

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY
2023 COMMENCEMENT



GRADUATE CEREMONIES
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023
SPORTS AND RECREATION CENTER
WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to William Paterson University's 2023 Graduate 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 one and one-half hours.

Out of respect for all the graduates, we ask that you remain in your seats until the conclusion of the ceremony. Commencement will officially conclude after conferral of the degrees, followed by 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.

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.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Graduate,

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

This advanced degree is a testament to your intellectual abilities and your desire to further expand your expertise in your chosen field. You have used your background and training to ascend to the next level of academic attainment, and we are delighted that you chose William Paterson University as your partner in this worthy endeavor.

I strongly encourage you to use your newly acquired knowledge and expertise to become a leader in your professional field. New Jersey and our nation need strong advocates who will help shape public policy to make this country a better, more just union 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 this world.

As you reflect back on the time and energy you invested to achieve this milestone, I hope you will remember not only the textbooks you read, the papers you wrote, and the tests you took, but the wisdom and guidance you received from your faculty mentors and the friendships you made with classmates and colleagues. You are forever a part of the William Paterson University family, and I hope you will serve as a mentor to others pursuing their advanced degrees—to *pay it forward* to those following in your footsteps.

Live fully and work hard...but also be sure to take time to enjoy all of the experiences ahead of you. Be bold, be brave, choose kindness, and most importantly, be happy. You deserve it.

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

Sincerely,



Richard J. Helldobler, PhD
President



ORDER OF CEREMONY, 2:00 P.M.

Welcome

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

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance March, No. 1, by Sir Edward Elgar

National Anthem

Elaina Frissell '23, soprano

Introduction

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD, President of the University

Address by a Graduate Degree Candidate

Emely Cosme, Master of Business Administration candidate

Comment to the Class

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD, President of the University

Alumni Association Welcome

Domenico DiMaio '97, MBA '21, William Paterson Alumni
Association Executive Council Member

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, Provost Joshua Powers,
and President Richard J. Helldobler:*

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

Anthony Bowrin, PhD, Dean, Cotsakos College of Business

Conferral of Degrees

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD, President of the University

Recessional

Suite No. 2 in F, by Gustav Holst



ADDRESS BY A GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATE

It is a William Paterson University tradition to ask a graduating master's or doctoral degree candidate to address their peers.

EMELY COSME

*Master of Business Administration with
a Concentration in Marketing*

Emely Cosme is a January 2023 graduate with a master of business administration degree with a specialization in marketing. She also received the 2023 Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate with a Concentration in Marketing. Ms. Cosme, who completed a bachelor of science in chemical engineering at New Jersey Institute of Technology in 2019, is a research and development associate at Reckitt, where she is responsible for leading and delivering innovations for several of the company's products. She joined Reckitt in 2019 as a research and development scientist, and previously worked as a laboratory assistant at Advanced Polymer, Inc. Ms. Cosme was inspired to pursue an MBA through her exposure to marketing within her work in research and product development and hopes to take the insights and skills she has learned throughout her educational journey and apply them within her current field.

ORDER OF CEREMONY, 7:00 P.M.

Welcome

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Address by a Graduate Degree Candidate

Ashley Pauly, Master of Science candidate,
Exercise and Sport Studies

Comment to the Class

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President Richard J. Helldobler:*

Amy Ginsberg, PhD, Dean, College of Education
Venkat Sharma, PhD, Dean, College of Science and Health

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ASHLEY PAULY

Master of Science in Exercise and Sport Studies

Ashley Pauly is a May 2023 graduate with a master of science in exercise and sport studies. Ms. Pauly, whose graduate thesis was titled *Analysis of a Dynamic versus Static (PNF) Stretch Protocol on Vertical Jump Height Performance*, has served as the graduate assistant for the Department of Kinesiology. During her time on campus, she has been a supervisor for the University's Transitional and Career Readiness Program, which provides career and life skills for young adults with learning disabilities. She has also been a neuromuscular trainer with Push to Walk, an organization that provides individualized workouts for people with spinal cord injuries and other forms of paralysis. A graduate of County College of Morris, Ms. Pauly earned a bachelor of science degree, *summa cum laude*, in exercise science with a concentration in physiology from William Paterson University in 2021. She was selected as the 2023 recipient of the Department of Kinesiology's Distinguished Exercise and Sport Studies Graduate Award. Following graduation, Ms. Pauly has accepted a position as a spinal cord research assistant in the Spinal Cord Research Center at the James J. Peters Veterans Hospital in Bronx, New York.

