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Carrying the Banner of the Class of 2021

Rosalie Potter, President of the Class

Bearers of the National Flags of the Senior Class

United States of America – Ryan Bland
 Australia – Amelia Page
 Bahamas – Tristan Russell
 Brazil – Nai'a Jurgensen
 Canada – Chelsea Seaby Bruno*
 Cayman Islands – Lauren Ellison
 China – Hatton Tong
 Colombia – Isabella Baquerizo Cobo
 Ecuador – Luis Gomez
 Germany – Laura Schumacher
 Ghana – Awura Aba Kufuor*
 Hong Kong – Lian Wang
 India – Rishika Daruwala
 Iran – Sarah Noorbakhsh

Italy – Francesco Oliva
 Japan – Shoki Nemoto
 Lebanon – Jad Hassoun
 Mexico – Colette Sandhu
 Nigeria – Ebube Onwusika
 Russia – Victoria Taperova
 South Africa – Ekow Daniels
 South Korea – Minsoo Jung
 Spain – Maria Luruena Marquez
 Sweden – Kasper Malmros
 Taiwan – Chi-Hung Fang
 United Arab Emirates – Vansh Bhojwani
 United Kingdom – Elizabeth Kendrick
 Vietnam – Tri Vu Kieu

The American flag has flown over Mount Vernon and was a gift to the school from Andrew Ammerman '68 and his mother, the late Josephine Ammerman.

** This flag bearer joins us virtually.*

Baccalaureate Service Participants

James A. Brinson, *Organist, Carillonneur, and Arts Faculty*
 Douglas Smith P '23, '24, *Archivist, Senior Grade Dean*
 Rev. William R. Whitmore, *School Minister and Religion Faculty*
 Bryan Morgan '07, *Director of Music and Arts Faculty*
 Chi-Hung Fang '21, *Quarry Bay, Hong Kong*
 Isabella Baquerizo Cobo '21, *Bogota, Colombia*
 Jay Howley '21, *Mercersburg, Pennsylvania*
 Margaret Betkowski '21, *Mercersburg, Pennsylvania*
 Katherine M. Titus P '20, '23, *Head of School*
 Thomas E. Rahauser '74, P '05, '07, '12, *Faculty, Language Department*

The Mercersburg Chorale

Bryan Morgan '07, Director

Nick Barnes '22 (virtual)	Chih-Ying Huang '22	Tyerra Roofener '23 (virtual)
Jordyn Beard '21	Osasogie Iyoha '22	Riley Schermerhorn '22
Carina Cole '22	Isabella Jones '24	Camille Smith '22
Wren Dahbura '21	Ellen Jornlin '22	Charlotte Stauffer '22
Kaitlyn Dowling '23	Jonah Lee '24	Sloane Stouffer '22 (virtual)
Griffin Eagle '23	Yourong Luo '21 (virtual)	Matthew Tavarez '22
Frances Elwood '23	Gabriel McGuire '24	Hexuan Wang '23 (virtual)
Michelle Feng '22 (virtual)	Langley Owen '24	
Abby Hann '23	Meagan Owens '22	
William Hollis '24	Destiny Rodney '22	

Program layout by Chelsea Seaby Bruno '21.

The Irvine Memorial Chapel at Mercersburg Academy was dedicated in 1926 to the memory of alumni who lost their lives in war and rededicated at the school's centennial in 1993 to the memory and vision of founding Headmaster William Mann Irvine, who walked with God throughout his life in joy and strength and love.



MERCERSBURG ACADEMY

Baccalaureate Service for the Class of 2021

Irvine Memorial Chapel
 Friday, June 4, 2021 • 6 p.m.



Carillon Prelude	James Brinson	Anthem
Opening Words	Douglas Smith P '23, '24	
Academic Procession	Processional on “Westminster Abbey”	Robert Wetzler
	The National Flags of the Senior Class The Faculty	
*The Class of 2021 Processional	“Trumpet Voluntary”	Jeremiah Clarke
*Welcome and Call to Worship (read responsively)	Proverbs 3:27-31	

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to do it.

Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again,
tomorrow I will give it” when you have it with you.

**Do not plan harm against your neighbor
who lives trustingly beside you.**

Do not quarrel with anyone without cause,
when no harm has been done to you.

Do not envy the violent
and do not choose any of their ways.

Prayer of Hope and Thanksgiving (in unison)

O God,
Thank you for this past chapter, now closing behind us. It has been both good and bad, and it has made the present what it is. Therefore, we will use it to build the future. Thank you for the next chapter upon which we are embarking tomorrow. We are building the future only with the help and encouragement of those we leave behind. Thank you especially for the love we have received from those gathered here. We face the years to come with hope, because of the hope others have placed in us. We pray that we will be worthy of that hope and trust. Amen.

Reading from the Taoe Te Ching	Lao Tzu
Simplicity, patience, compassion. These three are your greatest treasures. Simple in actions and thoughts, you return to the source of being. Patient with both friends and enemies, you accord with the way things are. Compassionate toward yourself, you reconcile all beings in the world.	

“Via Lucis”	Bryan Morgan '07 / Kathryn Frimet '18
Rambling paths with full hearts And loud swelling cheers No matter who we are Or how we disagree Look out for each other and care So let's be kind be loving be open to All the differences we hold within our minds and share Love reaches across what separates our lives and strengthens our ties as one Memories and dreams Gathered over the years No matter who we are Or how we disagree Look out for each other and care So let's be kind be loving be open to All the differences we hold within our minds and share Love reaches across what separates our lives and strengthens our ties as one We should be there for all the cheers and reach out through our tears Reach out and tell someone they matter So let's be kind be loving be open to All the differences we hold within our minds and share Love reaches across what separates our lives and strengthens our ties as one	

Lesson from Dhammapada

Do not find fault with others, do not injure others, but live in accordance with the dharma. Be moderate in eating, sleeping, and meditate on the highest. This sums up the teaching of the Buddhas. Even a shower of gold cannot quench the passions. They are wise who know the passions are passing and bring pain in their wake. Even celestial pleasures cannot quench the passions. They are true followers of the Buddha who rejoice in the conquest of desires. Driven by fear, people run for security to mountains and forests, to sacred spots and shrines. But none of these can be a safe refuge, because they cannot free the mind of fear.

Lesson from the New Testament	Matthew 6:25-34
“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than	

clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.”

Introduction of the Baccalaureate Speaker	Katherine Titus P '20, '23
The Baccalaureate Address	Tom Rahauer '74, P '05, '07, '12

*The *Mercersburg Academy Alma Mater*

High tower above us her pillars,
In majesty crowning the hill;
She's faced the wild storm waves of years,
And bravely she faces them still.

Come, Mercersburg all, and we'll praise her;
The world will we tell of her fame,
'Til down the long train of the ages
Shall echo old Mercersburg's name.

This world sweeping mightily onward
Will whiten our heads with its years,
But ever we'll greet Alma Mater
With full hearts and loud swelling cheers.

*A Prayer for the Class	
“Irish Blessing”	Jeremy Hanson
May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand.	

*Benediction	Rev. William Whitmore
Carillon Postlude	