CLASS DAY
MAY 23, 2022
CANNON GREEN
A Brief History of Class Day

The tradition of the Princeton Class Day dates back to as early as 1856, and in 1898 it was described as “a day over which the Graduating Class has full charge and which we run to suit ourselves, in our characteristic way.” Although seniors no longer smoke long white clay pipes before smashing them on the cannon, Class Day still features student speeches, remarks by the University President, and the presentation of awards. During the twenty-first century, prominent Class Day speakers have come to entertain and advise the class; recent speakers have included comedians, journalists, and politicians. Other elements of contemporary Class Day exercises include the presentation of a symbolic key to the campus by the University President, the wearing of orange-and-black class jackets, and the singing of “Old Nassau.”

A Brief History of Class Jackets

Senior class jackets, popularly known as “beer jackets,” are a common sight on Class Day. This article of clothing traces its origins to 1912, when a group of students decided to wear blue denim overalls and jackets to prevent beer from spotting their clothes. The following year, the Class of 1913 followed suit, but chose to wear white instead of blue. After the First World War, costumes were embellished with humorous logos, including jabs at Prohibition. Although overalls were abandoned following the Second World War, beer jackets have remained an integral part of Commencement activities. This year’s class jacket was designed by Sandra Yang ’22. Class Day and Class Jacket Histories courtesy of the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library.

Recently Selected Speakers

2021 Trevor Noah
2020 Marshawn Lynch
2019 Ellie Kemper ’02
2018 Cory Booker
2017 Baz Luhrmann
2016 Jodi Picoult ’87
2015 Christopher Nolan
2014 Al Gore
2013 David Remnick ’81
2012 Steve Carell
2011 Brooke Shields ’87
2010 Charles Gibson ’65
2009 Katie Couric
2008 Stephen Colbert
2007 Bradley Whitford
2006 Bill Clinton
2005 Chevy Chase
2004 Jon Stewart
2003 Jerry Seinfeld

Schedule of Events

Welcome
Julia Jones Chaffers ’22
Sarah Jueun Lee ’22
Christian George Potter ’22
Class Day Chairs

President’s Remarks
Christopher Eisgruber ’83
20th President of Princeton University

Class President’s Remarks
Santiago Guiran ’22
Class President
Presentation of Athletic Awards

John Mack ’00
Ford Family Director of Athletics

William Winston Roper Trophy
C. Otto von Kienbusch Award

Student Remarks

Owen Matthews ’22
Class Herald

Induction of Honorary Class members

Presentations by:
Josh Haile ’22, Class Vice President
Mariah Alexis Crawford ’22, Class Secretary
Mansi Ramoo Totwani ’22, Class Treasurer
Debby J. Park ’22, Class Social Chair

Keynote Address

Dr. Anthony Fauci

Closing Remarks

Julia Jones Chaffers ’22
Sarah Jueun Lee ’22
Christian George Potter ’22
Class Day Chairs

Presentation of Class Prizes

Kathleen Deignan
Dean of Undergraduate Students

Acknowledgement of Pyne Prize Winners
Allen Macy Dulles Class of 1951 Award
Frederick Douglass Service Award
Harold Willis Dodds Achievement Prize
W. Sanderson Detwiler 1903 Prize
Walter E. Hope Class of 1901 Medal

Student Remarks

Maddie Winter ’22
Class Herald

Priscilla Glickman ’92 Memorial Prize

Kimberly A. de los Santos
John C. Bogle ’51 and Burton G. Malkiel *64
Executive Director, Pace Center for Civic Engagement
Honorary Class Members

Joshua Alan Brown
Manager, Classroom and Event Technology Services,
University Services

Ruby Huttner, M.D. ’72
Director of Class Grandparent Initiative

Sonja Angelique Francis
Director, General Chemistry Teaching Laboratories;
Lecturer in Chemistry

Lexy Parrill Sarstedt
Director of Campus Club,
Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students

Thank you!
The Class of 2022 would like to thank the following retiring faculty members for their commitment to the education of undergraduate students at Princeton:

Leonard Barkan
Comparative Literature

Marni Sandweiss
History

John Borneman
Anthropology

Jeffrey Schwartz
Chemistry

David Dobkin
Computer Science

Robert Sedgewick
Computer Sciences

Denis Feeney
Classics

Christopher Sims
Economics

Martha Himmelfarb
Religion

James A. Smith
Civil and Environmental Engineering

Ruby Lee
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Shivaji Sondhi
Physics

Anne McCauley
Art and Archeology

Edwin Turner
Astrophysical Sciences

Stewart Prager
Astrophysical Sciences

Eric Wieschaus
Molecular Biology

Spirit of Princeton Award Recipients

Oluwatamilore Ajeigbe ’22
Elijah Barnes ’22
Alexander Charles ’22
Naomi Hess ’22
Sally Jane Ruybalid ’22
Emma Treadway ’22

Singing of Old Nassau

Tim Amarell ’22
Hannah Bein ’22
Mark Dodici ’22
Anson Jones ’22
Ashwin Mahadevan ’22
Gideon McFarland ’22
Sally Root ’22
Charlotte Thiel ’22
Six Word Memoirs from the Class of 2022

