**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!
COMMENCEMENT

SPRING SEMESTER

Saturday, May 9, 2020
Virtual Ceremony
2:00 p.m.
DEAR GRADUATES

Congratulations! Commencement marks a major milestone—a time to reflect, celebrate, and be proud of your many accomplishments, as well as look forward to a new beginning as a professional nurse.

At this time in health care, nurses are on the forefront, working to make a positive and lasting impact on the world’s health. Your academic achievement and the experiences that you have gained at Penn State provide you with the potential to ultimately influence the lives of many and shape the future direction of health care. Grasp the many opportunities that lie ahead; be courageous in your approach to life and believe in yourself. You have already changed lives with your dedication and commitment to excellence. You should be both honored and humbled to graduate in 2020, the Year of the Nurse.

As you begin the next part of your journey, you will be joining other Penn State Nursing alumni who provide expert care to clients and families, affect the health care delivery system through practice and research, and create policy that improves health care for all. Through our College alumni group you will remain forever connected. Be inspired and motivated to embrace the profession of nursing. A rewarding future of lifelong opportunities await you. We are so very proud that you chose Penn State. We know you will represent the best of Penn State Nursing.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and alumni in the College of Nursing, we commend you and wish you the very best.

Be well,

Laurie Badzek, LLM, JD, MS, RN, FNAP, FAAN
Dean and Professor, College of Nursing

Raymonde A. Brown, PhD, RN, CNE
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, College of Nursing
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
Darlene Clark, MS, RN, is an Assistant Teaching Professor and has taught at the College of Nursing since 1992. Clark earned a BSN (’88) and MSN (’92) from Penn State University. Clark received the Nightingale Nurse Educator of the Year Award for Pennsylvania in 2004, the Diversity Achievement Award from Health and Human Development in 2005, the Janet A. Williamson Excellence in Teaching Award from the College of Nursing in 2011, and the Barash Award for Human Service at Penn State in 2017. She served on Faculty Senate from 2007-2014, was a Distinguished Honors Faculty Mentor at Penn State from 2015-2017, currently chairs the College of Nursing’s Sustainability Council, functions as the faculty mentor for the Women’s Leadership Initiative in the College of Health and Human Development and the College of Nursing, and is the faculty liaison to the College of Nursing’s Education Abroad Program.

About the Nursing Program

Nursing offers worldwide opportunities for leadership in health care practice, research, and policy development. Nursing professionals are in demand in all areas of practice, including acute care, private practice, long-term care, and outpatient clinics. Penn State’s undergraduate Nursing program incorporates a strong foundation of natural sciences, humanities, communications, and social and behavioral sciences. The curriculum includes courses in acute and chronic care as well as specialty care such as geriatrics, pediatrics, and obstetrics. Students obtain clinical experience in a variety of health care facilities, including local and regional medical centers such as Mount Nittany Medical Center and Penn State Health, Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. The bachelor of science in nursing (B.S.N.) degree program is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Program Notes

The B.S.N. degree is conferred after the satisfactory completion of eight semesters of study.

MILITARY COMMISSION: Students who have satisfactorily completed the advanced course in military, naval, or air science may be granted commissions upon graduation. Military and air science graduates are commissioned as second lieutenants; naval science graduates may be commissioned as ensigns in the Navy or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps.

HONORS GROUP: This group represents those students who are graduating with distinction (honors). They are divided into: Summa Cum Laude (top 2 percent), Magna Cum Laude (top 4 percent), and Cum Laude (top 6 percent). This list was produced April 15 as an unofficial list of graduating students earning honors.

EVAN PUGH SCHOLARS: The Evan Pugh Scholars are students who were in the upper 0.5 percent of their respective classes at the end of the semester. All have been full-time students for at least four semesters prior to selection.

SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE: This is Penn State’s University-wide honors program for academically exceptional students. The goals of the college are to provide an environment in which students of high ability and motivation can achieve their academic potential and develop as responsible civic leaders and global citizens. The curriculum is designed to challenge students, enrich and broaden their general education, and deepen their preparation for graduate study or a profession. A Schreyer Scholar’s progress in her or his field of specialization is enhanced by special courses, independent study and research, graduate courses, honors option work in regular courses, and opportunities for informal discussion with faculty and prominent visitors to the campus. Honors degrees are awarded to those who successfully complete an honors thesis. Students graduating as Schreyer Scholars are noted with an asterisk (*).

Schreyer Scholars are wearing bronze medals on blue ribbons in recognition of their honors degree. The medals, designed by sculptor John A. Cook, professor emeritus in the College of Arts and Architecture, carry the inscription "intellectual curiosity • integrity of purpose • scholarly achievement."

College of Nursing Student Marshal

Maya Isabel Mosier, daughter of Bradley Mosier and Constance Smith of State College, Pa., was a 2016 graduate of the State College Area High School in State College, Pa. Mosier is graduating from Penn State with a 3.9 grade point average. Mosier is a member of the Beta Sigma chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She was the recipient of the Ross and Carol Nese Scholarship, Student Engagement Network Grant, Evan Pugh Scholar Junior Award, Zewan Trustee Scholarship in Nursing, the President Sparks Award, the President’s Freshman Award, the Friends of Penn state Trustee Scholarship, and the Marth W. Fleming Memorial Nursing Scholarship.

Mosier was active with the Student Nurses’ Association at Penn State (SNAPS) serving as fundraising chair in Hershey as well as the Women’s Leadership Initiative. Mosier participated in a public health outreach and education program in South Africa which contributed to her earning a global health minor. Following graduation, Mosier will join the OB/NICU program at UPMC Magee Women’s Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., were she will cycle through birthing centers, high-risk antepartum, mother/baby units, and the neonatal ICU. Mosier aspires to become a travel nurse and attend graduate school to become a women’s health nurse practitioner.

