

Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2020



PENN STATE DUBOIS

May 9, 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!

SPRING 2020 COMMENCEMENT

National Anthem

Amina Faye '20, 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

Remarks and Introductions

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

Authorization to Confer Degrees

Mark H. Dambly, B.S.
Chair, Board of Trustees

Recognition of Meritorious Achievement

Penn State Students

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

Penn State Alma Mater

Penn State Students
Penn State Blue Band

Penn State DuBois, Spring 2020

Commencement, the solemn but joyful climax and recognition of the graduates' years of study, is an important and meaningful occasion to the University, its faculty, staff, and students.

Academic Dress

Academic dress had its beginnings in the Middle Ages. When the English universities were taking form in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, the scholars were also clerics and adopted robes like those of their monastic orders. Caps were a necessity in the drafty buildings, and capes with hoods attached were needed for warmth. The hood was selected by these early scholars as the article to be made distinctive for the various degrees by its color, trimming, and binding.

As the universities gradually passed from the control of these ecclesiastics, costumes took on brighter hues, and even today the robes of Oxford and Cambridge remain among the most colorful of all. 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. 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, or, in some cases, the color of this velvet relates to the field in which the degree is granted.

Hoods are not usually worn by recipients of the bachelor's degree. 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 degree it represents: blue—philosophy; light blue—education; brown—fine arts, 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. Undergraduates wear the tassel on the right side of the cap until the moment the degree is conferred by the chancellor.

About our Chancellor

Dr. M. Scott McBride



M. Scott McBride was named chancellor and chief academic officer at Penn State DuBois in March of 2017. Since his arrival at Penn State he has joined with campus and community stakeholders to ensure that *the campus is fulfilling its land grant mission by educating Pennsylvania's citizenry, solving universal problems, and fueling economic sustainability through innovation and entrepreneurship.*

Prior to joining the Penn State family, McBride was the dean of the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Sciences at Morehead State University (Kentucky), where he led the 2,000-student college for nine years. Before his appointment as dean, McBride served as professor of music and led Morehead State's distinguished music programs. He began his administrative career in 1994 when he was appointed chair of the music department at the University of West Georgia. As an academic administrator, McBride led curricular reforms, developed new programs, and advanced initiatives to improve student success. His efforts contributed to improved recruitment, retention and graduation rates; increased involvement in undergraduate research and service learning; cross-unit diversity programs and interdisciplinary collaborations; and advancement of the use of technology in teaching and learning.

Dr. McBride began his career in 1978 teaching instrumental music in the public schools of Northeast Ohio. His career in higher education began in 1984 as a collegiate band director at California State University Fresno (Fresno State), and in 1991, he was appointed director of bands at Jacksonville State University in Alabama. As an accomplished musician, McBride has recorded, performed and directed productions in numerous venues across the country and abroad and served as a conductor for university and community bands and orchestras. As a trombonist, he performed with a host of professional ensembles, including orchestras, jazz ensembles, wind bands, and chamber ensembles. His original musicological research and his published orchestrations established his international standing. He is published in a variety of professional journals and has made hundreds of appearances and presentations at state, regional, national meetings and music festivals. In all, his professional work has taken him to 39 states, the District of Columbia, three Canadian provinces, Brazil, Finland, the People's Republic of China, and the United Kingdom.

Over the years he has served a variety of professional, academic, and community organizations. Notably, he served as an elected member to the boards of directors for the National Association of Schools of Music and California Music Educators Association. He is currently active locally in the City of DuBois Rotary Club and is on the North Central Workforce Development Board and the board of the DuBois Downtown Revitalization Group.

McBride earned the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Music Education from the University of Oklahoma. He holds the Master of Music in Performance and Bachelor of Music in Music Education degrees from Kent State University.

About our Student Marshals

Baccalaureate Award Winner – Katelyn Long



Katelyn Long is from Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania, graduating from the Human Development and Family Studies program.

In her three years at Penn State DuBois she was a member of Certified Peer Educators, the Human Development and Family Studies Club, Lion Ambassadors, the Student Government Association, Delta Mu Sigma, and New Student Orientation. Additionally, Katelyn served as a 2019 THON Dancer, the THON 2018-2019 Co-Chair, the THON 2019-2020 Primary Chair at the DuBois campus, and is a recent winner of the HDFS Academic Excellence Award and the Terry Harman Community Service Award. Following graduation, Katelyn will begin graduate studies in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Edinboro University.

