

Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2020



PENN STATE MONT ALTO

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!

The Pageantry of Commencement

Much of the stirring pageantry of commencement comes from the traditional and significant use of caps, gowns, hoods, and colors which had their origins in twelfth century France and Italy. It was there that the custom of wearing a cap and gown to mark the admission of the licentiate or “graduate” to a group of master teachers is said to have first begun.

The custom had a practical side. The gowns were the outer garments worn by the masters to keep out the chill and dampness of the medieval buildings. Because most of the masters were clerics, our present gowns are outgrowths of the long, flowing robes worn at that time. The hood probably originated from the monk’s cowl, at first attached to the gown and then later detached when the wearing of a cap became popular. The mortarboard cap evolved from the skull cap of the scholars.

Caps and gowns have been used in this country from colonial times, but it was not until 1895 that the present American Intercollegiate Code was adopted.

Gowns worn by those in the procession vary according to the degree held. Although the gown is most frequently black for academic degrees, certain universities have authorized the use of colored gowns. There are no trimmings on the associate, bachelor’s, and master’s gowns, but the doctor’s gown is faced in front with black velvet and has three bars of the same material across the sleeves or, in some cases, the color of the velvet relates to the field in which the degree is granted: blue (philosophy); light blue (education); brown (fine arts, architecture); copper (economics); drab (business administration); golden yellow (science); green (medicine); sage green (physical education); orange (engineering); pink (music); russet (forestry); and white (arts, letters, humanities). Hoods usually are not worn by the recipients of the associate or bachelor’s degrees. The doctor’s hood is longer than the master’s hood and has distinguishing panels. Hoods are lined with the colors of the school which granted the degree, and the velvet border of the hood indicates the field in which the degree was granted.

The standard cap is the mortarboard, usually the color of the gown, and the standard tassel is black, except that the doctor’s mortarboard has a gold tassel. Undergraduates wear the tassel on the right side of the cap until the moment the degree is conferred by the Chancellor.

Degrees

The Pennsylvania State University awards a variety of academic degrees: doctoral, master’s, bachelor’s, and associate. The Mont Alto campus awards bachelor’s and associate degrees.

Penn State Mont Alto
Commencement Program
Saturday, May 9, 2020

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

Conferring 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

Penn State Mont Alto

Campus Messages

Available After the Virtual Graduation Ceremony at [MarchingOrder](#)

Chancellor Remarks: Francis Achampong, Ph.D.
Chancellor

**Director of Academic
Affairs Remarks:** Michael Doncheski, Ph.D.
Director of Academic Affairs

Local Commencement Speaker: Jim Ingram '79, '83
President, COO, Bartlett Tree Experts

Campus Look Back Video: PSU Mont Alto Students
PSU Mont Alto Faculty
PSU Mont Alto Staff

Dear Graduates: If you have a question about your name, degree, or distinction, listed in this program, please reach out to Penn State Mont Alto's Office of the Registrar at 717-749-6191 or jl894@psu.edu. Congratulations on your achievements!

Associate Degree Candidates

Subject to completion of all degree requirements and satisfaction of minimum criteria, degrees and distinctions will be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements.

*These candidates graduated in summer or fall 2019.

**These candidates are being recognized prior to their semester of graduation.

University College – Associate in Science Business Administration

Melinda M. Hege
Taylor I. Maddox (*Candidate for Magna Cum Laude*)
Edward E. Noguera
Katherine M. Sanders (*Candidate for Cum Laude*) *
Charlene M. Saeman
Noah H. Witmer

College of Agricultural Sciences – Associate in Science Forest Technology

Gavin W. Brumbaugh **
Adrian H. Casey
Jacob M. Jeffries
William E. Nevin IV
Christopher J. Sabol (*Candidate for Summa Cum Laude*)
Victoria Siegle
Lance Smith
Austin G. Spear
Jacob C. Sunderland

University College – Associate in Science Human Development and Family Studies

Breanna P. Frierson
Alexis P. Parks (*Candidate for Magna Cum Laude*)
Kayla R. Wagaman

University College – Associate in Science Information Sciences and Technology

Wade Corun

University College – Associate in Science Letters, Arts, and Sciences

Joseph B. Holden

University College – Associate in Science Occupational Therapy

The Occupational Therapy program requires sixteen weeks of clinical education in addition to the two years of class and lab work. This means that our students cannot graduate in the spring, when we hold our commencement ceremony. Their degrees, and in some cases, distinctions, are awarded in the fall. Therefore, it is our custom to extend recognition to them at this ceremony, with the full expectation that they will successfully complete their clinicals during the summer and fall at the various hospitals, clinics, and institutions to which they will be assigned and complete their degree work.

