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Dear Graduate,

On behalf of the faculty and staff at William Paterson University, I offer our warmest congratulations as you celebrate this milestone event in your life. Today we will award you the graduate degree that you so richly deserve. As this chapter of your life comes to a close, I encourage you to reflect on your journey to this place and time, and to look forward to the world that awaits you.

The doctoral or master's degree that you are being awarded and the academic hood that you are wearing signifies that you have the tenacity and drive to attain an advanced level of expertise in your field. You have persevered and succeeded. You now join a select group of citizens with an advanced degree and you are ready to shape the world of tomorrow. That world will need strong leaders and engaged citizens to make the good choices that will lead our country forward to higher ideals. You will be called upon to marshal the resources to help realize the dreams of your ancestors and to create a sustainable world for generations to come.

We join your family and friends here today in celebrating your success. We couldn't be more proud of you.

As you leave William Paterson University, know that we stand beside you and will always be proud that you graduated from this University.

Best wishes for a bright and happy future!

Congratulations!

Kathleen Waldron
President



Dear Graduates, Families, and Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is my pleasure to welcome you today to the 194th Commencement of William Paterson University. At each graduation, my colleagues on the Board and I take great pride in watching so many talented women and men receive their diplomas. Each degree is a tangible sign of the hard work, commitment, and determination that has gone into making this day a reality.

As you take your place as a leader in society, take a minute to reflect on how you can apply the knowledge, skills, and talents you have developed here at William Paterson University to make an impact on your community, our nation, and even the world. With your doctoral or master's degree in hand, you have proven that you are up to the challenge.

This is a great day for you, your family, and your friends. Enjoy it, savor it, and remember to be proud that William Paterson University is now your *alma mater*.

Sincerely,

Frederick L. Gruel, Chair
William Paterson University Board of Trustees

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ORDER OF CEREMONY

Processional	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March, No. 1, by Sir Edward Elgar</i> (Audience is requested to remain seated for the academic procession)
National Anthem	<i>Alyssa Warner, soprano, accompanied by Carl Bolleia '08, Adjunct Professor, Music</i>
Introduction	<i>Kathleen Waldron, PhD, President of the University</i>
Address by a Graduate Degree Candidate	<i>Francisco Ocasio '10, Master of Education in Educational Leadership</i>
Comment to the Class	<i>Kathleen Waldron, PhD, President of the University</i>
Presentation of Degree Candidates	<i>Warren G. Sandmann, PhD, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Conferring of Degrees	<i>Kathleen Waldron, PhD, President of the University</i>
Alma Mater	<i>Alyssa Warner, soprano,</i> <i>accompanied by Carl Bolleia '08, Adjunct Professor, Music</i>
Recessional	<i>Suite No. 2 in F, by Gustav Holst</i> (Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic procession has left)

ADDRESS BY A GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATE



FRANCISCO OCASIO '10

Master of Education in Educational Leadership

Francisco J. Ocasio will receive a master of education degree in educational leadership. Mr. Ocasio, who is currently an eighth grade language arts teacher at New Roberto Clemente Middle School in Paterson, was a member of the AACTE Holmes Master's Program, which supports master's students from historically underrepresented groups interested in a career in teaching, school administration, or the professoriate. He also received a scholarship through William Paterson University's "Leaders as Learners" program, which supports master's degrees in educational leadership for Paterson Public Schools teachers through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Mr. Ocasio is a 2010 graduate of William Paterson University with a bachelor of arts degree in English and secondary education, *magna cum laude*, and received the New Jersey Distinguished Student Teacher Award in 2010. He is a member of *Kappa Delta Pi*, the national education honor society, *Sigma Tau Delta*, the international English honors society, and the National Council of Teachers of English. This summer, he will participate in month-long trip to Israel funded by a Fulbright-Hays grant from the U.S. Department of Education; the project seeks to advance K-12 teachers' cultural awareness of and interdisciplinary instruction about Israel.



