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MAY 20, 2023

9:15 AM in ROYALL TYLER THEATRE
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PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction
Presentation of the Candidates
History of Phi Beta Kappa and the Alpha of Vermont Chapter
President's Address
Administration of the Pledge
Signing of the Chapter Roll and Investiture with Keys
Symbolism on the Keys
Greeting of New Members
Necrology
Closing Remarks

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MEMBERS IN COURSE

Emma Noelani Allen

Vernon, VT

major: B.A. in Political Science

minor: Critical Race & Ethnic Studies and Spanish

I am writing my senior thesis on reactionary sentiment in the state of Vermont during the civil unions debate of 2000.

The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. — Alice Walker

Zoë Bui Barton

Bradford, VT

major: B.S. in Biochemistry

minor: Health & Society

I aspire to go into medicine in the future and address health inequities.

Life would be tragic if it weren't funny. — Stephen Hawking

Fosca Maria Bechthold

Cambridge, MA

major: B.A. in Geography

minor: Biology

Through the Humanities Grant, I was able to conduct fieldwork in Italy during summer 2022 for my undergraduate thesis in Geography. For over a year, I researched the place-based ties of Italians in northeastern Italy and how those relate to their residential decisions to stay, leave, or leave and return.

Life is a journey, not a destination. — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Max Behrens

New York, NY

major: B.A. in Psychological Science

minor: Philosophy and Spanish

I currently train kickboxing and brazilian jiu jitsu.

Comparison is the thief of joy. — Theodore Roosevelt

Adam Blair

Montpelier, VT

major: B.S. in Chemistry

Alice Blake

Needham, MA

major: B.S. in Physics

minor: Mathematics and Spanish

At UVM, I was grateful to be recognized as the undergraduate teaching assistant of the year in the Physics Department.

*Far above the stars are watching, delighted.
— Erin Morgenstern, The Starless Sea*

MEMBERS IN COURSE

Brian Boyle

Granby, CT

major: B.S. in Biochemistry

The connections I've been able to make with my peers and mentors alike at UVM have truly shaped me into the person I am today. I look forward to beginning this next step in life while pursuing biomedical research at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard.

*On ne voit bien qu'avec le cœur. L'essentiel est invisible pour les yeux.
— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry*

Madison Brown

Madison, NH

major: B.S. in Anthropology

minor: Business Administration

I enjoy working in archaeology and will begin my third season with the UVM Consulting Archaeology Program after graduation.

*All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us.
— J.R.R. Tolkien*

Olivia Budington

Cohasset, MA

major: B.A. in Biology

minor: Health & Society

During my time at UVM, I had the incredible opportunity to do research in the Stumpff molecular physiology and biophysics lab. During this experience I got to work on fascinating experiments regarding motor proteins during cell division, as well as meet a group of amazing and talented people.

Sometimes we live no particular way but our own. — The Grateful Dead

Jasper Burak

Boulder, CO

major: B.A. in English

minor: Religion

Post-graduation, I'll be working on a dude ranch in Montana!

I'll miss UVM, but I'm excited for the future.

We have to continually be jumping off cliffs and developing our wings on the way down. — Kurt Vonnegut

Aliyah Bess Burr

Burlington, VT

major: B.A. in Studio Art

minor: Art History

My artistic focus within my studio art major has been ceramics, and I am proud of the work I have created during my independent study of coil pottery and the many global indigenous art forms that inform it.

*Capture with your heart rising suns setting and everything in between.
— Bess Irmgard Bates*

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Evan S. Choquette

Williamstown, VT

major: B.S. in Environmental Sciences

While at UVM, I have worked with several faculty and local conservation organizations on projects ranging from reconstructing past climates and landscapes to restoring degraded streams. After graduation, I plan to hike the Appalachian Trail before pursuing a graduate degree.

What you can't get out of, get into wholeheartedly.

— Mignon McLaughlin

Zoe Colgan-Sellers

Kintnersville, PA

major: B.A. in Film & Television Studies

minor: French

I'm passionate about travel and film! I hope to be a part of film sets or direct and film my own movies some day while traveling the world!

You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated.

— Maya Angelou

Bernardina Cordes

Bainbridge, NY

major: B.S. in Environmental Sciences

minor: Chemistry

I am very passionate about making the classroom an inclusive, safe, and uplifting place. I plan on pursuing a Master's in Education to become a high school science teacher.

Girls, come on. Leaving the saving of the world to men? I don't think so.

