

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY
2022 COMMENCEMENT



UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022, 9:00 A.M.
PRUDENTIAL CENTER, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations! Today is a very special day in your life, and one that you will remember forever—the day you graduate from college. You and your loved ones should be extremely proud of your accomplishment!

Your degree is a testament to your intellectual abilities, your desire to learn and expand your horizons, and your determination to complete a rigorous course of study. You have proven that you have the background and training to make a real difference in your life and the lives of those you touch. Your William Paterson experience has given you the foundation on which to build a rewarding career and a meaningful life.

I strongly encourage you to use your education to become an engaged leader in your professional life and in your community. Our state and country need enlightened leaders who will help shape public policy toward making this country a stronger union with greater opportunity and equality for all. At William Paterson University, you have learned and grown in a very diverse community of educators and scholars, and now you are prepared to take your place in the world.

You are limited only by your imagination. Dream big, live fully, and work hard...but also take time to savor all of the experiences ahead of you. Be bold, be brave, be happy, and most importantly, be kind.

The entire William Paterson University community wishes you well in all of your endeavors. Your *alma mater* stands behind you, and will always welcome you back home to campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard J. Helldobler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD
President

ORDER OF CEREMONIES

Welcome

Joshua B. Powers, PhD, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 by Sir Edward Elgar
(Audience is requested to remain seated for the academic procession)

National Anthem

Janaís Martínez, Bachelor of Music candidate

Introductions

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD, President

Undergraduate Student Speaker

Brian Wheeler, Bachelor of Science candidate, Marketing

Faculty Excellence Awards

Joshua B. Powers, PhD, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs,
presenting

President's Comment to the Class

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD, President

Conferral of Honorary Degree

Michael A. Seeve, Chair, William Paterson University Board of Trustees, presenting
Carlos A. Medina, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Commencement Address

Carlos A. Medina, Businessman, Civic Leader, and Television Host

Alumni Association Welcome

Michele Garcia '15, President, William Paterson University Alumni Association

Presentation of Degree Candidates

Joshua B. Powers, PhD, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Candidates will be recognized by the deans of their respective colleges,
members of the Board of Trustees, and President Richard J. Helldobler

Wartyna Davis, PhD, Dean, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Anthony Bowrin, PhD, Dean, Costakos College of Business

Amy Ginsberg, PhD, Dean, College of Education

Venkat Sharma, PhD, Dean, College of Science and Health

Conferral of Degrees

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD, President

Recessional

Suite No. 2 in F by Gustav Holst

(Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic procession has left)

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

CARLOS A. MEDINA

Businessman, Civic Leader, and Television Host
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters



Carlos A. Medina became president and CEO of the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey in 2019, having served as its chairman since 2012 and as a member since 2005. The organization represents 119,000 Hispanic-owned businesses in New Jersey that contribute more than \$20 billion annually to the state's economy. With the Chamber's founding, Mr. Medina in 2019 co-founded and became the chairman of the Hispanic Chamber Fund, a loan program that helps Hispanic Chamber member business owners and entrepreneurs across the U.S. to fairly and transparently gain access to capital to help them build, grow, and expand their businesses.

He has been dedicated to raising awareness for and promoting diversity in entrepreneurship. He serves as executive producer and host for *Que Pasa NJ* on PBS; the show, in its third season, features in-depth discussions with Hispanics from business, culture, politics, nonprofits, and academia, as well as non-Hispanic influencers and allies. He is also a regular contributor on Univision New York and often discusses important issues with New Jersey and New York media outlets.

Mr. Medina is the president of Robinson Aerial, Inc., a firm specializing in mapping and engineering with a long and rich history in New Jersey. As president and majority owner of the company since 2009, he has led an expansion into services such as construction management and GIS mapping, among others.

A graduate of Rutgers University-Newark, Mr. Medina earned a law degree from Rutgers Law School. He is currently a member of the board of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey and the advisory board of the New Jersey Salvation Army, a trustee of the Hudson County Economic Development Authority, and a member of Governor Murphy's ReStart the Economy Task Force. He has served as a board member of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, where he served as chairman of the Real Estate Subcommittee for several years.

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to William Paterson University's 2022 Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony.

The audience is requested to stand for the National Anthem. Each candidate for a degree will be individually recognized during the ceremony. We ask that you hold your applause and other expressions of recognition during the degree presentations. The ceremony is expected to last up to three hours. A map of the Prudential Center, designating the seating sections for the graduates by academic college, can be found below. Family members will not be able to interact with the graduates on the arena floor.

Out of respect for all the graduates, we ask that you remain in your seats until the end of the ceremony. Commencement will officially conclude after the Recessional, during which the University Mace Bearer will lead the platform party from the stage, followed by the new graduates, who will exit from their seats on the floor and proceed to exit the building through the Ford Tower on Lafayette Street. Please arrange a mutually agreed-upon location to meet outside the Prudential Center following the ceremony.

Photographs: A professional photographer will photograph each graduate as they are greeted on stage. Proofs will be available online at gradimages.com within five to seven days following the ceremony.



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

BRIAN WHEELER

Marketing, *summa cum laude*

Brian Wheeler is a May 2022 graduate with a bachelor of science degree in marketing, *summa cum laude*, with a minor in economics. He has been actively involved as founder and president of the Data Analytics and Science Club, the first data-oriented student club on campus. He served as technology consultant to the Global Business and Finance Institute in the Cotsakos College of Business, assisting faculty and students with the sophisticated hardware and software platforms in the Financial Learning Center. He also worked as a technology assistant in the Department of Information Technology on campus, providing technical support to the campus community. A Dean's List student, Mr. Wheeler completed the Business Track in the University's Honors College, conducting research on the role of data visualization in decision making. He received the University Honors College Scholarship as well as the Trustee Scholarship, which recognizes high-achieving students for their academic accomplishments.



