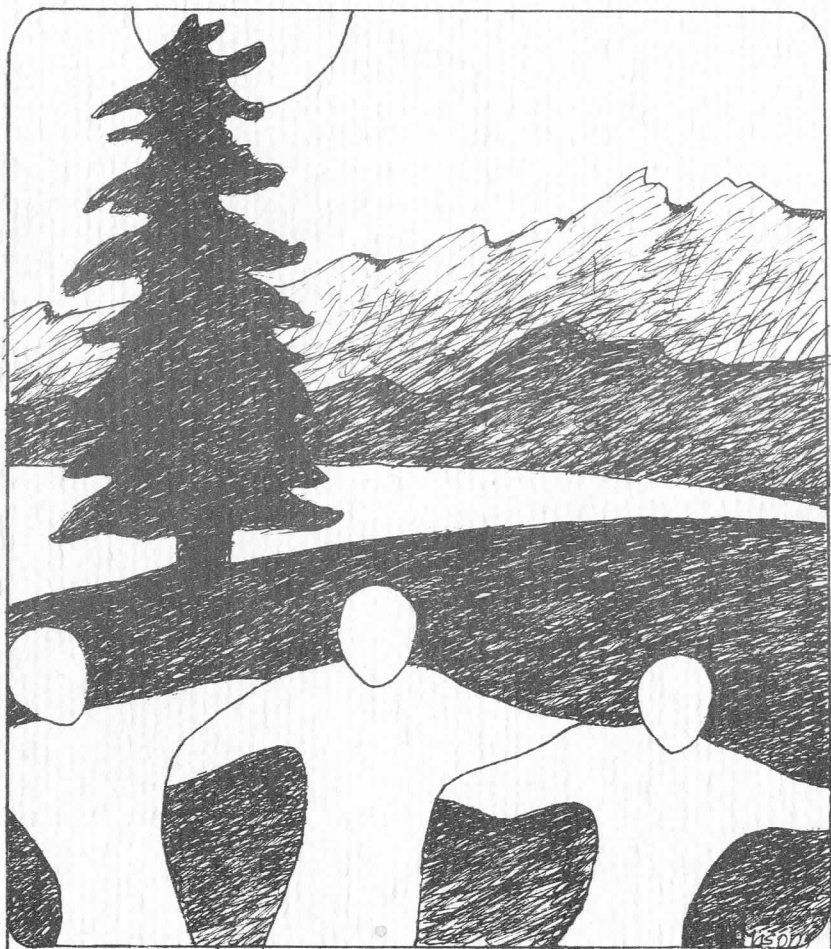


# *Evergreen 1983*



## *Commencement*

The Evergreen State College



# Graduation Program

June 5, 1983  
1 p.m.

*"There is nothing permanent except change."*  
Heraclitus  
(5th century B.C.)

**Processional** The Fanfare and Processional Music, featuring Willard Humphreys, Ph.D., Member of the Faculty, on tympany, and Charles B. Teske, Ph.D., Member of the Faculty, on trumpet, and coordinated by Teske, heralds the beginning of Graduation Exercises. The Marshall, S. Rudolph Martin, Ph.D., Faculty Meetings Chairman, leads the Processional and carries the College Mace. The colorful Academic Procession dates to medieval times. The colors of the Faculty Members' gowns and hoods, as well as the design of the gowns and caps indicate the institution and the field of the highest degree earned by the wearer. Members of the Board of Trustees wear specially designed attire.

**Welcome** Daniel J. Evans, President  
The Evergreen State College

**Graduation Addresses** Stephanie Coontz, M.A.  
Member of the Faculty since 1974—History and Women's Studies  
David W. Whitener, M. Ed.  
Member of the Faculty since 1978—Native American Studies

**Musical Interlude**

James A. Guilfoil—Baccalaureate Degree Candidate  
Franklin H.S. (Seattle) '77  
Frank W. Hoffman—Masters Degree Candidate  
B.A. Simpson College (Iowa) '63

**Invitation from the Alumni Association** Patrick J. Seaton, B.A. '78  
President of the Alumni Association

**Guest Address** Vine DeLoria, Jr., J.D.  
Dr. DeLoria is a Standing Rock Sioux and is considered by many to be the most prominent spokesman for Native American nationalism. He has authored numerous books, including "Custer Died for Your Sins," "We Talk You Listen," and "God Is Red." A graduate of Iowa State University, B.S., and Lutheran School of Theology, M.Th., and the University of Colorado School of Law, J.D., he has taught at Western Washington University and is currently a Professor of Political Science and of American Indian Studies at the University of Arizona.

