Commencement

SPRING 2023

PENN STATE SCHUYLKILL

Saturday, May 6, 2023
10:00 a.m.
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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Rob Fenza serves as a Trustee of The Pennsylvania State University and as Chair of the Board of Trustees Committee on Finance, Business and Capital Planning. Fenza was elected to the Board of Trustees effective July 2015 representing Business and Industry. He earned a B.Ph. in Landscape Architecture and Real Estate in 1980 from Penn State and is a member of the University’s Society of Distinguished Alumni.

In March 2015, Fenza retired from his position as Chief Operating Officer of Liberty Property Trust, a $7 billion real estate investment trust that, at the time, owned 80.5 million square feet of office and industrial space in more than 21 markets throughout the United States and the United Kingdom. Along the way, Fenza helped turn Liberty into one of the country’s leading developers of high-performance, environmentally friendly, green office and industrial buildings.

In 2004, the University honored Fenza with an Alumni Fellow Award, and in 2012 Fenza was named Penn State’s Fundraising Volunteer of the Year.

Fenza has endowed scholarships in Penn State’s College of Arts and Architecture to help graduates and other low-income students pay for college expenses not supported by traditional scholarships. He also established the Fenza Gaynor Endowment for Cancer Research at Penn State Hershey Medical Center in honor of his father Matthew M. Fenza, and father-in-law Joseph Gaynor, who both died of cancer.

Fenza has four children: Michelle, Dylan ’11, Erica, and Jake. Fenza is a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association.
COMMENCEMENT
PROGRAM

PROCESSION
Trio from Pomp and Circumstance March No.1 by Edward Elgar
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
Michael Gallis, Ph.D.
Faculty Marshal

OPENING
Patrick M. Jones, Ph.D.
Chancellor

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
The Star Spangled Banner by John Stafford Smith
United States Marine Band

WELCOME

ADVISORY BOARD MESSAGE
Robert S. Carl, Jr.
First Vice President, Penn State Schuylkill Advisory Board

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Robert E. Fenza
Trustee, The Pennsylvania State University

STUDENT ADDRESS
Seth Jeffrey Hubler

RECOGNITION OF SCHOLASTIC DISTINCTION AND VETERANS
Darcy L. Medica, Ph.D.
Director of Academic Affairs

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

ALUMNI MESSAGE
Abigayle Kaiser
Alumni Relations and Stewardship Officer

CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS

ALMA MATER
For the Glory of Old State by Fred Lewis Patee
Penn State Glee Club

RECESSION
Trumpet Tune and Air by Henry Purcell
Philip Jones Brass Ensemble
DISTINCTION

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.”

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Associate in Science

- Maria G. Aguilera
- Colten Rebuck

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES
Associate in Science

- Zariah N. Boher
- Tiffany Bohner
- Nia Bronson
- Sara Alice Fowler
- Isabelle Joy Myers
- Juliana Akissi Ndjore
- Hannah Reichwein
- Taylor Skwait
- Timothy Tempest
- Nikiyah Juliana Alexis Williams
- Jonah Zias

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
Associate in Arts

- Katie Charowsky
- Estella S. Eberts
- Jaryd Reiner

RADIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
Associate in Science

- Marcus Ashfield
- Juliana Bowman
- Emily Brennan
- Sara Brennan
- Nikki Conville
- Emily Curry
- Kyana Fox
- Abigale Frankenfield
- Amaya Impriano
- Jaclynn Johnson
- Paige Konnick
- Julia Malinoski
- Shirley Massar
- Jillian Phillips
- Nathan Shirk
- Aiden Toomey
- Samantha Wildoner
- Kenneth Wolff

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

- Bethany Erin Haag
- Jacob Leininger
- Grace Catherine Muench

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

- Tiffany Bohner
- Garrett Andrew Boyle
- Madison Noelle Garland
- Kailee Marie Kaufman
- Caitlin Kimmel
- Evan Lecher
- Logan Margaret Maurer
- Samantha Nicole Palacz
- Rebekah Philyaw
- Kamryn Alyssa Schaeffer
- Taylor Skwait
- Rachel Wiest

CUM LAUDE

- Sophia Bates
- Katie Charowsky
- Haylee Rae Dyszel
- Caitlyn Elizabeth Goggin
- Zakkary Jonathan Hozella
- Dominique Hayleigh Hughes
- Isabelle Joy Myers
- Timothy Tempest

MILITARY HONORS

- Emily Maher
- Antonio Rivas
CANDIDATES FOR
BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
Bachelor of Science