— Mrs. Incredible

Emma Forest Cripps

Kennebunk, ME

major: B.A. in Economics and B.S. in Environmental Studies (CALs)

minor: Chemistry

I enjoy riding my bike to the beach for sunset during the summer in Maine.

I have come to believe over and over again that what is most important to me must be spoken, made verbal and shared, even at the risk of having it bruised or misunderstood.

— Audre Lorde

Grace Curtis

Belmont, MA

major: B.A. in Art History

minor: French

I plan on pursuing Art History in the future, but in the meantime will be moving to Colorado to ski and enjoy the outdoors as much as I can.

Life is mostly freehand. — Ivan Doig

MEMBERS IN COURSE

Emily Elizabeth Dean

Elkridge, MD

major: B.A. in Philosophy and B.S. in Neuroscience

minor: American Sign Language

I'm going to the University of Delaware next year for my PhD in Neuroscience!

The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched, they are felt with the heart. — Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, The Little Prince

Grace DiGiacoma

Wilmington, DE

major: B.A. in Studio Art and B.S. in Environmental Studies (CALs)

I am proud to have been selected as the Art and Art History Program's Outstanding Student in Studio Art and the Outstanding Senior in Environmental Studies in CALs. After graduation, I hope to explore environmental work and continue my clay practice.

That sounds fine, wonderful – real nonsense. Do more. — Sol LeWitt

Russell Dougherty

Wynnewood, PA

major: B.A. in Psychological Science

minor: Neuroscience

In my time at UVM, I have spent a great amount of time engaged in research and it has inspired in me a strong desire to continue on this path in my future.

In my spare time, I enjoy hiking and camping in the many mountains Vermont has to offer and out in the world beyond!

We are just an advanced breed of monkeys on a minor planet of a very average star. But we can understand the Universe. That makes us something very special. — Stephen Hawking

Olenka Sarah Duncan

Canandaigua, NY

major: B.A. in Spanish and B.S. in Environmental Engineering

After graduation, I will be working as a geotechnical field engineer for Keller.

Yes, I am letting my own experience color my answer, which is what experience is for. — Robin McKinley, The Hero and the Crown

Rachel Elliott

Piedmont, CA

major: B.S. in Environmental Sciences (RSENR)

minor: Spanish

The last four years have been a huge period of growth — as a student (thank you Deb, Bindu, and Tyler), as an organizer (thank you Madeline, Marita, Abel, and the rest of the MJ team), and as a person. I'm so grateful for what this community has taught me.

Solo el pueblo salva al pueblo.

MEMBERS IN COURSE

Kaitlin Emerson

St. Albans, VT

major: B.A. in Psychological Science and Sociology

While at UVM, I've had the opportunity to engage with the community through an internship with the Boys & Girls Club. Though I've only been there for a semester, I enjoy working with people directly and I am excited to continue doing so in the future.

You will burn and you will burn out; you will be healed and come back again.
— Fyodor Dostoevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov*

Vera Escaja-Heiss

Burlington, VT

major: B.A. in Psychological Science

minor: Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies

I grew up in Vermont as a first-generation American speaking three languages.

At UVM I was proud to work as an ambassador and serve students as a Mindfulness Facilitator at Livingwell. I'm also so grateful to have worked with the Vermont Arts Council as a member of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility comity. I've spent the last five months backpacking through Europe and India and love the color blue!

Smile, breathe and go slowly.
— Thich Nhat Hanh

Jessica Fine

Ridgefield, CT

major: B.A. in History

minor: Anthropology and Parks, Recreation, & Tourism

I was a four-year member of the University of Vermont Dance team, including representing the university at March Madness with the UVM Men's Basketball team in 2022.

Have convictions. Be friendly. Stick to your beliefs as they stick to theirs.
Work as hard as they do.
— Eleanor Roosevelt

Noah Fritzhand

Chappaqua, NY

major: B.A. in Mathematics

minor: Computer Science

Going to UVM gave me the opportunity to explore the infinite beauty of the mountains and strengthened my desire to fight to protect them.

*You must live in the present, launch yourself on every wave,
find your eternity in each moment.*
— Henry David Thoreau

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Ellie Furr

Atlanta, GA

major: B.S. in Biological Science

minor: Neuroscience

I love to go bird watching, or "birding"!

Whatever you choose to do, leave tracks. That means don't do it just for yourself. You will want to leave the world a little better for your having lived.

— Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Nicolette Gardner

South Berwick, ME

major: B.S. in Anthropology and Geology

During my time at the University of Vermont, I was the director of academic excellence for Delta Delta Delta and the chair of fundraising, apparel, and community involvement for the cheerleading team. I got the opportunity to attend March Madness twice with the basketball team, and I also was able to work in the geology lab on campus.

