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2021/2020

THE IRWIN S. CHANIN SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
SCHOOL OF ART
ALBERT NERKEN SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations all!

What a moment of celebration this is. You have reached an extraordinary milestone in the midst of extraordinary times. Today, on the occasion of the 161st Commencement for The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, we honor your dedication and all you have invested to hone your practice and reach the high bars of achievement that you set for yourselves and each other.

In this time especially, you no doubt accomplished more than you thought you were capable of doing. Your innovative spirit has been on full display since your early days on Cooper Square, and during the pandemic, that spirit evolved further and was strengthened by your resilience, persistence, and reliance on one another. Just as importantly, your compassion grew as you learned that taking care of yourselves, your families and friends, and each other was critical work. These are all characteristics that you will draw from in the years ahead.

You found new ways of learning, making, doing, and leading—even during the most daunting days. You tackled not only your own work with rigor but also global issues that need your thinking and contributions—from climate change and the fight against social injustice to the sustainability of our cities and the needs of underserved people everywhere. You experienced the impact of using your voices, resources, and platforms, and you prompted change here at Cooper, in New York City, and around the world. Along the way, you were influenced by the people and happenings of The Cooper Union, including a faculty of academic and practicing professionals who inspired and challenged you to stretch further and deeper; dedicated staff who became family; a network of alumni who are mentors, contributors, co-creators, and future employers; and the parents, family members, and friends who encouraged and supported throughout the ups and downs of your journeys.

You now represent the best of all that Peter Cooper imagined as he established this very special place. He believed that education is the key to personal prosperity and civic virtue and should be available to all regardless of socio-economic background, race, or gender. All of these years later, his vision remains, and as the graduating classes of 2021 and 2020, you are ready to do well and do good for yourselves, your families, your communities, and your professions. You are ready to be of service to a world that needs you.

As graduates, we embrace you now, and forever, as a member of The Cooper Union family that spans generations and the globe. I encourage you to make the most of that special relationship as Cooper stands ready to support you in your future endeavors.

Congratulations! I look forward with great anticipation to all that is to come for each of you.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

President's Address

Laura Sparks, B.A., M.B.A., J.D.
President

Commencement Address

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Malcolm King EE'97
Chair of the Board of Trustees

*Conferring of Undergraduate Degrees and
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President

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Dean, School of Art

Closing Remarks

Malcolm King

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Wangechi Mutu A'96

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Wangechi Mutu

Wangechi Mutu is a multimedia artist whose drawings, collages, sculptures, and films center on the female body as the locus of myriad cultural signifiers—those of pride, glory, disgust, and ownership. The legacies of colonialism fused with attendant injustices of racism, globalism, and sexism play a central role in all her work. Constantly playing with and puncturing the meaning of familiar imagery, her work has been called pointed, fantastical, and provocative. Mutu herself has said her work gets “to vandalize the original narrative.” She has set out “to envision, not so much Blackness as a race, but the existence of African elements in culture in the future.”

Mutu was born in Nairobi, Kenya in 1972, where her parents’ professions each contributed to her artistic interests: her father, a paper importer, provided her with the materials that fed her passion for drawing. Her mother, who worked as a nurse, kept a collection of books about tropical diseases, which Mutu says was an early source for her visual language.

Educated in Kenya and Wales, she moved to New York where she earned a BFA from The Cooper Union in 1996, as well as studied anthropology at the New School. In 2000 she earned her MFA in sculpture from Yale. She initially earned renown for her collages, inventive collisions of found objects, magazine cut outs, and exquisite draftsmanship designed to investigate presentations of skin color and the female body. Her work has been exhibited widely, including a retrospective that originated at the Nasher Museum in 2013, and traveled to museums around the world.

The recipient of copious prestigious awards in the arts, she was named the Deutsche Guggenheim Artist of the Year in 2010 and the Brooklyn Museum’s Asher B. Durand Artist of the Year in 2013. In 2006, she earned The Cooper Union President’s Citation in Art, was presented with the Emerging Talent Award at Cooper’s Urban Visionaries Gala in 2008, and three years later, she was named The Cooper Union Augustus St. Gaudens Distinguished Artist.

Her 2019–20 commission for the Metropolitan Museum of Art let her create sculpture for niches on the building’s neo-classical façade, ones that had never before been filled. The result was Mutu’s *The NewOnes, will free Us*. Inspired by the caryatids—female sculptural figures designed as support elements—populating both European and African art, she made four bronze sculptures depicting women of great authority and self-possession. Wrapped in garments of vertical or coiled cords and mirrored lip plates, they are concurrently familiar and space-aged, set in poses of action yet not in support of a building or throne. The sculptures, which remained in place for nine months, are reminiscent of her entire oeuvre, which one critic called “both ancient and futuristic; her figures aspire as a super-race, by-products of a troubled and imposed evolution.”

