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Congratulations, Class of 2026!

Berkshire bids a fond farewell to its 119th graduating class.
Longtime science teacher, mentor, coach, and school leader Peter Quilty
delivers commencement address after nearly three decades of service.

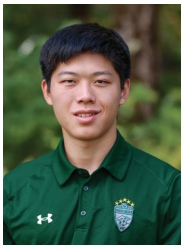
The Graduation Prizes



Emmanuel C. Marmolejo of Milton, Ontario: *The Berkshire Cup*, the highest distinction Berkshire confers on one of its graduating seniors. It is given each year to the student who is considered by the faculty to have made the greatest contribution to the success of the school year.



William D. Reynolds of Winnetka, Illinois: *The Head of School Prize*, awarded to the student whose particular contribution to Berkshire has distinguished the school year in a special way and whose leadership led others and influenced many.



Runqi Zhang of Beijing, China: *The Peter Lance Anderson Award*, decided by the membership of the Cum Laude Society and given to the student who best exemplifies the qualities of personal excellence, integrity, and academic scholarship.



Madeleine T. McCready of St. Catharines, Ontario: *The Robert A. Powers Award*, which recognizes a sixth former who has demonstrated personal growth, loyalty to the school, and dependability of performance which has distinguished their career at Berkshire.



William L. Mulder of Sheffield, Massachusetts: *The Morris Trophy*, awarded to the sixth-form male student who has best exemplified proficiency and sportsmanship in interscholastic athletics.



Chloe L. Egan of Bronx, New York: *The Herger Trophy*, awarded to the sixth-form female student who has best exemplified proficiency and sportsmanship in interscholastic athletics.



Nathalie P. Fenton of New York, New York: *The Anna S. Barrasch Prize*, awarded for unselfish interest in people and loyalty to Berkshire.



Chidera U. Okeke of Bronx, New York: *The Calvin Fentress Citizenship Award*, given for exemplary personal performance, loyalty to Berkshire, and outstanding citizenship in the school community.



Claire Yura Kim of Seoul, South Korea: *The Princeton Cup*, the top sixth-form academic prize awarded for diligence in studies and success in co-curricular activities.



Jason M. Gappa: *The Aliis Non Sibi Award.* Selected by members of the graduating class, the recipient of this award follows the motto "for others, not themselves." It recognizes a member of the faculty who, through a love of teaching and abiding commitment to enriching the lives of students, embodies the ideals and spirit of an engaged and treasured member of both the faculty and, equally important, the Berkshire community.

Prize Night Awards and Prizes

Daniel Cooper wins top teaching award; Katharine O'Hara and Reese Ghatak named head prefects; Katharine O'Hara wins Dean Trophy.

ACADEMIC PRIZES

ENGLISH

The Thomas L. Chaffee Award for Excellence in Third-Form English: **Francine M. Hall**

The Lance Turner Third-Form Essay Prize: **Beatrice E. Hare**

The Joan Williams Award for Excellence in Fourth-Form English: **Xuanruo (Zoe) Zhang**

The Prize for Excellence in Fifth-Form English: **Congran (Emily) Yang**

The Tertius Van Dyke Prize for Excellence in Sixth-Form English: **Claire Yura Kim**

The Gerald B. O'Connor '46 Prize in Journalism: **Claire Yura Kim**

The Prize for Excellence in Fiction or Nonfiction: **Aeowynn E. Conway**

The Arthur C. Chase Poetry Prize: **Molly Caesar-Kim**

The William P. Matthews '61 Prize for Creative Writing: **Congran (Emily) Yang**

LANGUAGES

The Richard P. Unsworth Prize for Excellence in Chinese: **Winslow T. Wood Prince**

The Award for Excellence in Fourth-Form Modern Language: **Blythe V. Beran**

The Stanley Prize for Excellence in French: **Claire Yura Kim**

The W. Duncan Macmillan Prize for Excellence in Latin: **Zihan (Sara) He**

The Jane Usher Dyer Prize for Excellence in Latin: **Alexander Y. Kim**

The Prize for Excellence in Spanish: **Maeve D. MacDermott**

HISTORY

The W. Ross Hawkins Prize for Excellence in Modern World History: **Sophia J. Carraro**

The C. Twiggs Myers Prize for Excellence in U.S. History: **Charlee C. Cardot**

The R. Bruce Morison '61 Prize for Current Events and Political Science: **Jacob J.D. Lee**

