

Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2020



PENN STATE HAZLETON

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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Dear students, families, and friends,

Welcome to the Penn State Hazleton 2020 commencement celebration ceremony! We are honored to celebrate the accomplishments of the men and women who are graduating today.

First of all, congratulations to our graduates! Your hard work and determination have helped you achieve this significant milestone in your life during a difficult time. We are proud of what you have accomplished and the academic and personal growth we have witnessed in you. Your degree from Penn State will be a great advantage to you as you begin your career and throughout your life. You join a legacy of Penn State alumni and are always welcome to return to Penn State Hazleton for a visit.

To the families of our graduates, thank you for your encouragement and support of our students during their time at Penn State and into the rest of their lives. That support is essential for their success. While this is certainly a milestone for them, marking this new beginning is a milestone for you as well. I know you are even more proud of them than we are.

To our friends of the campus, thank you for joining us today and for your continued support of our mission of teaching, research, and service that has been the hallmark of Penn State University since its founding. We are glad you were able to visit our campus today and celebrate our graduates, albeit virtually!

On behalf of all of us at Penn State Hazleton, thank you for the investments you have made in the lives of these new Penn State alumni. We eagerly anticipate hearing about their achievements and how they are making the lives of others better.

Best wishes,

Dr. Gary M. Lawler
Chancellor

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

Associate Degree Candidates

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

University College

Letters, Arts, and Sciences

Brandon Reshard Mohammed

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

University College

Business

Alexis Lynn Ankiewicz

David Dewitt

Jack Theillon

Medical Laboratory Technology

Nataly Arias

Damaris Ayala*

Alyssa Marie Casiano

Hannah Eberwein

Natalie Iona Faybisovich

Amanda Frances Kalenkoski

Mya Miranda

Benjamin Douglas Raines

Ryan Sassani

Lizabeth Mary Schrader

Megan Taylor

Marc Vella-Hunlock

Ashley Vought*

Physical Therapist Assistant

Jordan Alguire

Nicole Andress

Esmeralda Castro

Breonna Catherman

Jossel Concepcion

Devin Conlon

Lauren Creveling

Erin Dull

Ryan Glacken

Emma Glezen

Madeline Heim

Emily Howell

Nicholas Hreha

Bekah Keim

Kathleen Kenney

Hailey Kupusnick

Selina Malacari

Amanda Mechling

Leatha Monkoski

Meghan Moyer

Torie Naradko

Felisha Nunez

Nicole Paranich

Cassandra Passamonte

Kaylee Rodgers

Josey Rupert

Kelsie Salem

Vanessa Shedlock

Emma Stinnett

Sarah Stock

Trevor Wilkinson

Emma Wyllie

Madison Young

Jessica Zimmerman

* Graduated summer 2019

** Graduated fall 2019

Baccalaureate Degree Candidates

BACHELOR OF ARTS

University College

Corporate Communication

Robert Andrew Hopkins
Abby Kathryn Markle
Mekenzie Wolfe

Letters, Arts, and Sciences

Breann A. Fetterman
Katelyn Oldziejewski**
Meghann Marie Principe

Psychology

Yulissa Arias
Nathalie Contreras**
Morine Joseph**
Nathaniel Kocher**
Victoria Maldonado-Colombani**
Janil Munoz**
Angela M. Strohl
Andrew Vargas**
Richard Wilcox, Jr. **

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

College of Engineering

Engineering

James Dotzel**
Cody Freeman George
Bryan Kowalick
Gregory Lyons
Melanie Mejia
Panayoti Saras
Lilly Singh
Isaac C. Whitenight
Emery Zaleski

College of Health & Human Development

Biobehavioral Health

Catherine Pizarro-Rosario**

University College

Administration of Justice

Christopher Adames**
Eric Macker **
Kaylee E. Chyko
Carlos Enrique Colado, Jr.
Jake Robert Lezott
Jonte William Washington

Business

Andrew Brink
Mark Buchinsky
Kaitlee Dewitt**
Olivia Elswick
Casey Alexa Grover
Tristen J. Johnson
Rylee Marie Kane
Anthony T. Kimsal
Carina Madera
Carolina Madera
Catherine Maher*
Elizabeth Michalochick

** Graduated fall 2019

Business, continued

Salma Munoz Hernandez
Frederick Pfeiffer**
Miguel Alexander Polanco
Joshua Provost**

Information Sciences and Technology

Caleb David Carpenter
James Cusate**
Aaron Kacyon**
Christopher C. Kurdziel
Andrew Lowin*
Crismery Paredes
Sean Paterson
Madison Polumbo
Seth Porpiglia**
Andry Sanchez*
Joshua Sterling**
Joseph Vanik**