Afternoon Doctoral Degree Recipients

Doctor of Clinical Psychology

Elisheva Adler

Dissertation:

The Relationship between Alcohol Use and Depressive Symptoms Severity in College Students: Probing Hopelessness and COVID-19 as Moderators

Nancy Bzadough

Dissertation:

Depression Predicts Medication Nonadherence: An Exploration of Decision-Making and Mood

Tarek Hijazi

Dissertation:

A Neurocognitive Approach to Resiliency to Stress and Trauma

Alyson Taylor Kaufman

Dissertation:

Who Uses Self-Help? Predictors of Self-Help Resource Utilization for Managing Stress Among College Students

Ashley Mondragon

Dissertation:

Understanding the Relationship Between Depressive Symptoms, Executive Skills, and Rumination

Hannah Eve Schorpp

Dissertation:

Does Race Matter? Examining Racial Differences in Bystander Intervention for College Campus Sexual Assault

Leah Marie Watson

Dissertation:

Understanding the Link between Childhood Depression, Executive Skills, and Distress Tolerance

Afternoon Master's Degree Recipients

Master of Arts

APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

Aleema Baksh
Mbalou Beretey
Monifa A. Boyd
Taquine Quadree Brown
Amanda Nicole Bush
Gianna Jeune
Patrick Anthony McGaha

CLINICAL AND COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Kaan Acar
Tyra E. Asberry
Elizabeth Anne Belford
Federica Bisone
Bianca Marie Davanzo
Brooke Elliott
Jane M. Gorman
Steven Douglas Hauck
Oluwadamilola Ayomide Jinadu
Yana Kovryzhuk
Kelly Ann Lennon
Melanie Angela Liptak
Frank Luo
Rachel Sadie Palmer
Kimberly Perez-Lucero
Jennifer Elizabeth Pineda
Nicole Emma Puglisi
Nathalia Marcela Rebolledo
Arohan Rimal
Tyler Ian Ross
Michael Anthony Russo
Tiffanie Sanjuan
Megan Sedita
Holly Semeniuk
Patrik T. Stastny
Kayla Jo-anne Thiessen
Alejandra Toledo
Cassandra Marie Wojdylak
Melissa Zea

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION

Vincent Michael Acquavella
Beatrice Ayodele Amune
Karina Andrea Correa
Devin Deont'e Frazier
Jhonatan A. Garcia
Rayah Hilmi Hammad
Diana Kochaha
Daniel Llanos
Linda Marie Salvesen
Satasha Mary Williams
Ivana Lynn Williamson

Master of Business Administration

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Giovanni Gray Aina
Danielle Anne Gaitan Abadies
Amatullah Abdur-Rahman
Raul Costa Abreu
Nicole Anne Achimov
Kathy-Lee F. Afflick
Aleena Aftab
Fatima Aguilar
Aya Ahmad
Khadijat Oyindamola Alabi
Christian Michael Albadine
Edward Alcaez
Julian Alfred
Diane Alves Almeida
Yousef Alsafadi
Rahinne Ambrose
Jayme Delayna Anderson
Michelle Andrawis
Aashish Andrew
Alyceson Marie Andrews
Emild Arias
Jazmine Augusma
Amandeep Aujla
Jennifer M. Auqui-Sinche
Marlon David Avelino Coello
Michael Mounir Awad
Jinoop Balakrishnan Nair
Ashley Banks
Ana Maria Baron
Gia Sophie Bartolozzi
Analicia Natalie Bastas
William Bateson