DOCTORAL DEGREE RECIPIENTS, JANUARY 2017

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Joanne Affinito

Recognizing Burden in Unpaid Caregivers of Patients with End State Renal Disease

Lauren Bertollo

Examining the Relationship between the Reading Level, Reading Ease, and the Quality of Online Diabetes Information

Pamela Susan Mellin

Adequately Medicating Women with Pain Who Are Pregnant: A Survey of Perinatal Nurses

Elaine Belen Suderio-Tirone

Parental Perception of Childhood Obesity in Dutchess County, New York

DOCTORAL DEGREE RECIPIENTS, MAY 2017

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Aneesha L. Jean

Evaluation of RN's and APN's Communication Strategies and Perceived Effectiveness Related to Improving Patient Engagement with Low Health Literacy Patients

DOCTORAL DEGREE RECIPIENTS, AUGUST 2017

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Victoria J. Correale

The Perceived Comfort/Confidence of New Graduate Nurses Participating in a Dedicated Education Unit Over Time: A Quality Improvement Project

Lisa A. DePue

Evaluation of Quantitative Blood Loss in the Newly Delivered Postpartum Patient

Denise Menonna-Quinn

Environmental Exposure to Chemotherapeutic Hazards: Evaluating the Usage of Personal Protective Equipment Among Oncology Nurses

Pamela Pascarelli

Self-Reported Competence of Entry Level Registered Nurses

Kimberly Rivera

A Comparison of a Standardized Method of Identification of Nursing Staff Needs Per Day and Measures of Nursing Staff Needs by Patient Acuity

Anne M. Shaftic

Knowledge, Practice Behaviors and Abilities of Oncology Nurses in Understanding Oral Complications in the Patient Receiving Cancer Therapy

MASTER'S DEGREE RECIPIENTS, JANUARY 2017

Master of Arts

APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

Judith B. Cocilovo
John Ransom Futrell
Salome Sigua
Jamira M. Young

ENGLISH

Erin L. Bang
Dania Moheisen

PUBLIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Jeremy Levine

Master of Arts in Teaching

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Pauline C. Assia
Stephanie Casella Brennan
Gina M. Giampa
Susan K. Mooney
Jacqueline Rose Thimmel

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Matthew Cheng

Master of Business Administration

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Bader Almazur
Todd Michael Baker
Asia Diane Booker
Vincent A. D'Antonio
Jami Lynn Jennings
Julie Lubinsky Kossoy
Pranav Vilas Kulkarni
Danielle Michelle Lapinski
Robert Brooks Leger
Shirley Li
Joseph Frank Mangano
Joseph J. Meringer

Ian J. Michaelchuck
Richard Kaleekal Oommen
Stacy Pena
Christopher Daniel Polakowski
Jason Richard Provenzale
Thomas M. Radino
Abdullah Rajput
Luz M. Ramos
Brittany A. Reed
Kevin G. Reisch
Luis Reyes
Jordany Rodriguez
Aurora Rosado
Andrew E. Suscreba
Zia Unas
Michael Robert Van Genderen
Andrew Wang
Brian G. Wertheimer
Paul Anthony Williams

Master of Education

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

Rachel M. Anzelone
Chris A. Cocola
James J. Dunn
Kathleen Gallone
Dina M. Lopreiato
Lillian C. Quiroz
Nevin Kenneth Werner

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

Kristine L. Ariatabar

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Ariana Marie Bray
Kimberly Taryn Campbell
Jessica Ficaretola
Meredith McCambley
Samantha J. Mickendrow
Katie Muller
Emilio Prisco
Anna R. Proxenos
Adam John Satkowski
Janelle D. Valdez
Deborah Wells