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

— H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Ryan Geoffrey Goodale

Needham, MA

major: B.A. in Mathematics and B.S. in Environmental Sciences

minor: Geospatial Technologies

My time at UVM has taught me to pursue what I am most passionate about, rather than what I may have expected I would be doing after college, so I plan on using the skills and knowledge I've gained here to improve upon sustainable practices in the ski industry.

True happiness is ... to enjoy the present, without anxious dependence upon the future. — Seneca the Elder

Hannah Frances Gottschalk

Madison, WI

major: B.A. in Political Science and Sociology

As a legislative intern for a Vermont state representative, I helped organize a panel for state legislators on abortion access and the needs of Vermont patients and providers.

Never put off till tomorrow what may be done day after tomorrow just as well.

— Mark Twain

Andrew Hanus

East Burke, VT

major: B.A. in Economics

minor: Biology and Health & Society

I'm excited to be staying in Burlington after graduation and having another Vermont summer!

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Natalie Haskell

North Kingstown, RI

major: B.A. in English and B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education

As a lover of literature, I am proud to have twice received the English Department's Willard B. Pope Award for excellence in the study of Shakespeare and Romanticism. I adore sharing beloved stories with those around me, and I plan on pursuing a master's degree in Library Science and Information Studies.

It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye. — Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Fiona Haverland

Silver Spring, MD

major: B.A. in Spanish and B.S. in Anthropology

Proud member of the UVM Kayak Club!

Back to valuing little steps... — catcrumb

Briana Jacqueline Heller

Readington Township, NJ

major: B.A. in Biology

minor: Wildlife Biology

I studied abroad in the Fall 2022 with Round River Conservation Studies in Botswana, where I presented my research project on sampling methods used to collect demographic data on herbivores at the Okavango Research Institute.

The summer before I spent time in Costa Rica studying the vocalization stimuli for Mantled Howler monkeys.

I have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night. — Sara Williams

Eamonn Heney

Richmond, VT

major: B.A. in Biology

minor: Psychological Science

My favorite hobby is travel!

I've learned that doves and ravens fly the same. — Dermot Kennedy

Lauren Hilgert

Guilford, CT

major: B.A. in Health and Society

minor: Human Development & Family Sciences and Psychological Science

Completing the mentored clinical internship with Dr. Christensen was a challenging but rewarding experience. Interning at the Turning Point Center helped me find my passion for working with individuals in marginalized populations.

When it's over, I want to say all my life I was a bride married to amazement. I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms. When it's over, I don't want to wonder if I have made of my life something particular, and real. I don't want to find myself frightened, or full of argument. I don't want to end up simply having visited this world. — Mary Oliver, "When Death Comes"

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Alexa Marion Hulse

Saratoga Springs, NY

major: B.S. in Communication Sciences & Disorders

minor: Economics and Health & Society

I will be taking a year off and hope to work as a speech-language pathology assistant before attending graduate school for my master's in speech-language pathology.

I would tell myself to worry a little less. Everything has so much weight but it's all just part of my story. — Mac Miller

Brady Jalili

Burlington, VT

major: B.A. in Music and Political Science

I transferred to UVM as a sophomore. Although it was difficult decision at the time, I have no regrets because my friends here are some of the greatest people I have ever met. I am incredibly lucky and grateful for people in my life.

*Happiness is only real when shared.
— Christopher McCandless*

Quinn Kennedy Johnson

Des Moines, IA

major: B.A. in Art History and B.S. in Anthropology

minor: Environmental Studies

I have been a pottery instructor for four years!

*My illustrious lordship, I'll show you what a woman can do.
— Artemisia Gentileschi*

Jonathan Louis Kaplan

Reisterstown, MD

major: B.A. in Economics

minor: Business Administration and Political Science

I received the Freeman Saltus award from the Economics Department this year. After graduation, I am excited to travel this summer before moving to Washington DC in August to join Cambridge Associates as an investment analyst.

*Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.
— Babe Ruth*

Sam Koskinen

Denver, CO

major: B.A. in Music and B.S. in Public Communication

I have been a member of the UVM Symphony Orchestra all eight semesters, and the connections that I've made through music are some of the most important in my life.

*You know what kind of plan never fails? No plan at all.
— Parasite (2019)*

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Alexa Lewis

Fairfax, VA

major: B.A. in Political Science

minor: Economics

I completed an Honors Thesis at UVM, and I'll be pursuing a career in journalism.

The world won't come to me ... so I must go to it.

