

Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2020



PENN STATE NEW KENSINGTON

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!

COMMENCEMENT

Spring Semester 2020



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On behalf of the Penn State New Kensington campus, I am delighted to announce the graduating class of Spring 2020. We are truly living through a different time, and I know faculty, staff and students wish we could celebrate this major milestone in college graduates' lives together. However, while we can't do that at this time, we can and need to recognize the importance of the work completed by the students identified in these pages. To be recognized as a Penn State graduate in any year signals the end of years of hard work, due diligence and commitment. Being part of that maturation and learning process has been our greatest honor. However, this spring graduating class has overcome additional challenges such as not having classes at a physical campus for part of the spring semester, going to virtual learning environments, dealing with health concerns of family and community, quarantining, and in some cases, losing income, all occurring within the same month. And yet, through it all, they have demonstrated great resolve, enthusiasm and an ability to overcome whatever comes their way. Graduates, you have shown that you have what it takes to succeed in an ever-changing world. We sincerely hope that you are as proud of this accomplishment as we are and that this program gives you and your loved ones a reason to celebrate the end of this phase in your life.

Congratulations,

Kevin J.G. Snider, Ph.D.
Chancellor

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

PLEASE NOTE

The information in this document was produced April 21, 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.

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

Please contact Academic Affairs at 724-635-6030 for any questions regarding names, degrees, and distinctions listed in this program.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Capital College

Bachelor of Science Structural Design & Construction Engineering Technology

Joel W. George

College of Engineering

Bachelor of Science Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology

Jeremy Scot Beemiller
Joshua Alexander Boyd
Grant Scott Feroce
Joseph Klaas

Cameron M. Kutzner
Paul Jacob Mica
Christopher A. Oberdorf◆◆◆
Michael Joseph Ott◆

Sarah M. Pepler
Jacob Ryan Slausenhaupt
Joshua Brion Stearman◆◆

College of Health and Human Development

Bachelor of Science Health Policy and Administration

Noel Thompson

College of Nursing

Bachelor of Science Nursing

Arlene Theresa Graham

Angela Marie Magdinec

"Each fresh generation of students brings in a new fresh life. The young men and young women who are going out today not only carry with them a new flood of life...but they will carry with them recollections of the men and women who have led them forward with the hope and promise to this occasion. It is a scene that is always full of inspiration...that no time can wither nor custom stale."
*Commencement Address, 1897, George W. Atherton, President,
The Pennsylvania State University, 1882-1906*

University College

Bachelor of Science Administration of Justice

Alexander M. Heyer

Breanna Elizabeth Nackrelli

Bachelor of Science Biobehavioral Health

Carly A. Duncan
Kaylea M. Flick

Taylor Madison Mchenry
Samantha N. Skatula

Bethany Diane Underwood

Bachelor of Science Business

Lindsey Hessom
Nicholas M. Nicassio
Kevin M. Overly

Krystin M. Racki
Wilson Alexander Rojas Jr
Ashley Michelle Stadelmaier

Tavarski Franchee Wardlow

Bachelor of Arts Communications

Anna E. Alfera
Kelli Gralewski

Ryan Neil Pawloski

Scott W. Sinclair

Bachelor of Science Information Sciences and Technology

Logan B. Bell
Ian Callender◆◆◆
Jacob William Chileski◆
Travis Wade Dilick

Kathryn Scarlett Durkin
Ty Kephart
Kameron P. Kemmer
Hannah Pletcher

Jess Allan Polohonki◆◆
Logan T. Villella◆
Jesse Donald Wiles
Andrew Taylor Witherow

Bachelor of Science Project & Supply Chain Management

Kubilay Cem Ceylan
Mark David Kowalczyk

Noah Samuel Oddis

Tyler John Simmers

Bachelor of Arts Psychology

Tyler James Campbell

Bachelor of Science Psychology

Brianna Dynka
Jessica Kurtz

Makayla Shank

Evan Vonn Yoder

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

College of Engineering

Associate in Engineering Technology Biomedical Engineering Technology

Joshua Collin Bowser
Eric Carpinello
Matthew James Coppolo
Bryan Immanuel Lesko

Theodore Lyons
Dalynn Park
Joshua James Peffley
Trey K. Peters

Giovanni Pugliese
Nicholas Shook
Louis Surma

University College

Associate in Arts Letters, Arts, Sciences

Allyson Rene Henry

Lacey Newhouse

Associate in Science Radiological Sciences

Nicole Buhl
Emily J. Daugherty
Kali Facemire
Bailey N. Frick

Emily Lynn Hooper
Madison Rae Levy
Austin Andrew Ohara
Ayla Michelle Peffley

Courtney Schwartzmier
Keirstin M. Sufak

◆ Summa Cum Laude

◆◆ Magna Cum Laude

◆◆◆ Cum Laude

*"A college degree is not a sign that one is a finished product
but an indication a person is prepared for life."*

Reverend Edward A. Malloy, President, University of Notre Dame, 1987-2005

*"Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities,
because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled,
can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation."*

John F. Kennedy, President, United States of America, 1961-63

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HISTORY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

The Pennsylvania State University was chartered in 1855 and awarded the nation's first baccalaureate degrees in agricultural science in 1861. The mission was broadened after Congress passed the Morrill Land-Grant Act in 1862, which enabled each state to sell federal lands and use the proceeds to endow one or more colleges or universities. The schools had to agree to offer instruction in agriculture, engineering, and other utilitarian subjects at a cost that was affordable to people of average means. A year later, in 1863, Pennsylvania's General Assembly designated Penn State as its land-grant institution.

From that beginning has grown a distinguished University of over 97,000 students with a faculty of more than 6,300. As the land-grant institution of Pennsylvania, Penn State has developed into a complex of statewide facilities and services that makes it possible for the University to fulfill its century-old mandate to provide education for the citizens of the commonwealth. The system of campuses is an outgrowth of the community-based campuses Penn State established during the economic depression of the 1930s. By literally taking higher education to the students, the University lowered the cost of attending college and enabled many people to enroll who otherwise could not have afforded to do so. Today, nine of ten Pennsylvanians live within thirty miles of a Penn State campus.

HISTORY OF PENN STATE NEW KENSINGTON

The New Kensington Center opened in 1958 in the First Ward School Building in the heart of the city of New Kensington with seventy-nine students enrolled in the Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Associate degree programs. In 1963, the Center moved to the former Parnassus Junior High School and began offering the first two years of baccalaureate programs in education, liberal arts, business administration, and human development.

In the same year, Alcoa offered to give the University a thirty-five acre tract of land in Upper Burrell Township, four miles east of the city. Three years later, the current campus was born and classes convened in the Engineering Building. Two years later the Science, Activities, and Administration buildings and the Library were completed and an additional thirty acres were purchased from a neighboring farmer. In 1969, the Physical Education Complex opened followed by the Theatre in 1971 and the Student Learning Center in 1975. The Science and Technology Center opened in 1990, and the Conference Center and Classroom Building was dedicated in March 2001. Today, approximately 600 students matriculate on campus and are studying in fifteen Associate and Bachelor's degree programs or choose to study the first two years of almost 160 other Penn State majors before transitioning to another campus within the University.



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.

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CAREER AND EDUCATION



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- **Alumni Library Online:** Exclusive access to Penn State Libraries Digitized Collections and University library databases.

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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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