More than 10,000 to Graduate in Columbia’s 249th Academic Year

By Joseph Kennedy

Tens of thousands of students, alumni, faculty, family and University guests will gather at Low Library Plaza for Commencement Exercises marking Columbia University’s 249th academic year. Columbia expects to graduate more than 10,000 students on Wednesday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m.—one of the largest classes in its history. Lee C. Bollinger will deliver his first commencement address as president of Columbia University.

Columbia will also grant seven honorary degrees and will present the University Medal for Excellence. The following is a list and profile of those who will be recognized during the graduation ceremony.

Maya Angelou, internationally respected poet, performer, writer and educator will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree. Angelou has served as a list and profile of those who will be recognized during the graduation ceremony.

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Eleven Medalists Recognized for Service by Alumni Federation

By Colin Morris

This year’s Columbia graduates join a rich legacy of alumni who are actively engaged in their diverse communities while maintaining a strong bond to Alma Mater. In honor of this spirit, eleven distinguished alumni will receive awards for their diligent work from the Columbia University Alumni Federation at the 105th Commencement Day Luncheon on May 21st in Low Library. Speaking at the event will be ABC News correspondent Claire Shipman, CC ’96 and SIPA ’94, and President Lee C. Bollinger. The following is a profile of the 11 alumni medalists for 2003:

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A profile of some of the graduates of the Columbia University Class of 2003.

Columbia boasts five John Simon Guggenheim Fellows among the 2003 recipients.

School of the Arts students take center screen at 16th Annual Columbia Film Festival.