# Commencement

2025



### PENN STATE ABINGTON

May 9, 2025





### 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!

### To Our Graduates and Guests

### Ceremony Notes

We welcome you to the 2025 commencement exercises for the Abington College of The Pennsylvania State University, instituted July 1, 1997. Because of this distinction, the Abington College is permitted to award its own degrees as reflected in this program. Students from other colleges within Penn State may have elected to process at Abington College's commencement, but their diplomas reflect their colleges at University Park or other locations.

Commencement exercises at the various locations of the University were instituted in 1971 for candidates for the associate degree. Candidates for the baccalaureate degree have been able to receive their diplomas at commencement exercises at a location other than University Park since 1976.

As commencement is the solemn but joyful climax of the graduates' years of study, it is an important and meaningful occasion to the University, its students, faculty, and staff. In keeping with this feeling, guests and participants are requested to avoid unnecessary conversation or moving about during the exercises. Only authorized press and University photographers are permitted in the aisles to take pictures while the exercises are in progress. Family and friends of the graduates may take photos during the ceremony but are asked to do so from their seats.

This program is correct as of the May 2, 2025, publication date. If you have a question about a name, degree, or distinction listed, please contact the Office of Strategic Communications and Community Engagement at pfd101@psu.edu.

### About Penn State Abington

The Abington College of the Pennsylvania State University was formerly the site of The Ogontz School and Junior College. In 1950, when the historic girls' school had concluded its 100th academic year, the grounds, original buildings, and library were given to The Pennsylvania State University by the late Abby A. Sutherland, owner and principal.

The new Ogontz Center of Penn State opened in September 1950 with 225 students. An equal number of students continued at the previously established Swarthmore Center, which was discontinued in 1951. In order to better reflect its position in the community, Penn State Ogontz was renamed Penn State Abington-Ogontz in 1995.

Beginning July 1, 1997, upon completion of its forty-sixth academic year, the Abington-Ogontz campus became Penn State Abington College. As a degree-granting college, it continues its commitment to the land-grant concept of providing practical and liberal education in response to the needs of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Penn State Abington currently enrolls 2,899 students in credit courses, principally from Philadelphia, Montgomery, and Bucks counties, who are served by 150 full-time and 124 part-time faculty members. Both baccalaureate and associate degree programs can be completed through the Abington College.

### About Penn State University

Chartered in 1855 as the Farmers' High School, Penn State opened in 1859 with a faculty of four teaching sixty-nine students, eleven of whom graduated in 1861. In 1862, Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Land-Grant Act, offering each state free public land for a college where "the leading objectives shall be to teach... agriculture and the mechanic arts in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes....." Renamed the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania, in 1863 Penn State was designated Pennsylvania's land-grant institution by the Legislature of the Commonwealth. From that beginning, Penn State has grown to be a distinguished university of 87,995 students with a full-time faculty of 6,173 at twenty-four locations and online.

Growth was rapid after the Civil War. In 1871, the first women were admitted. In 1874, the name was changed to the Pennsylvania State College. Curricula were added, the college was reorganized into schools, and new buildings were erected. In 1953, Penn State's name was changed to The Pennsylvania State University in formal recognition of what it long since had become – one of the leading universities of the nation.

As the land-grant institution of Pennsylvania, Penn State has developed a complex of statewide facilities and services to fulfill its mandate to provide education for the citizens of the Commonwealth "at times and places convenient to them." The extensive development of the statewide system of Penn State locations has enabled the University to offer a wide range of needed services – not only to the young, but also to a growing number of adults seeking continuing education.

Major research projects are conducted in each of the academic colleges of the University and its intercollege research institutes, centers, and laboratories. Research and development expenditures totaled \$1.337 billion in 2023-2025.

The University has conferred more than 1 million degrees since its founding. Of the living alumni, 402,876 live and work in Pennsylvania. The Penn State Alumni Association – a powerful network of 173,027 members – is the largest dues-paying alumni association in the world.