— Donna Tartt, *The Goldfinch*

Eleanor Lowen

Bedford, MA

major: B.A. in Political Science

minor: Mathematics

I plan to teach English in Spain next year.

By the side of the everlasting Why there is a Yes—a transitory Yes

if you like, but a Yes. — E.M. Forster, *A Room with a View*

Amber Mallery Lynch

New Canaan, CT

major: B.A. in Anthropology and Linguistics

minor: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

I have grown up skiing in West Dover, VT; you might have heard of Mount Snow. My dream is to work on that mountain and share the free spirit that comes with taking advantage of the outdoors.

Only the good die young. — Billy Joel

Sean Magnifico

Glastonbury, CT

major: B.A. in French and B.S. in Physics

minor: Mathematics

Following graduation, I look forward to continuing my studies at McGill University and exploring Montreal!

We are not born all at once, but by bits. — Mary Antin

Harrison Massing

Watertown, MA

major: B.A. in Psychological Science

minor: Biology and Music

Proud musician, hope to open a studio (eventually)!

So it goes. — Kurt Vonnegut

Herschel Muntiu

Swampscott, MA

major: B.A. in Economics and B.S. in Computer Science

I love to sail.

To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all.

— Oscar Wilde

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Jonathan Rhudy

Ithaca, NY

major: B.A. in Geography and B.S. in Environmental Sciences

I'll be running my first ultramarathon in June.

The future of life on Earth depends on our ability to see the sacred where others see only the common. — John Denver

Kelly Robinett

San Rafael, CA

major: B.S. in Computer Science and Mathematics

In my free time, I enjoy reading, musicals, and sports, especially soccer. My greatest achievements at UVM have been my Intramural championship T-shirts.

What isn't clear is why people always say 'goes without saying,' yet still feel compelled to say the thing that was supposed to go without saying. Doesn't that bother you? — Psych

Benjamin Roth

Arlington, MA

major: B.A. in Music

minor: Wildlife Biology

I love music.

People will always be tempted to wipe their feet on anything with 'welcome' written on it. — Andy Partridge

Eric Paul Scharf

Middlesex, VT

major: B.A. in Political Science

minor: French

I'm proud to have been a multi-year member of the Vermont Cynic, UVM's student newspaper, and have served as the managing editor this year. Having the ability to hold those in power to account is something I don't take lightly, and I have been honored to use the Cynic's platform in the name of integrity, discovery, and justice.

*You can be the captain, and I will draw the chart, sailing into destiny, closer to the heart.
— Neil Peart, Rush*

Anna McKee Sellon

Rye, NY

major: B.S. in Environmental Sciences and Neuroscience

I love backpacking and plan to through-hike the Appalachian Trail after graduation!

We meet no ordinary people. — C. S. Lewis

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Isabella Nick

Dover, VT

major: B.A. in Political Science and Sociology

minor: Law & Society

During my time at UVM, I had the opportunity to study abroad in Galway, Ireland in Spring 2022. It was a wonderful chance to go explore the world, and I look forward to more adventures.

Life is short, the world is wide. I want to make some memories.

— *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again* (2018)

Isabelle Petrucci

Essex Junction, VT

major: B.A. in Chemistry

minor: Music and Pharmacology

I love to play viola in chamber groups in my free time, and I hope to continue to do so as I pursue my PhD in organic chemistry at the University of Chicago!

Nothing in life is to be feared; it is only to be understood. — Marie Curie

Tiffany Phuong

Winooski, VT

major: B.A. in Asian Studies

minor: Chinese; Computer Science; Economics; and Law & Society

As a person who has only ever lived in Vermont, my dream is to be able to explore different places, different cultures, and different cuisine. By exploring and leaving my mark in these places, I can further explore myself and understand what it is I wish to do.

Work hard, work hard, and continue to work hard. Your hard work today determines the height of your position in the future.

Catherine Elisabeth Moss Pypers

Rowley, MA

major: B.A. in Environmental Studies

minor: Public Communication

UVM has continued to grow my love for the natural world, through various classes, clubs, and activities. After graduating, I plan to remain in the Green Mountain state to continue exploring all it has to offer!

For whatever we lose (like a you or a me) / it's always ourselves we find in the sea. — e.e. cummings

Sarah Plaut

Asheville, NC

major: B.A. in Geography

minor: Political Science

I am currently pursuing an Accelerated Masters in Public Administration at UVM. I hope to work in conservation communications, policy analysis, and planning.

Do anything, but let it produce joy. — Walt Whitman

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Lila Singer

New York, NY

major: B.A. in Psychological Science

minor: Human Development & Family Sciences

I am passionate about studying child development and working with children, and I am extremely excited to pursue a career in clinical psychology!