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DEGREES | THE IRWIN S. CHANIN SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Architecture

Risako Marie Arcari
Taesha Aurora
Jesse T. Bassett
David L. Bermudez
Javier Blancas
Bo Cai
Juan Pablo Cardona
Zi Han Matthew Chan
Shishen Chen
Karina S. Chivikova
Claudia Mancuso D'Auria
Evgenia Dementyeva
Isaac Diego Islas-Cox
Juan Carlos L. Javier
Mudong Jung
Eli Kim
Zalmal Levrat
Maksymilian Mamak
Gabriella Orsi
Min Jeong Park
Stella Blue Porzungolo
Karim Sabry
Willem Rafe Smith-Clark
Maren Bailly Speyer
Tracy Tan
Brandy L. Vazquez

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Architecture II

Sally S. Chen
Yingxiao Chen
Giedre Darskute
Nienying Lin
Jamie Lindsey
Austin McInnis
Roni Schanin
Doosung Shin
Qicheng Wu

2020

DEGREES | THE IRWIN S. CHANIN SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Architecture

Natalie A. Dechime
Dylan T. Dewald
Chong Gu
Yoonsang Jo
Viktoria Klansoe
Kayla Karreen Montes de Oca
Helmuth Rosales
Siraphat Santidherakul
Tong Shu
Daniel J. Smith
Cheung Lun Jeremy Son
Ain Song
Arnauld Angelo Sylvain
Wei Hong Xie
Shuqing Zhan

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Architecture II

Tianying Li[†]
Fenghao Lu[†]
Yueci Luo[†]
Lien-Kuang Yeh[†]
Zheng Yin[†]
Haotian Zhang[†]
Xiaoxiao Zhao[†]

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Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts

| | |
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| William R. Adams | Jun Hee Ko |
| Samuel Alexander | Ashton P. Krow |
| Elizaveta Belkina | Cassidy N. Little |
| Tal Bogomolny | Sofiya Lypka |
| Stefan P. Bottomley | Ciana M. Malchione |
| Kiara L. Byrd | Emily Colleen Manwaring |
| Delia Anne Cadman | Nicholas George Marabella |
| Haleigh Collins | Ava J. Markle |
| Vyczie L. Dorado-Lopez | Calla Joan McInnes |
| Nicholas D'Ornellas | Kian T. McKeown |
| Derek Elwood | Darius Fabe Michelman |
| Kyle B. Finkelstein | Chester Mills |
| Rafaella Fontenelle | Kayla A. Muldrow |
| Antonia Lucy Gehnrich | Lumia Nocito |
| †Joshua William Gilman | Ty Pawlowski |
| Casey A. Gollan | Alice Katherine Petrosova |
| Robert Jesus Gomez | Daniel Aaron Polonsky |
| Nicholas J. Graziolo | John Christian Rose |
| Jordan Alexander Greenblatt | Netanel Saso |
| Ashlynn Guo | Hannah Taurins |
| Diego Eric Herrera | Sydney Elexis Vernon |
| Olivia C. Hock | Kalle Wadzinski† |
| Tristan Thorn Hughes-Freeland | Haocheng Wang |
| Richkard Isaac | Tammy Jane Wei |
| Enzo Iwase | Tom Wichmann |
| †Michelle Jimenez | Ryan Conner Yale |
| †Darock Kang | Lucas K. Zafiriou Zeeberg |
| Ayqa Khan | |

