



The 143rd
NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON
Commencement

— Sunday, May 24, 2026, 11 am —
Thorndike Lawn



NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON
Commencement

Order of Exercises



Presiding

Brian H. Hargrove, Head of School
Monie T. Hardwick '74, Chair, Board of Trustees

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| PRELUDE | The Clarion Brass Quintet |
| PROCESSIONAL | <i>The audience is asked to remain standing throughout.</i> |
| WELCOME | Brian H. Hargrove, Head of School |
| CLASS ORATION | Anthony McNamara |
| CLASS OF 2026 HYMN | “Let Freedom Span Both East and West” |
| COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS | Dr. Karin Kimbrough ’86 |
| PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS | Brian H. Hargrove Class Advisors Grace T. Rehnquist and Kim M. Shearer P’05, ’18 |
| NMH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME | Monie T. Hardwick ’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 2026.</i> |

Following the service, please enjoy lunch at Alumni Hall and outside in the tent. The bookstore 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

James P. Shea, P’25, ’27

Faculty Marshals

Christine E. Edler, Greg T. Leeds P’16, ’18, ’22

Musicians

Clarion Brass Quintet

Piper

Jarad N. Weeks ’08

Flag Bearers

Adja Y. Diaw ’27, Aidan F. Shea ’27

CLASS OF 2026 HYMN
“Let Freedom Span Both East and West”

African American Spiritual
Text by Jacob Trapp (1899-1992)
Matthew D. McClure, Organist

Singing led by Charlotte Relyea-Strawn '26
The audience is invited to stand and sing.

Let freedom span both east and west,
and love both south and north,
in universal fellowship
throughout the whole wide earth.

In beauty, wonder, everywhere,
let us communion find;
compassion be the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

Beyond all barriers of race,
of color, caste, or creed,
let us make friendship, human worth,
our common faith and deed.

Then east and west will meet and share,
and south shall build with north,
one human commonwealth of good
throughout the whole wide earth.



SCHOOL SONG
“Jerusalem”

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

Singing led by Henry Ormont '26

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.



Dr. Karin Kimbrough '86 *Commencement Speaker*

Dr. Karin Kimbrough has had a distinguished career as a leader in the fields of finance, tech, and banking. As the chief economist at LinkedIn, where she's worked since 2020, she leads a team devoted to surfacing thought leadership on the world of work. She also serves on the boards of directors of the National Bureau of Economic Research, the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Dr. Kimbrough previously served as assistant treasurer for Google and as head of macroeconomic policy at Bank of America. She has also worked at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in a Markets Group and has been an economist at Morgan Stanley in London and New York.

During her time at Northfield Mount Hermon, Dr. Kimbrough played lacrosse and was an editor of the student newspaper *The Bridge*. After graduating from NMH, she earned a bachelor's degree from Stanford University, a master's degree from Harvard University, and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Oxford.

"In working with senior class speakers, our students were resolute that they wanted a speaker who honors our school's mission to live with humanity and purpose," said Head of School Brian Hargrove. "They also wanted someone who understands deeply the life-changing NMH education.

"Throughout her career, Karin has leaned into living with her head, heart, and hands as she established herself as a leading economist who understands the power of embracing technological innovation while holding tightly to human-centered strategies," Hargrove continued. "Karin credits NMH with changing her life in profound ways, and, I know, will connect in remarkable ways to the Class of 2026 and their families."



CLASS OF 2026 CANDIDATES FOR THE NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON DIPLOMA