**Musical Interlude**

**Presentation of the Candidates** Daniel J. Evans

**Conferring of the Degrees** Herbert Gelman, J.D., Chairman  
Board of Trustees

**Name Announcers:** Keith R. Goehner, B.A. '77  
Michael J. Hall, B.A. '74

**Recognizing the Graduates:** Daniel J. Evans  
Byron L. Youtz, Ph.D. — Vice-President and Provost  
Member of the Faculty since 1970—Physics  
Trustees:  
Thelma Jackson  
Robert J. Flowers  
George E. Mante  
Jane B. Sylvester

**Assisting:** S. Rudolph Martin, Ph.D.  
Member of the Faculty since 1970—English  
Richard N. Schwartz, M.S.  
Vice-President for Business

Note: It is requested that you wait until the Recessional is concluded to personally congratulate the graduates.

**Closing Circle** Please join in singing "Kum By Ya"

**Recessional**

**Reception** College Activities Building

The Graduation Committee wishes to thank all of those students, staff, faculty and alumni who are making the 1983 Commencement a success through their time and talent. Special appreciation goes to Registrar Walker Allen, Norma Gilligan and Judy Huntley who have supported us throughout and made another graduation possible. To Facilities, Custodial Services, Saga Food Services, Conferences and the Bookstore for their hard work and cooperation. To the Alumni Association, its President, Pat Seaton, and Coordinator Ellie Dornan for their cooperation and financial assistance. We thank members of the Alumni Association who are our ushers today: Margo Hertlein, Perry Newell, Julie Grant, Lynn Garner, Margot Youtz, Helen Wolff, Rob Fellows and Sue Blakely.

And last, but certainly not least, a warm and heartfelt Thank-You to the special people whose loving support has helped us so much to reach this point in our lives—the parents, spouses and partners, children, and friends of the graduates.

**Bachelor of Arts†  
Fall 1982**

Saleh M. Ajlan  
Jefferson Walter Allen  
Ralph Willis Allen  
Barbara Helen Ansley  
Hannah Antokol  
Kenneth David Ashcraft  
Gerald Demetris Baker  
Randal W. Barbera  
Marie Louise Barker  
Kimberly Ann Barnett  
Anne Bradley Benoist  
Adrian Ackley Boomer  
Robin Beth Brownstein  
Bridgette Elaine Brush  
Rachel Ilene Burke  
Catherine Marie Carroll  
William Frank Ceryance  
Melissa O. Champlin  
Diane Jeanette Coleman  
Theresa Marie Connor  
Clayton James Conway  
Andrew Bruce Cornell  
Dennis James Cotter  
Cynthia Dianne Dailey  
Keith F. Davidson  
Patricia Ann DeBlasio  
Dona Sara DeZube  
Robin B. Dilley  
Mark Eugene Duxbury  
Paul Douglas Fitch  
Barry G. Fournies  
John Richard Fullerton  
James Norman Gilliland  
Jonathan Cauli Gorstein  
Francoise Gouges Guberman  
Barbara Anne Haggerty  
Bryan Duane Heine  
Steven Mark Holloman  
Rebecca Eve Hood  
Joan Kathleen Howden  
Georgia R. Wendt Howell  
Regina Hugo  
Beth Ann Kelly  
Bertha Katherine Klooz  
Renate Koenig  
Mark Steven Langevin  
Micheal George Leifer  
Amelia Malka Levinson  
Amy Louise Loewenthal  
Jerie Lynne Longacre  
Margo Lucy Lowe  
Lyn Malofsky  
Linda Olivias Mathews  
Catherine Ann Mayo  
Denise Elaine McCall  
Kris Ann McCamant  
N. Coleen McClafflin  
Robert McMurray  
Beth Alison McPeters  
Corey Martin Meador  
Janet Emelia Meurs  
Karen Kay Meyer  
Donald Robert Mills  
Jane Ellen Moulton  
Delores Virginia Nelson  
Cynthia Willis Nunamaker  
Jane L. O'Mara