Master of Fine Arts

ART

Dana Apicella
David J. D'Ostilio
Loius J. Severino

CREATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Danielle Bridge

Master of Science

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Rita Eve Gomolinski

EXERCISE SCIENCE

Scott Daniel Zymet

Master of Science in Nursing

NURSING

Diana Vanessa Araque
Mary Magdalene Ndidi Cobb
Marisa Daly
Allison Nicole DiAngelo
Simona Dlabal
Vijayeta Dripaul
Michelyne Gavin
Rachele P. Isip
Alice Joseph
Kristina L. Kiernan
Sophia S. Kim
Helen Marie Meehan
Barbara R. Millo
Rimple K. Mody
Stacie L. Morvay
Mary Frances Murphy
Nhat Minh Nguyen
Sandra Lynn Nibbelink-Ahearn
Jessica P. Ortiz
Lorna Beltran Pazziuagan
Veronica Furigay Pomasin
Laural Diane Senatore
Linda P. Sta.Maria
Jennifer Valdez

MASTER'S DEGREE RECIPIENTS, MAY 2017

Master of Arts

APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

Rebecca L. Bell
Patrice Crocevera
Karolina Maria Czernecka
Kara Y. Simpson

CLINICAL AND COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Amanda Connors
Michael D. Dunn

ENGLISH

Geneva Marie Fucci
Danielle M. Roger

HISTORY

Sarah Beth McCoy
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PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION

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Steven Andrew Schreiber
Linda M. Zani

Master of Arts in Teaching

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Jennifer Gail McCurdy
Alison L. Schell
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Megan Nicole Madison
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Master of Business Administration

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Mohammed Albidah
Fahad Abdulaziz Almohsen
Ibtihal Hamad Alqabbaa
Claudia Lorena Alvarez
Davonna Kelsey Approvato
James J. DeMarco
Amanda Doko
Marwan C. Elhenoud
Miles Andrew Franco
Lavene Gass
Mychal Byrnard Grubbs
Patrick Ryan Hawley
Catherine Clair Horvath
Maksim Kaminer
Sasha Lambaz
Kaitlynn Marie Long
Art Villar Manzano
Charles Mathews
Gabriela Paventa
Racheal J. Neufville Pleasant
Charles Potenza
Samantha Elyse Shank
Bruno David Sime
Rhonette Marie Smith
Alice Stokem
Eheneden Toni-Osagie
Johanna Torres
Tyler Marc Velky
Aysia R. White
Yolanda Danae Williams

Master of Education

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

Danielle N. Barrese
Kimberly Shannon Bassolino
Lauren R. Busko
Erin M. Carlin
Stacy Correale
Michelle V. Davila
Diana Nicole Deschene
Julia Marie Di Clemente
Hilary Giunta
Harry Gonzalez
Iesha M. Griggs
Jessica Hernandez
Madiha Katao
Cecilia Olivera
Ingris J. Peralta
Justin C. Perinotti
Tina L. Struble

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Melissa L. Margaritis
Tai D. Matthews
Brensi M. Morales
Yudelis Karussel Nunez
Francisco J. Ocasio
Jacquelyn Maria Perrone
Winston V. Persad
Christine Mary Porochniak
Liza M. Rios Otto
Magdalena K. Serafin
Sergey Sosnov
Timothy Michael Waples



LITERACY

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Janel Marie Edwards
Samantha Martino
Leigh Ann Misiano
Cristina Morzetta
Mevludie Murati
Christina Nestory
Jennifer J. Reeves
Courtney M. Rothstein

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

Michele J. Block
Kaitlyn Brideau
Frank Joseph Campagnola
Ayoka Clifford
Felicia R. Coppola
Michelle DeLuca
Erica R. Dorsey
Darian Eletto
Olivia Evans
Christie Federico
Carlynn Felipe
Alexandra Gitter
Kelly Theresa Helfrich
Simon Im
Patricia Lavelle
Nicole Lidestri
Taylor Macchiarelli
Kelly J. McGuire
Stephanie Christine Mera
Patrick Joseph Nyhuis
Lauren Jane Salaterski
Haneen Saleh
Stefanie M. San Filippo
Lauren M. Sciarra
Sarah Tinney
Jennifer Vicente

