



# BARNARD

## CONVOCATION 2020

*Thursday, September Seventeenth  
Four-thirty in the afternoon*

### OPENING OF THE CEREMONY

*Gale Kenny, Assistant Professor of Religion and recipient of the  
2020 Gladys Brooks Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award*

### GREETING FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*Cheryl Glicker Milstein '82 P'14, Chair*

### GREETING FROM THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF BARNARD COLLEGE

*Amy Veltman '89, AABC President*

### GREETING FROM THE FACULTY

*Linda A. Bell, Provost and Dean of the Faculty*

### GREETING FROM THE STAFF

*Amanda Gates-Elston '04, Associate Director of Events, Events Management*

### GREETING FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

*Tirzah Anderson '21, SGA President*

### REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE

*Sian Leah Beilock*

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

*Suki Kim '92  
Award-winning author*

### REMARKS FROM THE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE

*Leslie N. Grinage*

### ALMA MATER

*Written by May Appleton Parker, Class of 1904, sung by Bacchantae*

### CLOSING

*Severin Fowles, Chair of American Studies and Associate Professor of Anthropology*



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## OUR STORY

Upon its founding in 1889, Barnard became the only college in New York City, and one of the few in the nation, where women could receive the same rigorous education available to men. The College was named after Frederick A.P. Barnard, the 10th president of Columbia College, who had argued unsuccessfully with his trustees for the admission of women to Columbia. Barnard's founding was sparked by the impressive efforts of Annie Nathan Meyer, a student and writer who helped persuade Columbia's trustees to agree to an affiliated college dedicated to the education of women in the liberal arts.

From the beginning, Barnard was a place that took women seriously and challenged them intellectually, and the College has never wavered from that original objective.

Today, under President Sian Leah Beilock, Barnard's distinctive place in higher education is undeniable. With the guidance of 12 women leaders over the course of 131 years — including winning the right to hire our own faculty in 1900, the pivotal protests of 1968, the historic admission of transgender women in 2016, and the opening of the Milstein Center in 2018 — Barnard has continued to flourish and excel.

## ALMA MATER

### “COLLEGE ON THE HILLTOP”

There's a college on a hilltop  
That's very dear to me,  
And a certain group of students  
With ties of comrad'rie.  
So we'll sing to dear old Barnard,  
And loyal be and true,  
As we show to coming classes  
How we love the white and blue.

When the day has come for parting  
And college days are o'er.  
There will always be a fondness  
For the good old days of yore.  
And we'll sing to dear old Barnard  
As in memory we see  
The college on the hilltop  
Where our classmates used to be.

—*May Appleton Parker, Class of 1904*