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Jon Phillip Pertee  
Bridget F. Pietraniec  
Jordan David Pollack  
Deborah Diane Potash  
Lewis Vern Pratt  
Mark David Redding  
Richard Burton Rolle  
Thomas Albert SchAAF  
Gary A. Schneider  
Bonnie Beatrice Butler Shumate  
Gretchen Siegrist  
Laurie Sue Sterling  
Patrick Dennis Thiessen  
Sang X. Tran  
Virginia Parkhill Treadway  
Thomas Nolan Trenda  
Jacqueline Lee Trevillion  
Jean V. Vessey  
J.M. Patrice Walden  
Sharon Marie Wheeler  
Robert Barry Yourish

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Fall 1982**

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Paul Blaisdell Carlson  
Gretchen A.P.S. Coulter  
Catherine Ellsworth Grubin  
James Allen Haykin  
Michael Stephen Horgan  
Joyce Rogers Newman  
Thuong Tai Nguyen  
Charles G. Sawyer  
David Alan Tinney

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Winter 1983**

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Joseph Michael Anderton  
Bonnie Payne Andrews  
Thomas William Anson  
Shawn Banta  
Joyce Marie Barker  
Susan Bell  
Susan Rae Bishop  
Sandra L. Brannon  
Glenda Westruther Brown  
Shirley Laverne Brown  
S. Tara Browning-Rogers  
Terry Lee Buchanan  
Andrew P. Burinsky  
Linda Jay Chase  
Jeffrey Meredith Clark  
Stephen Vincent Contris  
Barbara Kay Meyer  
Elizabeth Ruth Davidson  
James Brooks Davis  
Mary Deraitus  
Susie Ann Engelstad  
Richard Anthony Ferro

John D. Flanagan  
Joan Kathleen Forth  
Raymond Edgar Fowler  
Job Gammelin  
Charlene Goldstein  
James Lawrence Gonzales  
Michael Gose  
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Karen Jane Healy  
Rod A. Heckman  
Douglas Alan Hendrickson  
Nathan Hester  
Denise A. Holley  
Patricia Eileen Jatzcak  
Leonard Jenkins  
Stanley Johnson III  
Elizabeth Gray Johnson  
Irene Julia Kassens  
Wendy Kay Knudsen  
Cris Ann Larson  
Paul Randall Lewis  
Todd Alexander Litman  
Carrie Lee Madorin  
Cheryl Rae Mantle  
Wilmer Willie Melendez  
Peter Churchill Moulton  
Jane Lillard Mountjoy  
Susan Gamon Moyer  
Brian Newman  
Janice Lea Nibbelink  
Jennifer Page  
Nancie Ann Payne  
Maris Jean Peach  
Russell Alan Potter  
John Michael Price  
Megan Lee Raymond  
Douglas David Reinthal  
Tim Ross  
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Deborah Kaye Shulke  
David Henry Smart  
Clair Rene Stairrett  
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Becky Diane Sukovaty-Littell  
Evetree Tallman  
April Ann Thompson  
Storme Leon Thompson  
Kei Tomoyoshi  
Charles Walter Tubbs  
Matthew Roy Turley  
Jody Kathleen Underwood  
Lars Joseph Urvina, Sr.  
Frances Elizabeth Vandal  
Ruby Sue Vining  
John Wallace Wadland  
Sharyn Sue Ward  
Lee Ann Weber  
Janet Lynn Welch  
Kathryn Sue Wilson  
Jerrold Winch  
Hector Zamora  
Lawrence Howard Zenger  
Patrick Eugene Zock  
Michele M. Zodrow

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Jennifer Boehm  
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Susan Elizabeth Buskin\*  
Sarah Elizabeth Cassatt  
William Henry Cleaver  
William Howard Dean  
Mark B. Heckman  
Richard Kent Helm  
Steven James Kohls  
Kathleen Mary Michele Krzastek  
Phillip Stevens Thurtle