†Graduated December 18, 2020

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DEGREES | SCHOOL OF ART

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts

| | |
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| Angelo Alexandre Maurice Barth | Jessica Cristina Martinez |
| Halle Amber Benoit | Paolo Mentasti |
| Malik Bowser | Kiersten Mercado |
| Anna Michelle Burholt | Max Thomas Miller |
| Oonagh Tsering Carroll-Warhola | Jesus Alberto Morales |
| Jermaine Isaac Carter | Ruth Natanzon [†] |
| Willa Lyon Cosinuke | Sofia Cristina Pagan |
| Collin Deloach | Catherine Rae Pasquarelli |
| Emmanuel Desir | Magnus Peterson-Horner |
| Simone Irene Dunye | Daniella Portillo |
| Joelsy Josefina Fernandez | Anisa Rakaj |
| Kiani Mieko Ferris | Devlin Claro Resetar [†] |
| Jessica Haley Floyd | Calil Etu Russell-Arguedas |
| Daniel Jack Foster | David Sami |
| Valerie Franco | Jonathan Eulises Sanchez Noa |
| Dayi Fu | Zuri Adoree Scott |
| Juan José Garcia | Leo Serriere |
| Eric Patrick Goins | Tandis Shoushtary |
| Valerie Michelle Gonzalez | Bryce M. Snyder |
| Ana Sofía Hierro Flores | Colton Teri |
| Braden Ayanna Hollis | Frances Lea Tyska |
| Laszlo Kenton Horvath | Justin Howard Usher |
| Brian Chou Hsieh | Christien Julian Vargas |
| Mingpu Hu | Ricardo Edin Velez |
| Gunnar Andrew Kortenbach | Camila Villa |
| Nicole Elizabeth Lindner | Wendy Delen Wahlert |
| Mia Lockhart | Samuel Warkov |
| Michelle Lorduy Reyes | John Benjamin Werther |
| Daniel Chassler Lucal | Johnathan Allen Wilborn |
| Anita Maksimiuk | Rachel Cao Zhang |
| Zekiel A. Maloney | Zoe Ziirsen |

[†]Graduated December 20, 2019

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DEGREES | ALBERT NERKEN SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Engineering

Chemical Engineering

*Jack Owen Batson
***Michael A. Chan
Fanny Chen
*Courtney Jessica Chiu
*Eric J. Figueroa
Kourosh Ghaemmaghami
Mahfuzul Islam
David Jiang
Johnson Jiang
*Yi Jiang
Soyeon Kim
Sang Ho Lee
**Kevin Lin
Jae Hyun Park
*Paulo Serodio
Alec R. Svenson
**Delphine K. Troast
Vincent Wu
Yu Xu

Civil Engineering

Brighton Huynh
Mahmoud Khair-Eldin
Joshua B. Kitagorsky*
Konstantinos Konstantinidis*
Andrew M. Njeim
Jabin Pu*
Bibi S. Razak*
Jenna Scott
Jesse Shih
Evan J. Straus
Justin Tsin
Ching Laam Yuen
Ming Liang Zhang
Wei Zhang**

2021

DEGREES | ALBERT NERKEN SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Engineering

Electrical Engineering

*Joseph A. Berkovitz
Ravindra Bisram
**Brian Thomas DeHority
***Yuval Epstein Ofek
*Zachary Friedman
Rebecca Faye Gartenberg
Marc S. Gottlieb
I-An Huang
*Theo Jaquenoud
Kevin Jiang
**Kevin Kerliu
Matthew V. Kribs
Jason J. Kurian
**Do Hyung Kwon
*Richard S. Lee
*Junpeng Lu
***Samuel Maltz
*Di Mei
***Minh-Thai Nguyen
Shyam Paidipati
Allen Ravitsky
Nikita Teplitskiy
Omar Thenmalai
Gian Angelo C. Tria
Yuecen Wang
**Zhihao Wang
*Lucy Xu
Eric Y. Xue

Mechanical Engineering

Adam Joshua Blank
Evan T. Bubniak
Amal Bukhari
Zhiyang Chen***
Enea Dushaj***
Rose Gebhardt***
Hyun Huh***
Chaerin Jun***
Tae Hyun Koh
Jared Lam
Lutor Mei
Christopher F. Mignano*
Jacques Mosseri
Daniel Pak
Harris Paspuleti
Yuval Philipson
Hannah S. Quirk*
Alexander J. Seligson*
Ruben Solano Garcia
Miho Takeuchi***
Haoran Wei
Jaywon Woo***
Alexander Yezril*

2021

DEGREES | ALBERT NERKEN SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

Kenny Huang
Hyomin Seo
Tiffany Yu

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Engineering

Chemical Engineering

Kanghyun Aum
Kevin Chen
Dave Chun
Mickey Huang
†Anna Joselle V. Lomboy
Armaan Thapar
Keti Vaso
Yuqiao Wang

Electrical Engineering

Shifra Abittan
Matthew John Cavallaro†
Leart Krasniqi†
Do Hyung Kwon
Zheng Liu
Shalin B. Patel†
Denis Shishkov
Gordon Su
Tiago Zeitoune†

