

Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2025



PENN STATE WILKES-BARRE

May 10, 2025



To our guests



Welcome to Penn State Wilkes-Barre's Spring 2025 commencement exercises.

Commencement, the solemn but joyful culmination and recognition of the graduates' years of study, is an important occasion for the University, its faculty, staff, and students. All guests and participants are requested to avoid unnecessary conversation or moving about during the exercises.

Only authorized press and University photographers are permitted on the floor to take pictures once the exercises are in progress. You are welcome to take pictures from your seat, but please be mindful of those seated behind you.

When the processional party enters at the beginning of the ceremony, the audience rises. Please remain standing until all members of the platform party have taken their places on the platform and during the singing of the national anthem.

Applause is welcome during presentation of the individual candidates.

Following the singing of the alma mater, there is a recessional. The audience is requested to rise during this period.

Helpful information



Accommodations

Penn State encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Business Services at 570-675-9110.

Assisted Listening Devices

To request a device, please ask any campus employee to direct you to our IT staff.

Lost and Found

Lost items will be taken to the Police and Public Safety Office in Nittany Courts E-F (behind the Science Building).

Restrooms

Find restrooms on either side of the building hallway. Additional restrooms are located across the road in the Student Commons.

Policies for a Healthy Environment

The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco and e-cigarettes on campus is prohibited. Your admission to any facility is conditional upon compliance with the above. The University reserves the right to refuse admission to, or remove, any person who violates this prohibition.



Resources for new alumni

Penn State Alumni Association

The Penn State Alumni Association is the largest and most powerful alumni network in the world, and new graduates receive a complimentary one-year membership. As you enter the pride, you'll join the ranks of alumni who keep their connection to Penn State strong. We encourage you to stay connected and learn more about the 30+ benefits included with your membership.

To access a full list of benefits and to find your local Penn State Alumni Association chapter, visit alumni.psu.edu/newalumni.

Questions about getting involved in campus initiatives as a new alum? Contact Jackie Warnick-Piatt at jackiewp@psu.edu.

Career Services

The Struthers Family Career Services Center is here to support you with your career planning. More information is available at wilkesbarre.psu.edu/career-services.

Registrar's Office – Requesting Official Transcripts

Call 814-865-6357 for instructions on ordering transcripts or visit registrar.psu.edu.





Campus History



THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY was chartered in 1855. The Land Grant Act of 1862, signed by Abraham Lincoln, gave the University its early growth. In 1874, the name was changed to The Pennsylvania State College; and in 1953, changed to The Pennsylvania State University in formal recognition of what it had long since become: one of the leading universities in the nation.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre traces its history back to 1916, making it the oldest higher educational institution in the Wyoming Valley. It began in May of 1915, when two Penn State graduates, reacting to the needs of the local anthracite mining industry, proposed the development of a Penn State engineering center in Wilkes-Barre. "King Coal" reigned supreme at that time in the Wyoming Valley and engineers were needed to improve mining methods and worker safety. The response from local citizens and civic organizations was overwhelming, and on November 7, 1916, the Penn State Department of Engineering Extension began offering evening classes to 150 students in the former Coughlin High School. The new Penn State Department of Engineering Extension offered courses in Advanced Mathematics, Surveying, Reinforced Concrete and Mechanics.

By 1923, three-year certificate programs were added in Mechanical, Electrical, Civil and Mining Engineering. Later, three-year courses in Aeronautical and Textile Engineering and a two-year course in Air Conditioning were added.

During the years spanning World War II, the school, now known as The Pennsylvania State College Wilkes-Barre Technical School Center, offered tuition-free, government-sponsored courses to train women and older men to replace the younger men in industry who joined the war effort. The non-credit, college-level courses trained workers already in war production to take over more highly skilled jobs. Women took the courses to help in the production of war materials.

Until 1947, all of the courses were offered exclusively in the evening. However, due to the persistent requests of returning veterans who wanted to earn a degree more quickly, day courses were initiated.

The courses (Business Administration, Building Construction, Industrial Electricity, and Mechanical and Production Tool Design) were approved by the Veterans Administration under the "on-the-job training" provisions of the G.I. Bill of Rights. Much of the success of the school can be attributed to the flexibility of its offerings. Programs were added and removed as demand directed.

Each passing year brought more change and growth to the school. In 1949, the Engineers' Council for Professional Development

recognized the engineering courses taught at the institute with accreditation. Then, during the 1953-54 academic year, the two-year program leading to an associate degree in Engineering began. Thirty-nine students completed this program and were the first in the University to receive their associate degree in Engineering.