Benjamin C. Connors
John Frederick Sheipe III

BIOLOGY
Bachelor of Science

Briana Butler
Aridayli Cespedes Beltre
Cierrah Ford
Caitlyn Elizabeth Goggin
Logan Margaret Maurer
Jeremy Zackary Morales
Madison Victoria Meyer
Grace Catherine Muench
Samantha Nicole Palacz
Dylan Reber
Kamryn Alyssa Schaeffer
Elizabeth Anne Stahl
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BUSINESS
Bachelor of Science

Desiree Ellison
Joshua T. Gantz
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Tyler J. Schell
Lindsay Anna Smulligan
Meghan Stokes
Connor Robert Verhagen
Cassandra Ward
Rachel Wiest

CORPORATE COMMUNICATION
Bachelor of Arts

Sophia Bates
Dominique Hayleigh Hughes
Jontae Martin

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Bachelor of Science

Aaron Beach
Garrett Andrew Boyle
Blaine Allen Brown
Kaylie Lynn Cicero
Ryan Christopher Culbert
Joshua Hudson
Evan Lecher
Jacob Leininger
Emily Maher
Kristina McConnell
Hayley Rayanne Richards
Jania Rollerson
Katelyn Marie Scifo
Cameron James Shappell
Matthew Smith
Ryan David Worrell

CYBERSECURITY ANALYTICS AND OPERATIONS
Bachelor of Science

Zakkary Jonathan Hozella

HEALTH POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION
Bachelor of Science

Haylee Rae Dyszel

INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY
Bachelor of Science

Christopher John Sinko

NURSING
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Madison Noelle Garland
Bonnie L. Korell
Nichole Schmidt

1 Graduated fall 2022
2 Set to graduate summer 2023

This list was produced on April 11, 2023, and is an unofficial list of graduating students and those earning honors.
CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

PROJECT AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
Bachelor of Science

Masen Matthew Robert Bellis
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PSYCHOLOGY
Bachelor of Arts

Kayla Stoeber
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PSYCHOLOGY
Bachelor of Science

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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 graduating Cum Laude earn white cords, students graduating Magna Cum Laude earn blue cords, and students graduating Summa Cum Laude earn blue and white cords.

Penn State Schuylkill Honors Program
Students who have completed the Penn State Schuylkill Honors Program earn gold cords.

Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society
Students who have met the standards of this adult honor society earn burgundy and gold cords.

Beta Beta Beta Honor Society
Students who have met the standards of this biological honor society earn green cords.

Chi Alpha Sigma College Athlete Honor Society
Students who have met the standards of this society earn yellow and black cords.

Gamma Beta Phi Honor and Service Society
Students who have met the standards of this national communication honor society earn red and white cords.

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
Students who have met the standards of this honor society earn blue and gold cords.

Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society
Students who have met the standards of this international nursing honor society earn purple and white cords.

Military and Veterans
Veterans, currently serving members of the Armed Forces, and R.O.T.C cadets earn red, white, and blue cords.
Established in 1934, Penn State Schuylkill was one of Penn State’s first Commonwealth campuses. For nearly 90 years, Penn State Schuylkill has remained committed to fulfilling its land-grant mission. In doing so, it provides access to affordable high-quality education, conducts and promotes research to improve people’s lives, and engages with our communities in order to make them better places to live.

Penn State Schuylkill serves 625 students and offers 10 baccalaureate degrees in such in-demand fields as healthcare, business, and technology. Penn State Schuylkill also offers four associate degrees and the first two years of undergraduate study in more than 275 majors that can be completed at University Park or other campuses.

In addition to academic programs, Penn State Schuylkill Co-Op connects students with the workforce from the first year of their undergraduate experience. Across the full four years of the undergraduate experience, students learn through integrating rigorous coursework with three full-time work experiences and relevant career development training. Regional employers benefit because co-op students are not just prepared for the workplace, they’ve been there. They graduate with a diploma and a résumé.

Penn State Schuylkill undergraduates also have the opportunity to collaborate with faculty members on original research. Students investigate important issues related to their academic interests across various disciplines, from humanities to business to STEM and more. These research experiences often lead students to present their work at regional and national conferences and publish papers in peer-reviewed academic journals.

Student-athletes participate in 13 sports across the PSUAC, USCAA, and NAIA conferences. New in 2023-2024, Penn State Schuylkill will add women’s lacrosse and men’s soccer and volleyball to the lineup.
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