Civil Engineering

Martin Lee Alvizuri
Abanoub Boulis
Joanna Bueno
Eric Ditchek
Qitong Han
Henry Edgar Jennings
Fanny Ma
April Holly Mintz
Luis A. Nunez Adames
Christian Alexander Pena
Aidan George Smolar
Xuerui Wang

Mechanical Engineering

Keith R. Cappuccio
Andrew James Chin†
William Lim†
Andrew Viktor Mosin
Jiaqi Shen
Zachary Tzavelis†
Joseph E. Viola
Kevin Yao

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Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Engineering

Chemical Engineering

Mubtasim Anjum
 *Izabela Weronika Balicka
 *Changru Chen
 Michael Dayan
 *Laarnie Angela Delos Reyes
 Edward Huang
 *Michael Lange
 Alex Zeng Lee
 Yuan Li
 Kevin Liang
 *Zhen Liu
 Felipe Puyat Mapa
 Matthew Anthony Moulton
 Seung Won Na
 ***Amy Pan
 *Soham Rakesh Patel
 Timil Patel
 Andy Qiu
 *Jason Alexander Frederick Sherman
 Ijoo Yoon
 **Peter Ming Zhao

Civil Engineering

Devyn Accardi
 Martin Lee Alvizuri
 Jiyoung Baek**
 Gregory Joseph Belenitsky*
 Huimin Chu
 Noah Volund Fechter
 Aaron Ross Fink*
 Qitong Han
 Suyeong Han*
 John Ho
 Jeahoung Hong***
 Henry Edgar Jennings
 Matthew Yan Jumadio
 Richard J. Ma
 Peter Manos
 Sanjeev Menon
 Kevin Y. Persaud
 William G. Popper***
 Stephanie Yael Raphael*
 Jared Lawrence Rogovin
 Harsho Sanyal
 Daniel Smith***
 Christopher Ryan Tang
 Xiao Wang
 Xuerui Wang
 James Zhang
 Wenqiang Zou

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Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Engineering

Electrical Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

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| ***Shifra Abittan | Daniel R. Abes* |
| ***Andrey A. Akhmetov | Gregoire Paul Caubel* |
| ***Aziza Almanakly | Dean Chan*** |
| ***Guy Bar Yosef | Raymond Choi |
| William Chen | Gertrude Fremah Dabo |
| Ivan Hossain Chowdhury | Daniel Richard Feyman |
| Ariana L. Freitag | Randall James Hilston** |
| Joshua Timothy Choa Go | Xiaolei Hu* |
| Hanoch Goldfarb | Naomi Javitt* |
| **Weizhe Guo | Christopher Jihoon Jeong |
| Yingzhi Hao | Seryung Kim |
| Liao Hu | Brian Chaeun Lee* |
| Yejun Huang | Kyung Joon Lee |
| Jongoh Jeong | Tae Kyoung Lee |
| Jing Jiang | Jung Lim |
| Yilun Jiang | Connor William Lowry |
| Min Jo | Samuel Efroim Makarovskiy*** |
| Benjamin Kaplan | Xiaoyu Mao |
| Armaan Singh Kohli | William Henry Buck Morris*** |
| **Learat Krasniqi | John Nguyen* |
| Raymond Lee | Olivia Heuiyoung Park |
| Michael John Lendino | Aqib Sadique |
| **Alon Simon Levin | Sophie Helen Schneider |
| Kevin Lin | Dilara Seyman* |
| *Zheng Liu | Aidan George Smolar* |
| **Jonathan Pedoeem | Nicholas Anthony Triano*** |
| Bezalel Nechemya Pittinsky | Eric Jay Wietschner* |
| Ali Rahman | Karen Yehoshua |
| Tianshu Ren | |
| Yi Rong | |
| Dhvanil Shah | |
| *Nithilam Viswanathan Subbaian | |
| Rayhan Jalal Syed | |
| *Sirui Yang | |
| Hyungseok Yoon | |
| *Daniel Zuerbig | |

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| ***Yigal Kamel | Mrigank Saksena |
| *Sungwon Kim | Parshwa P. Shah |
| Minyoung Na | Carena Mary Toy |

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Engineering

Chemical Engineering Electrical Engineering

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Aaron Chong | Tyler Tilton Bell |
| Ryan Jaipersaud | Junbum Kim |
| Sun Eui Kim | Xiangling Kong |
| Shlomo Yehuda Leibtag | Stephen Michael Leone |
| Yao Wen Liu | Kelvin Lin |
| Derek Ni | Benjamin Sterling |
| Tushar Dhananjay Nichakawade | Karol Wadolowski |
| | Jonathan Raphael Weinrib [†] |