FACULTY AWARDS

2022 Faculty Award for Excellence in Service

RICHARD KEARNEY

Reference and Electronic Resources Librarian

In his 22 years at William Paterson, reference and electronic resources librarian Richard Kearney has worked diligently to acquire a vast collection of databases for teaching and research, enabling high-quality instruction and scholarship for both students and faculty at the University. He has been at the forefront of efforts to make open educational resources accessible for the campus community, and was instrumental in helping faculty and students with needed electronic information during the shift to online learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. His campus service includes numerous committees and councils. He has served as a member and parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate, and is a long-time member and chair of its Academic Standards Council, playing a leading role in drafting and revising academic policies. On the state level, he has served as vice president, president, and past president of the College and University Section of the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA), and has received its highest accolade, the Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Kearney is a member of the New Jersey Statewide Database Advisory Committee and New Jersey's Library Services and Technology Act Advisory Council. In addition to teaching history courses on campus, he serves as a judge for New Jersey History Day and as a reviewer for the History Re-Grant Program of the Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council. A graduate of Rutgers University-Newark with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology, Mr. Kearney holds a master's degree in library science from Rutgers University and a master's degree in history from William Paterson University.



FACULTY AWARDS

2022 Faculty Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Expression

NICOLE DAVI

Professor of Environmental Science

Since joining the faculty in 2013, Professor Nicole Davi has produced impressive scholarship and led her students in cutting-edge research and publication.

Her research, focused on the development and interpretation of tree-ring records to describe climate

variability across time scales from years to millennia, is critical to understanding climate change impacts on populations and ecosystems. The tree-ring records she has developed, along with her students, document nearly 1,000 years of droughts across Central Asia and warming trends across the Northern Hemisphere. Locally, Professor Davi is studying how New Jersey and New York coastal forests have responded to climate extremes in the last three centuries. The author of nearly 60 peer-reviewed papers in quality journals, she has authored many more published abstracts with her students as lead authors or co-authors. Professor Davi has been awarded more than \$3 million from federal and private funding agencies for research projects ranging from paleoclimate research to science education to collaborations with artists; a recent National Science Foundation-funded project focuses on regional water quality and availability in collaboration with William Paterson faculty in public health and community and social justice studies. Passionate about science education, she led a research team that built Tree-Ring Expeditions (TRES), public online labs geared to introducing undergraduate students to tree-ring science. Her awards include selection as a 2020 Fulbright Scholar to conduct research in Colombia. The associate editor for the journal *Dendrochronologia*, she is a reviewer for the *International Journal of Climatology*, among others. She serves as chair of the University's Department of Environmental Science and is a member of the New Jersey Science Advisory Board's Climate and Atmospheric Sciences Standing Committee for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Professor Davi holds a bachelor's degree in environmental science from Ramapo College, and master's and doctoral degrees in physical geography from Rutgers University.



FACULTY AWARDS

2022 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching

MIRYAM WAHRMAN

Professor of Biology

In her 37 years at William Paterson University, Professor Miryam Wahrman has shown exceptional passion for teaching and dedication to her students, successfully preparing them for careers in science and health. She has taught 17 different biology and biotechnology courses for majors and non-majors, many of which she developed, including a course in bioethics, and has taught Honors courses and the First-Year Seminar. She also created and developed the University's bachelor's and master's degree programs in biotechnology. Her extensive involvement in campus initiatives related to teaching and pedagogy includes serving as director of general education for 12 years, guiding the development of the core curriculum. Professor Wahrman also engages her scholarship in her teaching. Her research, supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health, among others, and published in numerous scientific journals and conference proceedings, has provided opportunities for students in her lab to pursue significant research projects, preparing them for graduate school and careers in medicine, academia, and industry. She directed a U.S. Department of Education Math and Science Teachers Grant focused on improving the teaching of math and science in urban schools. Among her participation on numerous committees, Professor Wahrman has served as chair of the Department of Biology, chair of the Faculty Senate, and director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, which she co-founded. Her publications include *The Hand Book: Surviving in a Germ-Filled World*, instrumental during the COVID-19 pandemic, and *Brave New Judaism: When Science and Scripture Collide*. She has delivered more than 100 conference and scholarly presentations and invited lectures around the country and abroad, including a TEDx talk on direct-to-consumer DNA tests, and she is widely quoted in the media. Professor Wahrman holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Hunter College with honors, and a doctorate in biochemistry from Cornell University.



Bachelor's Degree Recipients

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

AFRICANA WORLD STUDIES

Tahani Sahara Helms-Ishmael
Nassir Abdul-shariek Jones
Tavia Lamarriah Mount

ANTHROPOLOGY

Effiah Agyiewaa
Erica Albino***
Solanch Abadal
Sierra Efferson Fields
Cara Kennedy
Brady Michelle Landon-
Forderhase
Hunter Michael Machin
Maidalis Estephany Paredes
Valentine Ryan Perez
Monica Joana Velez
Valentina Arevalo Salazar**
Jhanna M. Tapia*
Malena I. Wilson

ART

Kasey Rose Arnold
Alysha Meryem Bertan
Kerri Leigh Brennan
Justin A. Charles
Alison Nicole Ciarletta***
Monica C. Ciasullo
Matthew David Combes*
Mckenzie Mae Cuccia**
Hunter Leo Delisle
Larry Felix
Samantha Faith Giordano
Christopher R. Laccetti**
Bryan Lo
Matthew Joseph Lutz*
Megan M. Martinelli**
Lauren Marie Messler
Dasiah Monet Miles
Michael Elmer Obeso
Stephen Parker
Asmaa Ramadan*
Mallory Rummel

Samantha Salazar
Yousef Saleh
Dianne Kate Tarazona*
Jean Carlos Tupete
Alexis Brianna Walter
Anthony Zahroon

ART HISTORY

Alexandria Grajales*
Julia Nicole Kragiel
Shania Marie Laylor*

ASIAN STUDIES

Cassandra Marie Borchers*
Gabrielle Ann Dicso**
Lewis D. Nova
Luis Vissaris Pacquing
Charles Rossmann***
Randall Terhune***
Joshua Torres

