

Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2020



PENN STATE SCHUYLKILL

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!

MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Dear Graduates,

Today, you will be graduating from one of the finest universities in the world. You have earned your place among thousands of alumni of this great university and will forever be known as Penn Staters.

These past months, when faced with a global pandemic, you have shown the resilience for which Penn Staters are known. This will serve you well throughout life because, when faced with challenges, you will be able to look back and say, “we handled COVID-19 just fine, we can deal with this.” Please remember this in the context of the following question.

For your final lesson at Penn State Schuylkill, I ask you: What, exactly, does being a Penn Stater mean?

As with most such questions, a little historical research can be helpful. Penn State was founded in 1855 and, with the passage of the Morrill Act in 1862, became Pennsylvania’s land-grant university. Penn State Schuylkill was established in 1934. We are now in our 85th year of service, fulfilling Penn State’s land-grant mission here in Schuylkill County.

Land-grant universities were founded with a federal mandate to make the world a better place. We fulfill that mission in three ways. We:

- Provide access to affordable high-quality education,
- Conduct and promote research that improves people’s lives, and
- Engage with our communities in order to make them better places to live.

As Penn Staters, you will be graduates of a land-grant university. You will carry our mission and our ethos out into the world wherever you go. To be a Penn Stater, then, means to be someone who works to make the world a better place.

Therefore, I charge you to go forth and make our world a better place...

- Through the acquisition and sharing of knowledge,
- By conducting research and applying evidence-based findings to solve problems and improve people’s lives, and
- By engaging in and with the communities in which you reside and work in order to make them better places to live.

And remember, you will not be doing all of this alone. As a Penn Stater, you have learned to work with others in common cause. After all, being a Penn Stater begins with the word “we,” as in...

We Are...PENN STATE!

And we are so very proud of you!

Congratulations, classes of 2019 and 2020!



Patrick M. Jones, Ph.D.
Chancellor
Penn State Schuylkill

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

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Associate of Science

Kassandra Kuperavage

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

Associate of Science

Misty Elizabeth Madenford
Brittany Morgan McCormick
Samantha Sadusky¹
Taylor Spell
Rylee Jane Worthy
Gabriella S. Zias

LETTERS, ARTS AND SCIENCES

Associate of Arts

Ashley Hart¹
Vincent B. May
Thomas Rizzardi¹
Lynn S. Sweet
Janelle Taylor¹
Abigail Watson¹

RADIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Associate of Science

Brittany Brice¹
Alexis Canfield¹
Angela Freedman¹
Ashley Hart¹
Kayla Kelly¹
Vincent B. May
Earl Miller¹
Amanda Renninger¹
Taylor Ruane¹
Jenna Schaeffer¹
Danielle Sluzis¹
Cheyann Wassel¹
Abigail Watson¹
Kayla Wilburn¹

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Bachelor of Arts

Austin Charles¹

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Bachelor of Science

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Benjamin Sarkozi¹
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Dustin Silkowski¹
Matthew C. Sozio
Agustin Kristopher Torres
Martin Alexander Venable
McKenzie Rose Warner

AMERICAN STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts

Edward Charles Pollman

BIOLOGY

Bachelor of Science

James N. Abicunas
Alexis Bowser¹
Michael Joseph Fleming
Benjamin Hulbert
Tianna Klinger¹
Ian James McGowan
Vraj Kamal Patel
Melissa Ramirez¹
Stephen Joseph Shalamanda
Kerilynn M. Spiess
Shania Nicole Thomas
Eric N. Thompson
Dominique M. Varra
Emily Zeigler¹

BUSINESS

Bachelor of Science

Morgan Virginia Edge
James Felty
Dylan Feryo
Patricia Dionne Graham
Catherine Holm¹
Omar Hill-Walker
Nikki Maria Hozella
Abigayle Grace Kaiser
Lane John Koury
Tara E. Laubenstein
Christopher J. Leshko
Blayne Christopher Moyer
Megan Elizabeth Murhon
Luke Garrett Hipp Schwalm
Lacey Timony¹
Bruce Wagner¹

CORPORATE COMMUNICATION

Bachelor of Arts

Anna Raquele Amato
Paige Marie Waddell

DIGITAL JOURNALISM AND MEDIA

Bachelor of Arts

Matthew Williams

INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Bachelor of Science

Nathaniel Scott Bausher
Nahtan Smith¹

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Bachelor of Arts

Roxana Achach
Matthew Williams

NURSING

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Marissa Sue Klinger
Destrie Nicole Kramer
Sarah Elizabeth Mansell
Autumn Maroldt

PROJECT AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Bachelor of Sciences

Jeremy Lupkin
Owen M. Pothering

PSYCHOLOGY

Bachelor of Arts

Willie Alexander
Chase E. Stokes
Samantha Wise¹

PSYCHOLOGY

Bachelor of Science

Steven Anthony Arthur
Alexa Andrina Goldberg
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Kayla Maddy¹
Kaitlyn Mae Seigfried
James Swantek
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Chelsea Wentworth¹
Amy West

¹ Student graduated in fall 2019

This list was produced on April 9, 2020, as an unofficial list of graduating students and those earning honors.

DISTINCTION CANDIDATES

Subject to completion of all degree requirements 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 have completed the required number of credits at various Penn State colleges, and who are in the top twelve percent of their college graduating class.