Friends, growth, and moments of joy Amy Torres Came. Saw. Protected my peace Rola Adebogun Toughest of times, best of friends Anna Durak Friends make this place worth it Andrea Escota Friends I will grow old with Audrey Laude The world will give you gentleness AG McGee Arrival, pandemic, thesis, graduation Alex Kilander Dancing, stressing, engineering, creating, smiling An-Ya Olson Dreams come true at this school Amy Cho Work diligently, manifest positively, build genuinely Andrew Abdelmessih Knock me down, I get up Abby Meyers Four years here, just passing through Brian Kang Even as we hurt, we hoped Breyonnah Wade The best damn place of all Christal Ng, Reily Radosevich You never walk alone Cassidy Barnes For sale: college textbooks, never read Cecilia Panfil Everyday Live In Joy and Happiness Elijah Benson Siempre con todo el esfuerzo! Emily Chavarria Dang, I got ... chords ... due Monday Edward Horan Look around and feel the beauty Emma Moriarty Nil igitur mors est ad nos Emma Treadway For sale, Princeton degree, never used Enrique Zuniga Gonzales I’m gonna miss the color orange Grace Wei Submitted this at the last minute Helen Reeves Head empty, no thoughts, just vibes Heather Gaulke A time of growth and boba Jeffrey Barzach Construction be like: boom ding beep Justin Curl Never took another 8:30 class Josiah Gouker Sorry, I forgot to unmute myself Jerod Nelsen My little orange corner of happiness Katherine Lee Six words? For an English major? Lucy Dever This is my six word memoir Mitchell Stroebel Scholarship is important, community is everything Nicole Gomez New adventures and amazing people Rhea Park It was the best of times Serena Ren Still taking pictures like a tourist Tori Edington Friends in Firestone, chats in Chancellor Yael Stochel Arrived hopeful, left grateful, tigers forever Zachary Johnson

Senior Class Reflections

Sophie Evans ’22
Wow, they didn’t give us this kind of fanfare the first time they asked us to leave campus, did they?

Folarin Okulaja ’22
Princeton really is a special institution. What other place has the ability and the consistency to turn aspiring medical doctors into consultants? To turn aspiring school teachers into investment bankers? Aspiring nonprofit workers into software engineers? I would argue nowhere has those same capabilities.

Aliya Ismagilova ’22
I’m BSE COS, which means two things: first of all that I never wrote a thesis! I know! That kinda feels like cheating! And I’m sort of jealous, you know, of all of you smart, introspective, history, spia, and politics and english majors, because it has always been my dream to have done a thesis in the past.

Maya Mishra ’22
Jaywalking aggressively across Washington Road, throwing paper balls at the performers in every theater show, screaming ferally in the Holder courtyard at midnight on Dean’s Date. We sure do get up to some weird stuff when we spend all our time in one square mile. But that’s what makes it, perhaps, my favorite square mile in the world.
Leyla Arcasoy ’22

We enjoyed life at Princeton. We passed our classes. Signed the Honor Pledge. Wrote our theses. Reinstated traditions. Established our lives here. Even if it was only temporary. And did it all while experiencing so many things quintessential to the Princeton tradition that were the firsts and lasts that we thought we would get the chance to experience more than once. And that is the truest testament to our strength as a class.

Nate Perlmeter ’22

The most important acronym of all is T.D.Y.R.P.P.N.P.K.B.H.I.S.M.M.C. The Day You Realize The Purpose of this Place is Not the Pursuit of Knowledge or the Betterment of Humanity, It is Simply the Manufacture of More Consultants. Or as we cheekily pronounce it, tid-yer pippin puh-kib-his-mimic.

Sally Jane Ruybalid ’22

You see, for those of you who don’t know, nobody really knows what Princeton is, because it’s apparently all under construction, all at once. Fun fact, actually, the original Princeton motto, Dei sub numine viget, was not for “under God’s power she flourishes,” it’s actually the sounds the bulldozers make at 7 am the day after your all-nighter. (In a machinery noise) Dei! Sub! Nuuumine! Viget! Our other motto is “In the service of humanity.” Apparently, we all found out that the specific humanity is the construction sector.

Grace Xu ’22

I haven’t experienced that many places in my life. But considering that I have severe memory loss from the number of all nighters I’ve pulled at this place, I’m going to say... yeah. It is the best place of all. Ranked number one in US News, and also number one out of one in my heart.

Ceremony Information

Following the ceremony, seniors—denoted by class jackets—may pick up lunch for themselves and their four guests on Alexander Beach near Witherspoon Hall. If you return to Cannon Green to eat after the ceremony, please use the seats closest to Morrison Hall, as the other seats will be moved to prepare for this afternoon’s Graduate School Hooding Ceremony.

Please do not leave your seat to take photos. Note that any personal photos or videos taken during this event should be used for personal purposes only. Professional photographers take photos of all commencement events. Images are made available for free, courtesy of the University, at commencement.princeton.edu/photos

Colophon

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Tune every heart and every voice,
Bid every care withdraw;
Let all with one accord rejoice,
In praise of Old Nassau

In praise of Old Nassau, we sing,
Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!
Our hearts will give, while we shall live,
Three cheers for Old Nassau