In 1957, the two-year Surveying Technology program was approved, the only one of its type in Pennsylvania. Today, Penn State Wilkes-Barre is the only location in the commonwealth offering a baccalaureate degree in Surveying Engineering.

In 1950, needing more space, the school moved its classes to the Guthrie Building in Wilkes-Barre. It remained there until the mid-1960s when Richard and Helen Robinson of Connecticut gave Hayfield House and the surrounding farm property in Lehman to Penn State University.

Hayfield House was built by coal baron John N. Conyngham and his wife, Bertha, in the early 1930s. At that time, the home was valued at approximately one million dollars. The Conynghams spent about four months each year at Hayfield Farm. They raised Highland cattle, Clydesdale horses, Chester White pigs, sheep and a variety of unusual animals, including buffalo and Sardinian donkeys. In addition to traditional vegetables and fruits, the farm also produced large amounts of hay and other feed.

The mansion was converted into administrative offices and classrooms. Most of the original furnishings are gone from Hayfield House, but visitors still can enjoy the magnificent architectural aspects of the building and the unique characteristics of each room. The former 19-car garage now houses the Student Commons and bookstore. A 15-acre wooded walkway displays a wide variety of trees and shrubs, some imported from Europe.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre provides a Big Ten education with all the advantages a small campus has to offer.

Students can choose the degree plan that's right for them, whether that's two years at home and two years at another campus to finish one of Penn State's 275+ degrees, or all four years at Penn State Wilkes-Barre. The campus offers seven bachelor's degree and four associate degree programs, including the only 4-year Surveying Engineering program in the commonwealth. Eighty-eight percent of students receive financial assistance, including scholarships. Students will find caring faculty, undergraduate research opportunities, and experienced advisers to prepare them for the career they want.





Chancellor's Congratulations

Dear Graduates:

It is an honor to be with you today to celebrate your achievements.

When you look into the crowd during today's commencement exercises, I hope you see a network of people who helped you on your path to your degree: your families, friends and supporters, as well as faculty and staff, peers, alumni and friends of Penn State Wilkes-Barre. I hope you also take a moment to look inward, acknowledging the hard work you put in to get where you are today. You should feel incredibly proud.

Today is about honoring your unique journey as a Penn Stater. Some of you have spent the past two or four years here. Some of you began your studies with us, then transitioned to another campus and came back today to walk with your fellow Penn Staters at commencement because Penn State Wilkes-Barre is home to you. Some of you have completed your master's degrees through World Campus. Others transferred here, joining a close-knit campus that welcomed you with open arms and encouraged you to pursue your diverse interests. No matter your story, no matter where you took your first class or where you finished your last, we celebrate you both as an individual and as an important part of this community. Today, you officially join over 750,000 Penn State living alumni worldwide—a vibrant and supportive group with whom you have the opportunity to make professional connections for life.

We hope you seize the many opportunities that life presents as you embark on your next steps to reach your career aspirations and personal goals. Continue to nurture the friendships and mentorships, both new and old, that have guided and enriched your educational experience, and remember to be the generous Penn Stater who reaches out to others and helps them on their journeys, too.

We are incredibly proud of you and look forward to seeing the way you positively impact the world as a steward of sustainability for future generations and a Penn Stater for life.



Dr. Lynda Goldstein
Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer
Penn State Wilkes-Barre



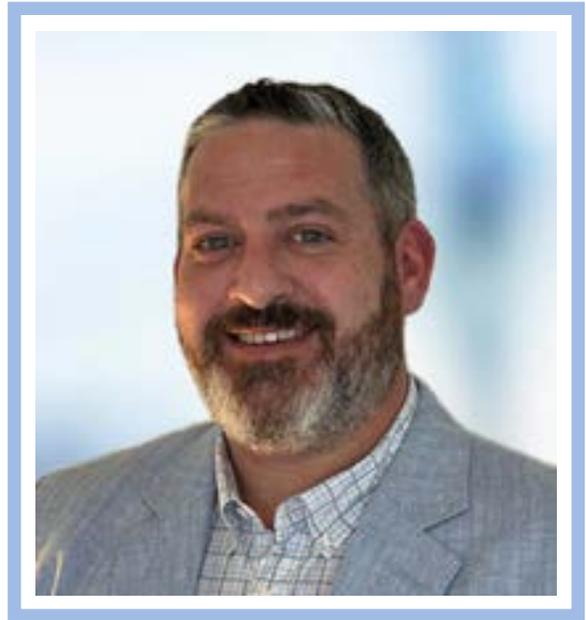


Commencement Speaker Joseph Boylan '12

Joseph Boylan, a business leader and Penn State Wilkes-Barre alumnus, works as portfolio director at Throughline, an enterprise design and strategy firm headquartered in Washington, D.C. In his role, he oversees the company's digital transformation and user experience portfolio, managing a team of employees across the United States.

