Commencement
SPRING SEMESTER 2020

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY
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!

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**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!
MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Congratulations! Earning your Penn State degree marks a wonderful milestone in your educational journey, and we join you and your loved ones in celebrating all that you’ve accomplished.

Commencement is a special occasion for the entire University community. It is a time for proud reflection on your success and hopeful enthusiasm for the opportunities that await. Most importantly, it is a joyous celebration to recognize all that you’ve achieved and the challenges you overcame to get to today.

The degree you have earned from the College of IST demonstrates that you are a versatile leader for the Information Age, one equipped with the technical knowledge and interpersonal skills that employers need. It also demonstrates your commitment to affecting positive change. You’ve worked hard to earn this distinction, and as every sector of industry requires the skills of an IST graduate, you’ll soon find you are well positioned for success in any number of careers.

As you take your next steps, remember to stay connected with your peers and the College of IST. Alumni play a critical role in IST’s present and future, and we hope your connection to our college continues to grow. No matter where you go, we know you’ll go far.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and alumni in the College of IST, congratulations, best wishes, and stay in touch!

Andrew Sears, dean
College of Information Sciences and Technology
PROGRAM

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

IN REMEMBRANCE
The College of IST recognizes the following students, who met the requirements for their degrees, but passed away before the ceremony and whose degrees are being conferred posthumously:

James Shilling, Information Sciences and Technology
Brennen Westover, Security and Risk Analysis

DISTINCTION
Distinction is conferred on graduates 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 (++)"
6 percent “Cum Laude (+)"

Additional distinctions noted in the program include:

Schreyer Scholar ($)
Student Marshal (¤)
ROTC (‡)
Degree Awarded Posthumously (*)

PLEASE NOTE
This program contains the list of candidates for graduation as of April 9, 2020. Students who indicated their intent to graduate after that production date are not listed.

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.

If you have questions about your name, degree, or distinction listed in this program, please reach out to IST Advising Services (las151@psu.edu).
STUDENT MARSHALS

Genesis DuBon

Representing the College of Information Sciences and Technology is student marshal Genesis DuBon. She is supported by faculty marshal Fred Fonseca, assistant professor of information sciences and technology.

Genesis is from Lower Macungie, Pennsylvania, and is the daughter of Wilmer and Esly DuBon. She is graduating summa cum laude with dual bachelor of science degrees in information sciences and technology and security and risk analysis.

She has won multiple awards during her time at Penn State, including The President’s Freshman Award, The President’s Sparks Award, and The Evan Pugh Scholar Senior Award. She also served as vice president for the Women in Politics Club and was a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society.

Genesis will begin her professional career as a Cyber Systems Engineer I at Raytheon Company in the Boston area.

Brett Sigoda

Representing Penn State’s Navy ROTC is student marshal Brett Sigoda. He is supported by Captain Wayne C. Wall.

Brett is from Mohrsville, Pennsylvania, and is the son of Steve and Jane Sigoda. He is graduating with a bachelor of science degree in information sciences and technology and a minor in military studies.

A Midshipman in the Navy ROTC, Brett has been recognized in the top 25% of his graduating class and received regular Dean’s List Honors. He has held multiple leadership positions throughout the PSU NROTC battalion. Brett also received the 2019 American Legion ROTC Award for Scholarship Excellence and the 2020 Vice President’s Award.

Following his graduation, Brett will attend Naval Air Station Pensacola to commence flight school. At the end of flight school, he will officially be a Naval Aviator.
Associate and Baccalaureate Degree Recipients

**Associate of Science**
*Information Sciences and Technology*
- Douglas Artze
- Thomas Bartee
- Elizabeth Brandon
- Christopher Clapper
- Stephen Giuliani
- Kevin Hanshaw
- Donald Harer II
- Kyle Holly
- Erica Jackson
- Hyunsik Na
- Matthew Shadow
- Nolan Spahr
- Christina Strohbehn
- John Teixeira
- Zachary Witt

**Bachelor of Science**
*Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations*
- Matthew Brenneman
- Matthew Byers
- Joonyoung Cha
- Parker Chambers
- Ryan Coe
- Evan Eastwood
- Alexis Fisher
- Brant Goings
- Samuel Gross
- Benjamin Herr
- Rachael Howing ++
- Sarah Hume ++
- Sean Kenwood
- Michael Klaassen ++
- Joseph Lombardi
- Mitchell Malinin
- Matthew Mineo
- Ryan Proctor ++
- Andrew Regan
- Zachary Sowa
- Lucas Stewart
- Rahul Walia
- Mark Wallace

**Bachelor of Science**
*Data Sciences*
- Isha Baxi
- Zachary Beisler +
- Hongzhe Chen
- Yifeng Chen
- Yuan Feng
- William Gault § +
- Peter Lehman
- Piyan Lu
- Zhengyang Luo
- Jiahua Ma
- Yuan Meng
- Yuefeng Niu +
- Akansh Ponnala
- Morgan Sterling
- Daniel Tsai
- Zachary Vliet
- Yao Xiao
- Zhixuan Yang +
- Zeshen You