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Jennifer L. Ammirata
Umit M. Arik
Kaitlyn A. Brock
Jennifer A. Cirello
Kimberly Jane DenHeyer
Fiorita A. Dipalma
Arlene Marie Domalewski
Karen M. Dorian
Amanda M. Fuller
Deanna M. Kobus
Anita Kocevski
Kimberly Lippman
Ian T. Lowenfels
Laura A. Meade
Brittany Miller
Lisa M. Pafitzko
Cassi Perinotti
Ashley M. Pettigrew
Valerie Ann Picinich
Zainab Shafi

Master of Fine Arts

ART

Marc D. Calello
Richard Rex Thomas

CREATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Mary Crosby
Joseph Jiuliani
Karthik Purushothaman

Master of Music

MUSIC

Scott Douglas Arcangel
Joshua Thomas Dunn
Vincent Jay Evangelista
Yongsun Hyun
Juan Abel Mireles
Angelica Sanchez
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Micah Joel Walker

Master of Science

BIOLOGY

Eugene Kobina Dennis

BIOTECHNOLOGY

Badi H. Valdivia

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Ashley Canillas
Jessica Marion Costeniuc
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Jacqueline Marie Dougert
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Kelliat Forzani
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Carly Christine Marut
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EXERCISE AND SPORT STUDIES

Ryan A. Leonardow
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Andrew Moore
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Stephen M. Tiberi
Danielle Veltri

Master of Science in Nursing

NURSING

Maria Elena Alcantara
Barbara Ann Chubb
Jancy Civichan
Alison Leigh Cohen
Christy C. Coombs
Diana M. Dominguez
Christiam C. Fajardo
Yoonie Kim
Beata Kulikowski
Tara Deva Olivo-Moore
Susan Omar
Shaleeza Rafiuddin
Jacqueline Denise Verceles Sabas
Nicole M. Turkoglu
Kelly Zimmermann

MASTER'S DEGREE RECIPIENTS, AUGUST 2017

Master of Arts

APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

Julia Cathryn Lake

CLINICAL AND COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Tolene A. Abaza
Mideline M. Belcher
Ashley Karyn Goodman
Kenneth Michael Ryan
Ghada Saleh
Melirah Searcy
Samantha Jean Smith
Jake Tyler Smolinsky
Christine Marie Soderman
Alana Paige Summers-Plotno
Sean Eric Tippner

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Tatiana Del Rocio Gaona
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Julie A. McCourt
Daniela Antonietta Micciche
Jevon Morgan
Ashley A. Rebisz
Eva G. Reyes
Jessica Marie Snell
Melissa L. Zolla

HISTORY

Amanda Errico
David John Solomita

PUBLIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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Master of Arts in Teaching

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Ashley Elizabeth DeSclafani
Christopher Rosendo Icochea
Jessica Lima
Jedediah Joseph Teres

Master of Business Administration

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Mohammed Abdulmosen Bin Rayyis
Lezlie Dias
Rick Garcia
Silvana C. Lopez
Richard Pallai
Michelle Ann Quint
Christopher S. Rozewski
Arianne E. Ryniak
Rajeev Kumar Vaid

Master of Education

LITERACY

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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

Vanessa Antoinette Bellardini
Eric M. Falk
Danielle C. Scerbo

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Steve D. Galasso
Jamie Lyn Harr
Nicole M. Reggio

Master of Fine Arts

ART

James Brandon Brehm

Master of Science

BIOLOGY

Adonis Tomas Rivie

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

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Erica L. Bertinelli
Drorit Bickel
Stephanie K. Colon
Victoria E. Deblasio
Katelyn Knatz
Valerie Luby
Samantha N. Mercado
Thanh Mai Hoan Nguyen
Erin Rose O'Hagan
Victoria Anna Powers
Janine Rinaldi
Jessica L. Ryan
Dianna Helene Saccomanno