### Program

**Academic Processional** 

Please rise, if you are able

Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

National Anthem

Please remain standing,

if you are able

Members of the Penn State Abington Choir The Star Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

Welcome Elisa Dosti AM

Valedictorian

Madelyn Hrouda <sup>™</sup> Valedictorian

**Opening Remarks** Gary Liguori, Ph.D.

Chancellor

Commencement Address ShaVon Savage B.S., M.S.Ed., J.D.

Assistant Superintendent, Cheltenham School District

Penn State Abington Class of 2000

Welcome to the

**Special Recognition** 

Penn State Alumni Association

Leilani Fox, B.A. ('04 Corporate Communication)
President, Penn State Abington Alumni Society Board

Schreyer Scholars

Matthew A. Fury, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Interim Vice Chancellor

Conferring of Degrees Dr. Liguori

Associate and Baccalaureate Degrees

Dr. Fury

Presentation of the Ross

Brinkert Lion Heart Award AM

Gabriella Gindoff

Valedictorian

Closing Remarks Gabriella Gindoff AM

Valedictorian
Leah Davis PM
Student Marshal

Dr. Liguori

Alma Mater

Members of the Penn State Abington Choir

Please rise, if you are able

Recessional

Trumpet Voluntary, Henry Purcell

Please rise and remain standing,

if you are able

There are two commencement ceremonies today. Events occurring only during the morning are designated with a superscript "AM," and those occurring only during the afternoon are designated with a superscript "PM." All other events will take place at both ceremonies.

### Academic Processional

**Abington College Marshal** Glenn Sterner, B.S., M.A., Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Chair, Abington College Faculty Senate

**Student Marshals** Madeline Fordham AM

Anastasia Volyanyuk AM

Leah Davis PM

**Faculty Marshals** Friederike Baer, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Professor of History

Division Head for Arts and Humanities

Michael J. Bernstein, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Professor of Psychology

Interim Division Head for Social Sciences, Business and Education

Judith Ozment, B.S., Ph.D. Associate Professor of Chemistry

Interim Division Head for Science and Engineering

### Candidates for Associate Degrees

## Associate in Arts ABINGTON COLLEGE

Elli Bell Jake Fagan Jordan Kolb Courtney Strickland

## Associate in Science ABINGTON COLLEGE

Robert Hughes

### Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

## Bachelor of Arts ABINGTON COLLEGE

Oladameji Amudipe Oshelynn Cabrera Johanna Diehl Hailey Gamble Mohammed Bakki Callie Chambers Justin Duretz Giselle Garbaccio Madison Balter Thomas Eisenmann Colin Geer Rickey Cheng Quenton Bell Martin Cioppi Jake Fallers Grant Gill Brooke Blocker David Coll Jasmine Ferreira Andrew Gimpel

Alexa Boss Janasia Hansome Conover Madeline Fordham Emily Glauser

Kenisha Browne Alabama Curran Kayla Foster Diego Carreno-Gomez

Lyndsay Buck Leah Davis Christopher Furey Sofia Granados

Subject to completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements.

## Bachelor of Arts (continued) ABINGTON COLLEGE (CONTINUED)

Kevine Green	Guy Shimoni-Livny	Sarah Pickard	Owen Thorndike
Tiffany Griffith	Ciera Martin	Emilly Rachmat	Emily Ungaro
Nadeen Halayqah	Ryan Maurer	Aidan Ramos	Allana Laissa Vanin
Danae Jackson	Jordan McDonald	Bailey Reid	Kayla Vo
Emma Jamison	Mekhi McLendon	Lamar Robinson	Joseph Widdop
Michelle Jaramillo	Ariana Misko	Neena Rosenwald	Rachel Wilfrid
Francis Joyce	Max Myasoyedov	Erika Schofield	Kevin Wilkinson
Jasmine Kho	Christopher Paone	Mis Sumi	Yoniemai Williams
Cody Knight	Sophia Paxson	Tehniyat Sylvester	Zhaoyang Zhu
Thomas LaCroix	Victor Perez	Anthony Tadeo	