COMMUNICATION

Dina Abdel-Aziz
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Phil Andre Amiths
Beatrice Ayodele Amune
Joana Anis
Antoinette Arce *
Gabrielle P. Armstrong
Nathalie Arroyo
Joseph Awoyera
Marissa Louren Banks
Tamara Battal
Tyler Eric Benbow
Christian Alejandro Bermudez
Alyssa Marie Borges
Stephanie Andrea Brand**
Kenneth John Brower
Kameron Brown
Ariana Elyse Brown
Ashley Burrows
Eddieberto Cabrera
Jillian G. Caltagirone***
Carmen Milagros Caraballo***
Matthew Anthony Castro
Regina Keyshanna Clark
Gabriela M. Cocco
Natasha J. Condi*
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Jada Amelia Cordero

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Lenny Alberto Cruz
Renzo Gabriel Cuestas
Joseph W. Cunningham
Cynthia Ann Davis
Meghan Catherine Davis
Raekwon Elijah Davis
Rebecca Delcis
Zachary R. Dembowski
Ana Leticia DeSouza Macedo
Kujtesa De Stani**
Brittany Danitza Deza
James Nicholas Di Pinto**
Guadalupe Bandeira Dragon**
Jeremy Paul Dreisbach**
Nicholas Dudin
Sean Michael Dwyer*
Nmesomachukwu Mirian
Egesionu
Sylvie G. Errickson*
Alyssa Le Figueroa***
Lauren Patricia Filippini**
Anthony James Finnen**
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Christina Funcasta
Brandon D. Garcia
Giannelli G. Gaspar
Lanie Kiara Gatson
Vincent L. Gatta
Giovanni Giotta
Teuta Gjokaj
Christopher Francis Glatz
Ryan Michael Goggins
Shawneste Gordon
Victoria Lynn Grabusnik*
Lorraine D. Granadillo
Justis Gregg
Skye Karen Gugliuzza
Rayah Hilmi Hammad
Joseph R. Hennessy
Sharlyn Herrera
Zachary Ryan Hertz**
Ashton Jamal Hinds
Jaylah Nicole Holmes
Joanna A. Hook***
Connor John Horwath
Neema Hosseinian
Christa Marie Iazzetta
Aslan A. Isaac
Monica Valeria Iturri

Bachelor's Degree Recipients

Aqeelah Jenkins
Katelin Johnson*
Jaizahn Jones
Jillian Marie Kalinowski
Tyler D. Kearney
Julianne Grace Kearns**
Ashley Kim
Diana Kochaha**
Abigail Rachel Koschier*
Christopher Peter Kruimer
Aljernon Allen Leverett
Samantha Jeanine Liegner**
Ma'hagoni Imaan Lilly***
Robert Joseph Lomanto
Sierra Lucky
Jack Tyler Maloney
Michael R. Mangual ♦
Matthew John Marro
Olivia Maureen Marshall
Janelle Angelita Martinez
Wilnell Javier Martinez
Regan Rebecca McClure
Vlaznim Selim Dema Mehmetaj
Robert Andrew Melendez
Andrea Melton*
Joseph Alexander Mennella
Mondyson Mentor
Jacob Mercado
Patrick John Messina
Caryn Annette Miller**
Geovanni Molina
Steven Molinares
Jessica Marie Moore
Jamie Christopher Morella
Jason Brian Morgan
Michael James Muir
Steven Mario Mulder
Adelmo Justin Natilla**
Brandon Michael O'Brien*
Wendy Olmos
Christian Ortiz
Jamie Lyn O'Shea**
Skyler Alyssa Osorio
Michael Anthony Paparella**
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Joselito Archie Purugganan Paz Jr.
Jade Ann Penney
Brittney Julissa Perez
Dejaney Syanne Perez
Kevin Brandon Pinzoni
Giovanna Rose Pollicino

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Suzette A. Ramirez*
Brad Rayborn
Nathan Christopher Reilly***
Viviana Restrepo
Adriana Reyes-Saucedo
Danielle Leah Risi
Irma Guadalupe Riveron-Pacheco
Aryeon Edward Robinson
Jordan Robinson
Emilee Rodriguez**
Karina Arlin Rodriguez
Samory Toure Rose*
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Paola Nicole Ruiz*
Gabre-Ana Aaliyah Ruthland
Nicholas Donato Salvatoriello
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Maya Hope Santiago
Ashley Elizabeth Sawyer*
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Aisha Siddiqui**
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Ryan Joseph Sudol***
Alexander Swetlitschny***
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CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Charles Edward Byrd
Gianni Lee Calzadilla*
Amaya Monea Caraballo
Ryan Howard Carriker
Imane Cherkaoui
Argenis Colon
Genneysys Brianna Colon*
Charles Matthew Cusack
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Tavonna L. Davis
Wellington Raul De La Cruz*
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Jordane Forde
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Hailey Adalisa Galvis**
Roger Garcia
Kevin O. Garcia
Kathy Garcia-Vega
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Ethan Thomas Schwartz***
Amanda Jo Siragusa
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Ariel D. Smith*
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Trinity Grace Stilianessis***
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Lucas James Fertakos**
Stacey Anne Fialkoff-Forbes
Chelsea Louise Frambach
Terrell D. Gambill
Mikee Garrido**
Jacquelyn C. Gazzano*
Ashley Green*
Christine Frances Halpin**
Victoria Danielle Huizing***
David August Hunter**
J. Hyman**
Christopher B. Jenner
Maxwell Alexander Johnson***
Nicholas Patrick Lepri
Christopher Gerard Liloia
Amanda R. Lusskin
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Daniel Clark McCartney*
Sean J. Misajet**
Anthony Frank Morano*
Joshuah Morgan
Debra Alison Mourad
Brittany Michelle Orlando
Joseph Spencer Paolantonio**
Joseph Francis Pawlica***
Christopher M. Pidgeon
JoAnn Marie Roncone*
Andrew Charles Rovito*
Matthew Albert-ferreira Ruffel
Olajuwon Salako
Nicholas Anthony Scheps
Max Justus Skelly
Katie Judith Smeilus***
Jonathan Peter Stolarz**
Kelly Ann Taggart
Ryan James Tower**

LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES

Julieta Eleonora Ortega*

LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Danielle A. Filato
Thakurdai Naraine
Virginia A. Torres