Katelyn says that the most special part of the DuBois campus is the sense of community and family and the continued support and love from peers, faculty, and staff.

Associate Award Winner – Elijah DePaulis



Eli DePaulis is a 20-year-old student from York Springs, Pennsylvania. He is graduating this May from the Wildlife Technology Program and has reenrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Forest Ecosystem Management program at University Park.

While at Penn State DuBois, he was a volunteer at the bird banding station, an active member of the Penn State DuBois National Wild Turkey Federation Chapter, a tutor at the Center for Undergraduate Excellence (CUE), and recent winner of the Agricultural Alumni Outstanding Student Award.

Elijah has been working alongside faculty and classmates to remove invasive plants from the Penn State DuBois wetland and renovate the coverboard array used for snake surveys. His favorite memory as a Penn State DuBois student was getting bitten by a star-nose mole while lifting a coverboard in the wetland.

Candidates for Degrees

University College Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Administration of Justice

Jesse Martin
Stephen Rutherford
Jeremy Sawey (Cum Laude)
Adrianna Terwilliger

Winburne, PA
DuBois, PA
Reynoldsville, PA
Brockway, PA

Degree of Bachelor of Science

Administration of Justice

Brandon Orsich
Jack Ulrich

Clearfield, PA
Woodland, PA

Business

Russell Gariepy
Emily Gmerek
Logan Johnson
Abigail Korchak
Luke Mazzaferro
Addeson McAninch
Emily O'Neill
Justin Orłowski*
Gregory Rawson*
Samantha Satterlee

Albion, PA
Woodland, PA
Centre Hall, PA
DuBois, PA
Reynoldsville, PA
DuBois, PA
Kersey, PA
Grove City, PA
DuBois, PA
Punxsutawney, PA

Human Development and Family Studies

Taylor Butler*
Meredith Carroll
Kadie Chamberlin
Nikol Chew (Summa Cum Laude)
Keeley Chiodo
Kenneth Larsen**
Katelyn Long (Summa Cum Laude)
Caitlyn Manduley
Thomas McMichael*
Mickayla Morris
Laura Ruane
Madison Rummel*
Aubree Snell

Grampian, PA
Brookville, PA
Kersey, PA
Clearfield, PA
Weedville, PA
Reynoldsville, PA
Reynoldsville, PA
DuBois, PA
Hermitage, PA
Grampian, PA
DuBois, PA
Brockway, PA
Reynoldsville, PA

**Indicates Summer Graduate*

***Indicates Veteran*

Information Sciences and Technology

Jacob Chileski (Summa Cum Laude)
Kameron Kemmer
Hannah Pletcher
Jess Polohonki (Magna Cum Laude)
Andrew Witherow

Saint Marys, PA
DuBois, PA
DuBois, PA
Falls Creek, PA
Reynoldsville, PA

College of Engineering Degree of Bachelor of Engineering

Engineering

Gregory Carroll
Kurt Diehl**
Linsea Paradis
Kyle Robertson (Magna Cum Laude)
Nicholas Tomblin

Sykesville, PA
DuBois, PA
Abington, PA
Summerville, PA
DuBois, PA

College of Health and Human Development Degree of Bachelor of Science

Kinesiology

Joshua Sorbera*

Clearfield, PA

HONORS

Preliminary honors are based on a student's cumulative GPA at the end the prior semester and vary by College. Official honors are granted once grades have been finalized.

***Summa Cum Laude (top 2%): blue and white cords.

**Magna Cum Laude (top 6%): blue cord.

*Cum Laude (top 12%): white cord.

Veterans: red, white, and blue cords.