(The following candidates are being recognized prior to their semester of graduation.)

Nicole Baker
Madison E. Bishop
Emily M. Boyer
Nicole M. Cocco
Olivia M. Feaster (*Candidate for Summa Cum Laude*)
Kelly J. Harbaugh (*Candidate for Summa Cum Laude*)
Alexandra N. Holtry (*Candidate for Cum Laude*)
Macey L. Keefer
Kimberly Kohn (*Candidate for Summa Cum Laude*)
Morgan B. LaFoe
Yovanny Luna de Vasquez
Zulfiya Muradova
Rebeca A. Neff (*Candidate for Magna Cum Laude*)
Alivia M. Shank
Brittany R. Sims
Madelyn E. Woolf
Caitlyn P. Zeger

University College – Associate in Science Physical Therapist Assistant

The Physical Therapist Assistant program requires a twelve-week practicum in addition to the two years of class and lab work. This means that our students cannot graduate in the spring, when we hold our commencement ceremony. Their degrees, and in some cases, distinctions, are awarded in the summer or fall. Therefore, it is our custom to extend recognition to them at this ceremony, with the full expectation that they will have successful practica during the summer at the various hospitals, clinics, and institutions to which they will be assigned and complete their degree work.

(The following candidates are being recognized prior to their semester of graduation except as noted.)

Rachel L. Ashway
Breanne N. Byers
Casey G. Goodrich (*Candidate for Cum Laude*)
Jacob W. Hundley
Steven M. Kolumban
Erin M. Lovelace
Danessa L. Martin
Kyle Stine
Adelyn G. Uffelman (*Candidate for Magna Cum Laude*)
Rena M. Velez
Delaney L. Wagner
Christina L. Walter (*Candidate for Cum Laude*)
Morgan P. Wonders (*Candidate for Magna Cum Laude*)
Christopher D. Woods
Taylor N. Wyand

Baccalaureate Degree Candidates

Subject to completion of all degree requirements and satisfaction of minimum criteria, degrees and distinctions will be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements.

*These candidates graduated in summer or fall 2019.

**These candidates are being recognized prior to their semester of graduation.

***These candidates are registered nurses completing their Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

University College – Bachelor of Science Business

Taylor L. Cannon
Erika T. Cauffman
Caleb Leggett
Joshua J. McKinley **
Jose A. Rivera
Marcus B. Roper
Katherine M. Sanders *
Kelby L. Schwender
Madison P. Shirley
Aric C. Smoker
Brady A. Topper
Erin L. Wyrick

University College – Bachelor of Science Health Policy and Administration

Holli Hess
Nathaniel L. Hoffmann
Samantha K. Perry
Shannon M. Petenbrink **
Nicholas L. Rockwell-Jacoby
Kirsten F. Tercek **
Emily M. Yeng

Kirsten Tercek earned a minor in Human Development and Family Studies

The College of Health and Human Development and University
College - Bachelor of Science
Human Development and Family Studies

Linda M. Batz **
Lauren A. Boudreau *
Alexandra Conserva
Courtney L. Corrente
Kaitlyn M. Craig
Mary C. Davis
Dori M. Dunkle
Amber R. Fickes **
Cortney D. Group **
Brittany W. Grove
Angelina R. Guntert
Sierra L. Hassinger
Olivia C. Hippensteel **
Keri R. Moore (*Candidate for Cum Laude*)
Heather C. Morgan **
Santiago Morillo **
Katelyn A. Muse
Shannon N. Picking
Brittany E. Raffel
Faith J. Tenneh **
Austin M. Towner