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Spring 1983**

Karen Ahrens  
Vivian Anderson Ames  
Marcia Elaine Andrew  
Craig Scott Antrobus  
David Archibald  
Zelma Esther Arlint  
Mark David Arnison  
Mohammed Ali Abdulkader Ashour  
Lucy Sandler Auster  
Gina Jeanette Bailey-Anson  
Eric Eugene Barrett  
Sherri Elizabeth Barrett  
Audrey May Barron  
Erik Christian Berg  
Susan Diane Bergen  
Melissa Beth Bergh  
Linda Susan Berlin  
Teresa J. Bill  
Maryline Marie Blackburn  
Leslie Ann Blank  
Dean Blumberg  
Gail Rae Blumberg  
Gayle Patricia Boehm  
Janice P. Bomgardner  
Mason Banks Bowles  
Mary Ellen Bradley  
Eileen Susanne Brady  
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Carl Prezell Braswell  
Kimmi Kyung Brown  
Leyla Ruth Brown  
Jeffrey Glenn Bruton  
Lynne S. Bryan  
James Scott Campbell  
Hilary Therese Cauty  
Baylor Van Meter Capers, Jr.  
Harry William Carter  
Jeffrey Thompson Chase  
Darcy Rene Christiansen  
Mark Allan Christopherson  
Charles Phred Churchill  
Robert Franklin Clark  
Susan Snyder Clark  
Ruth Helene Cohen  
Carol Anne Comfort  
Timothy Todd Conner  
Stephen Fremont Cook  
William Lee Cooper  
Dorva Cormier Corpus

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Mary Melissa Crenshaw  
Lillian Alison Crites  
Cara Winthrop Cruickshank  
Victor Lee Cummings  
Alda Marie Curtis  
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Martha Elizabeth Dapp  
James Dart Davis  
James Palmer Davis  
Robert William Davis  
Georgiann Denise DeKay  
Eileen Blaise De Paolo  
John Denton  
Fortunato Jaramilla Deo Campo, Jr.  
Christina DeWeese  
Michael Bailey Dibb  
Alice Eve Dinerman  
Daniel Walter Dole  
Dianna Louise Donahoe  
Barbara Lynn Donlon  
Cynthia Drew  
Barbara M. Dugan  
Merrick Vincent Dupea  
Lani L. Edenholm  
Lynda Lee Eich  
Judith Butler Elliott  
D.L. Elsensohn  
Heidi Grace Engle  
Gina Marie Eneyart  
Marie Ethel Evans  
Denise Spicer Eversaul  
Milton J. Fay  
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Christine Jeannette Glazewski  
Daniel Joseph Gogerty  
Marybeth Goodrich  
Luke Sutton Goodwin  
Daniel Joseph Gorham  
Roxanna Lynn Groves  
James A. Guilfoil  
Dennis Raymond Gustafson  
Pjay Guttierrez  
Ronald James Hagen  
Elizabeth Jane Hall  
Frederick William Haman  
Eileen Ann Haney  
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Mark Walsh Hansen

