

Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2020



PENN STATE YORK

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!

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

MESSAGE FROM CHANCELLOR DAVID CHRISTIANSEN



On behalf of the Penn State York community, I offer congratulations to our graduates!

For the last few years, you have been engaged in the classroom, working under the supervision of the faculty. You have developed new skills, honed abilities, created knowledge, and gained valuable experiences that will serve you well throughout your life. A Penn State education is rigorous, but it sets you up for a successful professional career and a fulfilling personal life.

The commencement exercise is a tradition-bound ceremony that originated in medieval Europe. After years of study under the watchful eye of the faculty, students would be awarded a diploma that testified to their expertise. Families, friends, loved ones, the faculty, and the staff would gather together to recognize the academic accomplishments of the graduating students as they set out into the professional world.

For the present, unfortunately, we are unable to celebrate this occasion in-person. We have recorded messages of congratulations from our student government president, from faculty members, and staff members, and we have prepared a video montage of scenes from campus life. However, none of these can make up for the thrill of walking across the stage and having your diploma handed to you.

Accordingly, we look forward to seeing you back on the Penn State York campus for a celebration in the near future. Once this public health emergency has been ended, we will recognize your achievements in the proper way. In the meanwhile, accept my heartfelt congratulations on this important milestone in your life.

Until we meet again, I hope that you and your loved ones be well and stay healthy.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Christiansen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chancellor David Christiansen

STUDENT MARSHALS

(Student marshals for each degree are chosen based on their academic achievement.)

Associate Degrees

Associate in Business Administration

Jennifer Brooke Taylor

Associate in Human Development and Family Studies

Kevin Lynn Smyers

Associate in Mechanical Engineering Technology

Eric George Pfeiffer

Baccalaureate Degrees

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Mirta Epifania Caswell

Bachelor of Science in Biology

Hayley Alyssa Hurt

Bachelor of Science in Business

Matthew Ray Ivey

Bachelor of Science in Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology

Walter Paczkoskie

Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies

Marisa Chelane Madole

Bachelor of Science in Information Sciences and Technology

Taher Nurulhasan Erfan

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Mindy S. Gruzin

Graduate Degree

Master of Education in Teaching and Curriculum

Alexis M. Keller

GRADUATES

If you have a question about your name, degree or distinction, listed in this program, please contact Rita Archer-Clark, registrar, at rx258@psu.edu. Congratulations on your achievements!

PENN STATE GRADUATION CANDIDATES SPRING 2020

ASSOCIATE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Abigail Hannah Reiff
Jennifer Brooke Taylor***

ASSOCIATE IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

Samantha Flores
Theresa Jeanne Smith
Kevin Lynn Smyers

ASSOCIATE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Eric George Pfeiffer
Thomas Albert Shepley

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES

Chibuisi Kenneth Chikezie
Raymond Joseph O'Dwyer III
Zachary J. Quick

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Madeline Bush⁸
Mirta Epifania Caswell
Devon Alexis Tucker

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

Brittany N. Armpriester
Ashley Bergen¹
Kathryn Bruce²
Faelyn Curtis
Corinne Alison Fahs³
Hayley Alyssa Hurt⁷
Timothy David Krohn
Elisha Lee
Brooke Ann Noga
Natasha Strickler
Jessica Thanhlan Vu
Madison I. Winkowski
Joshua Ian Wolgamuth⁷

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS

Neelum Amjad
Gregory A. Bennett, Jr.
Shannon Bolton
Sotirios Drivas
Scott Wayne Gingras

Matthew Ray Ivey**
Jack Manuel Jaramillo
Cory Michael Lytle
Neil Mullins
David O'Leary
Joseph John Reba
Trisha Semexan
Coby Cheyenne Ward

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRO-MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Scott Martin Murry
Walter Paczkoskie*⁷
Jacob Walker Rey*
Robert W. Reynolds²
Casey Michael Tober
Christopher Phillip Verderame*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

Michelle L. Appelt
Mirta Epifania Caswell
Emily Elizabeth Ernst
Richard Lorenzo Grant
Autara T. Hampton
Olivia Nicole Hershey-Juliano
Ashley Elizabeth Koller
Alexandra Leese⁴
Victoria Lemmon⁵
Marisa Chelane Madole***^{2,3,7}
Jessica Paige McAvoy
Rayven Brielle Mitchell
Nikolina Nonkovic⁶
Kathleen Lauren Rohrbach

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Kody Ahrens³
Austin Robert Brown³
Aishwarya Nitin Chinchankar
Joshua Bartholomew Cummins
Taher Nurulhasan Erfan*³
Emily Landis Good³
Matrish Ajitkum Ojha^{3,7}
Omkar Sawant³
Unnati H. Singla³
Justin Andrew Sneeringer
Casey Tyler Srebro
Benjamin Trout^{3,7}

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

Neelum Amjad

Mindy S. Gruzin^{***6}

Taylor G. Halle

Matthew Connor Kapturowski

Gunveen Kaur

Carolyn S. Kunkel

Julia Moore

Joseph Steven Romagano IV

^{***}Summa Cum Laude

^{**}Magna Cum Laude

^{*}Cum Laude

¹Minor in Human Development and Family Studies

²Minor in History

³Minor in Business

⁴Minor in Early Development and Education

⁵Minor in Psychology

⁶Minor in Biology

⁷Graham Fellow

⁸Minor in Women's Studies

**MASTER OF EDUCATION
IN TEACHING AND CURRICULUM
(Penn State Harrisburg, The Capital College)**

Brianna S. Herbst
Alexis M. Keller
April J. Milesky

The top 12 percent of the undergraduate degree candidates from any college shall be eligible to graduate with distinction. Those degree candidates in the top 2 percent of their college will graduate "Summa Cum Laude" (designated as ***); the next 4 percent will graduate with "Magna Cum Laude" (designated as **); and the next 6 percent will graduate "Cum Laude" (designated as *). Distinction may be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others, subject to completion of all degree requirements and meeting minimum criteria.

Campus Honors Program: Students who have successfully completed a minimum of 24 credit hours of Penn State honors course work are considered to have completed the requirements for the Penn State York Honors program. These students are recognized with a designation of †. The designation of graduating with distinction, which is a University-wide accolade, is independent of participation in the Penn State York Honors program.

Virtual commencement ceremonies are being held at all Penn State campuses immediately following final examinations; many grades are not yet posted. The students listed in this program will not receive their degrees until all grades and requirements have been verified by their respective college offices at University Park. This program should not be used to certify that someone has actually graduated from the University. Diplomas for students will be mailed approximately four weeks after the commencement ceremony to their permanent residence or LionPath diploma mailing address.



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

CAREER AND EDUCATION



- **Alumni Career Services:** Attend premium Alumni Career Service events for free or at a substantial discount.
- **Discounts on Kaplan Test Preparation Services**
- **Alumni Library Online:** Exclusive access to Penn State Libraries Digitized Collections and University library databases.

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.

Additional benefits include early invitations to Alumni Association events, access to the Alumni Directory, publications including the *Penn Stater* magazine, and much more!

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