Afternoon Master's Degree Recipients

Genesis Batista
Haley Beiermeister
Paul Alexander Bermejo
C'shae M. Bess-Perez
Julia Blair
Tamor Ataneya Blake Lewis
Precious Boakye
Maria Milka Boceska
Melissa Booker
Diannis Elaine Borrás
Dakota Bumbaco
Christopher Burger
Brian Arden Burns
Ellen Elizabeth Callahan
Albert Camacho
Ellen Rose Caravella
Luis Manuel Carcamo
Allison Carrig
Emily Rose Case
Gregory William Case
Elizabeth Castro
Domenic Richard Catalano
Valerie Cesare
Nicole Chary
Walter Albaro Chavez
Kurseda Shema Choudhury
Shakhoat H. Chowdhury
Holly Elizabeth Ciccarella
Michael David Clabough
Shade Coleman
Alesha Corella
Emely Marie Cosme
Michael Jack Costa
Elyssa Joy Costello
Jenna Elizabeth Cowper
Paul Charles Cuffari
Colleen Marie Cunningham
Tyler James Czubachowski
Colette Mary Dabaghian
Teneisha Daley
Juan Carlos De Jesus
Rebeca Isabele De Souza Macedo
Kyle James Debenedittis
Steven Michael Decof
Feras Deeb
Christine Deis
Darrell Alan Devore
Colleen Devoti
Maria Claudia Diaz
Sherlie Ann Diaz-Jimenez
Dafina Doberdoli
Cornelius Jacob Doornheim

Paola V. Duval
Jeffrey Dynof
Brianna Sharise Edler-Strand
Andrew Rolando Enrique
Gino Escobar
Jeannine M. Evans
Lolade Fagbewesa
Tremonisha D. Falligan
Kyle Michael Flanagan
Stephen Joseph Forgione
Karina Franco
Courtney Esperina Agnes Franks
Raymond Gacita
Erica Gale
Lilian Roxana Garcia
Maxibel Garcia
Ethan Alyxander Garcia
Katrina Garcia
Douglas Arthur Gehlbach
Manoj Moncy George
Cynthia Geraldino
Natalie Sandra Geurds
Yasmeen Ghalyeh
Taylor Lauren Giunta
Jessica Leigh Glickman
Sonia Melissa Godoy
Jessenia Gomez
Yaritza Gonzalez
Valarie Rosa Gonzalez
Nicholas Michael Grasso
Ashley Greene
Nicole Ingrid Grubel
Ousseynou Gueye
Alexander Guzman
Chelsea Camilla Hall
Andrea Harkins
Yasmene Ibrahim Hasan
Reem Akram Hassan
Kimberlee Allison Hector
Jacob Michael Heller
Joshua Rashad Hicks-Lawrence
John Robert Hilcher
Huy Q. Ho
Rebecca K. Hollender
Jelisa Holm
Gertrude B. Honutse
Megan Catherine Hoopes
Lisa Elaine Howard
Anxhela Hoxha
Marinela Hoxha
Brandon Hsiung
Dennis Hubbard

Afternoon Master's Degree Recipients

Asia Huey
Diana Ibanez
Aisha Ibrahim
Nicholas Inturrisi
Roanne May Quijano Isip
Sarah Beth Jablonowski
Monica Rae Jackson
Alexis Rachel Jacobsen
Sajma Jahic
Heather Jans
Kimberly Teka Jarrett
Leslie Marie Jimenez
Kanika K. John
Sony Joseph
Ohanes Kalayjian
Ilana Kaner
Anjelika Karakhanyan
Parineeta Katti
Samantha Lynn Kaufman
Kanwal Jit Kaur
Seongwon Kim
Famechy Knight
Pamela Joyce Kotula
Diane Ladd
Devora Leah Landsberg
Yvonne Stephanie Lastra
Brittanee N. Lewis
Amanda Nicole Llano
Safiya Lochan
Colin Lombardo
Paige Kyle Loughran
Isabella Luo
Vincent Louis Lupo
Alexander Villar Manzano
Andrew Jack Marino
Candice Renee Marks
Corrin Jessica Martin
April Tatiana Martinez
Mary Kathryn Mason
Shamara Khadijah McCall
Caitlin McCarthy
Shea Peter McGowan
Meghan Lindsey McGowan
Jenall Ashanti McKoy
Terence John McMackin Jr.
Kristine Dei Lintag Mendoza
Martin Antonio Menendez
Diego Alonso Mesia
Simran Miah
Domenic Mignone
Tauheedah Miles
Carley Miller