### CAPITAL COLLEGE

Alicia Pendergrass

### **COLLEGE OF THE LIBERAL ARTS**

Sandra Alias Jonathan Lewis

## Bachelor of Science ABINGTON COLLEGE

Nasirah Abdullah	Michael Burns	Nicholas Degliomini	Joshua Ferrell
Alina Adany	Hailey Callison	Yongkang Deng	Adam Fetouaki
Eljo Agolli	Mariam Camara	Alayna DeNight	Tylor Flebbe
Haider Ali	Nevaeh Cannon	Isabella DePorre	Yiu Fong
Zakria Ahmed-Aly	Nhi Cao	Ruthflandre Desprez	Roman Garbovskyy
Kathleen Amato	Christian Cardenas	Evan Dippre	Jeffery Gaskin
Mohammed Ammouni	Lucas Carneiro	Jovan Djordjich	Colin Joy George
Brenden Anapolsky	Karla Castellanos	Sean Doherty	Rima Ghalioun
Abdallah Ayyash	Zihao Chen	Victoria Donaldson	Ci'erah Gibson
Kamran Azeez	Samin Chowdhury	Alina Dorzhinova	Angela Gileek
Yiwalo Arsene Bado	Jeffrey Christensen	Elisa Dosti	Gabriella Gindoff
Briana Barge	Adam Christopher	Ryan Doyle	Peterly Gondre
Zelia Beauchemin	Martin Cioppi	Michele Dranich	Haila Gonzalez
Alison Beka	Andrew Coale	Brett Duffey	Nadia Gonzalez
Justin Benton	Jonae Isom Cole	Thierry Duperval	Garrett Gromlich
McCardlige Bertin	Eva Colucci	Richard Eisele	Paulina Guzik
Julia Booz	Shawn Conley	Tyler Eroh	Faith Hardee
Agustin Bravo	Darren Craig	Nathan Evans	Jade Hardgrove
James Breeden	Michael Crowley	Maggie Fallon	Olivia Hause
Joseph Brown	Gavin D'Amico	Sabrina Fanelli	Zoe Harpel
Johanna Carrer Bueno	Jasmine Davis	John Feenan	Matthew Henry

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## Bachelor of Science (continued) ABINGTON COLLEGE (CONTINUED)

Sheila Hernandez Hermude Manasse Jay Patel Alondra Rico-Suarez Isabella Herrmann Haley Mancini Khushal Patel Crystal Suin Kamronbek Mardonov Navid Hoque Mitbhai Patel Ashley Sullivan Tamara Estrada-Martinez Madelyn Hrouda Nikhil Patel Lilly Taing Fernanda Martins Yu Huang Sahil Patel Mehmet Takmakli Coralee Hull Joshua Martoccio Michelle Patino Anika Tasnim Priya Mathiy Olivia Humphries Grace Petersen Lisa Thomas Jordan Mayer Alexis Hunter Savanah Petroff Paul Henry-Thomas Jeanette Maysonet Madelyn Plenskofski Robert Eury III Brianna Thompson Antonio Impagliazzo Aaron McCann Arielle Podoksik Owen Thorndike Patrick McCann Cindy Jaquez Angel Polanco **Rose Torres** Karlie McCloskey Akhil Jobi Matthew Pote Selim Tozge Tyler McCluskey Tracee Jones Gabrielle Raivitch Tony Trinh Madison McDowell Jamal Renwrick Jr. Rinosh Rajan Shawn Trush Nathan McGill Juliet Tulik Jamie Burkhart Jr. Kiersten Rauch Justin McGowan Jeffrey Macknik Jr. Alexis Rav Simona Turbovsky Caeli McGuire Shaaker Ullah Joseph Little Jr. Renesha Riley Eyanat Miah Joseph McCuen Jr. Aida Rodriguez Shelly Umansky Zachary Michael Wayne Williams Jr. Angelina Scott-Rodriguez Daksh Upadhyay Lars Midthassel Sarim Kazmi Madeline Romano William Rose V Syed Muhammad Shabbar Valentino Mikael Keiran Ryan Sylvia Vallejo Abbas Kazmi Mikayla Mitchell Mahir Sadique Nicholaus Varallo Daniel Keller Anthony Moleski Shaima Saleh Janai Vaughan Dae Won Kim Lanyah Moody Peyton Salonick Madeline Viall Abeli Koguashvili Daniel Mosebrook Tea Voka Nailea Sanchez Sarah Kozarez Devon Moser Sakshi Sandhir Darya Volchik Katherine Kyriakodis Michal Murawski Anastasia Volyanyuk Jiovani Santiago Steven Le David Murphy Keenan Walker Dimple Sanwal Martin Lee Ryan Murray Danielle Walton Benell Saygarn Jack Lenox Ian Nemeth Sylvia Scott Lena Wang Taylor Liu Christian Niles Haneen Shamaa Corina Werner Briana Lloyd **Brittany Noel** Sameer Sharma Natalie Wernly Aislinn Lopez Yohanse Nurga Nicholas Wever Merab Shavqulidze Orest Luzeckyj Jordan O'Leary Makiah Willis Murad Shaw Owen Lynch Jaimie Onwulata **Gregory Shiner** William Wilson Gabrielle Lyons Sofia Ortiz Devis Xhaferi Nazia Siddiga Brandon Machalany Demetrius Palmer Adam Yaknour Nishaanth Simha Melanie Maldonado Krish Parikh Gretchen Yanss Gianna Simone Neitzell Maldonado Pranay Parmar Allison Slater Ibrahim Yassin Kelsey Malone Diana Pasichnyk Maria Sousa Busolami Olayinka-Yusuf Jessica Mambula Aum Patel Alexis Stewart Alina Zvarych

