

Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2020



PENN STATE BERKS

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 the Chancellor

Congratulations to each of our SPRING 2020 Graduates!

All of us at Penn State Berks extend best wishes for continuing success as you move on to career, graduate school, and other opportunities. We also thank you for the time you have spent as a member of the Penn State Berks community and for your contributions to the campus.

As now a new member of another Penn State community, you join thousands of Penn State alumni around the state, nation, and world. I encourage you to remain connected to your alma mater and cannot overstate how delighted faculty and staff will be to hear from you, to welcome you back to the campus, and to learn about your accomplishments and new life. I also encourage you to view your graduation not as the culmination of your education but truly as your commencement into a lifelong commitment to ongoing learning.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. R. Keith Hillkirk".

Dr. R. Keith Hillkirk
Chancellor
Penn State Berks

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

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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.
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Penn State Blue Band



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Dear Graduates: If you have question about your name, degree, or distinction listed in this program, please reach out to the Penn State Berks Registrar office, at mqm1@psu.edu. Congratulations on your achievements!

The information in this document was produced on March 16, 2020, as an unofficial list of students who indicated intent to graduate for the spring semester. Students who indicated their intent to graduate after that date are not listed.

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.

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ACADEMIC DRESS had its beginnings in the Middle Ages. When English universities were taking form in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, scholars were also clerics and adopted robes similar to those of their monastic orders. Caps were a necessity in the drafty buildings and capes with hoods attached were needed for warmth. The hood was selected by these early scholars as the article to indicate various degrees by its color, trimming, and binding. As universities gradually passed from control of ecclesiastics, costumes took on brighter hues, and even today, the robes of Oxford and Cambridge remain among the most colorful.

The use of academic costume in the United States has been continuous since colonial times. A uniform system was not widespread, however, until about 1895 when the well-defined code of the intercollegiate commission was adopted by nearly all institutions of higher learning. Gowns worn by those in the profession vary according to the degree held. Although the gown is more frequently black for academic dress, certain universities have authorized the use of colored gowns. The **gown** has short or regular sleeves for the associate and bachelor's degree; pointed sleeves for the master's degree; and round, full sleeves for the doctoral degree. Only the doctoral gown is trimmed; it has velvet panels in front and three bars of the same material across the sleeves.

The **hood**, which is the most distinctive feature of the American code and worn by our faculty and staff, varies in length according to the type of degree held and is lined with the official colors of the institution conferring the degree. The velvet border or edging of the hood indicates the character of the degree it represents: blue is for philosophy; light blue, education; brown, fine arts, architecture; copper, economics; sapphire, business administration; silver, oratory; golden yellow, science; green, medicine; sage green, physical education; orange, engineering; pink, music; russet, forestry; white, arts, letters, and humanities.

The **cap** is usually square and is the same for all degrees. The standard tassel is black, but the doctoral cap may have a gold tassel. The standard cap is the mortarboard, usually the color of the gown. Undergraduates wear the tassel on the right side of the cap until the moment the degree is conferred by the Chancellor of the College.

The **CORDS** are presented to those candidates who have achieved distinction in their academic pursuit. The cords are color coded by the distinction level: blue and white, Summa Cum Laude; blue, Magna Cum Laude; white, Cum Laude. In addition, those who have honorably served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces will be recognized with honors cords, which are red, white, and blue in recognition of their duty and sacrifice. The cords are presented to the candidates (for their keeping) and worn during the processional and throughout the ceremony in recognition of their achievement. We congratulate these candidates on their accomplishments.

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The **Scholars Medal** is a symbol of academic distinction and achievement. It is presented to graduating Schreyer Scholars during the Penn State Berks Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony.

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THE CHAIN OF OFFICE is a symbol of responsibility inherent in the principal official dating to medieval times when the official seal of a community was worn, suspended by a heavy chain. The Penn State Berks medallion is suspended on a polished brass chain consisting of oval links with raised Penn State University (PSU) lettering on each link.

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION is led by the College and Student Marshal, who carry the Mace, followed by students who are to be graduated, the faculty members who have provided their instruction and who represent the various colleges and departments of the University, the administrative council, and the platform party consisting of guests and campus officers.



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