

PENNSSTATE



Brandywine

Commencement

Spring 2008

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

by
Francis Scott Key

*Oh! 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.
Oh! 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!*

***SPRING 2008
COMMENCEMENT***

***Saturday, May 17, 2008
10:00 a.m.***

***Commons/Athletic Center Gymnasium
Penn State Brandywine
Media, Pennsylvania***

Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees

Spring 2008 Commencement

PROGRAM

Academic Processional

The audience is asked to stand during the Processional.

National Anthem

The audience is asked to join in the singing.

Welcome Sophia T. Wisniewska, B.A., M.A., Ph. D.
*Chancellor
Penn State Brandywine*

Address L. J. "Bud" Rowell Jr., B.S.
*Trustee Emeritus, Penn State Board of Trustees
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Authorization to Confer Degrees Scott Nissenbaum, B.S.
*Vice-President
Campus Advisory Board*

Conferring of Degrees Sophia T. Wisniewska

Introduction of Graduates Paul deGatigno, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.
*Director of Academic Affairs
Penn State Brandywine*

Greetings from the Alumni Association Shawn Manderson, B.S.
*President
Penn State Brandywine Constituent Society*

Alma Mater

The audience is asked to join in the singing.

Recessional

*The audience is asked to remain seated
until the Recessional is completed.*

A reception in honor of the graduates and their guests will follow the ceremony.

CAMPUS MARSHAL

Stephen Cimbala, Distinguished Professor, Political Science

MARSHALS FOR THE GRADUATING CLASSES

Richard Barrett, Senior Instructor in Business
Mark S. Baylor, Administrative Director, Business
Suellen Butler, Instructor in Sociology
Phyllis B. Cole, Professor, English and American Studies
Elizabeth A. Dudkin, Associate Professor, Biology
Cynthia Lightfoot, Professor, Human Development and Family Studies
James McGlinchey, Assistant Professor, Information Sciences and Technology
Djuradj Stakic, Professor, Human Development and Family Studies
Nancy Wyatt, Associate Professor, Communication Arts and Sciences

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*CANDIDATES
for the
ASSOCIATE DEGREE*

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Associate in Science

Business Administration

Robert Thomas Cohen, Philadelphia
Steve R. Romeu, Royersford
Allison Patricia Zampino, Havertown ♦

Human Development and Family Studies

Catherine Rose Mina, Media



♦ With Distinction

CANDIDATES
for the
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Bachelor of Arts

Journalism

Michelle C. Roche, Springfield

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science

Civil Engineering

Curtis M. Venditti, Drexel Hill

Engineering Science

Nghia Dai Nguyen, Malvern

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Bachelor of Science

Human Development and Family Studies

Jillian Reilly, Secane

CANDIDATES
for the
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

COLLEGE OF THE LIBERAL ARTS

Bachelor of Science

International Politics

Arman Avedisian, Newtown Square

EBERLY COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Bachelor of Science

Biology

Christina Janet Conboy, Broomall

SMEAL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Science

Marketing

Gregory Stephen Hetland, Media

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Bachelor of Science

Information Sciences and Technology

Traycen G. Herman, Philadelphia

Paul M. Hurych, Brookhaven ♦♦

Jonathan Raymond Love, Oxford

Christopher Joseph Malarick, Drexel Hill

Floyd E. Palomino, Ardmore

Michael Joseph Topolski, Lincoln University

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Craig M. Zeleznick, Brookhaven

Devin Thomas Zuczek, Landenberg

♦♦ With High Distinction

CANDIDATES
for the
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts

American Studies

Michael Edward D'Amicantonio, Wayne
Kevin Michael Egan, Coatesville
Isabelle Gauthier, Media ◆◆◆
Andrew Thomas Murphy, West Chester

Bachelor of Arts

Communication Arts and Sciences

Deborah Ann Greenhalgh, Newtown Square

Bachelor of Arts

Communications

Melissa Denise Alston, Philadelphia
Trevor Ron Artingstall, Wallingford
Amy Elizabeth Bork, Media
Jaclyn Marie Damato, Chester Springs
Laura Elizabeth Del Grande, Downingtown
Juliann E. Dickerhoff, Coatesville
Christina Marie Dilodovico, Media
Mary Kate Dougherty, Broomall
James Robert Edwards, Newtown Square
Samantha Frances Evans, Wayne
Sandra Lynn Fritz, Glen Mills
Andrea Marie Gafford, Aston
Kimberly A. Hickey, Drexel Hill
Alison Rose Hunt, Drexel Hill
Michael Joseph Hunt, Milmont Park ◆
David Saul Kotch, Media
Cleanthes Papadopoulos, Media
Manal Khadouj Zerkani, Upper Darby

◆◆◆ With Highest Distinction
◆ With Distinction

CANDIDATES
for the
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts

Letters, Arts, and Sciences

Lauren Michelle Brookes, Philadelphia
Christopher John Cimbala, Drexel Hill
Kenneth J. Gary, Alpharetta, GA
Jared S. Pardue, West Chester
Ryan Keith Smith, Sharon Hill