Civil Engineering

Ahmed Elkhoully
Jeahoung Hong
Conrad Tadeusz Kieras
Jobin Thomas Mathew
Yongnian Nie
Kareem Saber
Judith Song (Zhao)
[†]Kayla Rose Weg
Brian Dart Ming Wong
William Yang

Mechanical Engineering

Sun Hwa Kwon[†]
MingYang Lee
Yingfu Ma
Jacob Benjamin Maarek
Olivia Heuiyoung Park
Ashish Pokhare[†]
SM Mizanur Rahman
Justin Charles Rooney
Zhichun Sun
Dachi Tan
Yue Wang

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Isaac Diego Islas-Cox

Maren Bailly Speyer

The Irma Giustino Weiss Prize for exceptional creative potential in architecture or art was endowed in 2002 by Cooper Union alumna Irma Giustino Weiss A'45.

Evgenia Demytyeva

The Toni and David Yarnell Merit Award of Excellence in Architecture, established in 2012 through the generosity of loyal benefactors Toni Howard and David Yarnell, presented to a graduating student who demonstrates exceptional ability and outstanding merit.

Javier Blancas

Abraham E. Kazan Award for Urban Design, established in 1965 by Co-Op Village in honor of Mr. Kazan, recognized as the father of non-profit cooperative housing programs.

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Maksymilian Mamak

Brandy L. Vazquez

Allen N. Goldfischer Memorial Award, established in 2004, honors Allen N. Goldfischer AR'83.

Evgenia Demytyeva

Gabriella Orsi

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Lumia Nocito

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Olivia C. Hock

Diego Eric Herrera

Lucas K. Zafiriou Zeeberg

The Elliot Lash Memorial Prize for excellence in sculpture was established in 1973 by Mrs. Marjorie Lash in honor of her son A'71.

Delia Anne Cadman

The Betty Goldin Memorial Fund Book Prize for excellence in art was established in 1976 in honor of Ms. Goldin A'46.

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Kiara L. Byrd

(Sculpture)

Kian T. McKeown

(Drawing)

The Pietro and Alfrieda Montana Prize for excellence in drawing or sculpture was established in 1986 from a bequest from the estate of Mr. Montana.

Nicholas D'Ornellas

The Richard Lewis Bloch Memorial Prize for Excellence in Art.

Stefan P. Bottomley

Rafaella Fontenelle

The Eleanor Gay Lee Gallery Foundation Scholar Award recognizes a deserving student in the School of Art.

Nicholas George Marabella

The Henry Dropkin Award for Excellence in Graphic Design.

Netanel Saso

The Robert Breer Film Award, named for the long-time professor of film and animation at the School of Art.

Vyczie L. Dorado-Lopez

Emily Colleen Manwaring

Calla Joan McInnes

The Michael S. Vivo Memorial Prize for excellence in drawing was established in 1984 by friends, family, and associates of Mr. Vivo A'70.

Haleigh Collins

The Laura Miller Margolius '42 Memorial Prize for a distinguished painter in the graduating class.

Derek Elwood

The Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts, Robert Blackburn Printmaking Award for outstanding achievement in the area of printmaking.

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Daniel Chassler Lucal

Paolo Mentasti

Samuel Warkov

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Emmanuel Desir

(Sculpture)

Rachel Cao Zhang

(Drawing)

The Pietro and Alfrieda Montana Prize for excellence in drawing or sculpture was established in 1986 from a bequest from the estate of Mr. Montana.

Anita Maksimiuk

The Richard Lewis Bloch Memorial Prize for Excellence in Art.

Jessica Cristina Martinez

Jesus Alberto Morales

The Eleanor Gay Lee Gallery Foundation Scholar Award recognizes a deserving student in the School of Art.

Catherine Rae Pasquarelli

Tandis Shoushtary

The Medici Award for excellence in art, donated by the Faculty of the School of Art.

Dayi Fu

The Henry Dropkin Award for Excellence in Graphic Design.

Malik Bowser

The Robert Breer Film Award, named for the long-time professor of film and animation at the School of Art.

Oonagh Tsering Carroll-Warhola

Willa Lyon Cosinuke

David Sami

Johnathan Allen Wilborn

The Michael S. Vivo Memorial Prize for excellence in drawing was established in 1984 by friends, family, and associates of Mr. Vivo A'70.

Daniella Portillo

The Laura Miller Margolius '42 Memorial Prize for a distinguished painter in the graduating class.

Daniel Jack Foster

Service to the School Award for leadership and volunteerism on behalf of The Cooper Union.

