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!
SATURDAY, MAY 9

2020 COMMENCEMENT

LIVE STREAMED

@ 2:00 p.m.
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY was chartered in 1855. The Land Grant Act of 1862, signed by Abraham Lincoln, gave the University its early growth. In 1874, the name was changed to The Pennsylvania State College; and in 1953, changed to The Pennsylvania State University in formal recognition of what it had long since become: one of the leading universities of the nation.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre traces its history back to 1916, making it the oldest higher educational presence in the Wyoming Valley. In May of 1915, two Penn State graduates, reacting to the needs of the local anthracite mining industry, proposed the development of a Penn State engineering center in Wilkes-Barre. “King Coal” reigned supreme at that time in the Wyoming Valley and engineers were needed to improve mining methods and worker safety. The response from local citizens and civic organizations was overwhelming, and on November 7, 1916, the Penn State Department of Engineering Extension began offering evening classes for 150 students in what is now Coughlin High School. The new Penn State Department of Engineering Extension offered courses in advanced mathematics, surveying, reinforced concrete and mechanics.

By 1923, three-year certificate programs were added in mechanical, electrical, civil and mining engineering. Later, three-year courses in aeronautical and textile engineering and a two-year course in air-conditioning were added.

During the years spanning World War II, the school, now known as The Pennsylvania State College Wilkes-Barre Technical School Center, offered tuition-free, government sponsored courses to train women and older men to replace the younger men in industry who joined the war effort. The non-credit, college level courses trained workers already in war production to take over more highly skilled jobs. Women took the courses to help in the production of war materials.

Until 1947, all of the courses were offered exclusively in the evening. However, due to the persistent requests of returning veterans who wanted to earn a degree more quickly, four day-courses were initiated. The courses (business administration, building construction, industrial electricity, and mechanical and production tool design) were approved by the Veterans Administration under the “On-the-Job-Training” provisions of the G.I. Bill of Rights. Much of the success of the school can be attributed to the flexibility of its offerings. Programs were added and removed as demand directed.

Each passing year brought more change and growth to the school. In 1949, the Engineers’ Council for Professional Development recognized the engineering courses taught at the institute with accreditation. Then, during the 1953-54 academic year, the two-year program leading to an associate degree in engineering began. Thirty-nine students completed this program and were the first in the University to receive their associate degree in engineering. In 1957, the two-year Surveying Technology program was approved, the only one of its type in Pennsylvania. Today Penn State Wilkes-Barre is the only location in the commonwealth offering a baccalaureate degree in surveying.

In 1950, needing more space, the school moved its classes to the Guthrie Building in Wilkes-Barre. There it remained until the mid-60’s when Richard and Helen Robinson of Connecticut gave Hayfield House and the surrounding farm property in Lehman to the University. Valued at approximately one million dollars, Hayfield House was built by coal baron John N. Conyngham and his wife, Bertha, in the early 1930s. The Conyngahms spent about four months each year at Hayfield Farm. They raised Highland cattle, Clydesdale horses, Chester White pigs, sheep and a variety of unusual animals, including buffalo and Sardinian donkeys. In addition to traditional vegetables and fruits, the farm also produced large amounts of hay and corn.

The mansion was converted into administrative offices and classrooms. Most of the original furnishings are gone from Hayfield House, but visitors still can enjoy the magnificent architectural aspects of the building and the unique characteristics of each room. The former 19-car garage now houses the Student Commons and Bookstore. A 15-acre wooded walkway displays a wide variety of trees and shrubs, some imported from Europe.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre continues to grow in academic offerings, facilities, and locations.

The Penn State Wilkes-Barre Northern Tier Center, located in Bradford County, was established in 1986 under the direction of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Continuing Education department. The mission of the Northern Tier Center is to extend the resources of the University to Bradford and Sullivan Counties, which are largely rural areas of Northeast Pennsylvania not readily accessible to a Penn State campus.

Currently, the Wilkes-Barre campus includes Hayfield House, the Student Commons, the Athletic and Recreation Building, the Science Center, the Bell Center for Technology, the Friedman Observatory, the Murphy Student Services Center, the Struthers Family Career Services Center and the Nesbitt Academic Commons.

