

Hamilton College

BACCALAUREATE



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Land Acknowledgment

With humility and pride, Hamilton College acknowledges its campus sits on the ancestral homelands of the Oneida Indian Nation. The Oneida, or Onyota'a:ká: in their Indigenous language, means People of the Standing Stone. Emerging in 1793 from a vision by Rev.

Samuel Kirkland and Oneida Chief Shenendoah — both now interred side-by-side on our campus — to establish a place where American Indians and settler youth could receive a quality education, Hamilton College's very foundation was built upon Indigenous reciprocity and inclusivity.

We recognize our past failures to implement this vision. Through sharing our community and educational resources, we are committed to building a sustainable partnership with the Oneida Indian Nation and the Haudenosaunee peoples; we embrace that our past and our future are forever tied to the Oneida People.

This Land Acknowledgment was written collaboratively with the Oneida Indian Nation.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Sar-Shalom Strong
Pianist

STUDENT PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION

Edwin Mensah-Boateng '25
Extending a sign of peace and welcome

GREETING

Christopher Card
Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students

STUDENT READINGS AND REFLECTIONS

Tristan Sollecito '25
Hamilton Christian Fellowship

Gabrielle Nakkab '25 and Gabriela Toppelberg '25
Chabad Student Organization

SPIRITUAL

Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord

Undine Smith Moore (1904-89)

Hamilton College Choir

Soloists **Brendan Byrne '26** and **Aubrey Campbell '26**
Charlotte Botha, Director, Assistant Professor of Music

STUDENT READINGS AND REFLECTIONS

Omar Barghout '25

Muslim Student Association

Ethan Connolly '25 and **Kirk Petrie '25**

Newman Community

Geneve Halfman '25 and **Carter Hollins '25**

Hamilton Hillel

MOTET

Beati Quorum Via

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Hamilton College Choir

INTRODUCTION

Steven Tepper

President

THE BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

Ray Halbritter

Oneida Indian Nation Representative and Turning Stone Enterprises Chief
Executive Officer

MULTI-FAITH PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

Kritika Ghimire '26

Hindu Tradition

Carter Hollins '25 and Gabrielle Nakkab '25

Jewish Tradition

Omar Barghout '25

Muslim Tradition

Ethan Connolly '25

Christian Tradition

ANTHEM

“Incantations”

from Celtic Mass, Michael McGlynn (b. 1964)

CLOSING WORDS

Congregation is invited to stand

Christopher Card

RECESSIONAL .

Jim Clough '67, P'07

Mohawk Valley Fraser

Hamilton