Much has changed this past year—in both our lives at Bennington, and in the world beyond. However, even as we adapt this time-honored ritual to a new experience, the pride and excitement the Bennington community shares with this graduating class remains as strong as ever.

The content and tenor of Bennington’s graduation ceremony has remained fundamentally unchanged since the first class graduated in 1936. The nomination of candidates for degrees by the faculty and the subsequent vote to award the degrees by the trustees have become a tradition.

The planning of the first ceremony aroused great controversy. The faculty, faithful to Bennington’s progressive spirit, proposed that there be no ceremony. But the students insisted that they could not be decently graduated without a formal awarding of degrees. Still, the students wanted their ceremony to signify celebration rather than competitive reward. The proceedings would be simple and brief, and there would be no special awards or singling out of students.

As we celebrate Bennington’s 86th class, we continue in this spirit of community, celebrating their graduation with triumph and joy.
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