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We asked seniors who they wanted their class speaker to be. Here's what they said.



“Many of my peers and I would just like to see a name that we recognize.”

“Their lecture is a wonderful opportunity to share guiding words and wisdom with the class that can serve as inspiration or reassurance for the coming post-graduation years.”

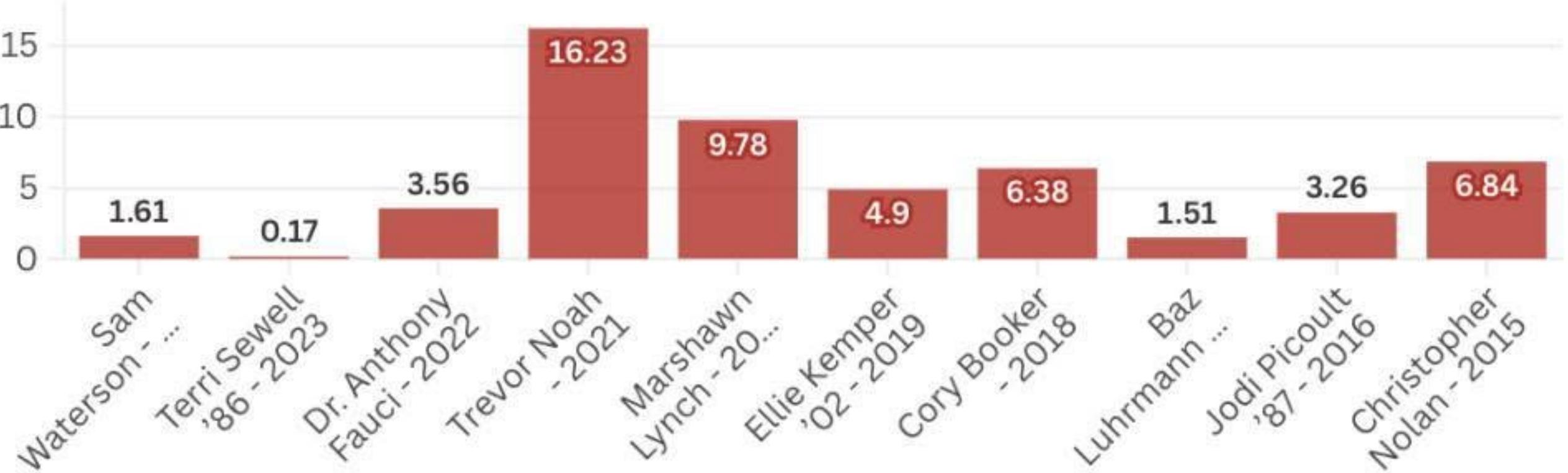
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Average monthly Bosworth Prime Scores of Class Day speakers

The highest average monthly Bosworth Prime Score belongs to Trevor Noah, who gave his Class Day address virtually in 2021.

Average Monthly Bosworth Prime Score (2010–2025)



Source: [Google Trends](#) • The Bosworth Prime Score compares Google Trends search scores of a given individual to F. Scott Fitzgerald, who attended Princeton through 1917. More on the Bosworth Score and Bosworth Prime Score can be found [here](#). A score of less than 1.00 means the term was searched less than F. Scott Fitzgerald in the given time frame, where a greater score indicates more searches. For many months, Marshawn Lynch had such a high score compared to F. Scott Fitzgerald that Scott Fitzgerald was reported as a 0 score, yielding a divide by 0 error. These months were omitted from the average. Marshawn Lynch probably has a significantly higher Bosworth Prime Score than reported.

Chart by Vincent Etherton / The Daily Princetonian



In the past decade, the highest-rated Class Day speakers based on the Bosworth Prime Score have predominantly come from the arts and entertainment industry. The Bosworth Prime Score compares Google Trends search scores of a given individual to F. Scott Fitzgerald. Among them, only two – Trevor Noah in 2021 and Ellie Kemper '02 in 2019 – have been comedians, though Jerry Seinfeld, Jon Stewart, and Chevy Chase delivered Class Day speeches in 2003, 2004, and 2005, respectively.



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Caption: For many members of the Class of 2025 who completed high school in the midst of the pandemic, Mays commencement events are particularly exciting as they mark their first fully in-person graduation. Class Day is a key tradition that occurs before the ceremony, featuring speeches from students, administrators, and a guest speaker selected by the senior class. The Prince spoke to several seniors about their aspirations for the Class Day speaker, many of whom expressed a desire for someone with a humorous and uplifting tone, given the current political climate and the more formal nature of other graduation speeches. Other students desire to hear from a recognizable and internationally known speaker, such as Michelle Obama. Tap the link in our bio for the full story and more about commencement events as we near May. Reporting from Sena Chang and Sarah Mashiat. Post design by @navyak311. Photo credit: Ryland Graham / The Daily Princetonian.

Alt Text: Image showing an audience of seated Princeton seniors dressed in class jackets, anticipating Class Day speeches. Top text, white text with an orange background: News Bottom text, in white: We asked seniors who they wanted their class speaker to be. Heres what they said.