**Bachelor of Science**
*Information Sciences and Technology*
- Eric Brockwell +
- Patrick Burbank
- Joshua Bustamante
- Leonard Cadet
- Emma Cancel
- Devin Cannon
- Seo Hyun Cha
- Brittany Chapin
- David Cheafsky
- Bolun Chen
- Xuqi Chen
- Ying-Chu Chen
- Sankeerth Reddy Chintala +++
- Christopher Chong
- Diana Chowdhury
- Ethan Chriswell
- Eric Ciccarelli
- Olivia Clark
- Joshua Constable
- Bryce Coppadge
- Bryan Costanzo
- Brendan Crabtree
- Daniel Craig
- David Cruz
- Stephen Dalo
- Mikayla DeBaker
- Angela DeMarco +
- Heather Desjardins ++
- Andrew Ding
- Jack Dipietro
- Micah Dittmar
- Emma Dodoo
- Genesis DuBon P +++
- Brendan Eck
- Jennifer Farnum
- Connor Fedalen
- Joseph Fleck
- Jeremy Fortunato
- Julia Frizzie
- Alexander Gaffney
- Kobi Galvis
- Isabella Gambone
- Allen Ge +
- Maria George +
- Brandon Giedroc
- Kasia Gipson +
- Christopher Giunta
- Calvary Gollwitzer ‡
- Aakarsh Goyal
- Aver Gross
- Parker Gross
- Samantha Grossman
- Shermann Guiang
- Joseph Han
- Julian Harrell
- Jalen Harris
- Grant Hart
- Jakob Hayes
- Eileen Hennessy
- Dylan Henry
- Ronald Herron III
- Lacey Hilderbrand
- Brandon Hillenbrand
- Calvin Ho
- Jessica Holmes
- Brian Howells
- Joshua Iovine
- Thomas Ireland
- Noah Johnson
- Dominique Jubilee
- Tevin Julien
- Yu Ching Kao
- Alexander Kim
- Yaeyoung Kim
- Eric Kinser
- Amber Kirk
- Lindsay Klaes
- Pennart Klawan
- Alexander Kochanov
- Austin Koman
- Andrew Kowalenko
- Dylan Kufeld
- Ashish Kumbhade
- Kristina Kvasny § ++
- Stone Lacey
- Harsh Lakhan
- Joey Lau
- Patrick Leahey
- Isaac Lee
- Derek Lehman +
- Kuan-Yu Liao
- Wesley Lo
- Austin Lonjin
- Thaddeous Loren
Bachelor of Science
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Planning for a new academic initiative in the information sciences was introduced in 1997, and the School of Information Sciences and Technology was approved by Penn State’s Board of Trustees soon after on September 11, 1998.

The school opened its doors at Penn State’s University Park campus on August 25, 1999, to 105 students and five full-time faculty members, who led 43 new courses. In total, 428 students enrolled in IST programs at 19 Penn State campuses across the state.

Today, the college is recognized as a leader in interdisciplinary education and research at the intersection of information, technology, and society.

The Creation of a Discipline
The school was created based on a need perceived by the University and advisers from government and industry to educate students in the emerging field of information sciences and technology. The goal was to extend beyond classic computer science, management information systems, and library science—programs that existed in various formats across higher education.

This new multidisciplinary approach would prepare students to meet challenges in the use of computers, networked systems, and other technologies for applications in fields such as business, health care, homeland security, finance, energy, environmental monitoring, and entertainment.

The school was charged with producing graduates who would have the technical knowledge of information technologies—such as computer programming, discrete mathematics, and database concepts—and an understanding of information system concepts. An emphasis was also placed on building strong communication skills and a collaborative, solutions-oriented approach. Ultimately, these graduates would understand how information technologies could be applied to real applications involving individuals, organizations, and national and global enterprises.

The Growth of a College
In 2000, IST offered its first online course and built a robust offering of online programs and courses in the following years. In the spring of 2003, IST awarded its first bachelor’s degrees to 300 graduates from across the state. That first group of alumni quickly formed the IST Alumni Society, ensuring that IST graduates would always remain connected to each other and to the school. Recognizing its impact on the University and leadership in the information school community, the school was renamed as the College of Information Sciences and Technology in 2006.

Since those early years, the college has stayed true to its founding mission while evolving to meet the rapidly changing needs of students and industry. Today, IST educates thousands of students in a variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs, both in residence and online. Faculty, graduate students, and visiting scholars conduct millions of dollars of externally funded research, collaborating across traditional disciplines to uncover new insights, trends, and experiences.

We Are!

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Congratulations on your graduation, and welcome to the Penn State Alumni Association — the largest and most powerful alumni network in the world.

New graduates receive a complimentary one-year membership in the Penn State Alumni Association. As you enter the pride, you’ll join the ranks of alumni who keep their connection to Penn State strong through membership. We encourage you to stay connected and learn more about the 30+ benefits that are included with your membership.

Membership materials, including your membership card, will be mailed to you after graduation. Benefits are available to you immediately upon receiving your membership card.

**Exclusive Member Benefits**

**CAREER AND EDUCATION**

- **Alumni Career Services:** Attend premium Alumni Career Service events for free or at a substantial discount.
- **Discounts on Kaplan Test Preparation Services**
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