Master of Science in Nursing

NURSING

Veronica T. Adeoye
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Kristin T. Flynn
Soniya A. Gandhi
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Reny R. Joseph
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COLLEGE OF THE ARTS AND COMMUNICATION

Dean's Graduate Award
Desyra Angelique Highsmith

Department of Art

Graduate Award for Creative Excellence in Visual Art
Marc D. Calello

Department of Communication

Excellence in Scholarship Graduate Award
Linda M. Zani

Department of Music

Music Scholar Graduate Award
Yongsun Hyun
Juan Abel Mireles

COTSAKOS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Dean's Graduate Award
Abdullah Rajput

Master of Business Administration Program

Outstanding MBA Graduate Award
Alice Stokem

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate with a Concentration in Finance
Bruno David Sime

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate with a Concentration in Marketing
Racheal J. Neufville Pleasant

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dean's Graduate Award
Sarah Tinney

Department of Educational Leadership and Professional Studies

MEd in Curriculum and Learning Award for Excellence in Scholarship
Stacy Correale

MEd in Educational Leadership Academic Excellence Award
Magdalena K. Serafin

MEd in Literacy Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Research
Janel Marie Edwards

Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education

Master of Arts in Teaching Award
Jennifer Gail McCurdy

Department of Secondary and Middle School Education

Master of Arts in Teaching Award
Jedediah Joseph Teres

Department of Special Education and Counseling

Graduate Award in Special Education
Cassi Perinotti

Graduate Award in Counseling
Erica R. Dorsey



COLLEGE OF
HUMANITIES AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES

Deans's Graduate Award
Joseph Jiuliani

Department of History
Outstanding Graduate Thesis
Award
Christopher T. Ward

Department of Languages
and Cultures
Graduate Award for Excellence in
Bilingual/ESL Studies
Diana Nicole Deschene

Department of Psychology
Excellence in Graduate Studies
Award
Ashley Karyn Goodman

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
AND HEALTH

Dean's Graduate Award
Nicole Magda

Department of Biology
Monroe Spivak Graduate Award
Ian Drake

Department of
Communication Disorders
and Sciences
Graduate Research Award
Kelliat Forzani
Torri L. Jaime
Graduate Excellence Award
Nicole Magda

Department of Nursing
Nursing Excellence Graduate
Award
Nicole M. Turkoglu

Nursing Excellence Doctor of
Nursing Practice Award
Elaine Belen Suderio-Tirone



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2017!

Welcome to the William Paterson University Alumni Association, the official alumni organization that all William Paterson graduates are automatically members of—for free, for life! You are joining a network of nearly 75,000 proud Pioneers worldwide who have shared many of the same experiences and traditions that you have enjoyed throughout your time at the University.

We have many exciting opportunities available to you. Networking events, social outings, exclusive benefits, career resources, and volunteer opportunities await you as you embark upon this new chapter in your life.

There are many ways to stay connected to William Paterson, including our official alumni website, www.wpunj.edu/alumni; our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/wpunj,

and professional connections through our LinkedIn group, www.wpunj.edu/linkedin. Or, follow us on twitter at [twitter.com @WPUNJ_Alumni](https://twitter.com/WPUNJ_Alumni). We have a wide variety of activities and services tailored especially for new and recent alumni, and as a member you will also receive frequent communications, including *WP Magazine* and our electronic newsletter, *Alumni Community News*. We also invite you to become an active participant in the many events we host each year, or even become a member of the Young Alumni Chapter and help plan those events!

We applaud you on this momentous occasion and look forward to sharing the next stage of your William Paterson life with you! Good luck and congratulations as you begin your journey as William Paterson alumni.