Alexander Tyler Miranda
Ravendra Misir
Brian Lavery Monaghan
Jose Antonio Monge
Joseph Marc Monsko
Dylan Duarte Monteiro
Richard Monticciolo
Desiree A. Moore
Kenella Moore
Basheer Muhana
Ryan James Mulcahy
Larry Murillo
Cherice Monique Murray
Magdalena Muszynska
Marcin Nadolny
Aleksandr Nazarenko
Ellie Mae Neeson
Tiffany Alexandria Negron
Anthony Joseph Nocera
Miguel Nunez
Anna Kathleen Nunziato
Shannon Rose O'Reilly
Aprille O'Hara
Sebastian Ocampo
Vanessa Aleen Octable
Oluwaseun Jayson Okanlawon
Ayokunle Abraham Olusoji
Emani Oquendo
Melissa Lourdes Ortega
Kayode Jacob Otulana
Sean Pagan
Jakob James Paizis
Sergine Parice
Arch Patel
Kishan Patel
Prapti Patel
Rohini Patel
Martyna Pawluk
Georgiana Rose Pearson
Maureen Pena
Savina Pena
Joseph Michael Penna
Carmen Karina Perez-Vargas
Gregory John Pezzuto
Carl Phillip
Sophie Pierre-Louis
Kristin Nicole Pinho
Greis Pojani
Craig Polk
Cassidy Rae Presutto
Jacob Puzio
Jennifer Nicole Quaglia

Afternoon Master's Degree Recipients

Luz A. Quezada
Renee Racciatti
Alyssa Rahman
Mahasen Rais
Paula Andrea Ramirez
Nimisha Nimesh Ray
Omar Sebastian Reategui
Lisbeth Reyes Peralta
Mary Estephany Reyes Roa
Yasmin Elizabeth Roberson
Alexander David Roby
Deicy Lliguicota Rodriguez
Luisa Fernanda Rodriguez
Rocio Rodriguez
Vanessa Barbara Rodriguez
Kristin Marie Rogers
Charles Ray Romero
Ania Lacrish Roper
Andres Eduardo Rosales Petit
William Lawrence Rose
Lillian Mathea Ruano
Hilary Ruiz
Rene A. Saenz
Sandra Ximena Saenz-Cardenas
Danny Sanchez
Jessie Mabel Sanchez
Roberto Jorge Sanchez
Daniel Santiago
Alex Omar Santos
Carlos Alfredo Sarmiento
Kevin Sawyer
Olivia Rachel Scerbo
Eric Jerome Schaller
Austin M. Schoenig
Matthew Addison Schwed
Heather Scott
Ilea Rose Scritchfield
Jason Michael Selikoff
Sunni Seng
Juan Eugenio Serralles
Daniel Serrano
Mittal Shah
Fahad Sheikh
Shiva Shukla
Mominah Siddiqui
Marianela Ivana Silvestri

Michael P. Simone
Catherine Ponces Simoes
Daniel Christopher Simon-Slowinski
Shiv Kumar Singh
Laurie Lucia Sledgianowski
Mary Ann Smilek
Lauren Ann Smiriglio
Erin Dryden Spellman
Dominique Antonia Stancil
Zachary M. Stavros
Zola K. Stennett
Andrei Justin Strambeanu
Caitlin Strollo
Mauricio Andre Sueros Lucar
Kim T. Sykes
Rebecca L. Tavoletto
Lyeisha Monique Taylor
Gregory James Tellish
Honesty Natoya Thomas
Maria Catalina Thomas
Tobi Louise Thompson
Ashia Leigh Tiberi
Daniel Joseph Tichio
Collin Tierney
Julia Anne Timpanaro
Karlee Taylor Torres
Rachel Trigg
Kelly Lorraine Turner
Yaniri Valenzuela
Jose Alberto Valverde
Future Zanashia Vereen
Raquel Vieira
Erin Elizabeth Villagra
Kelly Nicole Wander
Steven Weber
Urszula Whitman
Alisha Whyte
Frank Joseph Widman
Amanda Williams
Ryan Williams
Tiara Jamie Woodard
Sharea Woodley
Colleen Rose Yaghan
Thames Anthony Zabala
Erinda Zemblaku
Ariana Zeppetelli

