

Commencement

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM



PENN STATE HAZLETON

Thursday, December 17, 2020

5:00 p.m.



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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ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

PROCESSION LED BY Andrea C. Shook, R.N.C., B.S.N., M.S.N.
Practical Nursing Program Coordinator

WELCOME AND REMARKS Gary M. Lawler, A.S., B.S., M.A., Ph.D.
Chancellor

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND PINNING Elizabeth J. Wright, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Office of the Senior Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses
Director of Academic Affairs
Andrea C. Shook

RECOGNITION OF AWARD RECIPIENTS Dr. Wright

ADDRESS Heather Clark, DNP, RN

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE Class of 2020 and Nursing Community

STUDENT REMARKS Academic Achievement Award Recipient

ALMA MATER Audience

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INSTRUCTIONAL TEAM:

Michele Cassic, R.N., B.S., M.S.
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Andrea Shook, R.N.C., B.S.N., M.S.N.

PROGRAM NOTES

The medallion worn by Chancellor Gary M. Lawler during the ceremony was instituted by the University in 1971. Symbolizing the authority to confer degrees, the bronze medallion is two and three quarters inches in diameter with the founding date of the University on one side and the founding date of the Hazleton campus on the other side.

The mace carried by Faculty Marshall Andrea Shook was designed and produced for Penn State Hazleton. It is inscribed to honor the memory of Instructor of Mathematics and Honors Program Coordinator Marlene Guers. In academic commencement ceremonies, the mace is the symbolic extension of the chancellor. Most often carried in a commencement ceremony at the head of the marchers or immediately ahead of the chancellor, the mace serves as the object vested with the power of the institution.

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AWARDS

≈ Excellence in Clinical Practice ≈

Granted to the nursing student who best displays a high regard for clinical care and clinical aptitude.

≈ Award for Leadership and Professionalism ≈

Recognizes outstanding leadership and professionalism during the nursing education process.

≈ Most Compassionate ≈

Presented to the student who displays exceptional emotional capacities of empathy and sympathy for others.

≈ Community Service Award ≈

Presented to the student who displays the initiative to reach out to those in need within the community.

≈ Spirit of Nursing Award ≈

Recognizes the student who shows excitement, motivation and enthusiasm toward the nursing profession.

≈ Patricia D. Kelly, R.N. Academic Award in Practical Nursing ≈

Presented to the student earning the highest overall grade-point average.

❧ *The Florence Nightingale Pledge* ❧

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly,
to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully.

I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous,
and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug.

I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession,
and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping
and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling.

With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work,
and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.

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Heather Clark is the director of the Penn State Practical Nursing Program and is based at Penn State Lehigh Valley. She works with the program coordinators across three campuses to ensure the program is consistent and meets the regulations of the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing.

Dr. Clark earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Allentown College of St. Francis of DeSales, master's degree in nursing from DeSales University, and doctorate degree in nursing practice from Penn State.

Her experience includes teaching community health and geriatrics at DeSales University and Cedar Crest College, as well as working as a nurse in hospice, long-term care, and public health settings.

Dr. Clark's research is focused on using a curriculum to enhance licensed practical nursing leadership in long-term care facilities to increase job satisfaction. She has been a presenter at various conferences including the statewide Strategies: Educational Excellence for Health Care Providers and Educators conference and the international Neuman Symposium. She also co-authored a chapter in the book *Neuman Systems Model: Celebrating Academic-Practice Partnerships* edited by Sarah Beckman and Jacqueline Fawcett.

≈ A Brief History ≈

Penn State was chartered in 1855 as the Farmers' High school, and has since forged an international reputation for excellence in academics, athletics, research, and community outreach. The original student body of sixty-nine has grown to approximately 90,000 undergraduate, graduate, professional and online students, the faculty of four to more than 5,500 full-time. Beginning with an educational program of 40 courses, Penn State today offers 5,300 undergraduate, 3,257 graduate, and 189 medical courses.

For the first seventy-five years of its existence, Penn State conducted undergraduate instruction exclusively at its University Park campus. However, in the early 1930s, the University responded to the needs of the Great Depression by opening extension centers throughout the Commonwealth to offer the first two years of undergraduate study.

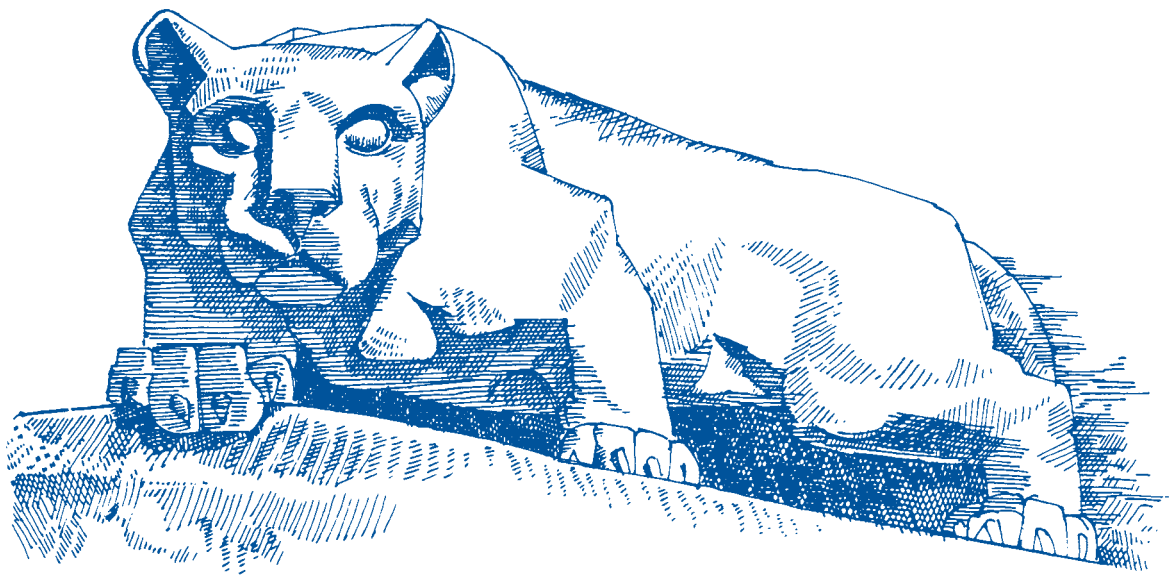
Penn State Hazleton was established in 1934 with thirty-five freshmen taking classes in the former Markle Bank Building. The campus was moved to its current location, the former estate of the Eckley B. Markle family, in 1948. Today, it encompasses some 125 acres, employs more than 180 faculty and staff, and serves more than 800 students in day and evening classes.

Penn State Hazleton offers the first two years of most of the University's 275 baccalaureate degree programs which can be completed by transitioning to University Park or another Penn State campus where the degree program is offered. Students may also choose to complete a degree at Penn State Hazleton. Bachelor's degree programs are available in Business (with options in accounting, marketing/management or individualized), Corporate Communication, Criminal Justice, Engineering with a concentration in Alternative Energy and Power Generation, Health Policy and Administration, Information Sciences and Technology; Letters, Arts, and Sciences; Psychology, and Rehabilitation and Human Services. Students also have the option of completing an associate degree in Business Administration, Information Sciences and Technology; Letters, Arts, and Sciences; Medical Laboratory Technology, or Physical Therapist Assistant.

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