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Tuesday, May 15, 2007, Five O'Clock  
1600 Valley Road

The One Hundred and  
Eighty-fourth Commencement

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## GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

PRELUDE MUSIC	William Paterson University Wind Ensemble; J. Craig Davis, D.M.A., Conductor
PROCESSIONAL	Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 by Sir Edward Elgar William Paterson University Wind Ensemble; J. Craig Davis, D.M.A., Conductor (Audience is requested to remain seated for the academic procession)
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Frederick Voegele, Soloist, accompanied by the William Paterson University Wind Ensemble Dr. J. Craig Davis, Conductor
INTRODUCTION	Joan Hartman, M.A., University Marshal
ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION	Lakeisha Brooks
COMMENT TO THE CLASS	Arnold Speert, Ph.D., President of the University
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Leslie Agard Jones, Ed.D., Dean, William Paterson University College of Education
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Edward Weil, Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs  Candidates recognized by Nina Jemmott, Ed.D. Associate Vice President and Dean, Graduate Studies and Research
COLLEGE OF THE ARTS AND COMMUNICATION	Candidates hooded by Stephen Marcone, Ed.D. Interim Dean, College of the Arts and Communication
CHRISTOS M. COTSAKOS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Candidates hooded by Sam Basu, Ph.D. Dean, Christos M. Cotsakos College of Business
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION	Candidates hooded by Leslie Agard-Jones, Ed.D. Dean, College of Education
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Candidates hooded by Isabel Tirado, Ph.D. Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH	Candidates hooded by Sandra DeYoung, Ed.D. Dean, College of Science and Health
RECESSIONAL	Suite in E-flat, No. 1, by Gustav Holst William Paterson University Wind Ensemble; J. Craig Davis, D.M.A., Conductor (Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic procession has left)

MASTER'S DEGREE RECIPIENTS  
MAY 2007

MASTER OF ARTS

ENGLISH

Krista A. Baudo  
Doreen Therese Berglund  
Frances Theresa Bruno  
J. Richard Burgstahler  
Donna Jeffery Clutton  
Cheryl Ann Festa  
Adam Louis Gede  
Abby Sue Markley  
Carla Rae Merolla  
Gina Elena Monahan  
Jason Peter Ordini  
Robert Pante  
Brian Robert Ross

HISTORY

Catherine Anne Gravino-Hudak

MEDIA STUDIES

Kassandra Marie Barnes  
Lauren Orsetti Koch

PUBLIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Eduardo R. Alfaro  
Lakeisha Arnette Brooks  
Danielle Marie D'Annibale  
Jane Reid Hutnik  
Heather Lynn Katz  
Megan Brooke Lamb  
Corey Michael Schor

SOCIOLOGY

Catherine Marie Kaminski

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

John Peter Altieri  
Melissa S. Avgerinos  
Maryjo Bevilacqua  
Robin Sytyra Brower  
Danielle Bundrick  
Adriana Chan  
Carey Lynn Ciffo  
Bethany Lynne Csengeto  
Damian Divney  
Kimberly J. Ehlers  
Ramesha L. Golaub  
Jessica Lauren Jacobson  
Erika Marie McKeown Kern  
James A. Labar  
Rosale La Duca  
Cheri L. Malouf

Evelyn Costello McKinnon  
Lauren Odoksta  
Jaime Lyn Preziosi  
Susan Van Tuyl Rota  
Cicile Samiz  
Melissa Lyn Sanzari  
Karen Sclafani  
Jessica L. Sousa  
Sarah Michelle Tuzzolo  
Jenni-Leigh Wache

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

George V. Brown III  
Glenn Aloysius Calabrese  
Ryan Patrick Donnelly  
Siddharth Gandotra  
Walte Andrew Haderthauer  
Sharyn E. Harrison  
Andrew Joseph McCarthy  
Michelle Regina Montgomery  
Vera A. Nyajure  
Volha Ortiz  
Obed Oti Akenten  
Thomas Brian Woodard