**University College
Degree of Associate in Arts**

Letters, Arts and Sciences

Summer Stephenson (Cum Laude)
Morgan Stroka

Clearfield, PA
Reynoldsville, PA

Degree of Associate in Science

Human Development and Family Studies

Andrea Caylor
Khusniya Rakhmatullaeva
Kacie Raybuck

Punxsutawney, PA
DuBois, PA
Brockway, PA

Information Sciences and Technology

Theodore Conroy
Trevor Fleck
Mark Hanslovan (Cum Laude)
Carlos Jeremie
Brody Taylor

Ridgway, PA
Troutville, PA
Morrisdale, PA
DuBois, PA
Brookville, PA

**College of Agricultural Sciences
Degree of Associate in Science**

Wildlife Technology

Orion Alexis
Seth Bumbarger
Elijah DePaulis (Magna Cum Laude)
Brooke Harvey
Ian Hawthorn*
Charis Martell
Nicholas Michelone
Garrett Orcutt (Cum Laude)
Ryan Polinsky
Jeremy Weibley
Russell Wheeler

Kane, PA
Woodland, PA
York Springs, PA
Stillwater, PA
Summerville, PA
DuBois, PA
Williamsburg, PA
Rockton, PA
Blairsville, PA
Manchester, PA
Gardners, PA

**College of Engineering
Degree of Associate in in Engineering Technology**

Mechanical Engineering Technology

John Allen
David Czekai
Thad Harmon
Douglas Schatz
Alexis Vandervort

Corsica, PA
Penfield, PA
Reynoldsville PA
St. Marys, PA
Reynoldsville, PA

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Diplomas

Diplomas will be mailed to graduates at no cost,
four to six weeks after campuses have resumed normal operating hours.

A Brief History of Penn State and Penn State DuBois

The Pennsylvania State University was chartered in 1855. In 1863, the legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designated Penn State as its land-grant institution, “the faith of the State is hereby pledged to carry the same into effect.”

Penn State has developed, over the years, complex statewide facilities and services that make it possible for the University to fulfill its century-old mandate to provide education for the citizens of the Commonwealth “... at times and places convenient for them.”

A system of Commonwealth Campuses is the basic element in this complex. The extensive development of these campuses enabled the University to provide a wide range of crucial services—not only to the young people on whom the future growth of the state depends, but also to the adults who, in growing numbers, are seeking continuing education and training to maintain their competence and well-being in a rapidly changing society.

Penn State DuBois was established in 1935, originally labeled the DuBois Center of The Pennsylvania State College and was started in four rooms of the Old Hubert Street grade school building. The faculty was composed of one part-time and four full-time instructors. There were only 42 students for the first semester, and the library consisted of only 437 volumes, most of them borrowed from the faculty.

As enrollment figures grew to 101 students in 1937-38, an encouraging development was realized from the generosity of the School Board and the heirs of the late John E. DuBois, Sr., who presented the center with the DuBois Mansion and four acres of land for the use of the budding institution. The mace used in today's ceremony, symbolizing the chancellor's authority as the representative of the president of the University, is carried at the head of the academic procession. The DuBois campus mace was tooled by Robert Murphy from a variety of wood from the Mansion Building.

Extensive repairs and improvements to the campus property were being made by the Works Progress Administration when the center was transferred to the DuBois Mansion in February 1938. With these greatly enlarged facilities, the center increased its admissions to 150 students, a number which was then considered the capacity of the school.

The outbreak of World War II in Europe created new problems and new demands on the services of Penn State's undergraduate centers, and an “accelerated program” was started by adding a summer semester in 1942. An Educational Defense Training program was also instituted in the form of evening classes for adults.

The DuBois Educational Foundation was incorporated in May 1945 as a non-profit corporation after a group of civic-minded citizens from the tri-county area had banded together for the purpose of keeping the center operating. With Patrick Joseph Swift as president, the foundation realized the need for enlarged facilities at “The Center.” A successful fund drive was conducted to construct an additional wing on the Science Building in 1946, as well as a field house for student activities which was erected in 1948, mostly by staff labor.

When the DuBois Undergraduate Center reopened in 1946, the number of applicants soared to explosive proportions as a result of the war-time postponement of educational careers and the benefits of the G-I Bill. For the academic year of 1947-48, there were 390 students matriculated, 282 of whom were veterans.

Celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1955, Penn State officially became The Pennsylvania State University. Its extension centers in 1959 were designated as “Commonwealth Campuses” and the old “DUC” became known as the DuBois campus, honoring the family that donated this estate.

Today, with approximately 600 students, the DuBois campus offers 8 associate degrees, 5 complete baccalaureate programs, and the first 2 years of some 160 baccalaureate degrees that can be completed at University Park, elsewhere in the Penn State system, or at other colleges and universities. The campus has a bright future as it continues its mission of providing a quality education close to home for the greater DuBois area and the multi-county region it serves.



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