As of 2019, nine baccalaureate and four associate degrees can be completed through the Wilkes-Barre campus. Students can also complete coursework for the first two years of more than 160 of the University’s degree programs. Numerous certification programs and professional development opportunities are also offered through the Wilkes-Barre Continuing Education department.
Dear 2020 Graduates,

Congratulations on completing your degree program at The Pennsylvania University. You can be proud of this significant academic achievement.

Commencement is a celebration of your academic success and the commitment you have made to your future. Although the paths each of you have traveled to get here are unique, you all share some common experiences, close connections, and academic accomplishments at Penn State Wilkes-Barre. We appreciate the many contributions the Class of 2020 has made to Penn State Wilkes-Barre and our community during your time here. Your degree will bring you many rewards as you build your careers, serve others, and lead communities throughout your lives.

The past few months have brought an unprecedented situation and with it challenges to our normal way of living. We know this is not how you envisioned the end of your higher education experience. However, the skills you have developed in working through these challenges will serve you well throughout your lives. Perhaps more than any other class, you have learned how to adapt quickly and be resilient in the face of uncertainty. You have seen and experienced how the Penn State community comes together no matter the circumstance. As our newest alumni, you join a worldwide community of Penn Staters who stand strong together with you as you embark on your journeys in the years ahead.

Whether you are the first in your family to attend a university, a veteran, a transfer student, or began your academic career immediately following high school, with your Penn State degree, you have a solid educational foundation for a promising future filled with much success. We wish you well as you go out into the world and positively impact the lives of others.

On behalf of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre faculty and staff, we congratulate you!

Sincerely,

V. Dale Jones, Ph.D.
Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer
Penn State Wilkes-Barre
Virtual Commencement

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Amina Faye ’20, Musical Theatre, College of Arts and Architecture

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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

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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 Wilkes-Barre Graduate Celebration

FACULTY AND STAFF
CONGRATULATE 2020 GRADUATES
Video

WELCOME
Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer
Dr. Dale Jones

ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Dr. Lynda Goldstein
Associate Chief Academic Officer and Associate Professor in English

2020 GRADUATING CLASS ADDRESS
Jesse Steltz
Valedictorian

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Rebecca Bartuska
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ALUMNI WELCOME
Jonathan Sinclair
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CLOSING REMARKS
Dr. Dale Jones

After Party
Provides graduates, their families, supporters, and friends the opportunity to celebrate with faculty from their majors, Murphy Center staff, as well as their fellow graduates. It is a chance to share memories, laugh and simply be together.
2020 Martin U. Dougherty Emerging Leader Award
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Joselyn Mondragon

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Connor Beyer

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Courtney Snow

Honors and Awards

Jesse Steltz
Valedictorian
Student Marshal

Andrew Barney
Shared Salutatorian
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Academic Achievement

Continuing Education Certificate Completers

Introduction to Business Management Certificate
Theresa Clemente, Program Representative
Amelia Strope

Nursing Management Certificate
Raymonde Brown, Ph.D., RN, Program Representative
Randi Bunchalk
Helen Cummings
Nikolai Pelepko-Filak
Yuri Pelepko-Filak
Lynda Lesak
Sheila Moreira
Mahmoud Moufasa
Amanda O’Brien

Associate Degree Graduates

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Associate in Business Administration
Theresa Clemente, Program Representative
Karen Winters

Associate in Letters, Arts, and Sciences
Christyne Berzsenyi, Ph.D., Program Representative
Paris Gavin
Matthew Gruver

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Associate in Surveying Engineering Technology
Albert Lozano-Nieto, Ph.D., Program Representative
Robert Kinney
Kyle Smith
Sheila Weaver, Magna Cum Laude
Academic Achievement

Baccalaureate Degree Graduates

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science in Surveying Engineering
Albert Lozano-Nieto, Ph.D., Program Representative

Isaac Bennett
John Chapman
Zachary Kenzakoski
Vincent Pavill IV

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology
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Academic Achievement

Bachelor of Arts in Corporate Communication
Christyne Berzsenyi, Ph.D., Program Representative
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Bachelor of Arts in English
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Bachelor of Science in Information Sciences and Technology
Wei-Fan Chen, Ph.D., Frouke de Quillettes, Program Representatives
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