MASTER OF EDUCATION

COUNSELING

Kathleen Maire P. Aveno  
Leilani Gabrielle Carson  
Teran Mendelsberg Chartier  
Rachel Lynn Deutsch  
Lauren Ann Donohue  
Wanda Barbara Doss-Busch  
Cristina Racamato Funciello  
Cristina Laura Gaeta  
Michele Helene Giarrusso  
Elizabeth Anna Golas-Conrad  
Jessica Eileen Gosses  
Isabelle Murray Kayal  
Laura Michelle Lugg  
Mararita Gonzalez Magner  
Amy Perry Malatesta  
Susan E. Marcin  
Jeanine M. McCune  
Vivian Lee Rosa  
Donna Diane Santangelo  
Samantha C. Schultz  
Jaclyn Suggs  
Lourdes Melendez Torres  
Emily F. Wolfe

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## EDUCATION

Afsaneh Abrishamian  
Jennifer Lea Bariso  
Amy Lynn Butler  
Lindsay Taylor Buzak  
Kristen M. Casale  
Lynda D. Daly  
Ronald Esquiche  
Jennifer Foy Bosma  
Surabhi Garg  
Patricia Conroy Gray  
AnnBeth Guider  
Rose Louise Guselli  
Roberta Ré Kleinbard  
Janis Karen Neilsn  
Linda M. Owens  
Tanya B. Piekarz  
Kelly Brooks Ryan  
David John Scozzaro  
Jennifer Marie Tafuri  
Reena Tailor  
Elania M. Urbano  
Marina Valerio  
Jacquelyn Marie Van Orden  
Thomas J. Vranesich

## EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Noemi Albino  
Dale Katherine Bendsak  
Lesia Brinker  
Deborah Cummings Celestand  
David Matthew Deubel  
Kenneth Frattini  
John Peter Lopez  
Vanessa Michele Moore  
Gerald J. Murphy  
Lashawn Briggs Rudolph  
Rebecca Kathleen Santana  
Linda Julia Smith  
Maureen Ferous Weir

## READING

Anne Marie Kiely Astudillo  
Jessica Amy Berg  
Casey O'Dowd Bock  
Eileen Moloney Brown  
Lori Michaud Bunch  
Elizabeth Komarczyk Burek  
Francine Darienzo-Hamilton  
Moiria Patrice Dodgson  
Janice Farkas Farrell  
Elizabeth Fedele  
Katherine Jenny Filippone  
Violeta M. Fuentes

Stephanie Diane Graham  
Stacy Ann Hufnagel  
Melissa Iavarone  
Mary Cali Johnston  
Alexa Krennicki  
Kristina H Lange-Krops  
Idelle Hope Kursman  
Lauren Lio  
Elizabeth Saladino Mazzurco  
Jody Ann Montague  
Toni C. Montalbetti  
Marisa F. Montalto  
Maryann Mugan  
Lisa Ellen Perrone  
Victoria June Perrotta  
Patricia Marie Pignatello  
Patricia Cambrea Ruzicka  
Kimen Ryan  
Kristen Lane Scillia  
Cathlyann Striffler-Gubar  
Joanne Suhaka Vanderclack  
Karen M. Weiss

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Christopher Alan Britt  
Cathleen Marie Hark  
Tracy Lynn Lotto

## MASTER OF FINE ARTS

### ART

Kimberly Rose Batti  
Carl John Jablonski  
Tenley Ann Marshall

## MASTER OF MUSIC

### MUSIC

Heather Lynn Bowmaster  
Robert J. Cleary  
Robert Joseph Duguay  
Evan Michael Gregor  
Alan James Markley  
Robert Charles Martin  
Brian Patrick McCarthy  
Linda Miksza  
Kevin Michael Reilly  
Geoffrey Brandon Sawyer  
Daniela Schmitz  
Alexander H. Stein  
Matthew John Turowski  
Thomas Trask Wetmore V  
Brad Allen Williams  
Zachary Kevin Zenovic