Afternoon Master's Degree Recipients

Master of Fine Arts

ART

Sarah K. Van Vliet

CREATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Ali Y. Akarcesme

William Theodore Garcia

Imani Hardaway

Nathaniel Timothy McIntyre

John Anthony Salimbene

Master of Music

MUSIC

Dakarai Antoine Barclay

Hoyeon Choi

Cailin Elizabeth Cienki

Bilge Gunaydin

Matthew Glen Kaefer

Benjamin Ewell Lindenburg

Daniel Alexander Neville

Master of Public Policy

PUBLIC POLICY

Ingy Khallaf

Claudia Barbara Morales Gomez

Master of Science

APPLIED BUSINESS ANALYTICS

Simon Stuart Buhooro

Kenneth J. Fleischer

Samir Hajiyev

Garcelle Anuka Hill

FINANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Daniel Baker

Thomas Buckle

Jeet Desai

Seleta D. Harrison

Lawrence Michael Iacona

Sahitya Mendu

Rebecca Rose Pavlick

Juan Pablo Perez

Eric Frank Postma

Netson Prince

Michael Sheeran

Tensa Thomas

This program does not constitute the official list of graduates. The students included in the program have applied to graduate as of April 21, 2023, and include graduates from January 2023 and candidates for May 2023 and August 2023. Their degree will be officially posted by the Office of the Registrar after their grades have been received and verified.

Evening Doctoral Degree Recipients

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Adriana Mansa Arbuah

Dissertation:

Impact of Kangaroo Mother Care on Low Birth Weight and Preterm Infant's Outcome: A Quality Improvement Project

Diana Lisa Casianos

Dissertation:

An Exploration of Nurses' Clinical Decisions in Early Identification of Sepsis and Hospital Readmission Rates in Skilled Nursing Facilities

Jennifer Lynn Enrique

Dissertation:

Knowledge, Attitudes, and Barriers Affecting the Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine Uptake: Closing the Gap for Advanced Practice Nurses

Imelda De Vera Guimary

Dissertation:

Examining the Impact of AHRQ's Patient Safety Culture and Its Supplemental Value and Efficiency Surveys in Ambulatory Care Service

Maria Elena Holguin

Dissertation:

Evaluating the Impact of Mental Health First Aid Training to Increase Filipino Nurses Ability to Engage in Self-Care and Refer Others to Mental Health Support

Tri Le

Dissertation:

Skin Alert Impacts on Hospital-Acquired Pressure Injuries

Sylvaria Oyinkolade

Dissertation:

Barriers to Childhood Asthma Self-Care Management Among Families in Low-Income Minority Communities

Elizabeth Varghese

Dissertation:

The Impact of Admission, Discharge, and Transfer Support on Burnout, Workload Perception, and Intention to Leave at an Acute Care Facility in New Jersey

Evening Master's Degree Recipients

Master of Arts

HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

Breanna Maria Brown
Paula Elisabeth Cartwright
Michelle Ann Clark-Kight
Tonya S. Coy
Devon Kaylee Cummings
Trudy-Ann Alecia Davey-Jones
Genesis Nicolee De La Rosa
Nana Ama Frimpong-Chester
Jason Fruge
Shannon Halm
Jennifer N. Hanley
Lindsey Taylor Huffield
Katherine Lamos
Stephanie Andrea Lopez
Daiyana B. Martinez
Margaret Mellott
Jasmine Victoria Myers
Denisse Orta
David Ortiz-Nunez
Brett Anthony Picaro
Renee Ann Pistone
Jaletta Renee Reames
Shirley Adrienne Rosario
Phillip William Rush
Michael V. Scalice
Upasana Sethi-Pagan
Sabrina Alyssa Sirni
JeVon Taylor
Maryam Ruqaiyah Tobias
Bob Tupin
Linda Marie Velez

