

Commencement

FALL SEMESTER 2020



PENN STATE HAZLETON

December 19, 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!



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Dear students, families, and friends,

Welcome to the Penn State Hazleton 2020 commencement celebration ceremony! We are honored to celebrate the accomplishments of the men and women who are graduating today.

First of all, congratulations to our graduates! Your hard work and determination have helped you achieve this significant milestone in your life during a difficult time. We are proud of what you have accomplished and the academic and personal growth we have witnessed in you. Your degree from Penn State will be a great advantage to you as you begin your career and throughout your life. You join a legacy of Penn State alumni and are always welcome to return to Penn State Hazleton for a visit.

To the families of our graduates, thank you for your encouragement and support of our students during their time at Penn State and into the rest of their lives. That support is essential for their success. While this is certainly a milestone for them, marking this new beginning is a milestone for you as well. I know you are even more proud of them than we are.

To our friends of the campus, thank you for joining us today and for your continued support of our mission of teaching, research, and service that has been the hallmark of Penn State University since its founding. We are glad you were able to visit our campus today and celebrate our graduates, albeit virtually!

On behalf of all of us at Penn State Hazleton, thank you for the investments you have made in the lives of these new Penn State alumni. We eagerly anticipate hearing about their achievements and how they are making the lives of others better.

Best wishes,

Dr. Gary M. Lawler
Chancellor

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

Darron Hayes Jr., 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

COMMENCEMENT MESSAGE

Wanda Bryant Hope '87
Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer, Johnson & Johnson

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Nicholas P. Jones, B.E., M.S., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President and Provost of the University

AUTHORIZATION TO CONFER DEGREES

David C. Han, B.S., M.S., M.D.
Member, Board of Trustees

RECOGNITION OF MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT

Provost Jones

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

CLOSING REMARKS

President Barron

PENN STATE ALMA MATER

Penn State Blue Band
The Singing Lions

Associate Degree Candidates

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

University College

Business Administration

Nicholas Michael Longazel

Physical Therapist Assistant

Jordan Alguire

Nicole Elizabeth Address

Esmeralda Castro

Breonna Lynn Catherman

Jossel Concepcion

Devin Conlon

Lauren Anna Creveling

Erin Dull

Ryan Patrick Glacken

Emma Kate Glezen

Madeline Rebecca Heim

Emily E. Howell

Nicholas Samuel Hreha

Bekah Keim

Kathleen Kenney

Hailey E. Kupusnick

Selina E. Malacari

Leatha Monkoski

Meghan Nicole Moyer

Torie L. Naradko

Felisha Rosa Nunez

Nicole Paranich

Cassandra Passamonte

Kaylee A. Rodgers

Josey Lee Rupert

Kelsie A. Salem

Vanessa Shedlock

Emma Beth Stinnett

Sarah Elizabeth Stock

Trevor Wilkinson

Emma N. Wyllie

Madison J. Young

Jessica Nichole Zimmerman

Baccalaureate Degree Candidates

BACHELOR OF ARTS

University College

Administration of Justice

Rachell Castro Zapata
Christopher C. Kurdziel
Esperanza Paredes

Psychology

Kirstie Moni

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

College of Engineering

Engineering

Alexander Orrson
Kevin Alexis Quinonez

University College

Administration of Justice

Philip J. McCoy
Shea M. Selgrade
Robert Allen Wright

Business

Ryan Karchner
Devon Keiper
Olivia Nicole Kokinda
Isabella Tatiana Scaramastro

Information Sciences and Technology

Yash S. Dube
Hunter Freil
Tanishq Mehta
Jacob E. Pryma
Shloka Ravindra Shinde

Psychology

Josephine Selekpoh

Rehabilitation and Human Services

Christine Turse
Aaron Wrobleski

Honors Group

This group is made up of those students who have completed the required number of credits at the University and who are in the top 12 percent of their graduating class in their college. The 12 percent is divided into 2 percent "SUMMA CUM LAUDE," 4 percent "MAGNA CUM LAUDE," and 6 percent "CUM LAUDE." This list was produced November 30, 2020, as an unofficial list of graduating students earning honors.

Summa Cum Laude

Alexander Orrson

Magna Cum Laude

Felisha Rosa Nunez
Nicole Paranch
Josey Lee Rupert

Cum Laude

Hailey E. Kupusnick
Meghan Nicole Moyer
Isabella Tatiana Scaramastro
Tanishq Mehta

Cords

An honor cord provides an outward sign that these particular students have excelled in the classroom or have served or are serving our nation with pride.

Academic honor cords recognize the top 12 percent of degree candidates in each college and at every campus. Students who are graduating Summa Cum Laude are wearing a blue and white cord, students who are graduating Magna Cum Laude are wearing a blue cord, and students who are graduating Cum Laude are wearing a white cord.

Adult students excelling in the classroom while facing competing interests of home and work are recognized with membership into Alpha Sigma Lambda honor society. Members of Alpha Sigma Lambda are wearing a burgundy and gold cord.

Students who have honorably served, are serving, or are commissioned to serve in the U.S. military will be awarded an honor cord in recognition of their duty and sacrifice. The red, white and blue cords will be given to eligible graduating students in the following groups: active duty, reserve and National Guard service members; veterans; and graduates receiving a commission through Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and official U.S. Armed Forces recruiting programs.

Our graduates awarded an honor cord in recognition of their duty and sacrifice:

Felisha Rosa Nunez
Isabella Tatiana Scaramastro

Dear Graduates:

If you have question about your name, degree or distinction, listed in this program, please reach out to Karen Beruck, student advocacy specialist, at kdb132@psu.edu. Congratulations on your achievements!

The information in this document was produced on November 10, 2020, as an unofficial list of students who indicated an intent to graduate fall semester 2020. Changes may have occurred after this production date and may not be reflected in the content.

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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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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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