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AWARDS AND PRIZES | ALBERT NERKEN SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Enea Dushaj

The Harold S. Goldberg Prize for academic achievement and technical leadership in engineering was endowed in 2007 by Harold S. Goldberg EE'44.

Enea Dushaj

Henri D. Dickinson Award for the highest cumulative grade-point average in engineering.

Yuval Epstain Ofek

Abraham Pletman Memorial Fund Prize for excellence in electrical engineering, established in 1976 by Betty Pletman Kranzberg in honor of her brother EE'22.

Michael A. Chan

Brighton Huynh

Miho Takeuchi

Minh-Thai Nguyen

William C. and Esther Hoffman Beller Prize for merit in engineering studies, established in 1984 by Mrs. William C. Beller in honor of her father-in-law, an 1882 engineering graduate and commencement speaker.

Kevin Lin

Paulo Serodio

Howard M. Siegel Memorial Prize for scholastic excellence in chemical engineering, established in 1983 in memory of Mr. Siegel ChE'52.

Michael A. Chan

Elmer J. Badin Chemistry Award for students having the highest grade-point average at the end of the junior year and having the highest recommendation of the chemistry faculty.

Eric J. Figueroa

Robert Spice Fund Prize is awarded annually to the student with the best record in analytical chemistry.

Ching Laam Yuen

Harald Kiel Fund Prize awarded by the Computer Center. Hugo and Helga Kiel contribute this prize annually in memory of their son, Harald EE'94 MEE'95.

Jack Owen Batson

American Institute of Chemists Student Award recognizes a demonstrated record of leadership, ability, character, scholastic achievement, and potential for advancement of the chemical professions.

Brian Thomas DeHority

Theo Jaquenoud

Jesse Sherman Book Award for an excellent academic record and superior electrical engineering laboratory work.

Joshua B. Kitagorsky

Jabin Pu

Maxwell Lincer Prize for excellence and achievement in the field of civil engineering, endowed in 1984 by Trustee Richard Lincer and his brother Robert in honor of their father CE'42.

Jabin Pu

Joseph Kalb Fund Prize for scholarship and professional interest, established in 1962 by Professor Kalb for a civil engineering graduate.

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AWARDS AND PRIZES | ALBERT NERKEN SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Delphine K. Troast

The Lewis Gleekman Memorial Prize for demonstrated professional interest in materials, metallurgy, or corrosion engineering was established in 1981 by Helen Gleekman in memory of her husband ChE'42.

Samuel Maltz

Class of 1907 award is awarded annually to the best student in calculus.

Rose Gebhardt

Wilson G. Hunt Class of 1905 Fund Prize, awarded to mechanical engineering graduates for general excellence in engineering studies in honor of Mr. Hunt, who served as a Cooper Union trustee and treasurer from 1859 to 1892.

Alexander J. Seligson

Alexander C. Grove Memorial Prize for scholarship, personal integrity, and professional promise in the field of mechanical engineering, established in 1978 by Cynthia Grove Joseph in honor of her brother ME'49.

Amal Bukhari

Lutor Mei

Jaywon Woo

Nicholas M. Stefano Prize for an outstanding senior project in mechanical engineering, established in 1985 to honor Mr. Stefano ME'35.

Amal Bukhari

Lucy Xu

Harold Erwin Rue Prize for graduating mechanical and electrical engineering students who have shown outstanding academic improvement and professional promise, established in 1997 to honor Mr. Rue E'17.

Samuel Maltz

The Harry W. Reddick Award is awarded annually to an outstanding student for meritorious work in mathematics.

Jaywon Woo

Wallace Chinitz Prize for excellence in thermo fluid sciences.

Kevin Kerliu

Dale E. Zand Prize for outstanding achievement in understanding course material over four years of study in electrical engineering, endowed in 2002 by Cooper Union alumnus Dale Zand EE'45.

Enea Dushaj

Christopher F. Mignano

Yuval Philipson

The Mechanical Engineering Design Prize, for excellence in mechanical design.

Joseph A. Berkovitz

Eugene Ogur Memorial Award for excellence in electrical engineering, established in 1961 by Louis L. Levine in memory of Mr. Ogur EE'49.

Samuel Maltz

Irvin Leon Lynn Memorial Prize for outstanding achievement in mathematics.

Michael A. Chan

Yi Jiang

Marshall Rafal Prize in Thermodynamics is given to two outstanding students in the thermodynamics class.