Bachelor's Degree Recipients

LEGAL STUDIES

Natalie Michele Andrade
Manuela Bocanegra
Chelsye Christine Carrion
Brianna Lynne Cerca
Natasha J. Condi*
Jada Amelia Cordero
Shanya Marie Cross
Ivonne Lorena Herrera Cortes**
Amanda Lynn Cruz*
Iala Y. Callis Fritzes
Mathew Joseph Granuzzo*
Olycia Issac
Jada I. Jenkins
Igball Kacka Kusari
Nicole Lazic
Elizabeth Paige Lea*
Elijah Jayden Miller**
Yulian A. Alba Navarro
Hannahbel Obanor
Huda T. Qasem
Jailene Ramirez
Sofia Romano
Nicole Rosario-Martinez
Arielle Natasha Rottman
Rassim Ricardo Safar
Brenda Leonela Sanchez
Kerwine Tessier

LIBERAL STUDIES

Tariq Faruq Adil Abd Al-Quddus
Shanjidah B. Ali***
Erica Arenas
Leena Deen Basha*
Fatima L. Bell
Emily Katherine Blochinger
Amanda Lynn Bosler*
Donyea M. Boyd
Bella Bradford
Emily Lynn Brown*
Denise Marla Campbell
Joan Castaneda*
Judiann Cerracchio
Alma Elizabeth Chacón
Cynthia L. Coleman
Cynthia L. Cordova
Mariana C. Coyotecatl
Brooke Haley Deker**
Johnna Delutro**
Gina Desanctis***

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Steven Frank Scarpulla
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Lydia Seguine
Pooja Shah
Sobia Rizwan Shaikh
Rima Shaya
Giavonni Mary Shim
Josephine Y. Siaw
Lori Lovelle Simmons
Samantha Siracuse-Parker
Samantha Skraparis
Kayann Kristina Smith**
Carolyn M. Sorge
Jessica Sosa
Olivia Ann Sozio
Sara Anna Spetz
Marie Yvrose C. St. Felix
Sandra Lavanya Stanley
Michaela M. Stanton**
Meka A. Stephens
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Saige Vincent Tabuzo
Cheme Dolker Tairap
Roza Tariku
Arys Massiel Tejada
Janna Teterina
Tatiana Thaler
Erika Tiboni
Collette Lyn Timms
Anna Pang Mun Tom
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Andrea Torres
Nicole Elizabeth Tremble
Jonathan Tsilov
Viktoria Tsiouri***
Morgan Alexandra Urrutia
Jasmin Alexandra Velez Cueto
Marie F. Venette
Ileana Jay Viani
Vanessa Diandra Vincent
Joshua Aaron Fulo Vitan**
Meghan Alisa Vogelaar**
Christine Noelle Walsh
Gillian Walsh
Megan Phyllis Walsh
Brooke Warhurst
Felicia Minnie Washington

Chaya S. Weiss
Veronica Musonda William
Chasmaine Williams
Alanaah Moneau Wilson
Audrey Wilson
Colin Wunder**
Parvin Younus
Shirley Zapata
Unique Zapata
Ashley Marie Zendt
Stephanie M. Zeron
Xiaotong Zhang
Ashley Amanda Zion
Jamie Lee Zotynia

Honors College Graduates

Biology Track

Nikki Walker Gaffney
Cameron Lynne Litterini
Isaac Lobo
Anthony Navarrete
Gabrielle Popencuk
Jamie Reulbach
Emir Shahin

Business Track

Gianna Antonietta Coscia
Stevencia Callie Dantes
Gerard D. Dimayuga
Yasmeen Ghalyeh
Edgar Allen Jovel
Lauren Donna Naveo
Georgiana Rose Pearson
Cassidy R. Presutto
Ethan Thomas Schwartz
Zachary J. Tanis
Alexander Velasco
Brian Christopher Wheeler

Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology Track

Yeasmin Ali
Rebecca Ann Annunziata
Aleema Baksh
Sarah Lynn Bayer
Skylar J. Catania
Nicole Alexandra Cherbakova
Stamatiou Panagiotis Myriagkos
Gabrielle Kylee Pierre
Alyssa Sasso
Jeneen W. Suiafan
Kayla Rose Vashey
Alexander Thomas Vlietstra

Cognitive Science Track

Theresa G. Abou-Daoud
Lauren Marie Gonzalez
Megan Catherine Hoopes
Caitlin Marie Monahan
Victoria Lynn Perloth
Sebastian Eduardo Rivera
Jada Ajai Sanders
Max Justus Skelly

Global Public Health Track

Janelle Alfred
Alexis Bennett
Taylor Isabella Giovatto
Karen Beth Jankowitz
Julianna McVeigh
Alicia Marie Mitchell
Stephanie Waters

Humanities Track

Keleen Alisia Ashmead
Dillon M. Conroy
Amirah Mohamed Elayan
Maxwell Alexander Johnson
Joseph Spencer Paolantonio
Nathan Christopher Reilly
Alex Swetlitschnyj
Tara Eileen Weniger

Independent Track

Abigail Bryan Viola

Music Track

Noreen Ashley Flores Abdon
Isabella Francesca Cacciottolo
Indrojit Chatterjee
Hodo A. Ismail
Janais Martinez
Emily Rose McQuaid
Brenna Cathleen Moran
Dominick William Wood

Nursing Track

Imani Jasmeen Anderson
Abigail Elizabeth Campbell
Olivia J. Clifford
Stephanie K. El-Khoury
Nitasha K. Garg
Sara Marie Graham
Taylor Paige Grayson
Ju Hyung Heo
Chloe Elizabeth Kasbarian
Nasima Khatun
Eunji Lee
Syeda Nahar
Ayah Omar
Paige Nicole Romano
Yaeli C. Rothschild
Michaela M. Stanton
Collette L. Timms
Meghan Alisa Vogelaar

Performing and Literary Arts Track

Khyriyah Abdul-Haqq
Iris Nicole C. Andal
Elliott John Bernard
Chloe Olivia Borthwick
Ashley Burrows
Caelan Gabriel Cardello
Sara Ann Carlson
Daniel Griffin Fink
Anthony James Finnen
Patrick Thomas Gannon
Jonathan Evan Gittings
Matthew Kian Holmes
Bansuck Kim
Caryn Annette Miller
Alberto Oliart
Kathleen Elizabeth Sillen
Ryan Matthew Shinall

Social Sciences Track

Vincent Michael Acquavella
Jake Bejarano
Shawn Marie Gaffney
Elijah Jayden Miller
Trey Edward Pisano

This program does not constitute the official list of graduates. The students included in the program have applied to graduate as of April 23, 2022, and include graduates from August 2021, January 2022, and potential graduates for May 2022 and August 2022. Their degree and designation of Latin honors will be officially posted by the Office of Registration Services after their grades have been received and verified.