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

### BIOLOGY

Janael Marie Malva

### BIOTECHNOLOGY

Omarira Barba Rueda  
Nimisha C. Jani  
Ruchi Sharma  
Brian Sinka  
Erica Catherine Sisco

### COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Leana Jessica Barbosa  
Maria Belik  
Holly J. Bracken  
Ann Brown  
Kerri Lynn Cleeland  
Lauren Elizabeth Crowley  
Mary Louise Diemer  
Caroline Carretta Ferraro  
Rachel Ferro  
Monica Lynn Koval  
Rebecca Layman  
Chana Aviva Levin  
Geoffrey Ian Needleman  
Lauren M. Scilla  
Sulamif Krizhak Seewald  
Sarah Katherine Weber

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

### NURSING

Jennifer Ann Bianchi  
Virginia Marie Flynn  
Kathleen Harder Kelly  
Elisabeth M. Micich Otero  
Lori Ann Cupoli Palmieri  
Ellen Alicia White

## MASTER'S DEGREE RECIPIENTS JANUARY 2007

### MASTER OF ARTS

#### ENGLISH

David Arentsen  
Daniel Patrick Healy  
Jordine Logan  
Andrei Petrov  
Theodore J. Rainey  
Nancy Schneberger  
Gail Virginia Stoughton

#### PUBLIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Vincent Roger Sibilila

### MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

#### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Michael Buono  
Jessica Lurker Cavaliere  
Lorraine Victoria Cobb  
Stacy Ann Colucci  
Amanda Christine Evans  
Aysha Saher Hassan  
David Maccagnan  
Kevin A. Mack  
Andrea Gillespie Mikhail  
Rita Christine Palumbo  
Jennifer McLaine Schiffrin  
Stacia Elizabeth Talerico

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

#### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Jelena Jones

### MASTER OF EDUCATION

#### EDUCATION

Deanna Lee Christiano  
Kathleen Maura Michaela Ellison  
Beth Ann Farina  
Sharon Marie Gurecki  
Anel Cristina Hernandez  
Jennifer Lyn Kelly  
Sage Marie Seaton  
Janet Spony

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION

Lisa Romano Adamek  
Carol Lee Edelbach  
Michelle Beth Ehrlich  
Maria LaRosa Erickson

Julie Christine Kopf  
Karen B. Lagas  
Jill Michelle Lampmann  
Kristen Marie Lapp  
Jillian Leia Fox-Long  
Theresa Lopatosky  
Diane L. Lorber  
Leah DiMuro Mager  
Jennifer Nicole Ochoa  
Michele Petrella  
Kerry J. PuttENVink  
Andrea Talin Scicchitano  
Danielle Marie Sico

### MASTER OF FINE ARTS

#### ART

Gina Lynne Miccinilli

### MASTER OF MUSIC

#### MUSIC

David Joseph DeMotta  
Robert Joseph Hamm  
Ethan Douglas Herr

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### BIOLOGY

Karen L. Browne  
Orlando Stephen Carpio  
Dennis Patrick Daly  
Amer Moughrabi

#### BIOTECHNOLOGY

Paul Vincent Atalla  
Michelle Lee Ann Valentine

#### COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Alexis Mary Robinson  
Erika Lee Schulz  
Lisa Scordo  
Roza Zak

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

#### NURSING

Jodie Caryn Asarch  
Reny Santhosh George  
Shannon Lynn Huhn  
Ruby Thomas Titus

## MASTER'S DEGREE RECIPIENTS AUGUST 2006

### MASTER OF ARTS

#### CLINICAL AND COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Christina Anne Del Vicario  
Melissa Adrianna Green  
Lynn Margaret Harding  
Thereza R. Hernandez  
Veronica Lyn Karner  
Michael C. Martin  
Molly Lauren McGoldrick  
Karen Ramdhani  
Ruth A. Reyes  
Jennifer Lynn Riley  
Rehan Hassanin Seyam  
Allison Rose Smith  
Jessica Lynn Marie Szabo  
Areti Tsinou  
Stephanie Lynn Williams

