

Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2020



PENN STATE BEAVER

May 9, 2020





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!

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Message from Jennifer Cushman

Penn State Beaver Chancellor

We at Penn State Beaver are exceedingly proud of your significant accomplishment, as should you be! Years of effort and dedication have led you to this moment. You have effectively overcome numerous obstacles including, in the past weeks, startlingly trying times.

Your tenacity under these circumstances is now being rewarded, and it will serve you well in the future. We have great faith that you will meet future challenges with similar grace and success. Please do keep in touch, so that we may continue to share in your life's journey.

You have now earned your college degree from the Pennsylvania State University. It has been a privilege serving you at the Beaver campus, and we are honored to claim you as our alumni. Congratulations again, and we wish you all the best.

PROGRAM

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

PENN STATE ALMA MATER

Penn State Students
Penn State Blue Band

Dear Graduates: If you have question about your name, degree or distinction, listed in this program, please reach out to Rachel Zughuib, Penn State Beaver registrar, at rlm5046@psu.edu. Congratulations on your achievements!

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

University College

*Candidates presented by Mari Pierce, B.A., MCJ., Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Administration of Justice*

Marissa Bufalini

Justin Graham

Cheyenne Lopez

Kevin Louis-Charles

Jacob Moldovan

Natasha Norris

Jenika Seawright **

BIOLOGY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

University College

*Candidates presented by Cassandra Miller-Butterworth, B.S., Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Biology*

Siu-Len Navarro

Emily Orlowski

Alexandra Rudolph

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

University College

*Candidates presented by Daniel Smith, B.A., M.S.
Assistant Teaching Professor of Business*

Micah Anderson **

Kayvan Anoushi **

Kristine Behme *

Cody Campbell **

Leeanna Eckman

Ahmet Erbilien

John Foster **

Kailey George

Francesca Grenick

Cheyenne Happ

William Harris

Adam Keifer

Robert Kolessar, Jr.

Elon Lindsay

Lucas Mansell

Nicholas Poloka

Kurt Reinstadtler

Jamie Rezabeck

Noelle Roberts

Madison Shoaf

Hunter Spisak

Bradley Strecker

Megan Wisenor **

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COMMUNICATIONS BACHELOR OF ARTS

University College

*Candidates presented by John Chapin, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.
Professor of Communications*

Alexander D'Itri

Gabrielle Fiffick

Anthony Good

Jesse Jamery

Ryan Lockhart

Anthony Pappas

INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

University College

*Candidates presented by Ashu Kumar, B.S., M.B.A.
Lecturer in Information Sciences and Technology*

Brandon Bonager

Vincenzo Croce

Kevin Dilts

John Kazmierczyk **

Sau Liu **

James Maloney *

Joshua Miser

Jacob Ratkovich **

PROJECT AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

University College

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Assistant Professor of Project and Supply Chain Management*

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Chance Siaus

Daniel Uthman

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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University College

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PROGRAM NOTES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE: The baccalaureate degrees granted by the University emphasize a liberal, professional, or scientific education and are conferred upon satisfactory completion of eight semesters of study.

***CANDIDATES FOR DISTINCTION:** 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," 6 percent "CUM LAUDE." Preliminary distinction (based on the cumulative grade point average as of the semester prior to degree conferral) is acknowledged at the commencement ceremony. 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. This list was produced February 27, 2020 as an unofficial list of graduating students earning honors.

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