The firm works with clients including the Department of Defense, the U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Carnival Corporation, Northrop Grumman Corporation and e.l.f. Beauty.

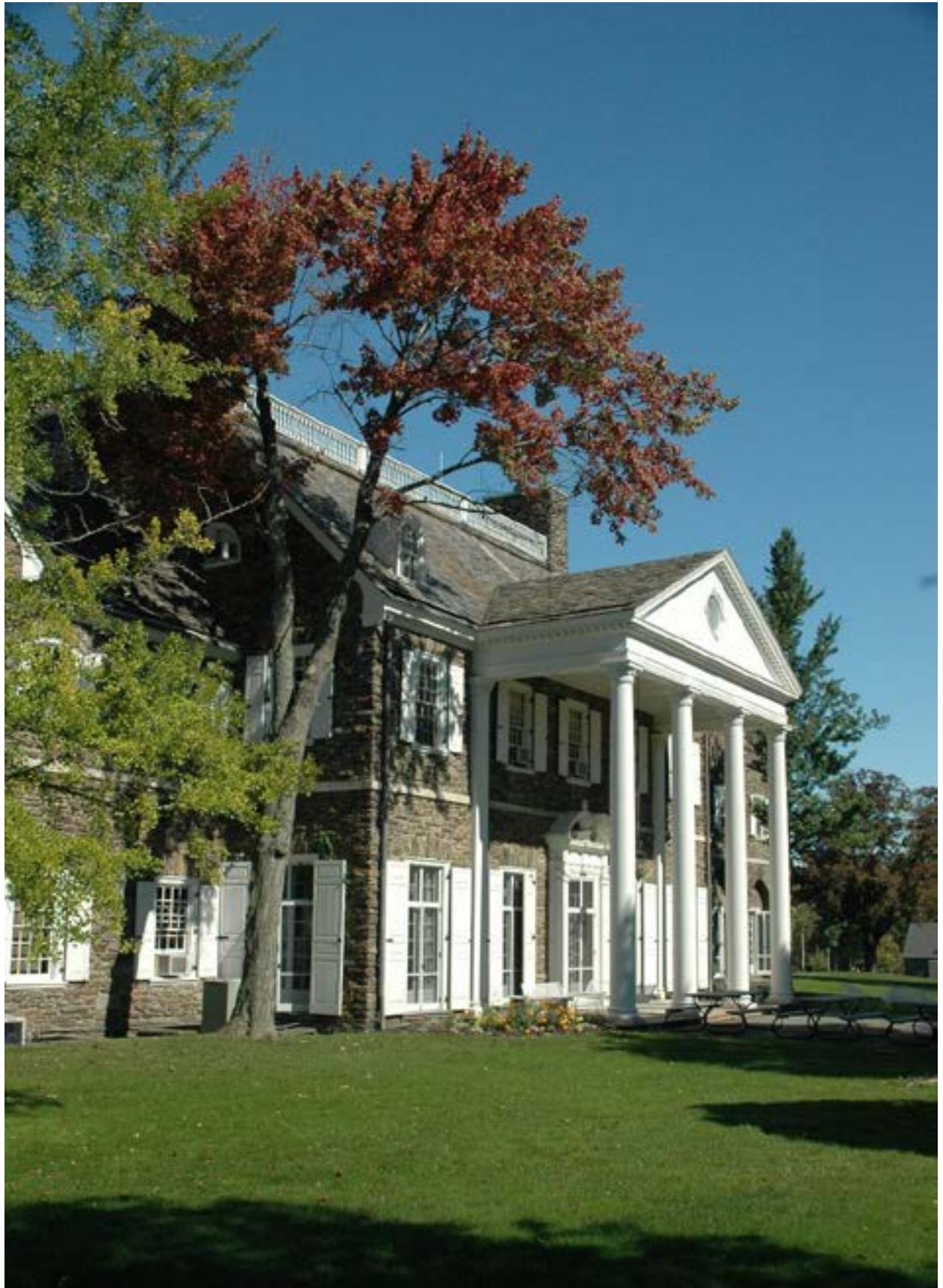
After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in business with a concentration in marketing and management, Boylan began his career as a research analyst. He then worked for Sen. John Yudichak, advancing to the role of district director. He was later appointed as vice president of economic development for the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, where he oversaw a restructuring that resulted in the elimination of \$15 million in debt and the addition of \$2 million in capital during a four-year timeframe. Boylan also worked as executive director of Wilkes-Barre Connect, a chamber program that focuses on attaining resources for entrepreneurs. He assisted in developing a partnership between Wilkes-Barre Connect and the Penn State Wilkes-Barre LaunchBox, one of the first entrepreneurial outreaches established as part of Invent Penn State, allowing both organizations to share resources and programming. He was recognized for his



