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THE JASON B. FLEISHMAN ’03.5 AWARD

Established in 2004 by family and friends of Jason Fleishman. Awarded annually as part of the February Celebration program to recognize outstanding students who matriculated as part of the February First-Year Program four years earlier, regardless of their actual date of graduation. Recipients epitomize Jason’s leadership, academic passion, determination, and care for others.

Jason Fleishman was a positive, caring, committed, motivated, and compassionate leader, student, and friend as a Feb at Middlebury College. Jason died unexpectedly February 1, 2004, after Feb Celebration weekend. While a student, he was a member of the Middlebury College Ski Patrol, the board of directors of the Epilepsy Foundation of Vermont, and the crew team. He was a trained EMT and worked as a trainer for the Middlebury Rugby Clubs. In addition, he held numerous leadership roles, including being an active participant in the February Outdoor Orientation and campus orientation programs.

Jason had an overwhelming love for the outdoors and lived with the most positive attitude, no matter the obstacles. A neuroscience major with a premed track, he was determined to make the best of his education at Middlebury. Above all, Jason identified himself as a Feb, through and through. Jason was committed to making a difference at Middlebury College and in the world and in the lives of the people around him. He always put other people first.

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GAMALIEL PAINTER’S CANE

Words by Charles B. Wright, Professor Emeritus of English, Hon DLitt, Class of 1915
Music by E. Pruda Harwood Wiley, Class of 1912

When Gamaliel Painter died,
He was Middlebury’s pride,
A sturdy pioneer without a stain;
And he left his all by will
To the college on the hill
And included in a codicil a cane.

Oh, his blessed bones are hid,
’Neath a marble pyramid,
For ever there in honor to remain;
But he built us Painter Hall
Noblest monument of all,
And he left to us his courage
and his cane.

Chorus
Oh, it’s rap rap rap,
And it’s tap tap tap,
If you listen you can hear it sounding plain;
For a helper true and tried,
As the generations glide,
There is nothing like
Gamaliel Painter’s cane.
ALMA MATER
Words by Margaret Dounce Dale ’43 and Dorothy Hood Bittmann ’43

Walls of ivy, paths of beauty,
We have known and loved them well.
Spired chapel rising proudly,
Morning hymn and evening bell.
Chorus

Sunset glowing o’er the mountains
Snowy peaks and winding ways
Peaceful stillness o’er the campus
Mem’ries of most happy days.
Chorus

Loyal ever in these friendships
We have spent four glorious years
Filling us with hope and courage
Till the hour of parting nears.
Chorus

THE SEAL
The official seal of Middlebury College shows an open book, with simple marks for letters. The College’s motto, Scientia et Virtus (Knowledge and Virtue), is written on either side of the book. Around the edge of the seal are four abbreviated Latin words: Coll. Med. Virid. Mon. Their full form is Collegium Medioburienne Viridis Montis; in English, Middlebury College of Vermont.

GAMALIEL PAINTER’S CANE
Gamaliel Painter’s cane is one of the most treasured artifacts of the College. Once the walking stick of the founder of both the town and the College, today it is carried by the president in the academic procession. It serves as the College’s mace and as a symbol of institutional strength and character. The Class of 2020.5 will receive a replica of the original cane, reminding the graduates that they go forward from Middlebury with the strength and character of the College always at their side.

THE MEDALLION
The presidential medallion, which is worn on all ceremonial occasions, carries the official seal of Middlebury College on the obverse and the name of the current president and date of inauguration on the reverse. The first presidential medallion was presented to Samuel S. Stratton by the Board of Trustees upon his inauguration as the 11th president of Middlebury College in 1943.