

# Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2020



**PENN STATE LEHIGH VALLEY**

May 9, 2020



**PennState**



## **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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## **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

## **PLEASE NOTE**

The listing of graduates is based on information compiled by April 1, 2020. It includes candidates from the spring and summer 2020 semesters and may include graduates from the summer and fall 2019 semesters. Every effort has been made to assure that this list is complete and accurate.

If you have a question about your name, degree, or distinction listed in this program, please contact [dml145@psu.edu](mailto:dml145@psu.edu).



## A Message From the Chancellor

Welcome to the 2020 Penn State Lehigh Valley commencement celebration! While the global pandemic prompted our pivot to remote delivery and a virtual graduation, nothing can diminish the significance of this milestone for the 2020 graduating class, your family, and friends. It is also an important day for all of the faculty and staff at Penn State Lehigh Valley as we reflect with pride on the greatness embedded in your journey and accomplishments.

Since 1855, Penn State University has educated students to become contributors, innovators, and the critical leaders who effectively respond to the unique challenges of the day, and our Lehigh Valley campus has been part of that effort since 1912. Many milestones mark these decades, including two World Wars, the Great Depression, 9-11, and more recently, the COVID-19 pandemic. Each event became an integral part of our students' education, in the classroom, science labs, through their internships, and social events.

Today, our students not only had to pass many tests, they had to learn to do it remotely. They learned how to manage abrupt changes to their final months as a senior and were forced to decide whether a virus would change their educational goals and life aspirations – or if they would find the strength to emerge victorious over its challenges.

As they faced down these life-altering events, I would ask them to consider, what message a Penn State alumnus would send, knowing this unmatched network of 700,000 would say without hesitation: you must PIVOT! Your education prepared you to do so and the network you are joining today will support your efforts!

And whether you have an entrepreneurial idea that we can elevate through our LaunchBox or simply need to network in your job search, your alumni colleagues are here for you and excited for you to join them as you make your mark across every industry.

Congratulations and welcome to the Penn State Alumni family!  
We are Penn State!

Dr. Tina Q. Richardson, Chancellor



## Guest Speaker: Charles W. Dent '82

Charles W. Dent serves as a political contributor for CNN; is a senior policy advisor at DLA Piper; and is the former representative of the 15th District of Pennsylvania to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served seven terms.

Charlie serves as a distinguished advisor for the PEW Charitable Trusts and a visiting fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Perry World House.

He is a Penn State alumnus, along with many family members including two of his three children, his mother, two nieces, and one nephew. Charlie earned a bachelor of arts degree in foreign service and international politics from Penn State's College of the Liberal Arts in 1982, as well as a master of public administration degree from Lehigh University in 1993.

Charlie was the recipient of the Friend of Penn State Legislative Award in 2016. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2019, which is the University's highest honor presented to its alumni, after being selected by the Penn State Board of Trustees.

Charlie currently resides in Allentown, Pennsylvania with his wife, Pam.

# Honors

## Distinctive Honors Recognition

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. Distinction is conferred on graduates who are in the top twelve percent of their graduating class in their college. These exceptional students are further differentiated into three graduating levels: "Summa Cum Laude," "Magna Cum Laude," and "Cum Laude."

## Campus Marshal

*Dr. Barbara Cantalupo, Professor, English*

The Campus Marshal is a senior member of the campus community chosen in recognition of his or her many years of dedicated service to the campus.

## Student Marshal

*Ms. Saschelle A. Mandoza '20*

Saschelle A. Mandoza is a non-traditional student who is graduating from Penn State Lehigh Valley with a Bachelor of Arts in Corporate Communication. Saschelle was selected as Student Marshal to represent her class for this year's commencement. She has been an active member of Lambda Pi Eta, Communication Society, LaunchBox Ladies Advisory Council, and a Marketing Specialist for Nittany News. Saschelle participated in various volunteer work with the Student Government Association. She has received scholarships and made the Dean's list for all semesters. Throughout her time at Penn State, she worked in the healthcare field as a Home Health Aide and Pharmacy Technician. After graduation, Saschelle will be moving to Georgia to start her career in Corporate Communication doing social media management. In addition to her degree from Penn State Lehigh Valley, she will also receive an Associate of Arts in General Studies from Lehigh Carbon Community College. She will have earned three degrees in five years. Saschelle hopes this inspires others in their later years to never give up on education no matter how old you are; there is still an opportunity for you to progress and become something great.

## Faculty Marshal

*Dr. Nichola Gutgold, Professor, Communication Arts and Sciences*

The Faculty Marshal is a member of the full-time faculty chosen by the Student Marshal in recognition of academic guidance, support, and inspiration during the student's career at Penn State Lehigh Valley.