“I’m honored for the opportunity to be this year’s commencement speaker. Penn State, especially the Wilkes-Barre campus, has meant so much to me. My Penn State education and network have given me so many opportunities. I wouldn’t be where I am today without Penn State.”

role with Invent Penn State during a dinner with then-President Eric Barron.

Boylan has continued his connection with Penn State Wilkes-Barre, serving as a member of the campus Advisory Board. He lives in Harveys Lake with his wife, Lindsay Griffin-Boylan, president and chief executive officer of the Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce. His daughter, Madeline, 20, is a second-year interior design and architecture student at Drexel University.



Commencement Ceremony

Order of Events

PROCESSIONAL

Please stand at your seat.

CALL TO ORDER

Salvatore Marsico, J.D.
Associate Professor, Engineering

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Jonathan Pineno
Lecturer, Music and Art

WELCOME

Jill Schwartz
Chair, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Advisory Board

HONORS AND AWARDS

Rebecca Sarver, Ph.D.
Chair, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Faculty Senate

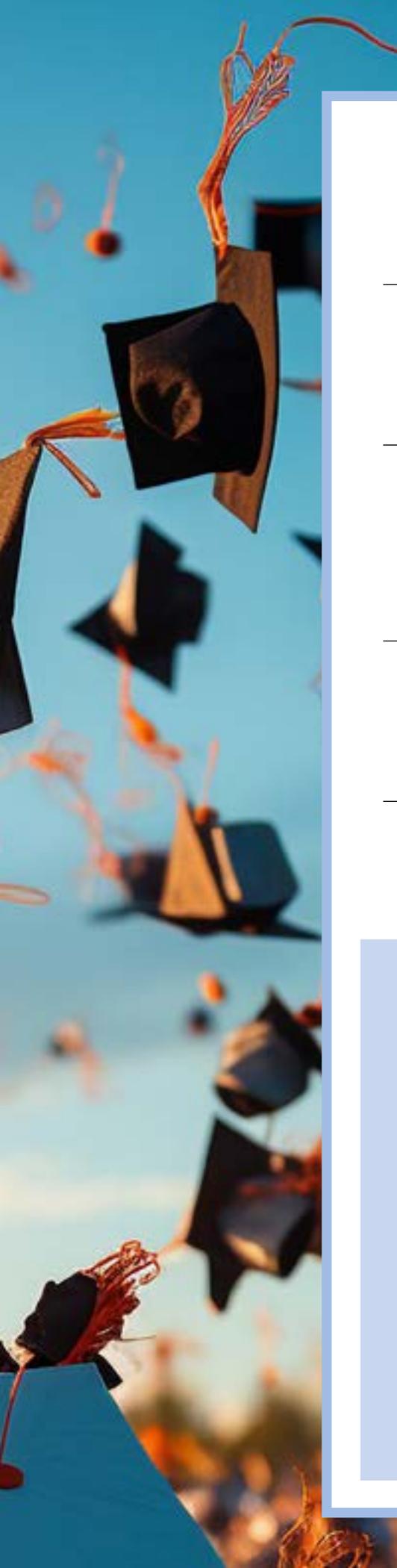
STUDENT MARSHAL ADDRESS

Junenoire Fonte '25
B.S., Information Technology

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Bailey Hayes '25
B.S., Criminal Justice





COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Joseph Boylan '12
Portfolio Director, Throughline, Inc.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Lynda Goldstein, Ph.D.
Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer

INDUCTION INTO PENN STATE WILKES-BARRE ALUMNI SOCIETY

Laura Hudak '01
Representative, Wyoming Valley Chapter of the PSAA

ALMA MATER

Jonathan Pineno
Lecturer, Music and Art

RECESSIONAL

Please remain standing at your seat.

COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

Salvatore Marsico, J.D.
Associate Professor of Engineering
Senior Faculty Marshal

Iris Ouellette, Lecturer, English
Faculty Marshal

STUDENT MARSHALS

Junenoire Fonte '25
B.S., Information Technology

Bailey Hayes '25
B.S., Criminal Justice

Degree requirements

The associate degree is conferred after the satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 credits in a two-year major. The baccalaureate degree is conferred after the satisfactory completion of a minimum of 120 credits in a four-year major. Program requirements for master's degrees vary; most require at least 30 credits at the 400-level or above, as well as a thesis, project, internship, or other culminating experience.

Note: This program lists the candidates for graduation as of May 1, 2025, subject to completion of all degree requirements and satisfaction of minimum criteria; distinction may be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements.

Academic dress

The traditional costume worn at commencement exercises is a record of the academic achievement of the participating individuals. Its use originated at English and European universities during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Medieval institutions of higher learning were customarily operated by monastic orders, and students as well as faculty wore the habit of monks.

The hood seems to have developed from those worn by the monks to protect their shaved heads in the winter and used as a container in which to collect alms. The mortarboard cap is a modification of the skull caps also worn by the monks of the Middle Ages.

The Gown

The level of degree is indicated by the gown's cut. Doctoral gowns have full sleeves that are round and open. Gowns worn by the masters have long, closed, somewhat fuller sleeves, with an arc near the bottom; the arm goes through a slit, giving the appearance of short sleeves. Baccalaureate gowns have long, pointed sleeves. Both the baccalaureate and master's gowns are untrimmed, but the doctoral gown is faced with velvet, either black or in a color to indicate the nature of the degree; three velvet bars adorn each sleeve. The gold tassel on the cap also signifies the doctorate.

The Hood

The most significant part of the academic dress is the hood; the longer the hood, the more advanced the degree. The border color indicates the academic field: arts, white; theology, scarlet; law, purple; medicine, green; music, pink; philosophy, dark blue; science, golden yellow; engineering, orange; economics, copper; public health, salmon pink; fine arts, brown; accountancy and commerce, drab; library science, lemon; and education, light blue. The colors of the lining inside the hood indicate the school that granted the degree; Penn State's colors are dark blue and white.

Academic Honor Cords

Led by the Office of Undergraduate Education, the academic honor cord initiative recognizes the top 12 percent of baccalaureate degree candidates in each college and at every campus, including associate degree recipients, which is the equivalent of approximately 1,900 students who annually graduate with academic honors. Students who have earned Cum Laude will receive a white cord; those who have earned Magna Cum Laude will receive a blue cord; and those who have attained Summa Cum Laude will receive a blue and white cord.

Military Honor Cords

Penn State recognizes those who have honorably served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces by awarding a red, white and blue honor cord in recognition of their duty and sacrifice:

- Jonathan Michael Kelly
- Brandon Joseph Maher
- John G. Richards
- Devan Wade

Student-Athlete Cords

Students who participated on a Penn State Wilkes-Barre athletic team have been awarded silver cords in recognition of their dedication in the classroom and in competition:

- Jedidiah Ashton
- Lucas Connor Carpenter
- Maria Teresa Luna
- Brandon Michael Richie
- Sha'Monie Noelle Rose
- Jonathan Tyler Stochla
- Richard Wooditch

Professional Society Cords

The College of Engineering recognizes those who have passed the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) FS Exam for Surveying Licensure by awarding a red and black cord for their achievement:

- Lucas Connor Carpenter

Associate degrees

College of Engineering

Surveying Engineering Technology (A.EngT.)

Program Coordinator: Dimitrios Bolkas, Ph.D.

- **Arthur Warren Busch**
- **Brad Getz**
- **Hunter Donovan Gmitter** (*magna cum laude*)
- **Anton James Koss** (*expected Summer 2025 graduate*)
- **Braidon Andrew Kostik** (*cum laude*)
- **William Andrew Sayre** (*expected Summer 2025 graduate*)
- **Kaleb Matthew Shultz**
- **Michael J. Tandarich**

University College

Business Administration (A.S.)