Brighton Huynh

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AWARDS AND PRIZES | FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Theo Jaquenoud

Lutor Mei

The Martin J. Waters Memorial Award for outstanding work in Humanities and Social Sciences over the course of a student's Cooper Union career.

Jack Owen Batson

Brighton Huynh

The Raymond G. Brown Memorial Prize. Awarded for outstanding work in the Raymond G. Brown seminar.

Ciana M. Malchione

Alice Katherine Petrosova

The Doré Ashton Prize in Art History, Theory, and Criticism. Awarded annually to the best paper written in an "HTA" (History/Theory of Art) course at The Cooper Union.

Tal Bogomolny

Theo Jaquenoud

Essay Award for Second-Year Core Curriculum, for outstanding work in HSS4 "The Modern Context: Figures and Topics."

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Architecture

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Engineering

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David Sami

The Martin J. Waters Memorial Award for outstanding work in Humanities and Social Sciences over the course of a student's Cooper Union career.

Samuel Efroim Makarovskiy

Frank Caldiero Humanities Award. Awarded for an outstanding essay written within the first-year HSS Core Curriculum.

Ariana L. Freitag

The Raymond G. Brown Memorial Prize. Awarded for outstanding work in the Raymond G. Brown seminar.

Valerie Franco

William Henry Buck Morris

The Charles Goodman Essay Award in Humanities. Awarded to a third- or fourth-year student in the Albert Nerken School of Engineering for the best essay dealing with the conflicts in values in contemporary society.

Noah Volund Fechter

Gregoire Paul Caubel

Essay Award for Second-Year Core Curriculum, for outstanding work in HSS3 "The Making of Modern Society" or HSS4 "The Modern Context: Figures and Topics."

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For distinguished service celebrating volunteerism, philanthropic leadership,
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Gabriella Orsi

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William Cooper Mack AR'06
Thesis Fellowship

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The 2020 Lee J. Principe Memorial Scholarship
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Isaac Diego Islas-Cox

2020 KPF Traveling Fellowship, Honorable Mention

Maren Bailly Speyer

2019 AIA Brooklyn Scholarship
Brooklyn Architects Scholarship Foundation

Evgenia Demytyeva

2020 Eleanor Allwork Scholarship
Center for Architecture/AIANY

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2019 Eleanore Allwork Scholarship
Center for Architecture/AIANY

Sydney Elexis Vernon

Palmer Hayden Travel Fellowship

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O'Brien Fellowship for Study Abroad

Alice Katherine Petrosova

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Endowment Fund

Sydney Elexis Vernon

Sylvia Appelman Award for an outstanding
third-year painting student

Haleigh Collins

Carin Tendler Lurkis Prize for excellence
in painting

Stefan P. Bottomley

Lumia Nocito

Haocheng Wang

Vincent J. Mielcarek, Jr. Memorial Prize
for excellence in photography

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Oonagh Tsering Carroll-Warhola

Christien Julian Vargas

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Paolo Mentasti

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Juan José Garcia

Fred A. Lane Prize to the most deserving student
third-year student

Braden Ayanna Hollis

Sylvia Appelman Award for an outstanding
third-year painting student

Jessica Cristina Martinez

Rolf Haerem Paint Award for excellence
in painting to a third-year student

Gunnar Andrew Kortenbach

Sofia Cristina Pagan

Vincent J. Mielcarek, Jr. Memorial Prize
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Johnathan Allen Wilborn

Fellowship, Yale University Summer
School of Music and Art

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Bryce M. Snyder

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Joseph A. Berkovitz

Scholarship
Master of Engineering, Electrical Engineering
The Cooper Union

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Blavatnik Presidential Fellowship
Masters/Ph.D., Electrical Engineering
Columbia University

Vyczie L. Dorado-Lopez

Ox-Bow Fellowship
Ox-Bow School of Art & Artist Residency

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Graduate Research Assistantships
Masters/Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering
Georgia Institute of Technology

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Master of Engineering, Electrical Engineering
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Columbia University

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Master of Science, Biomedical Data Science
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

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Master of Engineering, Civil Engineering
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Bioengineering Graduate Research Fellowship
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Ph.D., National Center of Nanoscience
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Chinese Academy of Science

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Masters/Ph.D., Aerospace Engineering
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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Columbia University

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Master of Landscape Architecture
Harvard Graduate School of Design

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Teaching Assistantship
Ph.D., Mathematics
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Seryung Kim

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Fellowship
Ph.D., Complex Fluids
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Paris, France

Seung Won Na

Henry C. Enders Fellowship
Chemical Engineering
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Olivia Heuiyoung Park