Angelina Guntert earned a minor in Psychology

University College – Bachelor of Science
Information Sciences and Technology

Bradley Alexander (*Candidate for Cum Laude*)
Christopher J. Bowman (*Candidate for Cum Laude*)
Timothy L. Eaton
Michael R. Fignar (*Candidate for Summa Cum Laude*)
Christian J. Hall

Christopher Bowman and Michael Fignar earned minors in Security and Risk Analysis

University College – Bachelor of Arts and the College of the
Liberal Arts
Letters, Arts, and Sciences

Koran J. Dunbar **
Abigail A. Herring **
Allison B. Meyers (*Candidate for Cum Laude*)
Mercedes E. Ost
Jenna M. Taylor
John Wiesniewski *

Jenna Taylor and Mercedes Ost earned minors in Biology

College of Nursing – Bachelor of Science
Nursing

Mario A. Acevedo
David B. Andrews
Tasha N. Arvin
Kaitlyn A. Boyer
Ben D. Cai
Chelsea M. Danner
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Kelley C. Mong
Molly R. Nowell
Gracee E. Pensyl
Kaylee A. Read
Miranda K. Rhodes
Mary E. Shriver
Marti M. Sickeri
Mallory P. Sipes
Darah R. Stouffer
Keighley M. Taylor
Sydney M. Tolbert

University College – Bachelor of Arts
Psychology

Ryan M. Hovis *
Bryce E. Ruth
Alexandra J. Yeakel **

Ryan Hovis earned a minor in Human Development and Family Studies

Alexandra Yeakel earned a minor in Criminal Justice

University College – Bachelor of Science
Psychology

Katelyn Y. Jackson **
Dylan M. Miles *

Graduation with Distinction

Distinctions are noted in the program as follows:

Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude

Students who are candidates for Summa Cum Laude are wearing a blue and white cord, students who are candidates for Magna Cum Laude are wearing a blue cord, and students who are candidates for Cum Laude are wearing a white cord.

All Associate Degrees

(Fall 2019, Spring 2020, and Summer 2020)

Cum Laude.....	3.76 Cumulative GPA
Magna Cum Laude.....	3.88 Cumulative GPA
Summa Cum Laude.....	3.97 Cumulative GPA

Baccalaureate Degrees

(Fall 2019, Spring 2020, and Summer 2020)

University College

Cum Laude.....	3.80 Cumulative GPA
Magna Cum Laude.....	3.90 Cumulative GPA
Summa Cum Laude.....	3.96 Cumulative GPA

Distinction is awarded to baccalaureate degree candidates with at least 60 credits (30 credits for associate degree candidates) earned at Penn State who have a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative grade-point average and are in the top twelve percent of a college's graduating class. The distinction table is created in September for the coming fall, spring, and summer semesters based on the grade-point average information of previous graduates.

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Campus Honors Program

The Honors Program at Mont Alto is part of the Penn State honors tradition that includes Schreyer Honors College. Honors students participate in an honors seminar each semester and do additional honors work in many of their other classes. They are excited about learning, value academic excellence, and challenge themselves to become citizens of the world. Students graduating with honors from Mont Alto have been active members of our campus Honors Program every semester that they have been here. Mont Alto Honors Program students wear a gold cord.

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Jonathan Hindman Information Resources and Services Support Specialist

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Christopher Gilbert Officer
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Faculty Awards

2020 Martha A. Fisher Award for Excellence in Teaching Full-Time Craig Houghton
2020 Martha A. Fisher Award for Excellence in Teaching Part-Time Jane Oyler
2020 Mont Alto Faculty Scholar Award Jacob Sawyer, Ph.D.
2020 SGA Award for Excellence in Advising Barrett Scroggs, Ph.D.

History

Nestled among the trees at the edge of the Michaux State Forest stands an institution that has educated students for over a century. The Pennsylvania State Forest Academy was founded in 1903 and is known today as Penn State Mont Alto.