Project & Supply Chain Management

Hernan Aquino
Jared Kolbush**
Christopher William Jones

Psychology

Sha-Lyjha S. Moore
Joanne Barbara Supko

Rehabilitation and Human Services

Andrea Nicole Alcantara
Cassandra Lynn Book
Samantha Catania
Lauren Degler**
Tahiry Dominguez**
Lauren Dragon*
Moriah Graaf**
Molly Granza**
Kasey Jackson
Leeishla Marie Jimenez
Jacob Peters**
Ariel Rowlands**
Francis Tapia
Victoria Warg

* Graduated summer 2019

** Graduated fall 2019

Dear Graduates:

If you have question about your name, degree or distinction, listed in this program, please reach out to Karen Beruck, student advocacy specialist, at kdb132@psu.edu. Congratulations on your achievements!

The information in this document was produced on April 24, 2020, as an unofficial list of students who indicated an intent to graduate spring semester 2020. Changes may have occurred after this production date and may not be reflected in the content.

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Honors Group

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." This list was produced April 12, 2020, as an unofficial list of graduating students earning honors.

Summa Cum Laude

Josey Rupert
Nicole Paranich
Kasey Jackson

Magna Cum Laude

Kaylee E. Chyko
Rylee Marie Kane
Hailey Kupusnick
Miguel Alexander Polanco
Felisha Nunez

Cum Laude

Mark Buchinsky
Robert Andrew Hopkins
Anthony T. Kimsal
Carlos Enrique Colado Jr.
Caleb David Carpenter
David Dewitt
Ryan Sassani
Nicholas Hreh
Meghan Moyer

Cords

An honor cord provides an outward sign that these particular students have excelled in the classroom or have served or are serving our nation with pride.

Academic honor cords recognize the top 12 percent of degree candidates in each college and at every campus. Students who are graduating Summa Cum Laude are wearing a blue and white cord, students who are graduating Magna Cum Laude are wearing a blue cord, and students who are graduating Cum Laude are wearing a white cord.

Adult students excelling in the classroom while facing competing interests of home and work are recognized with membership into Alpha Sigma Lambda honor society. Members of Alpha Sigma Lambda are wearing a burgundy and gold cord.

Students who have honorably served, are serving, or are commissioned to serve in the U.S. military will be awarded an honor cord in recognition of their duty and sacrifice. The red, white and blue cords will be given to eligible graduating students in the following groups: active duty, reserve and National Guard service members; veterans; and graduates receiving a commission through Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and official U.S. Armed Forces recruiting programs.

Our graduates awarded an honor cord in recognition of their duty and sacrifice:

Felisha Nunez
Marc Vella-Hunlock

Academic Awards

Frank C. Kostos Award

This award honors the late Frank C. Kostos, who ended a 27-year affiliation with Penn State Hazleton when he retired as campus director in 1973. It was established by the Penn State Hazleton Council, the campus advisory board.

This award is made annually to three students as follows:

1. to the full-time student with the highest grade-point average in Penn State course work and enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program at the end of the sophomore year;
2. to the full-time Penn State Hazleton baccalaureate degree student with the highest grade-point average in Penn State course work who intends to graduate;
3. to the full-time Penn State Hazleton associate degree student with the highest grade-point average in Penn State course work who intends to graduate.

The Kostos Award consists of a cash award and a replica of the Nittany Lion.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Mark Abdelmalek

Biology

PENN STATE HAZLETON BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Kasey Jackson

Rehabilitation and Human Services

PENN STATE HAZLETON ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Josey Rupert

Physical Therapist Assistant

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WELCOME TO THE PRIDE!

Congratulations on your graduation, and welcome to the Penn State Alumni Association —the largest and most powerful alumni network in the world.

New graduates receive a **complimentary one-year membership** in the Penn State Alumni Association.

As you enter the pride, you'll join the ranks of alumni who keep their connection to Penn State strong through membership. We encourage you to stay connected and learn more about the 30+ benefits that are included with your membership.

Membership materials, including your membership card, will be mailed to you after graduation. Benefits are available to you immediately upon receiving your membership card.

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CAREER AND EDUCATION



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ALUMNI EMAIL



Members of the Alumni Association can sign up for a **personal Penn State email account** (@alumni.psu.edu). Accounts are hosted by Google for Education and also include **unlimited online storage** and a collection of digital tools.

DISCOUNTS



Members receive **access to discounts** including travel and merchandise at Penn State Bookstore campus locations. They also receive access to discounted health, auto, renters, home, life, long-term care, and pet insurance.

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