Cum Laude **Magna Cum Laude *Summa Cum Laude*

◆ Posthumous

ACADEMIC AWARDS

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dean's Award

Carmen Milagros Caraballo
Matthew Kian Holmes
Victoria Lynn Perlroth

Department of Art

Creative Excellence in Applied Art Award

Joshua L. Fitzpatrick

Creative Excellence in Digital Arts Award

Alexander Chernyshev

Creative Excellence in Fine Arts Award

Roy Abel Montero

Scholarly Excellence in Art History Award

George Robert Grabusnik

Department of Communication

Excellence in Communication Studies Award

Sarah Vogelmann

Excellence in Journalism Award

Ryan Joseph Sudol

Excellence in Media Production Award

Alyssa Le Figueroa

Excellence in Media Studies Award

Michael James Muir

Excellence in Public Relations Award

Stephanie Andrea Brand

Excellence in Theater and Comedy Award

Emilee Rodriguez

Department of Community and Social Justice Studies

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in Africana World Studies

Tavia Lamarriah Mount

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in Anthropology

Cara Kennedy

Women's and Gender Studies Norma Van Dyke Award

Toni Anne Marie Mac Lean

Franz Boas Award

Effiah Agyiewaa

Department of English

Excellence in Writing Award

Nathan Christopher Reilly

Helen and Philip Manno Award

Carmen Milagros Caraballo

Department of History

Outstanding Graduating Senior Award

Victoria Danielle Huizing
Joseph Francis Pawlica

Patricia Ripmaster Award

Melissa Margaret Babyak
Katie Judith Smeilus

Department of Languages and Cultures

Award for Excellence in Spanish

Catelin Altagracia Reyes

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Bianel Del Carmen Mena Mayi

Excellence in Language, Linguistics or Cultural Studies Award

Salma Mohamed Reyad

Department of Music

Music Scholar Award

Brenna Cathleen Moran

Outstanding Musician Award

Patrick Thomas Gannon
Janais Martinez

Department of Political Science, Legal, and Urban Studies

Outstanding Senior Award in Geography

Shawn Marie Gaffney

Outstanding Senior Award in Legal Studies

Ivonne Lorena Herrera Cortes

Outstanding Senior Award in Political Science

Mitchel Jay Gross

Outstanding Senior Award in Urban Studies

Ethan Thomas Schwartz

Department of Psychology

Outstanding Academic Distinction

Yeasmin Ali
Helen Gonzales

Excellence in Academic Achievement

Sarah Lynn Bayer
Caitlin Marie Monahan

Outstanding Academic Achievement and Research Award

Jake Bejarano
Skylar J. Catania

ACADEMIC AWARDS continued

Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

**Outstanding Academic
Achievement Award**
Jessica Krzastek

Asian Studies Program

**Distinguished Graduate in Asian
Studies Award (East Asia Track)**
Zelda Rossman

**Outstanding Graduate in Asian
Studies**
Randall Terhune

Latin American and Latino Studies Program

Catarina T. Feldman Award
Alexandria Grajales

Liberal Studies Program

**Liberal Studies Outstanding
Academic Achievement Award**
Jennifer Lynn LaFalce
Nicole Mejia

Departments of History and Philosophy

Paul Vouras Humanities Award
Maxwell Alexander Johnson

Departments of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Psychology, and Political Science, Legal, and Urban Studies

**Paul P. Vouras Social Sciences
Award**
Skylar J. Catania
Claudia Morales
Kaylee Rose Valencia

William Paterson University-Mercer County Community College Program

Academic Excellence Award
Karen Jhesenia Serrano

COTSAKOS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Dean's Award
Yasmeen Ghalyeh
Rebekah Ramnarine

Department of Accounting and Law

**Outstanding Senior Accounting
Major Award**
Jan Carlos De Jesus
Rebecca Georgeann Kreh
Cassidy R. Presutto

Department of Economics, Finance, and Global Business

**Award for Outstanding Senior in
Economics**
Matteo Liccardo

**Award for Outstanding Senior in
Finance**
Merriam Salman

**Award for Outstanding Senior in
Financial Planning**
Emmanuel Villa

**Award for Outstanding Senior in
Global Business**
Alexander Paul Liotta

Department of Management, Marketing, and Professional Sales

**Award for Outstanding Senior in
Management**
Megan Catherine Hoopes

**Award for Outstanding Senior
in Marketing, Digital Marketing
Track**
Yasmeen Ghalyeh

**Award for Outstanding Senior in
Professional Sales**
Casandra L. Casanova

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dean's Award
Erin Faith O'Connor

Department of Special Education, Professional Counseling, and Disability Studies

Excellence in Teaching Award
Tanasia N. Weaver

Department of Teacher Education: PreK-12

Excellence in Teaching Award
Shanjidah Begum Ali (P-3)
Kelly Lynne Clark (K-6)
Katie Judith Smeilus
(P-3 with Teacher of Students
with Disabilities)