#### HISTORY

Joseph Michael Gasparro

### MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

#### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Jennifer Caccamo  
Malissa Shane Cummins  
Brian A. Gere  
Dana Elise Hansen  
Timothy R. Jensen  
Annie Ahn Kim  
Adriana Cristina Matera

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

#### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Brett Edward Hawken  
Mark Christopher Lestuk  
Fozia Mahmood  
Marie E. Obando  
Niraj Samir Shah

### MASTER OF EDUCATION

#### EDUCATION

Kimberly A. Long  
Elizabeth Matos  
Belinda Casais McBride  
Stephanie Dabice Passaro  
Jennifer Rosman Smith  
Doris Vega-Benavides

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

Kristen Barrett  
Laurie A. Baukema  
Kristen E. Berry  
Nichole Marie Burrows  
Tara H. Carlucci  
Gina Marie Compitello  
MaryLu Costanzo  
Anna De Trizio  
Christian M. DeVries  
Olympia Galeos  
Anthony M. Guerrieri, Jr.  
Susan Eileen Koepflinger  
Matthew Krzysik  
Dana Layng  
Kristen Marino  
Teresa Ann Norman  
Sondra Richardson  
Odalys Roque  
Dianne M. Tuhy  
Lisa Kristin Tutunjian  
Michele Preston Zungoli

### MASTER OF MUSIC

#### MUSIC

Timothy James Alworth  
Robert G. Gizzi  
Daniel Healy  
Peter Matthew Jarvis  
Cameron Rockwell MacManus

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### BIOTECHNOLOGY

Brianne Elizabeth Villano

#### COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Sue Chu Bardello  
Jessica A. Beckman  
Neha Bhatt  
Marion K. Gonzales  
Esther Steinhardt

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

#### NURSING

Debra Lyn Barmore  
Sheryl Ann Hutchinson  
Bernadette Branch Schicho  
Rupal Jani Trivedi

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## COMMENCEMENT NOTES

COMMENCEMENT DAY at William Paterson University is a time of ceremony and pageantry, portions of which represent traditions dating back to medieval times. These notes on the history of the commencement ceremony are offered in the hope that they enhance your appreciation and enjoyment.

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY traces its roots to the city of Paterson, where it was founded in 1855. For more than a century, training teachers for New Jersey schools was its exclusive mission. In 1951, the University moved to the present campus. Originally known as Ailsa Farms, this 300-acre site was purchased by the state of New Jersey in 1948 from the family of Garret A. Hobart, twenty-fourth vice president of the United States.

The original manor house, built in 1877, was the weekend retreat and summer residence of the Hobart family. Today the building is known as Hobart Manor and is home of the Office of the President and the Office of Institutional Advancement. Hobart Manor was designated a national and state landmark in 1976.

The University changed its name to Paterson State Teachers College when it relocated from Paterson in 1951. In 1966, the curriculum was expanded to include degree offerings other than those leading to a teaching career. In 1971, it was renamed The William Paterson

College of New Jersey. The change of name honored the man who was the state's first senator, its second governor, and a United States Supreme Court Justice appointed by President George Washington, and reflected both the institution's proud beginnings in the city that also bears his name and the legislative mandate to move from a teachers college to a broad-based liberal arts institution.

In another historic milestone, William Paterson was awarded university status by the Commission on Higher Education in June 1997.

The University presently offers thirty-three undergraduate and nineteen graduate programs in five colleges: Arts and Communication; Christos M. Cotsakos College of Business; Education; Humanities and Social Sciences; and Science and Health. Today, it will award 334 master's degrees.