Program Representative: Theresa Clemente

- **Kieran Karlowicz**
- **Colby R. Zern** (*Fall 2024 graduate*)

Information Sciences and Technology (A.S.)

Program Co-Coordinator: Brian Reese

- **Tyler R. Irace** (*Fall 2024 graduate*)

Multidisciplinary Studies (A.A.)

Program Coordinator: Christyne Berzsenyi, Ph.D.

- **Cody James Belles**
- **Evan L. Serafin**
- **Paige Elizabeth Yastremski**

Baccalaureate degrees

Capital College

Civil Engineering (B.S.)

Program Representative: Dimitrios Bolkas, Ph.D.

- **Jacob Lambie** (*Fall 2024 graduate*)

College of Engineering

Electrical Engineering (B.S.)

Program Representative: Timothy Sichler

- **William Dakota Smith**

Electrical Engineering Technology (B.S.)

Program Coordinator: Timothy Sichler

- **Abram Carl Bennett** (*magna cum laude*)
- **Dante Brunori**
- **Zachary John Pokrinchak** (*Fall 2024 graduate*)
- **John G. Richards**
- **Matthew Urban**

Surveying Engineering (B.S.)

Program Coordinator: Dimitrios Bolkas, Ph.D.

- **Michael Anthony Bowman**
- **Lucas Connor Carpenter**
- **Nathan George Crotts**
- **Nathan Albert Kotch**
- **Thaddeus Sterling Mead**
- **Brandon Michael Richie**

College of Health and Human Development

Nutritional Sciences (B.S.)

Program Representative: Christyne Berzsenyi, Ph.D.

- **Paige Elizabeth David** (*cum laude*)

Intercollege

Business (B.S.)

Program Representative: Theresa Clemente

- **Sam Gomez**

University College

Business (B.S.)

Program Representative: Theresa Clemente

- **Matthew Barber** (*expected Summer 2025 graduate*)
- **Ethan Grzymski**
- **Timothy Lawrence Ladd**
- **Jillian Rose Liedel**
- **Maria Teresa Luna** (*cum laude*)
- **Molly Moran**
- **Jada Marie Vanderpool**
- **Charles Robert Wallace**

Corporate Communication (B.A.)

Program Coordinator: Natalya Vodopyanova, Ph.D.

- **Jedidiah Ashton**
- **Kaelee Morgan Comitz**
- **Jaymes Kenyatta Jackson** (*Fall 2024 graduate*)
- **Allen Samson Ozojie** (*expected Summer 2025 graduate*)
- **Sha'Monie Noelle Rose** (*expected Summer 2025 graduate*)
- **Devan Wade** (*expected Fall 2025 graduate*)

Criminal Justice (B.A.)

Program Coordinator: Rebecca Sarver, Ph.D.

- **Alessandra Maria Ayoub**

Criminal Justice (B.S.)

Program Coordinator: Rebecca Sarver, Ph.D.

- **Bailey Joliene Hayes** (*magna cum laude*)
- **Brandon Joseph Maher**
- **Madeline Major**
- **Dimitri Cameron Morales**

Information Technology (B.S.)

Program Co-coordinator: Brian Reese

- **Chase Duffy**
- **Junenoire Fonte** (*summa cum laude*)
- **Chloe Renee Gisewhite** (*expected Summer 2025 graduate*)
- **Yusef Munther Kamal**
- **Shawn Matthew Lamoreaux**
- **Garrett D. Porasky** (*magna cum laude*)
- **Christine Bridget Schneider**
- **Ryan Christopher Sorber** (*expected Summer 2025 graduate*)
- **Jonathan Tyler Stochla**
- **Richard Wooditch** (*Fall 2024 graduate*)
- **Andrew Collin Zimmerman** (*cum laude*) (*Fall 2024 graduate*)

Project and Supply Chain Management (B.S.)

Program Coordinator: Theresa Clemente

- **Matthew Mager** (*Fall 2024 graduate*)

Rehabilitation and Human Services (B.S.)

Program Coordinator: Melisa Littleton

- **Chelsea Elizabeth Bednarek**
- **Cassandra Marie Dierolf**
- **Jonathan Michael Kelly**
- **Isabella Marie Salvaggio** (*magna cum laude*)

Master's degrees

Bellisario College of Communications

Strategic Communications (M.P.S.)

- Jennifer Kasel *(Fall 2024 graduate)*

College of Education

Higher Education (M.Ed.)