Mosier chose Darlene Clark, Assistant Teaching Professor, as her Faculty Marshal.
The College of Nursing

The college’s mission is to improve the health of all people in Pennsylvania, the nation, and the world by developing qualified nurse leaders at all levels of practice, developing nursing science related to health and health care, and providing nursing care to individuals, families, and communities. The college works to fulfill that mission through integrated programs of nursing education, research, scholarship, and outreach.

The Penn State Board of Trustees officially authorized the first undergraduate nursing program in 1964. That fall, twenty-two students were admitted to the program. Since then, the program has grown through the creation of a master’s degree program in 1973, the introduction of a Ph.D. program in the late 1990s, and the launch in 2014 of Penn State’s first online professional doctoral degree program, the doctor of nursing practice (D.N.P.), offered through Penn State World Campus. In 1989, the trustees approved the creation of the School of Nursing from what had previously been a department within several Penn State colleges. The school became an independent academic unit in 2008 and was granted college status in 2013, with an organizational structure consistent with other Penn State colleges.

The college’s research-intensive learning environment contributes to improving health care through nursing science. Interdisciplinary research with vulnerable populations is the hallmark of research conducted in the College of Nursing. A strong emphasis on gerontological research led to the creation of one of nine national John A. Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence at Penn State in 2007 to promote the education of high-quality geriatric nursing leaders.

Today, the college enrolls more than 2,000 undergraduate students (including B.S.N. and RN to B.S.N. students) and 200 graduate students. More than 100 faculty members teach at twelve campus locations and online via Penn State World Campus, where students can pursue a range of degree and certificate programs.

Student Awards

Kim Gedney Guzik Award
Stephanie McLaughlin

Year of the Nurse

The World Health Organization has designated 2020 as the Year of the Nurse. This designation has been made in recognition of the many critical roles nurses play in public health and patient care. Join us as we celebrate nurses, this year and every year!
Candidates For Bachelor of Science Degrees

This program contains the list of students who indicated their intent to graduate as of April 12, 2020. Students who indicated their intent to graduate after that date, or were approved to participate in commencement but have not completed all degree requirements, are not listed.

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.

Dear Graduates:

If you have a question about your name, degree or distinction listed in this program, please reach out to the Office of Undergraduate Education at lmh5@psu.edu.

Congratulations on your achievements!

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) Degree

Joseph Albert
Rachel Andrews
Melissa Baier
Elizabeth Bavuso
Alyssa Bayer
Julia Bayles
Nina Beech
Brittany Bellardino
Quinn Black
Isabelle Bleakney
Colleen Brent
Claire Brown
Meghan Brown
Jennifer Caggiano
Valerie Calhoun
Mia Campanella
Mia Cannata
Tajul Cauffman
Christina Chambliss
Alexis Chmiel
Patricia Cierniak
Isabel Clarkson
Molly Clifford
Aimee Cohan
Donna Conklin
Kirsten Crytzer +
Kelly Damiter
Jenna Davison
Andrea De Leon
Amy Degennaro
Megan Dennis
Cari Diehl
Natalia Distasio
Samantha Donnelly
Jill Downing
Dalton Drahus
Kelly Druby
Jacquelyn Eagleson
Margaret Ehalt
Isabel Elghanian
Amanda Enck *
Taylah Erdman
Eva Estlow
Sarah Fabrizio
Chelsea Feeney
Kelsey Fenimore
Alexis Fenstermacher -ld
Hannah Fisher
Blair Fitzgerald
Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Rylee Fluharty †
Connor Forjan
Leann Frederick
Madelyn Genre
Julie Gillet
Taylor Goldstein
Connor Green
Cameron Greif
Amanda Grieco
Jessica Grinderslev
Morgan Hagerman
Margaret Hansell *
Stephanie Harding
Danielle Heath
Ashley Hildebrand
Gwendolyn Hoffman
Olivia Hoffmann
Anna Hostert
Julie Hubley
Megan Hughes
Nicole Iacullo
Haley Iapicca
Elaine Jaffey
Sarah Jensen
Donielle Johnson
Gabriella Johnson
Muthoni Kairo
Amanda Kaloz
Michael Kapozta
Darien Kase
Mikaiya Kearney
Justin Kelemen
Kristin Kelly
Samantha Kelly
Monika Klimas
Nadejda Kodjo
Ava Kreismer
Paige Kusters
Caleb Lehman
Lauren Lenahan
Kristina Leo
Kiersten Lewis
Devon Loftus
Kate Lombardozzi
Megan Lucas
Kristen Magnan
Alexandra Marcel
Katherine Marshall
Krista Martin ++
Olivia Maseloff
Mikael Matthews
Haley Maturani
Hailey Maxwell †
Stephanie McLaughlin
Carlos Medina
Alexis Mellott
Madeline Mendoza
Allison Menzie
Amy Millhouse
Meghan Moon
Maya Mosier ++ (1)
Shawna Mumma †
Johanna Nasman
Bryana Navarrete
Kyle Nolan
We invite all new graduates to join the College of Nursing Alumni Society. One of the newest college alumni societies under the Penn State Alumni Association, the College of Nursing Alumni Society helps graduates stay connected with one another, the College of Nursing, and the Penn State community at large.

We engage alumni, students, faculty, and staff through various programs such as the Shirley Novosel Distinguished Nursing Alumni Award and Student Service Awards, the Mentoring Program, tailgates, Spring Alumni Weekend, and regional networking events.

You automatically become a member of the College of Nursing Alumni Society when you join the Penn State Alumni Association (first year is free) and select the College of Nursing as your affiliated college.

We look forward to having you join us!

alumni.psu.edu/newalumni

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