**Academic Achievement and
Excellence in Teaching Award
(K-12)**
Liam Mejia

**COLLEGE OF
SCIENCE AND
HEALTH**

Dean's Award

Cameron Lynne Litterini

Department of Biology

Outstanding Senior Award

Cameron Lynne Litterini

C. Kent Warner Award

Aaron Yusuf Yaqoob

**Outstanding Undergraduate
Research Award**

Jamie Reulbach

Department of Chemistry

Excellence in Chemistry Award

Oliver Emanuel Garcia

Kevin Alexander Lee

Clairissa Yom

**Department of
Communication Disorders
and Sciences**

Undergraduate Excellence Award

Georgia Rose Marcouiller

**Department of
Computer Science**

**Omicron Omega Award for
Excellence in Computer Science**

Anastasia Renee Chieco

**Omicron Omega Iota Tau Award
for Excellence in Computer
Information Technology**

Stephanie Waters

**Department of
Environmental Science**

**Excellence in Environmental
Science Award**

Alvin Fisher

Nelson Tusiime

Michael Whipp

Department of Kinesiology

**Athletic Training Education
Program Academic Award**

Gianna Lisa Jacobelli

Exercise Physiology Award

Myles Turner

Cindy Keller Award for

Physical Education

Abigail Bryan Viola

Distinguished Sport

Management Student Award

Stuart Thomas Colin Sharples

**Department of
Mathematical Sciences**

**Academic Excellence Award in
Mathematics**

Caleb Anthony Wroblewski

**Academic Excellence and
Service Award in Mathematics**

Joshua David Trigoura

Department of Nursing

**Nursing Excellence Award
(Accelerated Track)**

Natalie Blazina

**Nursing Excellence Award
(Generic Track)**

Taylor Paige Grayson

**Nursing Excellence Award
(RN-BSN Track)**

Margarita Maria Papa

**Department of Public
Health**

**Excellence in Health Education
Academic Award**

Julianna McVeigh



CLASS OF 2022 “SAY THANKS” COMMENCEMENT DEDICATIONS

William Paterson University is proud to acknowledge the following members of the Class of 2022 who participated in the “Say Thanks” initiative. The gracious gifts donated by the Class of 2022 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.

Janelle Alfred: Thanks to everyone who supported me through my journey to this moment. It was a battle, but I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Prayers and hard work do pay off.

Tonya Toribio Almonte: Gracias familia! Los quiero mucho!!!

Ashley Arribasplata: Special thanks to my parents, Jorge & Luz. You are my world and I will forever appreciate all your love. To my siblings: Andres, Antonella and Ayden.

Alma Chacón: Muchas gracias a mi Mama.

Donald Chiappinelli: Thank you to my family, professors, friends, and everyone at the ARC for your support to make my graduation possible.

Liza Coder: My gratitude to all of my professors!

Toni-marie Collazo: Forever grateful for the love and support from my family and friends. Thank you to WP’s staff and professors for offering guidance along the way. It’s been an incredible journey.

Melissa Comia: Thank you Pa and Ma, Bayani and Leonisa!

Shawn Gaffney: Much love to you, Mom and Dad!

Johanna Garcia: Today I am a graduate, and my family’s love and support have helped me sail through the challenges along the way. Gracias Mami (Alicia) y Papi (Johannes) por su dedicacion.

- Savannah Gathers:** Thank you so much to my family and friends for the love and support! I couldn't have done it without you, and I love you all so much! We made it y'all :)
- George Grabusnik:** Mom and Dad, thank you for your love and support. To my fiancé, Cassie, thank you for always being there. Love, George.
- Victoria Grabusnik:** Mom and Dad, thank you for the support and for all you have done. There are not enough words to express my love and gratitude. Love, Victoria.
- Matthew Grizil:** "Never tell me the odds."
- Jhon Guayabo-Ortiz:** Gracias mami y papi por todo!!!
- Cinthia Guerrero:** To my husband for his support.
- Jenna Holtzman:** We did it! Mom, you made this happen, so happy graduation to us! I love you with ALL of my heart!
- Maria Irizarry:** Thomas, Mami, Papi y familia, gracias por todo el apoyo. Los amo, Dmlb.
- Dana-Lee Garcia Izquierdo:** To my family, who supported me and gave me unconditional love. To my boyfriend, who believed in me and never lost hope. I love you all so much!
- Kanika John:** I want to thank God, my mom, siblings, and my Aunty Pet for supporting me through this journey. Mom, I love you and I appreciate all your sacrifices. RIP AK, hope I made you proud!
- Nuha Kased-Hamoudeh:** Thanks to my amazing husband and kids for their support. Love you all!
- Mary Lugli:** Thank you JC, Dan, Matt, Mike, CJ, Dad, and Katie for your love and support.
- Lindsay Martin:** Thank you Mom, to the moon and back.
- Alyssa Mattia:** Thank you Mom, Dad, Deanna, and BNR!
- Maria Molina:** Thanks to my kids, Sophia and Lukas, and my amazing husband, Ray. I could have never done it without you!
- Angella Mosca:** Special thanks to my son, Sheldon, who cheered and encouraged me all the way. Thanks to Dr. Kernan, Gheri, and all the PH professors for their patience with me. Finally, thanks to my friend, Nubia. God bless.
- Erin O'Connor:** Tyler, thank you for my car! EO.
- Rosmery Jimenez Ortiz:** Thank you Mr. David Fuentes!
- Debra Parker:** God, blessings and to my five beautiful sons who are my driving forces. Best Godmother M.C. always positive. Love to Professor DiNoia, Data Analysis.
- Nicole Payne:** Thank you to my parents for supporting me when I started this journey in 2005. Thank you to my husband and my children. I could not have done it without you pushing me.
- Bruce Puell:** Thank you Mom, Dad, and brother!
- Stephanie Quinones:** Thank you for all your sacrifices, support, and love throughout my academic journey, Mami and Papi. Love, SQ.
- Katia Quinto:** Thank you Mom, Dad, Leo, and Emily.
- Bhavin Rana:** Good luck to everyone in the Class of 2022.
- Jennifer Rivera:** So many positive things to say about my time here, but all I can say is thank you for all the memories!
- Roxanna Rodriguez:** Gracias Mami y Papi por todo.
- Samory Rose:** We did it! Bet on yourself!
- Yousef Saleh:** Alhamdulillah for graduating college.
- Amal Santiago:** To my loving father, madre, sister and love of my life--Los Amo! Special thank you to my mentor, Stephanie.
- Bennyli Suero:** I would like to thank my family for the love and support during these four years. Thank you, Mom and Dad for supporting my dream!
- Kayla Vashey:** Love you Mom, Dad, RJ, Kara, Rylie, and Ruby. Thank you for all the laughs, love, and support over the last four years! Thank you to the ladies of 203 for becoming like sisters to me. I love ya!
- Alissa Villalba-Hasson:** Mom, THANK YOU! I love you!