- Alex Ellsworth *(Fall 2024 graduate)*

College of Information Sciences and Technology

Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations (M.P.S.)

with Graduate Certificate in Enterprise Information and Security Technology Architecture

- Ty Pace *(Fall 2024 graduate)*

College of the Liberal Arts

Criminal Justice Policy and Administration (M.P.S.)

- Mackenzie Elizabeth Jennings



2024–2025 Graduates



Jedidiah Ashton
B.A. in Corporate
Communication

*“Opportunity doesn’t
knock twice, but it
leaves doors open.”*

*(Photo courtesy of
Danielle Pilotta Photography)*



Alessandra Ayoub
B.A. in Criminal Justice



Matthew Barber
B.S. in Business



Chelsea Bednarek
B.S. in Rehabilitation and
Human Services

*“You’ve got to follow
that dream, wherever
that dream may lead.”
– Elvis Presley*



Cody Belles
A.A. in Multidisciplinary
Studies



Abram Bennett
B.S. in Electrical
Engineering Technology

2024–2025 Graduates



Michael Bowman
B.S. in Surveying
Engineering

"I absolutely loved how small the courses were [here]. It ensured you were able to ask questions and have great relationships with friends, faculty, and staff."



Dante Brunori
B.S. in Electrical
Engineering Technology

"The friends I've met on campus have helped me through college and let me have lots of fun as well."



Arthur Busch
A.EngT. in Surveying
Engineering Technology



Lucas Carpenter
B.S. in Surveying
Engineering

*"Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway."
– John Wayne*



Kaelee Comitz
B.A. in Corporate
Communication

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
– Eleanor Roosevelt*



Nathan Crotts
B.S. in Surveying
Engineering

*"Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value."
– Albert Einstein*

2024–2025 Graduates



Paige David

B.S. in Nutritional Sciences

*"Believe you can and
you're halfway there."
– Theodore Roosevelt*



Cassandra Dierolf

B.S. in Rehabilitation and
Human Services



Chase Duffy

B.S. in Information
Technology

*"You're braver than you believe,
stronger than you seem,
and smarter than you think."
– Winnie the Pooh*



Alex Ellsworth

M.Ed. in Higher Education



Junenoire Fonte

B.S. in Information
Technology

*"It does not matter how
slowly you go as long
as you do not stop."
– Confucius*



Brad Getz

A.EngT. in Surveying
Engineering Technology

2024–2025 Graduates



Chloe Gisewhite
B.S. in Information
Technology



Hunter Gmiter
A.EngT. in Surveying
Engineering Technology



Sam Gomez
B.S. in Business

*"Success is not final, failure
is not fatal: it is the courage
to continue that counts."*
– Winston Churchill



Ethan Grzyski
B.S. in Business

*"It doesn't matter
where you start, it
matters where you end."*



Bailey Hayes
B.S. in Criminal Justice

*"Education is not preparation
for life; education is life itself."*
– John Dewey



Tyler Irace
A.S. in Information
Sciences and Technology

2024–2025 Graduates



Jaymes Jackson
B.A. in Corporate
Communication



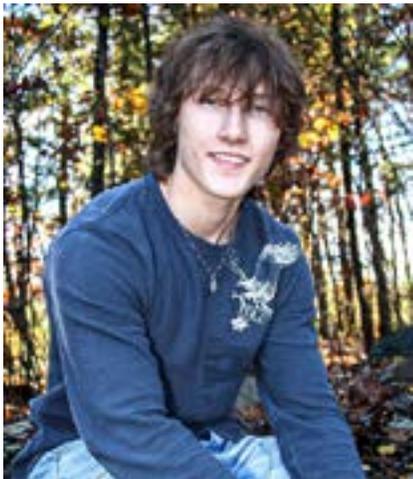
Mackenzie Jennings
M.P.S. in Criminal Justice
Policy and Administration

*"The most influential people
[during the time I spent
pursuing my degree] were
my family and the support
they provided me."*



Yusef Kamal
B.S. in Information
Technology

*"[My favorite class was]
IST 220. The hands-on...lab
environment allowed me to
understand networking and
security practically."*



Kieran Karlowicz
A.S. in Business
Administration

*"If more of us valued food and cheer
and song above hoarded gold,
it would be a merrier world."
– J.R.R. Tolkien*