Italics indicate Cum Laude • Postgraduate

Yuhan Emily Sun, Valedictorian
Lang Miller Ming, Salutatorian

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| Hunter John Joseph Adamo | Nehir Cankaya |
| Alya Elif Agbas | Xian Cao |
| Al Rayan Salah Al Din Al Hinai | Kellen Will Ceraldi |
| Sanjar Aliev | Anna Chechile |
| • Lucas Bordeaux Rego Alvan | <i>Allen Ming Chen</i> |
| Isaiah Charles Aminzadeh | Edward Jianjun Chen |
| Macy Jo Anhalt | Jiaxin Chen |
| Cedrick Monroe Azor | <i>Kimberly Chen</i> |
| • Hiba Azzouz | Alua Cherdabayeva |
| Lillian Louise Baillargeon | Caleb Hansu Chung |
| Willem Bake | Lincoln Endsley Coleman |
| <i>Alexander Fox Baron</i> | Nate Andrew Consigli |
| <i>Talia Bella Baron</i> | Chloe Ware Corbin |
| Liesl Jane Barry | <i>Julia Elin Cosentino</i> |
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| Maren Jayne Batchelder | Naayeeli Niayla Rania Curley |
| Juno Lucille Batty | Danah P. M. Daley |
| <i>Gerard Porter Beaule</i> | Kabir Kanishka Das |
| James Candido Bechter | Joseph Christopher Dellacroce |
| <i>Luca Guillaume Santo Bilotto</i> | Isabella Rose DePina |
| Ella Porter Blecher | Nathaniel Nadav Djanogly |
| Daphne Adele Botero | Jake Park Dubrinsky |
| • Wyatt Haymaker Boynton | Davidson Ikenna Egbukole |
| Jacob Henry Bracke | • Destine Favor Ethan Evans |
| Alisha Jasmine Bruce | Albertine Faye |
| Ruixi Bu | Miroslav Fedor |
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| Mason Andrew Bussmann | • Axel Henri Fleury |
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- Braedon Nelson Goes
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Mia Guo
Justice Chombe Hammond
- Liam Graham Hand
Breena Lee Hannon
Yi Siang Hao
Joseph McCauley Hargrove
Callie Gray Harrison
Alexander Nalaka Hartzog
William Alfred Henry Higgs
Spencer Urban Hirschey
Shunsuke Honjo
Jonah Boone Howell
Ethan H. Huang
Grace Huang
Isabel Talitha Hunt
Marko Huo
- Imangali Yerboluly Imbergen
Larea Grace Jean-Ross
Jiwon Jeon
Eliza Grace Jessen
Qiyin Jin
Anna Kalynchuk
Hisu Kang
Audrey Haruka Kashi-Fleming
Namino Kato
Sarah Knowles Keator
- Alexander Keune
- Ella Sophia Knudsen
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Sopriye Danielle Koko
Berke Kologlu
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Rene Krytinar
Leopold Henrik Wilhelm Kuhlefelt
- Foxx M Kurtz
Ceylan Kutman
Will Reeves Lamb
Anna Lazorina
Gia Bao Le
Jayhee Lee
Ying Kay Leung
Ahnkai Andrew Liebert
Jiarui Liu
Angelina Marakaeva
Lily Mariani
Nicholas Seiji Martin
Bryanna Min May
Bless Jeremie Mbuyi Kasongo
Avery Barbara McGowan
Donnell Mekhi McGruder
- Brooks Patrick McMahan
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- Darren Moore
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- Luisa Fernanda Ortiz Ortegón
- Georgii Konstantinovich Panasenکو
- Junsang Park
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- Artiom Peshkur*
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- Wilder Anne Pritham*
- Lorcan Purcell
- Ayman Qawwash
- Emma M. Quinn
- Telcione Cristiane Ramos
- Charlotte Eve Relyea-Strawn
- Merrick Rillstone
- Peter Anthony Rincan
- Samuel Augustus Robbins
- Esmé Jane Robinson
- Agustin Rojas Andino
- Samuel Sean Rotermund
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- Vanessa Alexandra Shea
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- Mich Wayne Shemezwa
- William Silvester
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- Molly Katherine Sisson
- Tianxin Song*
- Adriano Edward Sowkey
- Mason Stults
- Yuhan Sun*
- Theo Degraw Sutton
- Minxian Tang*
- Brayden Scott Thayer
- Cody James Vassar
- Steven Alexander Vergara
- Emery Bryant Vitrano
- Zoe Katherine Wallace*
- Mizuki Wang
- James Wareham
- Serafina Tsao Wilson*
- Siri Liv Wooten-Forman*
- Sebastian Wraga
- Zachary Ilan Yen
- Se Ryoung Yim*
- *Elijah J. Youmans*
- Helen Elizabeth Zeaske
- Jichu Zha*
- Samantha Zhong
- Jingxuan Zhou*
- Zhiyu Zhou



NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON SENIOR AWARDS

Presented at Recognition Assembly

Lucas Alvan

The Mary Davis Dining Service Prize

Hiba Azzouz

The Albert C. Clough Award

Alexander Baron

*The Edward and William Rhodes Prize
in Economics*

Maren Batchelder

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

James Bechter

*The Head of School Award
The Richard H. Valentine Award*

Ruixi Ivy Bu

*The Rhode Island School of Design Annual
Art Award*

Allen Chen

The Elizabeth Leyden '22 Music Award

Caleb Chung

The Joseph T. Elliott Jr. Prize in Music

Julia Cosentino

*The Peterson Memorial Prize for Advanced
Chemistry*

Niayla Curley

*The Marshall E. Climam Award
The NMH Dance Prize
The Thompson Art Prize*

Olivia Fleming

The Richard H. Valentine Award

William Higgs

The Newman Family Award

Spencer Hirschey

*The NMH Resident Leader Award
The Vitold Piscuskas Sportsmanship Award*

Grace Huang

*The Alice B. and John E. Baldwin Award
The Baxter Prize in Classics
The David Garbose Memorial Award
The Lynde Award for Excellence in Advanced
Physics*

Larea Jean-Ross

The Newman Family Award

Eliza Jessen

*The Etta May Schweiss Prize
The Mary Ellen Peller Memorial Award*

Anna Kalynchuk

The Robert P. Weis Mathematics Prize

Hisu Kang

*The C. Russell Bragg Prize in Social Science
The Cambridge Prize*

Audrey Kashi-Fleming

The NMH Alumni Association Award

Sarah Keator

The Elizabeth Leyden '22 Music Award

Oralolia Koko

The Vivian Dandridge White Prize

Sopriye Sopi Koko

*The Head of School Award
The Vivian Dandridge White Prize*

Ceylan Kutman

The McBurney Work Hour Prize

Anna Lazorina

*The Head of School Award
The Proctor Publications Prize*



NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON SENIOR AWARDS

Presented at Recognition Assembly

Gia Bao Le

The Robert Cade Wilson Scholar Award

Jayhee Lee

The Harriet Cutler Heiser Memorial Award

Ahnkai Liebert

The Jo Dorchester Award

Bryanna May

The Head of School Award

Anthony McNamara

Class Orator

The Florence Chapman Haslun Prize

The Piscuskas Day Student Prize

Temistocles Metz

The Head of School Award

Lang Miller Ming

Salutatorian

The Art Purchase Prize

The Shaffer-Mehrkens Religious Studies Award

Jane Namusisi

The Frank Stanley Beveridge Award

Parker Newman

The Frank and Alice Chutter Memorial Award

George Ning

The Henry R. Huntting Literary Prize

Henry Ormont

The Bannwart Choir Prize

Elise Pinkham

The Thora E. Johnson Award

Wilder Pritham

The Appley Award

Lorcan Purcell

The Arthur D. Platt Mathematics Award

Charlotte Relyea-Strawn

The Bannwart Choir Prize

The John O. Mehrkens Award

The Marie Hood Award

Zahra Saidi

The Nettie M. Johnson Memorial Award

Tianxin Aurora Song

The David Michael Walker Prize in Music

Yuhan Emily Sun

*The C. Russell Bragg Memorial Prize in
Environmental Studies*

*The Colonel Walter Scott Prize in Linear
Algebra*

Valedictorian

Minxian Michelle Tang

The Phyllis Tournier Spanish Prize

Cody Vassar

The Ralph E. Jillson Award

James Wareham

The Laubach Family Award

Serafina Wilson

The Joseph Allen Art Prize

The Kinmay Tang Award

Se Ryoung Olivia Yim

The NMH Resident Leader Award

Elijah Youmans

The Michael Antonio Memorial Award

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 Concert of Sacred Music 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." Fifty-five 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 more than 140 years, it has been the coda to major school events.

Special thanks to class advisors Grace T. Rehnquist and Kim M. Shearer, the ushers, and the offices 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.