# Candidates for Associate Degrees

## Associate of Arts in Letters, Arts, Science

Tanner Day

## Associate of Science in Business

Tracy Burns\*\*

Ashley Roman

# Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

## Bachelor of Arts in Arts Administration

Elise Schaffer\*

Katherine Wirth

## Bachelor of Science in Accounting

Jonathan Rappold\*

## Bachelor of Science in Biobehavioral Health

Cassandra Haff

Islanda Jaquez-Suero

Fadi Mamari

Sahira Mughal

## Bachelor of Science in Business

Fred Anabtawi

Ashley Arinsberg

Emmanuel Corrales

Farzana Fazel\*\*\*

Zyan Globosits\*\*

Fabricio Guerrero

Keira Hernandez

Elizabeth Hochmiller

Yupeng Huang

Timothy Hughes

Bryce Kollar

Eric Kuhn

Ricky Liang

Puneet Lodia

Amy Lukow\*

Rachel McDonagh

Shayne Milot\*

Stephen Plyler

Katrina Rodenbach

Jason Snyder

Fayaz Suleman

Alexandrea Wentz

Mauree Wilson

Ziyu Yan



## **Bachelor of Arts in Corporate Communication**

Carissa Ackley\*  
Fatima Alba  
Renaih Atiyeh  
Bria Dews  
Karen Leon Iniguez  
Anne-Marie Kane  
Saschelle Mandoza\*  
Grace Moyer  
Kimberly Paules  
Madison Stephan  
Andrew Youssef

## **Bachelor of Science in Health Policy Administration**

Sean Graver\*\*  
Kerry Huzzard\*  
Alexander Knauss  
Brian Perch\*\*\*  
Lauren Rhodes  
Nicole Stopper  
Hailey Vigilotti  
Sheldon Ware  
Juncheng Zhuang

## **Bachelor of Science in Information Sciences and Technology**

Christopher Canney  
Cristal Casellas  
Joseph Czajka  
Spencer Flamm  
Justin Honer\*  
Edward Howard  
Daniel Jalosinski\*\*\*  
Ustym Koshak  
Mariah Lanford\*\*  
Jared McComb  
David Ortiz Chavez\*\*  
Maitri Patel\*\*  
Majed Salama  
Rogelio Santos  
Angelo Sesma\*  
Alexandra Zachmann

*\* Cum Laude \*\* Magna Cum Laude \*\*\* Summa Cum Laude*

## **Bachelor of Science in Project and Supply Chain Management**

Brett Girardi  
Johana Gonzalez  
Austin Herman  
Alesia Lomenzo\*\*\*  
Juan Martinez Martinez  
Kade Marx  
Steven Pena  
Solomon Taylor\*\*\*  
Brian Zinman

## **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**

Romman Butt  
Myridian Combs  
Samantha Elias  
Darleny Gutierrez  
Jeremiah Jenkins  
Annaliz Mejia  
Maria Motroni  
Ebony Sanders  
Batool Tajdar  
Bricy Vargas

## **Bachelor of Science in Psychology**

Joseph Anasti\*\*\*  
Yeniffer Arguello Noa  
Blanco Checo  
Marley Prohibition  
Erisha Siddiqui  
Alexander Szukics  
Christopher Treng\*\*\*  
Jessica Zielinski

## **Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation and Human Services**

Amairani Asmad\*\*  
Serina Burro  
Yariliz Castillo-Torres  
Emma Chisdak  
Taino Gonzalez  
Mouna Makhoul  
Maria Motroni  
Ana Tejada

## **Bachelor of Science in Science**

Yasmin Ahmad

# About Penn State Lehigh Valley

Penn State Lehigh Valley provides a Penn State University education in a small campus setting that integrates individualized teaching, research, and dynamic community outreach. Penn State Lehigh Valley is the oldest continuously operating campus outside of University Park. The campus has a rich history of more than 100 years.

Penn State Lehigh Valley opened its doors as one of the first permanent technical centers of The Pennsylvania State University in 1912. Today, the campus mission still emphasizes Penn State's original land-grant institution mission of advancing the economic, social, and intellectual welfare of the region.

In 2009, spurred by the continued growth of the campus, Penn State Lehigh Valley began writing a new chapter in its history by relocating and expanding to a three-story facility located in Center Valley. This setting provides expanded space and opportunities to foster the success of current and future students.

Both traditional students and adult learners can choose from many options including bachelor's and associate's degree programs, as well as access to 275 majors offered by other Penn State campuses. Penn State Lehigh Valley provides the following four-year bachelor's degrees: Arts Administration, Biobehavioral Health, Business, Corporate Communication, Health Policy and Administration, Information Sciences and Technology, Project and Supply Chain Management, Psychology, and Rehabilitation and Human Services. In addition, the campus' diverse Continuing Education and Outreach programs provide opportunities for professional development, business training, and youth programming.

Penn State Lehigh Valley offers students the value of a major university, from cutting-edge science and engineering labs where students conduct undergraduate research to art and music spaces that let creativity soar; from world-class faculty mentors to worldwide travel opportunities; and a myriad of student activities and athletic teams.

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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.

### Exclusive Member Benefits

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- **Alumni Career Services:** Attend premium Alumni Career Service events for free or at a substantial discount.
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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



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