The MACE carried by Professor Joan Hartman, a senior University faculty member, is used at all academic ceremonies. In medieval times, maces were weapons of warfare, but today a mace is "a staff borne by, or carried before, a magistrate or other dignitary as an ensign of his authority." It is the emblem and symbol of the president's authority to administer the University. This mace was first used in the one hundred fifty-third commencement ceremony in 1987 and was designed and crafted by

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Ming Fay, professor of art. The top piece, cast of brushed aluminum, features a center ball symbolizing universal knowledge, surrounded by four curved fins radiating outward, representing the University's community outreach. The bottom portion, made of teak and inlaid with faux ivory, was carved with the assistance of Joseph VanPutten, an award-winning graduate of the University's Art Department and current assistant professor of art.

The COLLEGE BANNERS include the class banner in the University's colors of orange and black. Additional banners identify the University's five colleges. They are:

College of the Arts and Communication

Christos M. Cotsakos College of Business

College of Education

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

College of Science and Health

The ACADEMIC PROCESSION begins with the heralding of the trumpeters announcing its arrival. The University marshal carrying the mace leads the procession. After the candidates have taken their place, the University marshal leads the faculty to their places and then leads in the president, followed by the board of trustees, vice presidents, deans, and other University officials. The mace is presented at the center of the stage while those processing enter and take their places. Once the mace is placed on the stand, the ceremony begins.

ACADEMIC GOWNS, HOODS, and REGALIA represent more than elegance or colorful attire. Academic caps and gowns represent a tradition that reaches far back into the early days of the oldest universities of the Middle Ages.

The early European universities were church-founded; the students, being clerics, were obliged to wear prescribed gowns and caps at all times. Caps and gowns were once common forms of clothing and were retained by the clergy when the laity adopted more modern dress.

Though some universities here and abroad have other colors, the usual color for gowns in America is black. Bachelor's degree gowns have pointed sleeves, master's degree gowns have oblong sleeves open at the wrist, and doctoral degree gowns have sleeves that are bell-shaped. Also, on doctoral degree gowns, the front is faced with black velvet with three bars of the same across the sleeves, or these bars may be of velvet of the color distinctive of the faculty or subject to which the degree pertains.

Mortar boards (caps) are usually black. Hoods are lined with the official color of the college or university that conferred the degree. The velvet edging color represents the appropriate degree as follows: master of arts—white; master of arts in teaching—light blue; master of business administration—dark tan; master of education—light blue; master of fine arts—brown; master of music—pink; master of nursing

—apricot; master of science—golden yellow. In the ceremony, at center stage, the college dean and associate dean place the hood over the head of each candidate, symbolizing successful completion of his or her degree.

The gown and hood of the University marshal and the president were made especially for William Paterson ceremonies in the official colors of orange and black.

The PRESIDENT'S MEDAL worn by President Arnold Speert was first given in 1978. It is awarded to individuals who have made outstanding contributions of service to the University community, to academe, or to society as a whole. The President's Medal is awarded periodically to those who have given time, talent, or funds to the University; to those who have enhanced cultural, scientific, or artistic awareness in New Jersey; to those who provide a positive role model in personal achievement and/or outstanding service to others; and those who have strengthened higher education locally or nationally.

The AWARDING OF DEGREES for graduate students at William Paterson University is accomplished in the following manner. On behalf of the deans of the five colleges, the provost presents the master's degree candidates. Each student processes to the platform where his or her name is read and then moves to center stage where the dean and associate dean of the college places the hood over the candidate's head. Each candidate then proceeds

across the stage where the dean of graduate studies gives him or her a diploma cover and shakes his or her hand. When all candidates have been duly presented, the president of the University formally confers the appropriate degree. This is accomplished when he says:

*“By the authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees, I confer on each of you the degrees you have just earned and for which you have been recommended.”*

The RECESSIONAL of the president, officials, and faculty is once again led by the University marshal. The students recess behind the faculty. The audience is requested to remain seated until the recessional is concluded.





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