CLASS OF 2017 “SAY THANKS” COMMENCEMENT DEDICATIONS

William Paterson University is proud to acknowledge the following members of the Class of 2017 who participated in the “Say Thanks” initiative. The gracious gifts donated by the Class of 2017 will go to The Fund for WP. One hundred percent of the monies raised will support scholarships for students by students. On behalf of William Paterson University, we would like to thank these students for the difference they are making in the lives of future Pioneers.

Gifts Made By	Words of Thanks
Joanne Affinito	Thank you to my husband & family for all your support and love.
Maria Alcantara	Thanks God, my boyfriend, daughters, my mom, and WP professors.
Barbara Chubb	Thanks so much Renee Pevour. Barbara.
Ayoka Clifford	Special thanks to Mark, Leah, Annalesa, Gena, Colin, Andrea, Charnell, Nevie, Chantale, and Jamal. Your patience and support made my dream a reality. Love you all.
Karolina Czernecka	DZIEKUJE ZA WSZYSTKO! THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT! -MAMO, CZESIUDR HASSON.
Amanda Doko	Grams/Dad/Mom/Sis-thank you for everything! FF-this is just the beginning ;).
Michael Dunn	Thanks so much Mom, Dad, and Elaina!
Iesha Griggs	Thank you to everyone who helped me on this journey! I love you all with every inch of my heart!!!
Beata Kulikowski	Thank you Mom, Dad, and Jonathan for your love and support. Love Beata!
Kaitlynn Long	Mom, Dad, and Mike, Thank you for your continuous support on this journey. I wouldn't be who I am or where I am today without you guys. I love you so much!
Pamela Mellin	Thank you to my husband and son for all your support and patience!!!
Salma Mostafa	Thank you to my parents and professors who have supported me throughout the years. Without my parents, and professors, I couldn't have achieved my goals and degree.
Tara Olivo-Moore	Matt, Lexie and David: Thank you for your love, patience and support!
Brittany Reed	Mom & Dad your support got me here!
Jacqueline Denise Sabas	Thank you, Mom, Dad, Justin, & Milo, from the bottom of my heart.
Tina Struble	Thank you Dr. An for helping me through the hardest part of the program...my thesis.
Sarah Tinney	Thank you Mom and Dad! I love you!

THANKS

COMMENCEMENT NOTES

COMMENCEMENT 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 of this special day.

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 in Wayne. 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, the institution 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.

Today, William Paterson University offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs through five colleges: Arts and Communication; Cotsakos College of Business; Education; Humanities and Social Sciences; and Science and Health.

The **MACE** carried by Professor Susan Godar, 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 Ming Fay, retired 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 Van Putten, an award-winning graduate of the University's Art Department and a retired assistant professor of art.

The **CEREMONIAL BANNERS** include the University gonfalon in the institution's colors of orange and black and featuring the University seal in silver. Another banner signifies graduate studies. Additional banners identify the University's five colleges. They are:

- College of the Arts and Communication
- Cotsakos College of Business
- College of Education
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- College of Science and Health





The **ACADEMIC PROCESSION** begins with the gonafalon, carried by the Graduate Banner Carrier, who is followed by the graduates. After the graduates have taken their place, the University marshal carrying the mace leads the faculty to their places and then leads in the president, 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, it signals the beginning of the ceremony.

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.

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: bachelor of arts – white; bachelor of fine arts – light brown; bachelor of music – pink; bachelor of science – golden yellow. Mortar boards (caps) are usually black.

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

The **PRESIDENT'S MEDAL** worn by President Kathleen Waldron 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** at William Paterson University is accomplished in a twofold manner. On behalf of the deans of the five colleges, the provost presents the candidates receiving doctoral, master's, or bachelor's degrees. Each student processes to the platform and his or her name is read, and is hooded and presented a diploma cover by the dean of his or her respective college. When all candidates have been duly presented, the president of the University then formally confers the appropriate degree. This is accomplished when she 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 **ALMA MATER** is then sung by a music student. The Alma Mater was written for William Paterson University by Professors Mark Karp and Earl Weidner; in 1997, new lyrics were added by Professor David Shapiro.