The governor of Pennsylvania established the Pennsylvania State Forest Academy at Mont Alto. It was the third forestry school in the nation after Yale University and Biltmore, respectively. Dr. Joseph T. Rothrock, M.D., an arctic explorer, botanist, and medical doctor led the early Academy to train men for service in the state forests. The curriculum was patterned after university curricula in Germany, a leader in reforestation. Currently, Penn State Mont Alto educates America's foresters along with students in many other academic programs.

In 1929, the Commonwealth decided that the Academy had trained enough foresters. The Pennsylvania State College also offered forestry, so the Academy was merged with the college and the Mont Alto campus was born.

By 1963, Penn State Mont Alto became a Commonwealth Campus, offering the first two years of most Penn State majors. This was the first time that the campus was considered "co-educational."

Today, Mont Alto offers nine baccalaureate degrees and seven associate degrees. Adult students seeking degree completion as well as professional development are served through the Continuing Education unit on campus as well as at other sites throughout the region. The campus is part of the University College, the largest academic college located within Penn State.

Penn State Mont Alto has more than 15,000 alumni who began their university education here and now work throughout the world and in many fields of service.

In 2003-2004, Penn State Mont Alto celebrated its 100th anniversary of the founding of this campus. The theme selected for the centennial year, "From Forest Academy to University," reflects Mont Alto's history as a progressive educational institution. As alumni of Penn State Mont Alto, you are joining a distinguished group of individuals who are carrying on the legacy and the heritage of this important and special institution.

Commencement Speaker

Vince Sadusky ('87)

CEO, Univision Communications Inc.

Vince Sadusky is the chief executive officer of Univision Communications Inc. A Penn State alumnus who was recognized as a University Scholar when he graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1987, he has led several media companies in just over two decades in the media industry.

As CEO of Univision, Sadusky is in charge of informing, entertaining and empowering Hispanic America through the leading Hispanic media company in the United States. Univision's portfolio includes the third-most-watched sports network, fifth-most-viewed TV network, 58 owned-and-operated radio stations, 65-owned-and-operated local TV stations and a Hispanic influencer network and social reach of more than 300 million.

Sadusky has strategically refocused the company in the past two years. Under his leadership Univision has launched local morning newscasts, local news apps, and increased content diversification. Additionally, Univision has expanded its entertainment and sports offerings, which led to notable digital video development. As a result of Sadusky's efforts, Univision maintained its status as the No. 1 Spanish-language network (in both primetime and total-day measurements) at the end of 2019 for the 26th consecutive year.

In addition to his position at Univision, Sadusky serves on the Board of Trustees for The Paley Center for Media. He also serves on the board of directors of International Game Technology, a multinational gambling company.

Before serving as CEO of Univision, Sadusky was CEO of LIN Media where he increased the company's value four times by merging with Media General. Sadusky earned an MBA from New York Institute of Technology. He and his wife, Wendy, have three children — William, Olivia and Heather. William earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Penn State in 2016. Olivia will earn her bachelor's degree in finance from the University this weekend.

Local Commencement Speaker

Jim Ingram ('79), ('83)

President, COO, Bartlett Tree Experts

Jim Ingram, Registered Consulting Arborist, Board Certified Master Arborist, is President and Chief Operating Officer for Bartlett Tree Experts managing a \$300,000,000 company with 12 divisions and 144 office field operations with 2,200 teammates in the US, Canada, United Kingdom and Ireland. Jim likes to recruit, develop and guide senior managers who oversee private, public, commercial and government sectors of the tree care business. Jim's mantra is "The last person hired is the most important!"

Jim is a past Instructor of both Forest Science and Counseling at Penn State. He has been past president of The Cape Cod Landscape Association, Cape Cod Horticultural Society, American Society of Consulting Arborists and New England Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). He has served as the ISA's Certification Board Chair and Chair of the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers.

Over 38 years, Jim has authored numerous publications, including an historic book, *Unlimited Duty*, and given over 780 lectures and workshops. He is the first recipient of the Pennsylvania Forest Academy Award, ISA Award of Merit, Cape Cod Landscape Association Legacy Award, Penn State Centennial Fellows Award and Penn State Volunteer of the Award.

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