Subject to completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements.

Dhavalkumar Patel

#### **BEHREND COLLEGE**

Theodore Boehm Tara Garcia Dhruvika Patel

### **CAPITAL COLLEGE**

Hammad Ahmad Laura Fogarty

### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Rhiannon Budnick	Jeanine Hammad	Margaret O'Shea	Lucy Stewart
Cayla Burkhart	Ryann Kiley	Megan Rahn	Thomas Watkins
Leigha Daniels	Drew Liss	Olivia Sebold	Makayla Wittman

Samantha Egan Zachary Mulkiewicz Brendan Shaver Molly Fuhrmeister Mackenzie Murphy Bethany Smith

#### **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

Brayden Bell Kolby Miller Eric Rosenberg Isaiah Wilson

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Kyle Holm Erik Rominiecki Mitchell Whalen

### **COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Sarah Weaver

### **COLLEGE OF INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY**

Ammarah Kapadia

#### **COLLEGE OF THE LIBERAL ARTS**

Alyssa Hurly Michael Anthony Iacono

### **INTERCOLLEGE**

Nicole Silcox

### **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

Kain Johnson Puja Patel

### Special Recognition

### 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." A student's distinction level is determined on the final cumulative grade point average in the semester in which the degree is conferred. 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.

#### **SUMMA CUM LAUDE**

Elisa Dosti	Gabriella Esther Gindoff	Joshua Martoccio	Allana Laissa Bernardes
Justin Andrew Duretz	Madelyn Hrouda	Ryan S. Maurer	Vanin
Sabrina Rose Fanelli	Jeffrey Albert Macknik Jr.	Bailey Lin Reid	Rachel K. Wilfrid

#### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Kathleen Faye Amato Julia Ann Booz	Leah Davis Evan Paul Dippre	Jordan Marie Kolb Orest Luzeckyj	Sylvia Verónica Vallejo Cartes
James Allen Breeden	Ryan William Doyle	Gabrielle Elizabeth Lyons	Darya Volchik
Rickey Cheng	Olivia Elizabeth Hause	Aaron Thomas McCann	Anastasia Volyanyuk
Martin Cioppi	Olivia Lindsay Humphries	Aum Patel	

