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CLASS DAY CELEBRATION
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022
Matthews Theatre at McCarter Theatre Center
A Note from Michael Cadden
Interim Chair, Lewis Center for the Arts

Welcome to the McCarter Theatre Center where, for the first time, Princeton University’s Lewis Center is celebrating its Class Day Gala in the Matthews Theatre, named to honor the many contributions made by local resident and Lewis Center Advisory Council member Edward E. Matthews, Class of 1953, to this robust artistic institution. Most students will know this space as the place where they see the annual Triangle Show; it opened in 1930 to provide a permanent home to the Triangle Club’s musical production with funds from Thomas N. McCarter, Class of 1888. In 2003, another theater opened on the back lawn, the Roger S. Berlind Theatre, named for one of the greatest of the University’s arts patrons, a member of the Class of 1952 (and a former Lewis Center Advisory Council member), and is shared by the Lewis Center’s programs and the not-for profit professional company that occupies the Matthews space for most of the year.

While the recent history of the place in which we find ourselves has shaped the experience of many of the student artists gathered here today, we at the Lewis Center are also working to honor the longer history of this place with a living land acknowledgment that engages with the past, the present, and the future. Faculty and staff are in the process of creating a living document on the subject, which at this point in its evolution includes words I’d like to share with you: “The land on which we gather today is part of the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary, unceded homeland of the Lenni-Lenape people. We recognize the sovereignty of the Lenni-Lenape and honor their history and their continuing presence in their homeland and throughout the Lenape diaspora. We renew our commitment to making Princeton University accountable and responsive to the needs of American indigenous peoples. Current Princeton student activists and alumni are advocating for Indigenous students and their continuing presence in their homeland and throughout the Lenape diaspora. We renew our commitment to making Princeton University accountable and responsive to the needs of American indigenous peoples. Current Princeton student activists and alumni are advocating for Indigenous students and their continuing presence in their homeland and throughout the Lenape diaspora.”

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Congratulations Class of 2022 Certificate Students!

Silma Sierra Berrada, Molly Lee Bremer, Hailey Denise Colborn, Iliyah Naomi Coles, Thomas Dayzie, Edward (Ned) Brownlow Furlong, Lila Knowles Harmar, Mohamed (Asad) Hussein Hassan, Christina Im, Makailyn Aliyah Jones, Vail Maria Linn, AG McGee, Maya Verma Mishra, Alissa Maria Nalewajko, Noel Peng, Sydney Mia Peng, Jacqueline Germaine Pothier, Maya Diane Lumker Rabinowitz, Alaeza Ann Schoenberg, Marc Schorin, Henry Sonam Slater, Malcolm Lane Slutzky, Peter Harris Taylor, Emily Abbygale Weiss, Ellen Rose Whiteside, Grace Xu, Minjung (Mina) Yu

Senior Awards

The Theodore H. Holmes ’51 and Bernice Holmes Poetry Prize

Established as part of a charitable trust created in 1999 by Bernice Holmes, this prize is in memory of her brother Theodore H. Holmes ’51. Presented each year to a single talented poet who is also an undergraduate student of Princeton University.

Noel Yu-Jen Peng

Outstanding Work by a Senior Award

This award was created to honor one or more outstanding seniors for distinctive achievement in Creative Writing.

Lila Knowles Harmar and Iliyah Naomi Coles

Samuel Shellabarger Memorial Prize in Creative Writing

This fund is awarded annually to a senior who, in fulfillment of the senior thesis requirement, shows great promise of future literary excellence.

Asad Hassan

Joyce Carol Oates Award

This prize was established in 2014 in the name of Joyce Carol Oates, Roger S. Berlind ’52 Professor in the Humanities, Emeritus; Professor of Creative Writing, Emeritus. The prize is awarded annually to a promising young fiction writer or, in exceptional circumstances, a poet.

Sydney Mia Peng

Edmund Keeley Literary Translation Award

This prize was established in 2016 in the name of Edmund Keeley, Charles Barnwell Straut Class of 1923 Professor of English, Emeritus, Professor of English and Creative Writing, Emeritus. The prize is awarded to a promising young translator.

Marc Schorin
Recognition of Innovative Work in a Creative Writing Thesis

Thomas Dayzie

2022 Distinguished Thesis Award

Maya Verma Mishra, Grace Xu and Christina Im

PROGRAM IN DANCE

Congratulations Class of 2022 Certificate Students!

Senior Awards

Francis LeMoyne Page Class of 1922 Prize for Outstanding Achievement in the Creative Arts
This award was established in 1972 by the Trustees of the LeMoyne Page Foundation in memory of Francis LeMoyne Page, Class of 1922. Awarded annually to one or more members of the junior or senior class to honor distinctive achievement in the Creative Arts.

Abigail de Riel, Tori Felicia Edington, Margaret Rachel King, Sarah Ashley Witzman and Ally Wonski

Outstanding Senior Creative Thesis Award
This award was created to honor one or more outstanding seniors for distinctive achievement in Dance.

Jared Brent Harbour and Jung Won Julie Shin

Sustained Community Achievement Award
Angie Chen Sheehan

Ze’eva Cohen Senior Award
This award established in 2014 honors the Founding Director of the Program in Dance and is awarded to a student who began the study of dance in college and underwent an extraordinary transformation as an artist while contributing to the Dance Program.