ABOUT WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY



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, the 24th 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 the home of the Office of the President and the Office of Institutional Advancement. Hobart Manor was designated a national and state landmark in 1976.

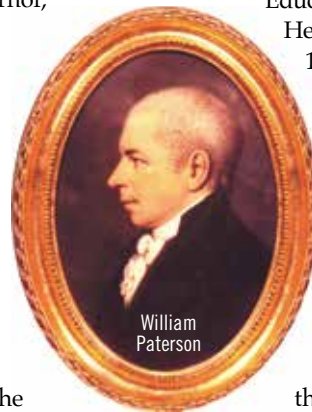
The University changed its name to Paterson State Teachers College when it relocated from Paterson in 1951. In 1966, the curriculum was expanded to include degree offerings other than those leading to a teaching career. In 1971, the institution

was renamed The William Paterson College of New Jersey. The change of name honored William Paterson, the man who was the state's first senator, its second governor, and a United States Supreme Court Justice appointed by President George Washington; the name also 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 has continued to evolve. Today, William Paterson University enrolls nearly 10,000 undergraduate and

graduate students, including 2,400 residential students. The University's four colleges—Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Cotsakos College of Business, Education, and Science and Health—support nearly 150 bachelor's degree, master's degree, and undergraduate and graduate certificate programs, and three doctoral programs—the doctor of nursing practice, added in 2011, the doctorate in clinical psychology, established in 2015, and the doctor of education in leadership, added in 2021. An Honors College provides academically gifted students with a rigorous curriculum. In 2020, the University launched WP Online, a new platform currently offering more than three dozen fully online degree programs.

The University's many accreditations include the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Association



to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, Commission on the Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, National Association of Schools of Art and Design, National Association of Schools of Music, and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, among others.

The institution's full-time faculty, who are widely respected for their teaching, research, and scholarship, include Fulbright Scholars, Guggenheim Fellows, and recipients of numerous other awards, grants, and fellowships. The University generated more



than \$11 million in federal, state, and local government grants and contracts in support of academic research and educational initiatives during the 2020-21 academic year.

University President Richard J. Helldobler joined the institution in 2018 following the retirement of President Kathleen Waldron, who served as president since 2010.

William Paterson provides learning opportunities in its classrooms, laboratories, and studios, and throughout the campus, as well as at various off-campus locations, including the adjacent High Mountain Park Preserve. It continues to expand its state-of-the-art facilities, including an expanded

and renovated Science Complex, dedicated in 2012, and an 80,000-square-foot, \$40 million academic building, University Hall, which opened in 2016 and was funded in part by \$30 million from New Jersey's "Building Our Future" Bond Act. An initiative to modernize the academic core of the campus has continued with the renovation of two academic buildings,

Barbara M. Grant Hall, formerly Preakness Hall, which reopened in fall 2017, and Hunziker Hall, completed in 2018. A new building at 1800 Valley Road provides space for the School of Continuing and Professional Education, a child development center, and new and expanded revenue-generating programs.

William Paterson is the third most diverse public university in New Jersey and 45 percent of its students are the first in their families to attend college. In 2015, the University was designated as a Hispanic-serving institution (HSI) with nearly 30 percent of its students claiming Hispanic heritage. The University ranks in the



top 3 percent of institutions in the country in the 2021 Social Mobility Index, created by CollegeNet to measure the extent to which a college or university educates more economically disadvantaged students at lower tuition and graduates them into good-paying jobs.

In 2011, the University became the first public New Jersey college or university to require undergraduates to take a course on civic engagement. William Paterson is an active leader in civic engagement activities through the American Democracy Project and New Jersey Campus Compact. The University is committed to sustainability and is a charter signatory of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment. Its solar panel installation, dedicated in 2010, ranks among the largest university installations in the United States.



UNIVERSITY TRADITIONS

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL

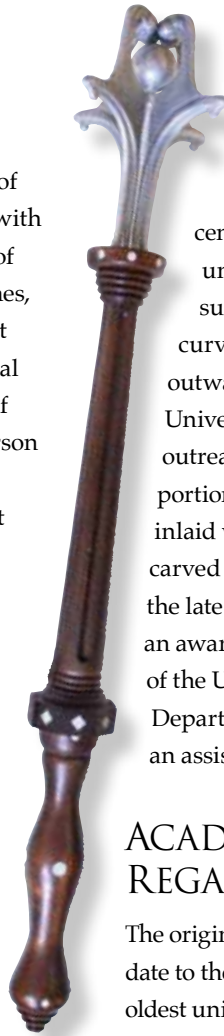
The academic processional begins with the entrance of the gonfalon, or University banner, carried by a high-achieving University student, who is followed by the faculty and professional staff and the graduates. After the graduates have taken their places, alumni will process, followed by the platform party, which includes the president, the Board of Trustees, vice presidents, deans, and other University officials, as well as the University Mace Bearer. 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.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the recessional order is reversed; the last to have entered are the first to recess. The University Mace Bearer leads the platform party, headed by the University president, followed by other dignitaries and University officials, the faculty, and, finally, the graduates. The audience is requested to remain seated until the recessional is concluded.

MACE

The mace—in the form of a staff topped by a ball with spikes—was a weapon of warfare in medieval times, but in the 14th century it evolved into a ceremonial object that is a symbol of authority. William Paterson University, like most colleges, has a mace that is used at all academic ceremonies. Carried by a senior University faculty member who is designated as the University Mace Bearer, the mace is the emblem and symbol of the president's authority to administer the University. At Commencement, the University Mace Bearer carrying the mace is part of the platform party, which includes 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.

