Multicultural Stoling Ceremony

Saturday, May 11, 2024
Program

**INTRODUCTION**
Beatrice Adams  
Assistant Professor of History

**OPENING REMARKS**
President Anne McCall

**MUSICAL SELECTION**
“Hero” by Mariah Carey  
Sung by Byera Kashangaki ’24  
Accompanied by Toni Shreve  
Collaborative Pianist

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
David Newberry-Yokley ’00

**STOLING**
Scott Parillo  
Director of International Student Services  
Erin Guzmán  
Henry J. Copeland Interfaith Chaplain  
Director of Religious & Spiritual Life

**CLOSING REMARKS**
Lillian Evans  
Director of Multicultural Student Affairs

**2024 GRADUATE**
Chamari Abercrombie  
Fareeda Abu-Juan  
Fernanda Baneulos  
Isabella Suyapa Begley  
Tigist Berhe  
Mali Beyar  
Babita Biswa  
Selali Blego  
Angelia Bolivar  
Tobin Chin  
Sukriti Chitrpal  
Jezenia Cruz  
Elena Dunn-Acosta  
Eltahir Elawad  
Turbat Enkhtur  
Sarah Epstein  
Mai Fukuhara  
Epurhashah Gebremichael  
Chris Gonzales  
Daphnye Henderson  
Jaylin Hudson  
Aaron Huq  
Amanda Ikin  
Fungai Jani  
Troy Johnson  
Zoe Jurkowski  
Byera Kashangaki  
Yubin Kim  
Tudor Lungu  
Koryn McNeil  
Bri Mosley  
Mudiwa Mungoshi  
Rana Mustafa  
Maria Fernanda Oss Echeverri  
Antonia Owens  
Minh Phan  
Joshua Pond  
Giselle Rivera  
Liliana Romero  
Bisania Ketema Samuel  
Liz Santiago  
Laura Elena Sevilla  
Safal Shrestha  
Kiera Smith  
Earl Stephens  
Makeda Teklemichael  
Mariia Tkach  
Marisol Varela Ausec  
Zion Vital  
Alexandria-Vivica Walker  
Liam Walker  
Malaika Webb

**STOLER**
Chanda Abercrombie  
Tessa Hall  
Rosa Linda Zavala  
Soreyda Benidict-Begley  
Mastewal Berhe  
Maud Bulman  
Rebecca Williams  
Linda Weaver  
Meredith Hope  
Denise Montbarren  
Brooke Krause  
Odilia Cruz  
Amber Garcia  
Amel Elawad  
Sofia Visa  
Jennifer Faust  
Nicoletta Rogers  
Drew Guarnera  
Beatrice Adams  
Laura Burch  
David Hudson  
Christina Welsch  
Amayz Moledina  
Arthur Jani  
Pam Frese  
Daimys Garcia  
Edna Kashangaki  
Paul Edmiston  
Laura Lungu  
Laura Sirox  
Toni Shreve  
Cheni Mungoshi  
Aelon Ketema  
Stephanie Strand  
Matthew Krain  
Michael Buttry  
Cherry-Ann Pond  
Kayla Campbell  
Miguel Romo  
Tigist Edebhu  
Claire Eager  
Isabel Marcella Sevilla  
Sangita Shrestha  
Makayla Smith  
Dana Stephens  
Paul Bonvallet  
Peter Abramo  
Amber Larson  
Lawanda Graham  
Paul Bonvallet  
Sharon Rice  
Kofi Webb

**RELATIONSHIP WITH STOLER**
Mother  
Writing Center Staff (friend)  
Mother  
Mother  
Sister  
Mentor  
Professor  
Academic Advisor  
Advisor  
Mentor and Supervisor  
Professor  
Professor  
Mentor  
Professor  
Academic Advisor and I.S. Advisor  
Posse Mentor  
Father  
Advisor  
Advisor  
Father  
I.S. Advisor  
Professor  
Mother  
Academic Advisor  
Mother  
Collaborative Pianist  
Advisor  
Staff Member  
Father  
Mother  
Advisor  
Professor  
Support System  
Mother  
Mentor  
Supervisor  
Father
Ceremony Purpose and History

The Multicultural Stoling Ceremony was inaugurated in May 2014 at The College of Wooster, by the now retired Dean Carolyn L. Buxton, to provide graduating BIPOC students an opportunity to not only celebrate their graduation achievements, but also acknowledge multicultural and international student mentors (faculty, staff, friends, family, and community partners). Their chosen stolers have acted as pillars of support throughout their undergraduate studies, thus, highlighting the impact of community on individual success.

Since then, the ceremony has further grown to provide an inclusive opportunity to also recognize and celebrate the academic achievements of international students, and global nomads.

The Stole

The stole is a symbol of academic achievement or honors. The use of graduation stoles dates back as far as the Middle Ages. Individuals of stature, clergymen, or those who bore a significant title wore stoles as part of their official attire. The use of stoles in American academia dates to the first college graduation ceremonies. College of Wooster graduates will be presented with a stole that is representative of their self-identifying racial, ethnic, cultural, and/or national heritage to be worn at commencement.

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