Helen Chen

PROGRAM IN THEATER

Congratulations Class of 2022 Certificate Students!

Leila Abou-Jaoude, Silma Sierra Berrada, Riley Jaden Bon, Molly Lee Bremer, Alexandra Metcalf Buzzini, Shufei Felix Chen, Meigan Quetzal Clark, Richard Feig, Matthew James Gancayo, Violet Davis Gautreau, Lydia Ellison Gomper, Jamie Alisha Goodwin, Brenda Theresa Hayes, Isabella Maria Hilditch, Christopher Paul Leahy, Juan Jose Lopez Haddad, Juliana Vail Pulsinelli, Maria Fernanda Romo Herrera Ibarrola, Sarah Taylor Root, Aleeza Ann Brodie Schoenberg, Ruth Annelise Schultz, Katherine Hadden Semmens, Ally Wonski

Senior Awards

Award for creative and community leadership in Theater and Music Theater Program
Ruth Annelise Schultz, Katherine Hadden Semmens, Matthew James Gancayo and Juan Jose Lopez Haddad

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Silma Sierra Berrada

Outstanding Work by a Senior Award
Isabella Maria Hilditch

Music Theater Award Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Music Theater Season
To a senior who has demonstrated a commitment to and significant accomplishment in developing, re-imagining, or creating new work in music theater.

Grace Yu-Xin Zhao
Tim Vasen Award for Talent and Citizenship
In honor of former Program in Theater Director Tim Vasen, this award is presented to a senior who has demonstrated dedication, passion, risk-taking, and significant accomplishment in the making of theater throughout their years at Princeton.

Molly Lee Bremer

Innovation in Theater Making Award
Jamie Alisha Goodwin

Outstanding Work by a Senior Award
This award was created to honor one or more outstanding seniors for distinctive achievement in Theater and Music Theater.

Leila Ruth Abou-Jaoude, Ines Flore Aitsahalia, Silma Sierra Berrada, Riley Jaden Bona, Molly Lee Bremer, Lexi Metcalf Buzzzini, Shufei Felix Chen, Megian Quetzal Clark, Ricky Feig, Matthew James Gancayco, Violet Davis Gautreau, Lydia Ellison Gompper, Jamie Alisha Goodwin, Xin Yi Han, Brenda Theresa Hayes, Isabella Maria Hilditch, Ed Thomas Jacobs Horan, Chloe Elizabeth Brevig Horner, Christopher Paul Leahy, Juan Jose Lopez Haddad, Juliana Vail Pulsinelli, Maria Fernanda Romo Herrera Ibarrola, Sarah Taylor Root, Aleexa Ann Brodie Schoenberg, Ruth Annelise Schultz, Katherine Hadden Semmens, Aly Wonski and Grace Yu-Xin Zhao

Program in Visual Arts

Congratulations Class of 2022 Certificate Students!
Oluwatobiloba Ajayi, Silma Sierra Berrada, Ethan C. Boll, Jessica Nicole Brice, Attila M. Delingat, Ameena Faruki, Olivia Alexandra Kusio, Monique Legaspi, Megan Nicole Pai, Raya Marie Ward, Ryan Xia

Congratulations Class of 2022 Practice of Art (PA) Students!
Isabella Maria Hilditch, Dylan Fox, Samm Lee, Miles Emmanuel Kwesi Wilson, Javin Lu, Michael Osei-Wusu, Adam Edward Hazelton

Senior Awards

Lucas Award in Visual Arts
This award was established in 1998 by Herbert L. Lucas, Class of 1950 and was amended in 2004 to recognize excellence and the quality of a body of work by graduating seniors in painting, sculpture, photography, film, and media.

Megan Nicole Pai, Monique Legaspi, Dylan Fox, Oluwatobiloba Ajayi, Isabella Maria Hilditch, Ameena Faruki, Samm Lee and Adam Edward Hazelton

Jim Seawright Award in Visual Arts
Established in 2009 in honor of Jim Seawright, Professor of Visual Arts, this award is presented annually to a student whose work exemplifies exceptional originality or innovation in any media in the Program in Visual Arts.

Jessica Nicole Brice

Lewis Center Student Awards

The Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts
The prize is presented annually to one or more graduating seniors who have demonstrated excellence or the highest standard of proficiency, in performance or execution or in the field of composition in the following general areas: music, theater, dance, painting, sculpture or photography.

Silma Sierra Berrada, Molly Rose Gibbons, and Anson Hyde Jones

The Toni Morrison Prize
This prize that honors Toni Morrison, Nobel Prize Laureate and Robert F. Goheen Professor in the Humanities, Emeritus, goes to one or more graduating seniors whose individual or collaborative artistic practice has pushed the boundaries and enlarged the scope of our understanding of issues of race. This prize honors work in any form that, in the spirit of Morrison’s, is “characterized by visionary force and poetic import.”

Jamie Alisha Goodwin and Raya Marie Ward

Action Based Community Engagement Award
The prize is awarded to the student or students whose contributions to the Lewis Center embody a commitment to “interrogating that which is accepted or understood in an attempt to break into the territory of the unknown or under-explored.”

Olivia Alexandra Kusio and Megan Pan '23