Jennifer Kasel
M.P.S. in Strategic
Communications

*"Believe that a further shore
is reachable from here."
– Seamus Heaney*



Jonathan Kelly
B.S. in Rehabilitation and
Human Services

*"For our own success to be
real, it must contribute to
the success of others."
– Eleanor Roosevelt*

2024–2025 Graduates



Anton Koss

A.EngT. in Surveying
Engineering Technology

*"[My favorite part of being
a student here] was the
small class size."*



Braidon Kostik

A.EngT. in Surveying
Engineering Technology



Nathan Kotch

B.S. in Surveying
Engineering

*"Dr. Dimitrios Bolkas has
influenced me the most during
my time at Penn State and in
pursuit of my degree."*



Timothy Ladd

B.S. in Business

*"All of my marketing courses
with Terry Clemente [were my
favorite classes]. She
encouraged everyone to
think outside the box."*



Jacob Lambie

B.S. in Civil Engineering



Shawn Lamoreaux

B.S. in Information
Technology

*"Joyfully to the breeze
royal Odysseus spread his sail,
and with his rudder skillfully
he steered." – Homer*

2024–2025 Graduates



Jillian Liedel
B.S. in Business



Maria Luna
B.S. in Business



Matthew Mager
B.S. in Project and Supply
Chain Management



Brandon Maher
B.S. in Criminal Justice

*"This door may be closing, but
many more are opening."*



Madeline Major
B.S. in Criminal Justice

*"Trust your path.
Even the smallest spark
can light the way."*



Thaddeus Mead
B.S. in Surveying
Engineering

*"[My favorite part of being
a student was] making
connections with other
surveying students."*

2024–2025 Graduates



Dimitri Morales
B.S. in Criminal Justice

*"The lessons learned,
and the friends made
[were my favorite parts
of being a student here]."*



Molly Moran
B.S. in Business

*"May your hats fly as
high as your dreams."
– Michael Scott*



Allen Ozojie
B.A. in Corporate
Communication

*"My favorite part [of being a
student here] was the unity of
everyone on campus from the
faculty to the students."*



Ty Pace
M.P.S. in Cybersecurity
Analytics and Operations

*"Education is not filling a bucket,
but lighting a fire."
– William Butler Yeats*



Zachary Pokrinchak
B.S. in Electrical
Engineering Technology



Garrett Porasky
B.S. in Information
Technology

*"Breathe In,
Breathe Out,
Move On."
– Jimmy Buffett*

2024–2025 Graduates



John Richards
B.S. in Electrical
Engineering Technology



Brandon Richie
B.S. in Surveying Engineering

*"My favorite class was
Construction Surveying.
I enjoyed the practical
approach the class took to
teach us...tasks that we will use
in our profession one day."*



Sha'Monie Rose
B.A. in Corporate
Communication



Isabella Salvaggio
B.S. in Rehabilitation and
Human Services

*"My favorite aspect of
Penn State Wilkes-Barre is its
supportive environment and
opportunities to make a real
impact in the community."*



William Sayre
A.EngT. in Surveying
Engineering Technology

*"A man's heart plans his
course, but the LORD
determines his steps."
– Proverbs 16:9*



Christine Schneider
B.S. in Information
Technology

*"Be the change that you
wish to see in the world."
– Mahamata Gandhi*

2024–2025 Graduates



Evan Serafin

A.A. in Multidisciplinary
Studies



Kaleb Shultz

A.EngT. in Surveying
Engineering Technology

*"Give thanks in all
circumstances; for this
is God's will for you
in Christ Jesus."
– 1 Thessalonians 5:18*



William Smith

B.S. in Electrical
Engineering

*"To be, or not to be:
that is the question."
– William Shakespeare,
Hamlet*



Ryan Sorber

B.S. in Information
Technology

*"Everything around you...was
made up by people...no smarter
than you, and you can change
it, you can influence it, you can
build your own things that other
people can use." – Steve Jobs*



Jonathan Stochla

B.S. in Information
Technology



Michael Tandarich

A.EngT. in Surveying
Engineering Technology

2024–2025 Graduates



Matthew Urban
B.S. in Electrical
Engineering Technology

*"If it's stupid but it works,
then it isn't stupid."*



Jada Vanderpool
B.S. in Business

*"My favorite class I took would
have to be Finance 301! All of
us grew close as a class, and it
helped me choose my career in
accounting."*



Devan Wade
B.A. in Corporate
Communication



Charles Wallace
B.S. in Business



Richard Wooditch
B.S. in Information
Technology



Paige Yastremski
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