Bachelor of Science

Elementary Education in Multicultural Settings

Natalie Campanile, Essington
Geoffrey Andrew Hutton, Springfield ◆◆
Maria Iannarelli, Broomall ◆◆
Monicarae Marie Ippolito, Prospect Park
Dana M. Johnson, Broomall
Sean David Nichols, Norwood
Megan Elizabeth Peterkin, Aston
Megan Ann Russo, Lansdowne
Stephen C. Schorza, Havertown ◆◆
Nikitta Shavon Taylor, Philadelphia
Cara Brooke Zibelman, Drexel Hill

CANDIDATES
for the
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Bachelor of Science

Human Development and Family Studies

Sarah Jeanne Collinelli, Wynnewood
Shelley Marion Cooper, Upper Darby
Lisa Marie Coppolino, Philadelphia
Kelly Lynn Cunningham, Havertown
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Amanda M. Pearl, Boothwyn
Fortune Ablah Quashigah, Upper Darby ♦♦
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Danielle Rae Ventura, Prospect Park

♦♦ With High Distinction

CANDIDATES
for the
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Bachelor of Science

Business

John Carlo Cavaliere, Newtown Square ♦♦
Benjamin T. Chandlee, Sharon Hill
Julie Dawn Draksler, Armagh ♦
Andrew James Farrell, West Chester
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Edward Francis Gallagher, Springfield
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Matthew David Kotsch, West Chester
Ralph Robert Lanciano, Aldan
Stephanie A. McHenry, Glen Mills
Tarah Catlin McKenzie, Ridley Park
Lauren Ashley Medinger, Downingtown
Trung Thanh Nguyen, Philadelphia
Ardi Nouri, Wayne
Hien Trung Pham, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Christine Helen Ryan, Secane
James B. Stilwell, Glenolden
William J. Thompson, Clifton Heights
Michael A. Tremonte, Philadelphia
Christina R. Warren, Philadelphia
Michael Joseph Yost, Newtown Square

♦♦ With High Distinction
♦ With Distinction

COMMENCEMENT NOTES

The faculty, staff, and advisory board of the campus offer hearty congratulations and best wishes to all the men and women of the Spring 2008 graduating class and their families.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE MAJORS — The two-year associate degree majors provide concentrated instructional programs to prepare graduates for specialized assignments in business and industry, and give students a basic two-year education.

Penn State Brandywine offers Business Administration; Human Development and Family Studies; and Letters, Arts, and Sciences associate degree majors.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE MAJORS — Penn State Brandywine offers baccalaureate programs in American Studies; Business; Communication Arts and Sciences; Communications; Elementary Education in Multicultural Settings; English; Human Development and Family Studies; Information Sciences and Technology; Letters, Arts, and Sciences; and Organizational Leadership.

THE MACE — The Mace, which symbolizes the campus Chancellor's authority, is carried at the head of the academic procession. It was carved from a fallen apple tree on the campus in 1971 by a student, Russell C. Janey, of Newtown Square. The Mace was presented to the Brandywine campus on June 15, 1971.

GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION

The top 12 percent of the degree candidates from any college is eligible to graduate with distinction if they have achieved at least a grade point average of 3.50 and have completed the required number of credits at Penn State. The 12 percent is divided into 2 percent "With Highest Distinction" (◆◆◆), 4 percent "With High Distinction" (◆◆), and 6 percent "With Distinction" (◆).

ACADEMIC DRESS

Academic dress had its beginning in the Middle Ages, when the English universities were taking form in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The use of academic costume in the United States has been continuous since colonial times. A uniform system was not widespread, however, until about 1895 when the well-defined code of the Intercollegiate Commission was adopted by nearly all institutions of higher learning.

Gowns worn by those in the procession vary according to the degree held. Although the gown is more frequently black for academic degrees, certain universities have authorized the use of colored gowns. This year, Penn State graduates are wearing blue gowns. The academic gown has pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree, short or regular sleeves for the master's degree, and round full sleeves for the doctor's degree. There are no trimmings on the bachelor's and master's gowns, but the doctor's gown is faced in front with black velvet and has three bars of the same material across the sleeves; in some cases, the color of this velvet relates to the field in which the degree is granted.

The hood, which is the most distinctive feature of the American code, varies in length according to the type of degree held and is lined with the official colors of the institution conferring the degree. The velvet border, or edging of the hood, indicates the character of the degree it represents: blue – philosophy; light blue – education; brown – the fine arts; blue violet – architecture; copper – economics; drab – business administration; golden yellow – science; green – medicine; sage green – physical education; orange – engineering; pink – music; russet – forestry; white – arts, letters, humanities.

The cap is usually square and is the same for all degrees. The standard tassel is black, but the doctor's cap may have a gold tassel. The standard cap is the mortarboard, usually the color of the gown.

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