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.

This program does not constitute the official list of graduates. The students included in the program have applied to graduate as of April 15, 2017. Their degree will be officially posted by the Office of Registration Services after their grades have been received and verified.

ALMA MATER

William Paterson University of New Jersey

Prof. Mark Karp

(verses 1 and 2)

Prof. David Shapiro

(verses 3 and 4)

Prof. Earl Weidner



To thee, our Al - ma Ma - ter, We raise our voic - es high In
The years may soon di - vide us, Our hearts re - turn to thee Thy
A new song bursts like blos - soms A new school grows like fire And
The earth is our great teach - er In wild - er - ness and grace It



learn - ing's path you'll lead us, To fol - low you we'll try We'll
les - sons held and cher - ished, En - shrined in mem - o - ry We're
stu - dents rise with vis - ions and vis - ions won't ex - pire And
tells us to build gar - dens With kind - ness on our face The



guard and share thy learn - ings, Dif - fuse thy truth and light En -
pi - o - neers cour - a - geous, We face a wid - er world Aid -
con - stant in our cour - age We sing in un - i - son Our
fu - ture is that gar - den We're plant - ing in the sun And



light - en ea - ger child - ren, Add to our coun - try's might.
ing the spread of know - ledge, Truth's ban - ner bright un - furled
dream has sprung where we've be - gun At Wil - liam Pat - er - son
all our seeds will wake up flowers At Will - iam Pat - er - son

Engraved by John Link
Department of Music



THE WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY MISSION AND VISION

OUR MISSION

William Paterson University of New Jersey is a public institution that offers an outstanding and affordable education to a diverse traditional and nontraditional student body through baccalaureate, graduate, and continuing education programs. The University's distinguished teachers, scholars and professionals actively challenge students to high levels of intellectual and professional accomplishment and personal growth in preparation for careers, advanced studies, and productive citizenship. Faculty and staff use innovative approaches to research, learning, and student support to expand students' awareness of what they can accomplish. The University's graduates embody a profound sense of responsibility to their communities, commitment to a sustainable environment, and active involvement in a multicultural world.

VISION: THE UNIVERSITY IN 2022

William Paterson University will be widely recognized as the model of outstanding and affordable public higher education characterized by rigorous academic preparation and a wide array of experiential, cocurricular and extracurricular opportunities. The University will be distinctive for nationally recognized programs that prepare its students for the careers of today and tomorrow and known for its support of the personal growth and academic success of a highly diverse student body. It will be an institution of first choice for students committed to transforming their lives and making a difference.

Approved by the William Paterson University Board of Trustees, March 19, 2012.

CAMPUS MAP





ABOUT WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

William Paterson University is a leading public University with nearly 11,000 students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate degree programs offered by five academic colleges: Arts and Communication, Cotsakos College of Business, Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Science and Health.

The University offers a wide range of learning opportunities in its classrooms, laboratories, and studios, and throughout the campus, as well as at various off-campus locations. William Paterson's faculty members provide a valuable blend of accomplished scholarship and practical, applied experience. Among the University's faculty are forty-one Fulbright scholars and recipients of numerous other awards, grants, and fellowships.

Students benefit from individualized attention from faculty mentors, small class sizes, and numerous research, internship, and clinical experiences.

The institution's nearly 75,000 alumni can be found throughout New Jersey, the nation, and the world, using their William Paterson degrees and experiences as a springboard to professional accomplishment and personal growth. They are leaders in the arts, business, health care, sports, entertainment, the media, and education. They are public servants, artists, musicians, teachers, scientists, television personalities, authors, politicians, crime fighters, and entrepreneurs. Their achievements reflect the University's mission and commitment to preparing graduates for success in their careers, communities, and lives.

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