



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.

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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	Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Walk upon England's mountains green?	Bring me my arrows of desire.
And was the holy Lamb of God	Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!
On England's pleasant pastures seen?	Bring me my chariot of fire!
And did the countenance divine	I will not cease from mental fight;
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?	Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
And was Jerusalem builded here	Till we have built Jerusalem
Among these dark Satanic mills?	In ev'ry green and pleasant land.

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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 lift up her countenance,
The Lord make his face shine upon thee,	Their countenance upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee,	And give thee peace,
And be gracious unto thee.	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  
Youxi 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  
*Fiona Ahlfors Cutchins*  
• Christopher Daniels
- Benjamin Robert Davis  
Isabella Carolina Dias-Sotiriou
- Liam Marco Diez Barroso  
• Seth Daniel Digby  
Beatrix 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



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



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



## 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-Foulk**  
*The Joseph Allen Art Prize*

**Grace Minihane**  
*The Michael Antonio Memorial Award*



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### **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 BLESSING”

“The Northfield Blessing” 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.*