The William F. Gulotta Award for Excellence in Government: **Claire Yura Kim**

The Bosley Memorial Prize for Excellence in History: **Annabelle C. Marcinek**

INDEPENDENT STUDY

The John E. Rovensky Memorial Prize for Excellence in Independent Study: **Runqi Zhang**

MATHEMATICS

The Leslie W. Clifford Prize for Excellence in Third-Form Mathematics: **Yancheng (Alex) Fan** and **Chi Hin (Gordon) Shi**

The Prize for Excellence in Fourth-Form Mathematics: **Mufan (Molly) Yan**

The Berridge Prize for Excellence in Fifth-Form Mathematics: **Alexander Y. Kim**

The David Campbell Eipper Cup for Excellence in Sixth-Form Mathematics: **Claire Yura Kim**

The Rensselaer Medal for Distinction in Mathematics and Science: **Junwoo Lim**

SCIENCE

The James A.D. Geier '44C Prize for Excellence in Computer Science: **Shane R. Hale**

The Award for Excellence in Fourth-Form Science: **Mufan (Molly) Yan**

The Dwight C. Baum '32 Award for Excellence in Chemistry: **Mufan (Molly) Yan**

The Richard T. Beebe Prize for Excellence in Physics: **Alexander Y. Kim**

The Chester W. Rice Science Award: **Jacob J.D. Lee**

The William Stoddard, Jr. ’65 Memorial Prize: **Maeve D. MacDermott**

The Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award: **Sihui (Helena) Hu**

ARTS

The Prize for Excellence in Stagecraft: **Chidera U. Okeke**

The Ray Weston Memorial Prize in Theater Arts: **Chloe M. Howard**

The Berkshire Dramatics Cup: **Celine K. Tsai**

The Ernest L. Wakefield Prize for Excellence in Music: **Benjamin K. Dahari** and **Luka W. Davis**

The Terry Pines Memorial Prize for Dance: **Katherine A. Nelson**

The Allen Buck Prize for Excellence in Photography: **Sahar Sultani**

The Robert Leo Theriault Prize for Creativity and Excellence in Ceramics: **Emma H. Gally**

The Segalla Memorial Art Award for Excellence in Studio Art: **Lena T. Smith**

The Margaret V. Beattie Memorial Prize for Excellence in Art: **Eleanor K. Patterson**

Arts Department Purchase Prize: **Celine K. Tsai**

PRIZES and AWARDS

The Arthur C. and Alice Ann Chase Commendation Awards:
Graham H. Bartels, third form;
Jack T. Fischer, fourth form;
Benjamin B. Van Camp, fifth form;
Tamana Hassani, sixth form

The John F. Godman Award: **Madeleine T. McCready**

The Spirit Of Berkshire Award: **Nathalie P. Fenton**

The Chaplain’s Cup: **Sophia T. Busa**

The Elaine Mansell Award: **Nathalie P. Fenton**

The Weil Family Prize for Public Speaking: **Winslow T. Wood Prince**

The David Shumway Barrett ’59 Memorial Prize for Perseverance: **Nadia C. Smith** and **Maxwell C. Monroe**

The St. Lawrence University Book Award: **Lucia L. Carney**

The Lawrence Thomas Piatelli Prize: **Chloe L. Egan**

FIFTH FORM PRIZES

The Marguerite L. Kreh Memorial Award: **Emma H. Gally**

The James Stone Memorial Award: **Rohan A.C. Rost**

The Jeannette B. Cooper Prize: **Julien B.B. Turone**

The William Brooks Nolan Memorial Award: **Katherine E. Gengras**

The Robert Davis Allen Prize: **Junwoo Lim**

The Dartmouth College Book Award: **Edward A. Shergalis IV**

The Harvard Club Prize Book: **Congran (Emily) Yang**

The Frederic S. Dean Trophy: **Katharine H. O’Hara**

For school. For life.