University Graduate Fellowship
Ph.D., Acoustics
Penn State University

Kevin Y. Persaud

Master of Science, Civil Engineering
and Engineering Mechanics
Columbia University

Stephanie Yael Raphael

Master of Science, Civil, Architectural,
and Environmental Engineering
The University of Texas at Austin

Jason Alexander Frederick Sherman

Fellowship
Ph.D., Chemical Engineering
Carnegie Mellon University

Nithilam Viswanathan Subbaian

Scholarship
Master of Engineering, Electrical Engineering
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Research Assistant, Architecture
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ACADEMIC REGALIA

The tradition of academic costume began during the twelfth century in the early European universities and, like many costumes, derives from clerical or priestly garb.

The American academic costume follows a uniform code drawn up by a special commission in 1895. The costume consists of three main parts—the cap, gown, and hood.

The cap, usually referred to as a mortar board, is always black and has a long tassel suspended by a button from the top. The tassel may be black for any degree, or it may be the color associated with the degree, usually of gold metallic thread for the doctor's degree and for governing officials of the institution.

According to the code, all gowns are black. A few colorful exceptions may be noted among the faculty, and these signify advanced degrees from universities in Europe and several in the United States. The color of gowns worn by Trustees and Officers may be the institution's colors. The gowns for the different degrees vary in their design.

The hoods designate the degrees and institutions awarding them and give color to the academic costume. The colored lining of the hood indicates the institution that awarded the degree. The Cooper Union's colors are maroon and gold.

The color of the velvet border around the hood represents the department of learning: Arts and Letters, white; Education, light blue; Engineering, orange; Fine Arts, brown; Architecture, blue-violet; Philosophy, dark blue; Science, golden yellow; Law, purple; Library Science, lemon.

MACE

The Mace of The Cooper Union, emblem of the authority and responsibilities of the President, is carried at the head of all Cooper Union academic processions.

The design of the Mace of The Cooper Union symbolizes the power of mind articulated through science and art.

THE GREAT HALL

The Great Hall of The Cooper Union, location of today's commencement exercises, has for more than a century and a half stood as a bastion of free speech and a witness to major milestones in American history.

The largest auditorium in Manhattan for much of its existence, the Great Hall opened in 1858—a year before students arrived at this unique institution of higher education founded by Peter Cooper. It quickly became a haven for all interested in serious discourse on vital issues of the day, a purpose it continues to serve.

A defining moment occurred on the night of February 27, 1860 when Abraham Lincoln delivered his “Right Makes Might” address, an urgent, passionate plea against the extension of slavery and a pivotal event in his quest for the presidency. The venue contributed to the gravity of the occasion. *The New York Times* had described the Great Hall as an auditorium that “could not be equaled by any room of a similar nature in the city or in the United States.” Distinguished Lincoln scholar Harold Holzer writes, “The architectural message was clear. This was a cathedral of knowledge and wisdom.”

Over the years, a procession of America's most prominent leaders, scientists, artists, philosophers, educators, writers, and social activists have followed Lincoln to the Great Hall stage. The magnificent auditorium has served as a rallying place for presidents, senators, governors, mayors, intellectuals, and activists whose ideas and deeds would transform our academic, social, and political structure.

It was here that leading abolitionists spoke against slavery, that Wendell Phillips hosted a memorial ceremony to honor John Brown, that the effort to overthrow New York's Tweed Ring was launched, that early calls for women's suffrage were made. Here labor unions were formed, the first organizational meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People took place, and the American Red Cross was born.

The Great Hall forum at The Cooper Union constituting the nation's oldest free public lecture series, has been an invaluable resource to the community, contributing immensely to the vitality of New York City.

THE COOPER UNION

Founded in 1859 by inventor, entrepreneur, and philanthropist Peter Cooper for the “improvement of humankind,” The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art offers degrees in architecture, fine arts, and engineering, the disciplines that have sustained the world’s greatest cities throughout history. The Cooper Union is a college located in New York City’s historic East Village.

Through outstanding academic programs and a Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, The Cooper Union prepares talented students to make enlightened contributions to society.

The Cooper Union provides close contact with a distinguished, creative faculty and fosters rigorous, humanistic learning enhanced by the process of design and augmented by the urban setting. The Cooper Union also offers public programs for the civic, cultural, and practicable enrichment of New York City.

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ELECTRICAL | MECHANICAL
12 NOON-1 PM CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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2-3 PM CONFERRING OF DEGREES

SCHOOL OF ART
4-5 PM CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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