

Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2020



PENN STATE ABINGTON

May 9, 2020



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National Anthem

by Francis Scott Key

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming;
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Alma Mater

by Fred Lewis Pattee

For the glory of old State,
For her founders, strong and great,
For the future that we wait,
Raise the song, raise the song,

Sing our love and loyalty,
Sing our hopes that, bright and free,
Rest, O Mother dear, with thee.
All with thee, all with thee.

When we stood at childhood's gate,
Shapeless in the hands of fate,
Thou didst mold us, dear old State,
Dear old State, dear old State.

May no act of ours bring shame
To one heart that loves thy name,
May our lives but swell thy fame,
Dear old State, dear old State!

To Our Graduates and Guests

Ceremony Notes

We welcome you to an unprecedented event: the spring 2020 virtual commencement exercises of the Abington College of the Pennsylvania State University. In a time of great change, we are proud to continue the tradition of recognizing our graduates' tremendous achievements.

Abington College was instituted July 1, 1997, and because of this distinction, the Abington College is permitted to award its own degrees as reflected in this program. Students from other colleges within Penn State may have elected to participate in Abington College's commencement, but their diplomas reflect their colleges at University Park or other locations.

Pages 2–6 are correct as of the April 30, 2020, publication date. If you have a question about your name, degree, or distinction listed in this program, please contact the Office of Strategic Communications and Community Engagement at pds13@psu.edu.

About Penn State Abington

The Abington College of the Pennsylvania State University was formerly the site of The Ogontz School and Junior College. In 1950, when the historic girls' school had concluded its 100th academic year, the grounds, original buildings, and library were given to The Pennsylvania State University by the late Abby A. Sutherland, owner and principal.

The new Ogontz Center of Penn State opened in September 1950 with 225 students. An equal number of students continued at the previously established Swarthmore Center, which was discontinued in 1951. In order to better reflect its position in the community, Penn State Ogontz was renamed Penn State Abington-Ogontz in 1995.

Beginning July 1, 1997, upon completion of its forty-sixth academic year, the Abington-Ogontz campus became Penn State Abington College. As a degree-granting college, it continues its commitment to the land-grant concept of providing practical and liberal education in response to the needs of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Penn State Abington currently enrolls more than 3,700 students in credit courses, principally from Philadelphia, Montgomery, and Bucks counties, who are served by 157 full-time and 209 part-time faculty members. Both baccalaureate and associate degree programs can be completed through the Abington College.

About Penn State University

Chartered in 1855 as the Farmers' High School, Penn State opened in 1859 with a faculty of four teaching sixty-nine students, eleven of whom graduated in 1861. In 1862, Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Land Grant Act, offering each state free public land for a college where "the leading objectives shall be to teach . . . agriculture and the mechanic arts in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes. . . ." Renamed the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania, in 1863 Penn State was designated Pennsylvania's land-grant institution by the Legislature of the Commonwealth. From that beginning, Penn State has grown to be a distinguished university of 96,408 students with a full-time faculty of more than 7,200 at twenty-four locations and online.

Growth was rapid after the Civil War. In 1871, the first women were admitted. In 1874, the name was changed to the Pennsylvania State College. Curricula were added, the college was reorganized into schools, and new buildings were erected. In 1953, Penn State's name was changed to The Pennsylvania State University in formal recognition of what it long since had become—one of the leading universities of the nation.

As the land-grant institution of Pennsylvania, Penn State has developed a complex of statewide facilities and services to fulfill its mandate to provide education for the citizens of the Commonwealth "at times and places convenient to them." The extensive development of the statewide system of Penn State locations has enabled the University to offer a wide range of needed services—not only to the young, but also to a growing number of adults seeking continuing education.

Major research projects are conducted in each of the academic colleges of the University and its intercollege research institutes, centers, and laboratories. Research and development expenditures totaled \$968 million in 2018–2019.

The University has conferred 887,004 degrees since its founding. In 2018–2019, it conferred 17,204 baccalaureate, 4,346 doctoral and master's, 1,481 associate, and 337 first-professional degrees. Of the living alumni, 364,879 live and work in Pennsylvania. The Penn State Alumni Association—a powerful network of 172,769 members—is the largest dues-paying alumni association in the world.