Head Prefects:
Katharine H. O’Hara and **Reese A. Ghatak**



Seaver Buck Faculty Award:
Daniel A. Cooper

Where You'll Find Them This Fall

Prince Abanfo	University of Virginia
Ahmed AbdElRahim	University of Pennsylvania
Harper Allen	Texas Christian University
Levi Altshuler	Bowdoin College
Mo Amin	Dickinson College
Wes Augustin	Dickinson College
Julio Azuaje Mijares	Albertus Magnus College
Sophie Benjamin	Northwestern University
Declan Blanchard	Franklin & Marshall College
Casey Blatz	University of Colorado Boulder
Eli Boren	Gettysburg College
Blythe Bradshaw	University of Virginia
Sophia Busa	Dartmouth College
Molly Caesar-Kim	Santa Clara University
Blaze Casdin	University of Southern California
Dylan Chernoff	Junior Hockey
Gus Chong	Junior Hockey
Caroline Christu	Tulane University
Georgina Clarke	University of Virginia
Willa Courtney	Colgate University
Benji Dahari	University of Vermont
Charlotte Davenport	Southern Methodist University
Luka Davis	The Culinary Institute of America
Kenzi DeJesus	Western Connecticut State University
Ridgely Dunne	Colorado College
Chloe Egan	Hamilton College
Abby Eisen	College of Charleston
Danel Esprit	University of Nebraska Omaha
Nathalie Fenton	Middlebury College
Gemma Fox	Wake Forest University
Cecilia Franck	Villanova University
Wren Freund	Southern Methodist University
Winnie Freund	Southern Methodist University
Soren Gates	Colby College
Luke Gavigan	Boston College
Finn Gibbons	St. Lawrence University
Carter Giese	Villanova University
Jack Giles	Kenyon College
Oliver Golden	Auburn University
Lowell Golub	Colby College
Alex Gregorek	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Sebastian Guete-Ramirez	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Darryl Hage	Dartmouth College
Kate Hallock	Providence College
Westley Hampton VanSant	Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Tamana Hassani	St. Michael's College
Lily Herzig	Colgate University
Isabella Holman	Baylor University
Addison Howard	Wake Forest University
Chloe Howard	Drew University
Yuki Hu	Stony Brook University SUNY
Adan Jiminian	Mercy University
Carter Johnson	University of Delaware
Claire Kim	Northwestern University
Oliver Kim-Diaz	Haverford College
Hannah Knight	Colgate University
Matt Lacombe	Junior Hockey
Jacob Lee	Purdue University
Leo Lee	Irvine Valley College
Jamie Levine	St. Lawrence University
Maeve MacDermott	Dartmouth College
Annabelle Marcinek	Boston University
Emmanuel Marmolejo	Georgetown University
Alivia Mauer	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Maddy McCready	Amherst College
Harrison McLean	Junior Hockey
James McMurray	Amherst College
Grace Merell	Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Erion Milla	Colgate University
Mimi Miller	College of the Holy Cross
Hilary Miller	University of Richmond
Makena Mudd	Southern Methodist University
Jack Mugler	University of Mississippi
Wil Mugler	University of Mississippi
Will Mulder	Colby College
Charli Nisi	University of Virginia
Brodie O'Connor	Franklin & Marshall College
Grady O'Connor	University of South Carolina
Chidera Okeke	Tufts University
Camilla Parks	Boston College
Ellie Patterson	The George Washington University
David Peracchia	Wake Forest University
Georgia Perkins	Connecticut College
Rory Perkins	Union College
Jack Peters	The University of Utah
Dionis Phelan	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Sammy Rabe	University of Richmond
Jonah Rainisch	Junior Hockey
Lucas Rawlinson	Kenyon College
James Reilly	Junior Hockey
Will Reynolds	Georgetown University
Jacob Rice	Undecided
Tyler Schoudel	Wake Forest University
Meredith Sharp	University of St Andrews
Elysia Shively	College of Charleston
Lena Smith	Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Lucas Smith	Junior Hockey/University of Richmond
Pierce Smith	Syracuse University
Russell Soja	Marquette University
Dominic Somma	Junior Hockey/USMA at West Point
Michael Spaulding	Berklee College of Music
Jordan Suiter	Shelton State Community College
Harriet Sullivan	University of Virginia
Sahar Sultani	Middlebury College
Petie Szakats	Southern Methodist University
Victoria Tesoro	University of Denver
Clem Thomson	Southern Methodist University
Celine Tsai	Wellesley College
Vienna Twomey	Johns Hopkins University
Hugh Weidinger	Wake Forest University
Addie Whitman	Trinity College
Jerome Williams	Bucknell University
Mack Wilmore	Ithaca College
Winnie Wood Prince	Wake Forest University
Noel Yi	Tufts University
Kaleb Yoon	Cornell University
RunQi Zhang	New York University
Henry Zhou	Cornell University