If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely. — Roald Dahl

Noah Michael Smith

Skaneateles, NY

major: B.S. in Biological Science

Outside of the classroom, I have been involved with executive leadership for RALLYTHON, a Children's Miracle Network Dance Marathon that raises money for the UVM Children's Hospital. In the future, I plan on attending medical school and hope to specialize in either anesthesiology or ophthalmology.

*What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived.
It is what difference we have made to the lives of others.*

— Nelson Mandela

Nancy Lynn Snow

Williamstown, VT

major: B.A. in Classical Civilization

minor: Greek Language & Literature and Latin Language & Literature

I'm contemplating further studies and how I, in my senior years, might use my recently acquired knowledge for some good – if only to convey to a few the perspective and equanimity, if not comfort, relative to current affairs that reading the Classics can provide. I sing, swim, kayak, love cats!

I say, beware of all enterprises that require new clothes, and not rather a new wearer of clothes. — Henry David Thoreau, Walden

Ivy Stanton

Quincy, MA

major: B.A. in Economics and Spanish

I am a LGBTQ activist and member of the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Judo Club.

The hardest thing in this world is to live in it. Be brave. Live.
— Buffy the Vampire Slayer

Milena Stier

Burlington, VT

major: B.A. in Environmental Studies and Political Science

minor: Computer Science

I graduated in December and am currently working on climate and energy issues with the Montpelier-based non-profit Energy Action Network.

I'm no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I'm changing the things I cannot accept. — Angela Davis

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Mikayla Stolar

Pittsfield, VT

major: B.S. in Neuroscience

minor: Biology

I am a volunteer EMT with Richmond Rescue and played on the softball and club alpine ski racing teams here at UVM!

A mind that opens to a new idea never returns to its original size.

— Albert Einstein

Kelsey Treat

West Chester, PA

major: B.A. in Environmental Studies

minor: Political science

Birds, rock climbing, snowboarding, yoga!

Love must be free to wander, To land upon its chosen shore

And breathe. — Delia Owens

Grace Tuohy

Columbia, CT

major: B.S. in Psychological Science

I enjoy spending my time outdoors and amongst friends. After graduation I plan on moving to Boston.

In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on.

— Robert Frost

Libby Tuttle

Pine Springs, MN

major: B.A. in Health and Society

minor: Political Science

I am a member of UVM's varsity nordic ski team. Next year, I will be continuing my studies at UVM in the Master's of Public Health program.

We delight in the beauty of the butterfly but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.

— Maya Angelou

Julia Williamson

Silver Spring, MD

major: B.A. in Biology and Philosophy

My dream is to become a tabletop game designer!

Am I lucky or what?

— Denise Denden Williamson

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Yujing Wu

China

major: B.A. in Philosophy & Psychological Science

I like travel and music.

O ever youthful, O ever weeping.

— Jack Kerouac

Polina Yudin

Boston, MA

major: B.A. in Political Science

minor: Community & International Development and Law & Society

I'm excited to use everything I've learned in my time at UVM to pursue law school and begin my career in public service! I also hope to continue spending time outside, hiking, playing rugby, and running.

People ask me sometimes, when do you think it will be enough?

When will there be enough women on the court?

My answer is when there are nine.

— Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Rachel Zieff

Croton-on-Hudson, NY

major: B.A. in Religion and B.S. in Public Communication

After graduation, I will be staying in Burlington to pursue music—the logical choice given degrees in Religion and Public Communication, of course.

I will be working in event operations and marketing at Higher Ground while continuing to write, record, and perform with my band, Earthworm, the winner of this year's UVM Battle of the Bands and the opener for SpringFest.

And now after everything: I know this: There is a reason I am here.

And that reason is bigger than me. So I will carry on with great faith beyond what I can see. in pursuit of bold courage, on the adventure of the journey.

— Morgan Harper Nichols

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THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WERE INDUCTED
AS MEMBERS IN COURSE IN DECEMBER 2022

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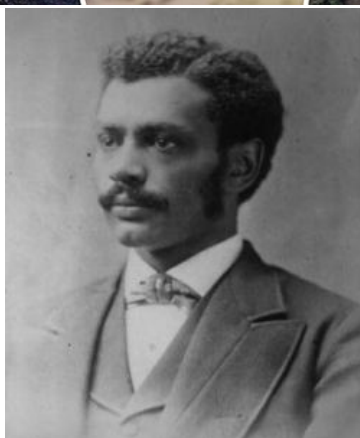
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