Michael H. Harburg  
Andrew Jordan Harper  
William Erick Harrell  
Kathryn Jean Harris  
Michael Joseph Harris  
Kelly Lynne Haverkost  
Donald Eric Hayashi  
John Calvin Heal  
Barbara Jeanne Hebert  
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Heather Joanne Henter  
Robert Bruce Heywood  
John William Hill  
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John Barry Hohrein  
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Beth Marie Howard  
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Linda Joann Hughes  
Shirley E. Hughes  
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Rudolph Andrew Huszagh  
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Phyllis Jillane James  
David Matthew Jeter  
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Paul Anthony Kaminski  
Eunice Esson Kauffman  
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Linda Anne Morgan Livingston  
David Matthew Logan  
Joanne Marie Long-Woods  
Robert Frederick Lovell  
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Sandra Rae Lusier  
Brian John Macaulay  
Steven S. Maer  
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Mariko Marrs  
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Eve Marie Matulich  
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Philip Marek McCaslin  
Bobbie Lee McIntosh  
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Timothy Lee Mulcahey  
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Kris James Nelson  
Roosevelt Newman  
Erik Edwin Noyd  
Jeffrey Armstrong Noyes  
Brian David Ormond  
Maureen Foye Parker  
Jillian Louise Parks  
Wesley Christjohn Penn  
Gloria Jo Ann Perkins  
Martha Nash Perkins  
Evonne Linnette Peryea  
Deborah Ruth Petersen  
Micah Edward Petersen  
Abbo Orrin Peterson  
Lesley René Pfeifer  
Priscilla Jane Pierce  
Mary-Ellen Rachel Prather  
David Harold Price  
Jesse W. Price  
Patrice Antonia Pritzl  
Gail Ruth Pruitt  
David Lee Raddatz  
Susan Hall Ramsauer  
Joann Louise Ranney  
Edgar Albert Hiatt Ray  
Linda Lee Reid  
Patricia Ann Riedy  
Moyné Michael Riley  
Avram Samuel Rips  
James Allen Roberts  
Marjie Lee Roberts  
Marcy Lynn Robertson  
Barbara Winifred Sanders  
Kathy Marie Scandiber  
Ethan Schatz  
Elaine Leolani Schultz  
Anna Cahill Scoble  
Rebecca Joan Scott  
Judith Jackman Shafer  
Chiyuki Wauke Shannon  
Thomas J. Shaver  
David A.C. Shephard  
Gordon William Shirk  
Robert Brandon Shirley  
Michael Shalit Shohan  
Mark Eldon Shumaker  
Patrick M. Simmons  
Thomas Reiley Sims  
Tannis Ellen Skaggs  
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Nancy Strom Soles

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Monica Ann Springer  
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Barbara Jennie Starkey  
Harry Leon Steiner  
Jeffrey Robert Stewart  
Nancy Claire Stotts  
Larry Dean Stout  
Darrel Suthergreen-Hildahl  
David Warren Swenson-Iles  
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Sage Russell Turner  
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Mary Beth Walter  
Sean Drury Warren  
Gerald Douglas Weeks  
Darrel Louis Wells  
Catherine Jane Wetzel  
James Martin Will  
James Lewis Williams  
Brian Dale Williamson  
Timothy Adams Williamson  
Judy M. Winson  
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Linda Rae Baker Wynne  
Arbin Ya-Ping Yu  
Thomas Earl Ziel  
Celia Maria Zilka

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Spring 1983**

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Donald Lee Bird  
John Robert Blair  
Virginia Marie Bryant  
Susan Webb Buis  
Gregory Kurt Caesar  
Christopher Blake Chappell  
Clifford Norman Cox  
Kathleen Carmony D'Acci  
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Mary Elizabeth Di Pasquale

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Scott Elliott\*  
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Max Hedgecock  
Jenny Elizabeth Holmes  
Joseph Seth Holmes  
Roland Horwell  
Donald William Huff  
Barbara Carol Knoll  
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Karen Kathleen Laing  
Maureen Elizabeth Murphy Lamb  
Gilbert Allen Loring  
Kathleen Megan Maneri  
Douglas Alexander McGregor  
David Peter Meyer  
Samuel Glenn Milham  
Andrea Long O'Maonaigh Mooney  
Caron Lee Morrell  
Joseph Dominick Nole  
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Patrick Arthur O'Hare  
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Bruce Daniel Ostermann  
Roger D. Peffer  
Joan A. Philips  
Karl D. Pohlod  
Ann Elizabeth Potter  
Mary Iglehart Purinton  
Mary Louise Randall  
Matthew Artur Seabright  
Mari Lee Shroll  
Gillian Ann Siegrist  
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Peter C. Topping  
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Kathleen Mary Waugh\*  
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Wirt M. Wolff III  
Forrest Saul Wynne  
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Spring 1983**

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Kimberly Irene Minneman  
Nancy Lea Nelson  
Marta Kick Wilder

