</i> |
| <i>Leyi Su</i> | <i>Xiao Xuan Wu</i> |
| • Ryder Sunday | <i>Ruibing Xiong</i> |
| Filip Svoboda | Jeong Hun Yoon |
| Kaiatonni (Kaia) Raye Swamp | Elle Rhys Zaidan Jones |
| • William Brereton Livingston Swezey | Zachary Zee |
| <i>Claire Megumi Takeuchi</i> | <i>Jessica Yaxi Zhang</i> |
| • Tallis Ashlyn Donna Tarbell | <i>Lixian Zhou</i> |
| Thana Teeraphantuvat | Robert Mauran Zuccotti |
| Maeve Olivia Tholen | |



NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON SENIOR AWARDS

Presented at Recognition Assembly

Mohammed Khalid Mohammed Al Salhi

*The Gordon Paul Smith Prize for Excellence
in History or Social Sciences
The McBurney Work Hour Prize*

Wyatt Amos

The NMH Alumni Association Award

Soren Anderson-Flynn

*Laubach Family Award
The Proctor Publications Prize*

Patience Beasley

Newman Family Award

Grace Bird

The Jo Dorchester Award

Milan Blanton

The Vivian Dandridge White Prize

Keona Burch

*The Bannwart Choir Prize
The Robert Cade Wilson Scholar Award*

Henry Castillo

*The Cambridge Prize
The Florence Chapman Haslun Prize*

Supriya Chatterjee

*The Lynde Award for Excellence in
Advanced Physics*

Yu Hei Cheung

The Head of School Award

Ryan Choi

The Richard H. Valentine Award

Sophie Cohen

*The Etta May Schweiss Prize
The John O. Mehrkens Award*

Fiona Cutchins

The Marie Hood Award

Sonam Drema

*The Frank Stanley Beveridge Award
The William A. Knipe International
Programs Award*

Isabelle Eaton-Neubert

*The Appley Award
The Kinmay Tang Award
The NMH Dance Prize*

Gabriella Fernandez

The Frank and Alice Chutter Memorial Award

Alexander Goldman

The Ralph E. Jillson Award

Max Golosovker

The Albert C. Clough Award

Brooke Hindinger

*The Joseph T. Elliott Jr. Prize in Music
The NMH Resident Leader Award*

Asher Jackson

The Shaffer-Mehrkens Religious Studies Award

Finn Johnston

The Robert P. Weis Mathematics Prize

Nathaniel Johnston

The Howard and Margaret Jones Farm Award

Nielsen Kasser

The Elizabeth Leyden '22 Music Award

Franly Lamar Hernandez

*The Mary Ellen Peller Memorial Award
The Thompson Art Prize*

Sacharis Lipton-Ferguson

The Head of School Award

Unandi Lungu

The Head of School Award

Katalin Mazansky

The Head of School Award

Claire Melican

The Alice B. and John E. Baldwin Award

Grady Miller-Foult

The Joseph Allen Art Prize

Grace Minihane

The Michael Antonio Memorial Award



NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON SENIOR AWARDS

Presented at Recognition Assembly

Jasper Neff

Salutatorian

The Head of School Award

Riley Newport

The David Garbose Memorial Award

Khanh Trinh Gia Nguyen

The Viva Faye Richardson Piano Award

Mia Pace

The C. Russell Bragg Prize in Social Science

The Henry R. Huntting Literary Prize

Magdalene Provencal

The Piscuskas Day Student Prize

Ava Reitz-Bouren

The Nettie M. Johnson Memorial Award

Kaia Swamp

The Richard H. Valentine Award

Claire Takeuchi

The Henry R. Huntting Literary Prize

Maeve Tholen

The C. Russell Bragg Memorial Prize in

Environmental Studies

Lyric Thomas

The Rhode Island School of Design Annual

Art Award

Hezhen Skylar Tian

The Arthur D. Platt Mathematics Award

The Bannwart Choir Prize

The David Michael Walker Prize in Music

Elianna Umana Kimura

The Thora E. Johnson Award

Isabella Valdevit

The Prize In 3-Dimensional Art

Amida Vongvasin

The Douglas A. Jones Award

The Marshall E. Climan Award

Mia Voutsinas

The Harriet Cutler Heiser Memorial Award

Christie Wang

The Baxter Prize in Classics

The Elizabeth Leyden '22 Music Award

Zachary Wells

The NMH Resident Leader Award

Vitold Piscuskas Sportsmanship Award

Xiao Xuan Wu

The Art Purchase Prize

Valedictorian

Lixian Zhou

The Edward and William Rhodes Prize

in Economics

NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON COMMENCEMENT

Program Notes



CARRYING OF THE MACE

The mace, an object derived from an ancient weapon, was commissioned by Headmaster Richard P. Unsworth '45 for the 1984 Commencement exercises. It was designed and crafted of American walnut by woodworker and former NMH English teacher Anthony Chastain-Chapman. A symbol of the school's authority in teaching and learning, it is carried at Opening Convocation and Commencement by the most senior member of the faculty. The crown of the mace bears three emblems that represent Dwight L. Moody's mission to educate the head, the heart, and the hand: a book inscribed with the motto "I the Lord do keep it"; a flaming heart, the emblem of zeal; and a spade, suggesting manual labor.

CLASS ORATION

Several orations were traditionally given at both Mount Hermon and Northfield Commencements, but until the two schools merged in 1971, they were usually delivered at each school's Class Day — a day of celebration for the graduating class. Since 1972, a selected member of the class has given the oration at NMH Commencement exercises.

"JERUSALEM"

"Jerusalem" was first Sung by Mount Hermon students in the 1940s as part of a Sacred Concert program. In 1971, when the merger of Northfield and Mount Hermon was announced, it was sung by the newly combined student body, with the following note in the program: "This magnificent song has long been a favorite of the students of the two schools. It surely typifies, as well, the spirit and aspirations of the new Northfield and Mount Hermon." More than 50 years later, the song is still loved by students.

"THE NORTHFIELD BENEDICTION"

"The Northfield Benediction" was first sung at the dedication of Marquand Hall at the Northfield Seminary in 1885. The words are an adaptation of the priestly blessing of the Hebrews, in the Old Testament (Numbers 6:22–27). For almost 140 years, it has been the coda to major school events.

Special thanks to class advisors Loubna Boumghait P'24 and Joseph B. Latimer, the ushers, and those in the departments of communications, dining services, plant facilities, campus safety, the registrar, advancement, and student activities for their help with this event.

The NMH community thanks you for not smoking while on campus. Please silence all electronic devices during the ceremony. A professional photographer will take a photograph of each graduate as they receive their diploma.