Spring 2020 Commencement

National Anthem Amina Faye '20, Musical Theatre, College of Arts and Architecture

Presiding Eric J. Barron, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.
President of The Pennsylvania State University

Special Remarks President Barron

Remarks and Introductions Nicholas P. Jones, B.E., M.S., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President and Provost of the University

Authorization to Confer Degrees Mark H. Dambly, B.S.
Chair, Board of Trustees

Recognition of Meritorious Achievement Penn State Students

Conferral of Degrees Presiding: Provost Jones
Conferring: President Barron

Induction into Alumni Association Randolph B. Houston Jr., B.A., J.D.
President, Penn State Alumni Association

Special Thanks Penn State Students

Alma Mater Penn State Students
Penn State Blue Band

Abington Valedictorian Michael Litz

Candidates for Associate Degrees

Associate in Arts

ABINGTON COLLEGE

Alexander Garcia

Michael Mensah

Brian Rose

Frank Szymkowski

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Bachelor of Arts

ABINGTON COLLEGE

Raychelle Abreu

Jacqueline Dietrick

Andrew Leake

Charles Roepke

Nada Abuharthieh

Paul Domanski

Denell Lewis

Cortney Schwar

Lobohoun Jesuiet Adou

Nicolette Dowdell

Kyla Loftus

Eric Seamans

Adam Aikens

Jacqueline Dyer

Katelyn Macatee

Kaitlyn Shaw

Alexis Amicone

Jacquelyn Engler

Amanda Macindoe

Kristen Small

Sahiba Bansal

Ilker Erkut

David Maizels

Marian Sosa

Erin Bergner

Sara Evazynajad

Courtney Marshall

Olivia Stacey

Christina Bidzilya

Patricia Fabozzi

Paige Mazzacano

Nashae' Tillman

Isabella Blackwell

Erika Feather

Bridget McGowan

Floriana Tulli

Casey Brown

Emily Harker

Alex Medina

George Veit

Omar Burgos

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Zachary Minshall

Lena Vu

Stacey Burke

Joseph Honorowski

Dominique Montoya-

Andrew Ward

Alexandru Calinescu

Madjanie Jean

Armanios

Riley Weldon

Abigail Capizzi

Brian Joseph

Tanner Morris

Pamela Wilkinson

Leah Carroll

Ko Kamiya

Nicholas Nalence

Toure Williams

Fatoumata Cisse

Marisa Kang

Grace Nesbitt

Nicole Winokur

Timothy Cooper

Coll Keenan

Taylor Nguyen

Alexandra Winterle

James Crown

Amira Khalil

Haley Payne

Khaled Zakkout

Kelvin Davis

Richard Kondan

Amanda Pickett

Jakob Zucker

Kadidiatou Diakite

Shane Lawler

Sasha Reid

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Troy Smith

Bachelor of Science

ABINGTON COLLEGE

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Kokou Agbodja

Egi Aliu

Michael Armstrong

Kiara Abreu

Gabrielle Aguilar

Asraa Alkurdi

Wellay Asifuah

Zahir Adams

Ahmad Ahmad

Hye An

Anzor Aslanukov

Moshe Adika

Ryan Albertson

Samantha Aponte

Hussein Atoum

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Bachelor of Science (continued)

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| Joseph Bernauer | Nicolas Galindo Rodriguez | Kledion Kokoli | Shivang Patel |
| Anxhela Bica | Greg Gallagher | Yuriy Kolesnyk | Parth Patel |
| Natalie Bonilla-Pena | Elizabeth Garzon | Patrick Kolis | Allison Paul |
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| Moriah Cunningham | Justin Hill | Brittany Melbourne | Emily Reagan |
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| Pamala Dayley | Kristen Holzhauer | Melodonascimentodemou | Madelyn Rullo |
| Andrea Donofrio | Nicholas Hopely | Daniela Minetti | John Ryan |
| Schenatsar Dorvilier | Harrison Hunter | Jeremiah Miranda | Justin Salomon |
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Stephanie Santana-Morales

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Special Recognition

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This group is made up of those students who have completed the required number of credits at the University and who are in the top 12 percent of their graduating class in their college. The 12 percent is divided into 2 percent "summa cum laude," 4 percent "magna cum laude," and 6 percent "cum laude." A student's distinction level is determined on the final cumulative grade point average in the semester in which the degree is conferred. Subject to completion of all degree requirements and satisfaction of minimum criteria, distinction may be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements.

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