**Bachelor of Arts†  
Summer 1983**

Elizabeth Haithe Anderson  
Desirée Iris Armour  
John David Baccigaluppi  
Christopher Cathcart Baggott  
Spencer Lee Bahner  
Tina Baker  
Jo Hessler Battuello  
Janet Lonja Benke  
Douglas Paul Bennett  
James M. Bergin  
Marcy Alice Brandenburg  
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Penne Lee Chapin  
Steve Wesley Coates  
Virginia Kimberly Cooper  
Safiya I. Crane  
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Janet M. Drew  
Richard Alan Furman  
Kay K. Garner  
Sydney Jean Gienty  
Leslie Faye Gilliland  
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Michael Keith Goldstein  
Barbara B. Gooding  
Diane Catherine Greene  
Susan Catherine Greene  
Eva V. Hartley  
Pauline Neal Jackson  
Dora Eileen Johnson  
Yolanda Adell Jolley  
Milton Fred Jones, Jr.  
Craig William Roy Jones  
Eric Alan Kessler  
Geoffrey Milan Kirk  
Alisoun Fletcher Lamb  
Eugene Michael Lamb  
Kevin Dean Leavitt  
Lavonne Avalena Lee  
Gretchen Alix Lister  
Tammy Joy Losey  
Anita McDugle  
Lorrie Ann Medford  
Mercedes Martin Monte  
Stephanie Kathryn Nead-Patrie  
Mary Jeannette Neal  
Debra Elaine Olson  
Marlene Joann Osborn  
Lillie M. Parks  
Shawn Kilpatrick Parratt  
Pamela Kay Davidson  
Beverly Susan Rathbun Reed  
Jutta Riediger  
Mary Ann Royal  
Katherine Coral Russell  
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Keli Diann Samuelson  
Leora Beth Sapir  
Howard Scott  
William Lloyd Scott  
Ralph Alan Sharp  
Duane Lee Sogge  
Donald Leon Sprague

Bess Hathaway Sullivan  
Ty Orin Taylor  
Rita Mae Thompson  
Daniel Alan Timco  
Maria Tsu-Fong Tsao  
Rafael G. Villegas  
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William MacKinlay Weir  
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**Bachelor of Science†  
Summer 1983**

Barbara Ann Brewitt  
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John Mchael Cowan\*  
Joan E. Hart  
Charles Farnum Henry  
Tami R. Lough  
Paul Jonathan Martin  
Daniel Scott Willey  
Leon Kwok Wong  
John Edward Wood

**Master of Public Administration†  
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Sandy F. Libbey  
Dennis William Mahar  
William Riley Maxwell  
Michael John Movius  
Allen Harold Zimmerman

## The TESC Ceremonial Mace

Although the Mace was carried at the head of the procession for the first time during the 1982 graduation, this year's ceremonies represent the first time it has been in its completed form. The Evergreen State College Mace is the gift of Academic Vice-President and Provost, Byron Youtz, who donated the materials and Faculty Member Earle McNeil, who gave his time and talent in its creation.

The Mace is rich in symbolism. Beginning with a square core of Eastern Maple, McNeil laminated narrow strips of maple to walnut and attached these to the core in a cross design. At the open corners, he inserted bubinga, a wood red in color and rich in grain. The resulting three-foot column was then lathed round and represents the tree of life. Nine grooves inlaid with copper denote the nine levels of life from animal spirit to enlightenment. The copper bands suggest the bonding forces of life.

The cap of the Mace was turned from a single block of locally grown black walnut. The shape is suggestive of a crown and represents the principal integration of knowledge and experience. To remind us that such an integration is a carefully balanced blend of diverse aspects of human nature, there are inlaid four circles symbolizing the four major ways of experiencing the world: thinking, feeling, intuiting and sensing, and the four main characteristics of the human mind: wisdom, innocence, introspection, and illumination.

Incorporated into this crown is a unique feature: the center is hollow and has in it a sealed vial. It is intended that each year the graduation planning committee will have written one page, to be microfilmed and placed in the vial. Each year the committee will examine the document placed in the mace for the class ten years before and include in the ceremony some short reflection on that piece. The intention is that the mace is part of a living event that connects us to our past, demonstrates our belief and faith in our future and maintains a connection between the two.