#### **CUM LAUDE**

Lyndsay Suzanne Buck	Maggie Mae Fallon	Cindy Jaquez	Emilly Rachmat
Jamie W. Burkhart Jr.	Joshua Michael Ferrell	Katherine T. Kyriakodis	Maria Beatriz Sousa
Nhi Uyen Cao	Madeline Merrick Fordham	Thomas Edwin LaCroix	Shelly Leona Umansky
Johanna Carrer Bueno	Colin Patrick Geer	Taylor Liu	Emily Brooke Ungaro
Andrew France Coale	Tiffany Lynn Griffith	Jaimie Onwulata	Danielle Alexandra Walton
Brett Nicholas Duffey	Emma Faithe Jamison	Michelle Patino	

### Schreyer Scholars

Schreyer Scholars are graduates of the Schreyer Honors College, which is widely recognized as one of the foremost undergraduate honors programs in the United States. They must complete a culminating thesis, and those who graduate with this honor receive the Scholars Medal.

Kathleen Amato	"Youth Forestry Camp #3 and the Re-arrest Rated of Adjudicated Youths in Philadelphia County" Faculty Supervisor: Cynthia Armijo, Assistant Teaching Professor of Criminal Justice
Leah Davis	"Where is the 'I' in Identity? Racial and Body Size Representation in Life Simulator Video Games" Faculty Supervisor: Diane Rosenbaum, Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology
Madeline Fordham	"Gender Differences Regarding the Perception and Interpretation of Color" Faculty Supervisor: Julie Liebman, Assistant Teaching Professor of Psychological

and Social Sciences

### Schreyer Scholars (continued)

Hailey Gamble "Explaining Future Sex Offending Through Childhood Sexual Abuse"

Faculty Supervisor: Kevin Hsu, Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology

Emma Jamison "Policing the Third Space: Effects of Capitalism on Juvenile Offending"

Faculty Supervisor: Susan Robinson, Lecturer in Criminal Justice

Jaimie Onwulata "Substance Use Disorder within Minority Populations: Exploring The Role of Identity in

Treatment and Experience"

Faculty Supervisor: Glenn Sterner, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice

Shelly Leona Umansky "Leisure Goers' Risk Perceptions and Knowledge of Vector Borne Disease"

Faculty Supervisor: Les Murray, Associate Professor of Biology

Allana Vanin "Lost in Translation: Analyzing Translation Bias in Literature"

Faculty Supervisor: Liliana Naydan, Associate Professor of English and American Studies

Darya Volchik "Social Media and Mental Well-Being"

Faculty Supervisor: Vivian Hsu, Teaching Professor of Psychological and Social Sciences

### **Faculty Award Winners**

Recipients of the Faculty Recognition Awards are selected each year by the Abington Faculty Senate Awards Committee from nominations submitted by students, faculty, and staff.

Outstanding Teaching Award,

Tenure-Line Faculty

Judy Newman, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Studies and Bioethics Recognizes a tenure-line faculty member for excellent and effective teaching.

Outstanding Teaching Award,

Full-Time Faculty (FT1)

John Pachence, M.F.A.

Associate Teaching Professor of Integrative Arts

Recognizes a faculty member with an appointment as an instructor or lecturer

for excellent and effective teaching.

Award for Scholarly and Creative Accomplishments

Glenn Sterner, B.S., M.A., Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice

Recognizes a full-time faculty member who has had significant scholarly or

creative accomplishments in the past three years.

Award for Outstanding Faculty

Christine Krewson, B.ChE., Ph.D.

Advising and Mentoring Associate Teaching Professor of Chemistry

Recognizes a full-time faculty member for superior and effective advising,

mentoring, and support of students.

Award for Distinguished Faculty Service

Thomas Stone, M.B.A., D.B.A.

Teaching Professor of Business

Recognizes a full-time faculty member for distinguished service to the Penn State Abington community. This service is above and beyond the job description and represents a significant and sustained contribution to the welfare of the College.

### Faculty Award Winners (continued)

**Special Recognition Award** Stefani Abreu, B.S., B.A., M.S.

Instructor of Kinesiology

Recognizes a part-time faculty member for an outstanding contribution to

Penn State Abington.

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