This mace was first used in the 153rd Commencement ceremony in 1987 and was designed and crafted by Ming Fay, a 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 the late Joseph Van Putten, an award-winning graduate of the University's Art Department who served as an assistant professor of art.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The origins of academic dress date to the founding of the oldest universities in Europe in the Middle Ages. With few exceptions, medieval scholars had taken religious vows, and were obliged to wear long gowns and caps at all times, which also may have been necessary for warmth in unheated buildings. In the days of King Henry VIII of England, Cambridge and Oxford universities began prescribing a definite academic dress.

The practice of wearing academic regalia in the United States dates to the establishment of the original colonial colleges and was heavily influenced by European practices and styles. Students of most colonial

colleges were required to wear the gowns at most times, a practice that lasted until the eve of the Civil War in many institutions of higher learning. Today, academic regalia is worn primarily for Commencement and other academic ceremonies.

Though some universities in the United States and abroad have other colors, the usual color for gowns in America is black. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. The gown for the master's degree gowns has oblong sleeves that are open at the wrist. Doctoral degree gowns have sleeves that are bell-shaped and the front is faced with black velvet. Three bars of velvet are placed across the sleeves; 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. Mortarboards (caps) are usually black. The gown and hood of the University Mace Bearer and the president were made especially for William Paterson University ceremonies in the official colors of orange and black.

CEREMONIAL BANNERS

William Paterson University's ceremonial banners include the University gonfalon in the institution's colors of orange and black and featuring the University seal in silver. Other banners signify graduate studies and the Honors College. Additional banners identify the University's four colleges, in colors representative of the degrees they confer. They are:

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences:

Black and purple

Cotsakos College of Business:

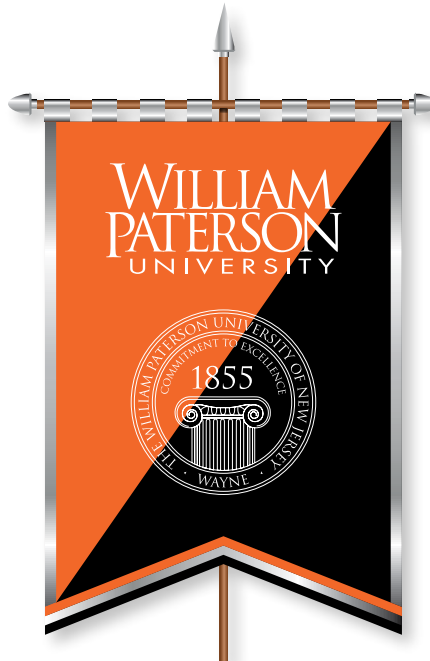
Black and gold

College of Education:

Black and blue

College of Science and Health:

Black and green



PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

The President's Medal worn by President Richard Helldobler features a medallion of the University seal. One side of the chain lists the previous names of the University, the other lists the University's colleges. The President's Medallion was first presented in 1978 by President Seymour Hyman and was redesigned in 1997 when William Paterson was awarded university status. The medallion is awarded periodically to individuals who have made outstanding contributions of service to the University community, to academe, or to society as a whole. It has been presented to those who have given time, talent, or funds to the University; who have enhanced cultural, scientific, or artistic awareness in New Jersey; who provide a positive role model in personal achievement and/or outstanding service to others; and who have strengthened higher education locally or nationally.

LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



Dear Class of 2022,

Congratulations! After all your hard work and dedication, you have earned your degree from William Paterson University. On behalf of the entire William Paterson alumni community, I applaud you for achieving this important milestone.

As a graduate of William Paterson University, you join a network of more than 80,000 proud Pioneers throughout New Jersey, the nation, and the world who are using their William Paterson degrees and experiences as a springboard to professional accomplishments and personal growth. They are leaders in every profession, and their achievements reflect the University's mission and commitment to preparing graduates for success in their careers, communities, and lives.

Alumni play an important role in the past, present, and future of William Paterson. As a graduate, you are now a member of the William Paterson University Alumni Association, our official alumni organization. We encourage you to take advantage of the many exciting opportunities available to you, both virtually and in person, such as networking events, social gatherings, lifelong learning opportunities, career development programs, exclusive benefits, and volunteer opportunities.

We offer 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 the *WP Magazine*. We also invite you to become an active participant in the many events we host each year. You can also stay connected to William Paterson through our official alumni website, wpunj.edu/alumni, and our Facebook page, facebook.com/AlumniWPUNJ, and can make professional connections through our LinkedIn group, **William Paterson University Alumni**. Or, follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/WPUNJ_Alumni and Instagram at Instagram.com/wpunj_alumni.

Again, congratulations, and we look forward to sharing the next stage of your William Paterson life with you! Our very best wishes as you begin your journey as William Paterson alumni.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Garcia". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michele Garcia '15
President
William Paterson University Alumni Association

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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, co-curricular, 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.

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CORE VALUES

At the core of everything the University does, the following five values define its ethos and fundamental beliefs:

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE As individuals and as an institution, we seek to model and to impart to our students the highest standards of knowledge, inquiry, preparation, academic freedom, and integrity, as well as an expanded sense of what an individual can accomplish.

CREATING KNOWLEDGE We strive to expand the boundaries of knowledge and creative expression in and outside of our classrooms. We help students think imaginatively and critically and encourage innovative solutions to social issues, the challenges of ecological sustainability and economic growth, and ethical dilemmas confronting our communities, regions, nation, and world.

STUDENT SUCCESS Students are our reason for being. We judge our effectiveness, progress, and success in terms of how well we provide a platform for their personal, intellectual, and professional development, enabling them to transform their lives and become civically engaged.

DIVERSITY We value and promote the expression of all aspects of diversity. We maintain a campus culture that welcomes diversity of personal circumstances and experiences and prepares students to become effective citizens in an increasingly diverse, interdependent, and pluralistic society.

CITIZENSHIP We challenge our students, faculty, staff, and alumni to recognize their responsibility to improve the world around them, starting locally and expanding globally. We offer critical expertise to New Jersey and our region, while our scholarship and public engagement address pressing community needs in the region and beyond in keeping with our public mission.



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