The twelve percent is divided into two percent "Summa Cum Laude," four percent "Magna Cum Laude," and six percent "Cum Laude."

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Marissa Sue Klinger
Tara E. Laubenstein
Andrea Morgan
Gabriella S. Zias

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Roxana Achach
Catherine Holm
Sarah Elizabeth Mansell
Brittany Morgan McCormick
Bria O'Neil Leshay Nickerson
Eric N. Thompson
Cheyann Wassel
Matthew Williams

CUM LAUDE

Michael Joseph Fleming
Abigayle Grace Kaiser
Taylor Ruane
Luke Garrett Hipp Schwalm
Taylor Spell
Abigail Watson
Matthew Williams

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Dylan Feryo
Catherine Holm
Vincent B. May
Lacey Timony

ACADEMIC HONOR CORDS

Graduating students who have earned distinction and honors are presented with cords to wear with their robes. The colors of the cords represent the distinction or honors they have attained as follows:

Academic Distinction

Students who are graduating Cum Laude earn a white cord, students who are graduating Magna Cum Laude earn a blue cord, and students who are graduating Summa Cum Laude earn a blue and white cord.

Schuylkill Campus Honors Program

Students who have completed the Schuylkill Campus Honors Program earn a gold cord.

Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society

Students who have met the standards of this adult honor society earn a burgundy and gold cord.

Beta Beta Beta Honor Society

Students who have met the standards of this biological honor society earn a green cord.

Chi Alpha Sigma College Athlete Honor Society

Students who have met the standards of this society earn a yellow and black cord.

Gamma Beta Phi Honor and Service Society

Students who have met the standards of this society earn a black and gold cord.

Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society

Students who have met the standards of this communication honor society earn a red and white cord.

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Students who have met the standards of this honor society earn a blue and gold cord.

Military and Veterans

Veterans, currently serving members of the Armed Forces, and R.O.T.C. cadets earn cords that are red, white, and blue.

PENN STATE SCHUYLKILL

Established in 1934, Penn State Schuylkill is one of the oldest Penn State campuses. Originally located in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, the campus underwent a series of name changes over the next 30 years including The Pottsville Center and The Schuylkill Undergraduate Center.

The campus was relocated to its present 100-acre site along a rolling hillside outside the borough of Schuylkill Haven in 1967. The current site of Penn State Schuylkill is the former location of the Schuylkill County Almshouse and Hospital with its own working farm. Hand-drawn reprints of the original property, circa 1875, show several large buildings including the almshouse, administration building, barn, hospital, stable, and bakery.

Major campus building and remodeling projects since 1977 have included a multi-purpose athletic complex featuring the Roger and Betty Tobias Tennis Courts; the Student Community Center that houses the John E. Morgan Auditorium, the Hidden Stream Café, the Penn State Schuylkill Bookstore and game room; student apartment complexes accommodating more than 300 students; the Cotler Life Science Lab; the R. Michael Fryer Conference Center and the Ciletti Memorial Library.

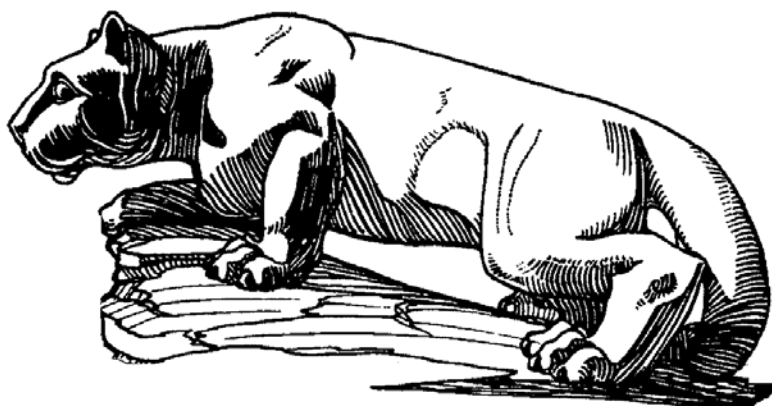
From 1997 until 2005, Penn State Schuylkill and Penn State Harrisburg together formed the Capital College. However, beginning July 1, 2005, Penn State Schuylkill once again became an independent

campus within Penn State's University College. The Schuylkill Campus Advisory Board purchased the 1912 Building and its caretaker's home, along with 33 acres of land, in 2008. When renovations were completed on the caretaker's home in spring 2012, it was dedicated and renamed the Kiefer-Jones Building. This building now houses administrative offices of the campus.

All of the building projects have been made possible by the commitment of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the University, and the generosity of alumni and friends of Penn State Schuylkill. Support for all campus endeavors is provided by the Schuylkill Campus Advisory Board.

Penn State Schuylkill currently offers thirteen baccalaureate degrees, four associate degrees, and the first two years of undergraduate study in over 275 majors that can be completed at University Park or other Penn State campuses. In addition, the campus is a venue for students to pursue the Master of Science in Nursing offered through the Penn State College of Nursing.

For over 85 years, Penn State Schuylkill has remained committed to fulfilling its land-grant mission. And in that tradition strives to provide access to affordable, high-quality education, promotes research that improves lives, and delivers knowledge and evidence-based solutions that help make our communities better places to live.



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