Master of Arts in Teaching

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Elvis Jesus Acevedo
Jonathan Edward Koch
Victoria Lauren Lima
Meera Makthedar
Venita Salian
Samantha Santianna
Erin Maureen Shortall
Johanne Van Dam
Michael Winand

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Matthew Blaine Barclay
Shaye Jordan Calderon
Robert Patrick Caputo
Tiffany Espinosa
Brandon Anthony Ferrer
Kevin Richard Grzybek
Shawn Khan
Sarah A. Kokkinakis
Alexandra Hudson Lazar
Savannah Rose Melton
Enrique Alvaro Ortega
Amanda Michelle Ostella
Renee Altamirano Payumo
Bridget Mary Powers
Alec Pasquale Sabatino
Megan Rose Schaffner
Christopher Michael Wendowski

Master of Education

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

Jorge Eduardo Barreto
Jane Lea Caiazzo
Dominic Vincent Caropreso
Alvaro Jose Chaljub
Madelyn Ciampi
Rebecca Ann Cornell
Kerri Cosentino
Daniel Francis Delorenzi
Aniyah Sh'rae Evans
Derrick Neal Gabene
Rosa Elvira Gomez
Cristina Jaramillo
Jacqueline Sierra Kraft
Sandra Lynn Laky
Lorna Lopez
Danielle Marie Mariano
Alexandra Marie Metzler
Mejrem Murtis
Christina Ann Palermo
Elisa Ann Silecchia
Sarah J. Wolff

Evening Master's Degree Recipients

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

Amy Aimee Aguasvivas
Dena Allen
Stephanie Ann Ash
Hanan Bachkhaz
Monique R. Baitala
Mario Alexander Benitez
Lyndsay Buonforte
Sara Burfeind
Francina Cabrera Valera
Chanel Carela
Susin Bridget Christadore
Victoria Church
Caroline Marie Church
Natalia Maria Cruz
Megan K. Donnelly
Elizabeth Marie Dykty
Kelly M. Ennis
Brittany Ellen Errico
Stephanie Lauren Fernandes
Monica Garcia
Jessica Ann Gibbs
Kristen Marie Gombas
Nicole Grecco
Taghreed Hilmi Hammad
Melissa Ann Hansen
Bahiyah Amani Hooper
Roan Jackson
Asha V. Jagadeesh
Lauren Joseph
Tiffany Kidd Schindler
Gabrielle Kreutzer
Ewa Natalia Krupinska
Natalie Marie Labrada
Rachel Clare Maggioncalda
Toni Marie Marek-Mazzariello
Taylor McDermott
Ilmadeliz Monto
Magdalen Marwa Nasser
Noelle Nebbia
Evelyn Anabel Ormeno
Jennifer Paradiso
Angelica Cemile Paton
Serena Pearson
Amanda Perez
Glorivee Perez
Jacqueline Rose Powers
Madhavi Rane
Betsy Antonia Rodriguez
Isabelle Romano Van Sickell
Rhina Ines Sanchez
Alyssa Skurteski

Alison Nadine Sparaga
Juliana Tello-Salguero
Michaela Ilyse Tenner
Arielle Testa
Virginia Agatha Vanderbeck
Stephanie Lynn Vislosky
Anna Voloshin

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Thomas Kameron Anderson
Justin Manuel Avedissian
Eva Lynn Baratta
Jacqueline Sabale Barbieri
Hannah Rose Bass
Colleen Theresa Blake
Colin Boyle
Lauren Hillary Burdick
Lisa Jordan Burnup
Sarah Alexandria Campos
Catherine Caruso
Jenny Marie Charles
Barbara Colizza
Yesenia Conde
Julie Nicole Corsie
Kiera Ashley Couch
Karen Victoria Cristalli
Jenna Curry
Anthony Cyrana
Michelle V. Davila
Randi Alyssa Deitz
Joseph Matthew Del Prete
Edward James Dolan
Sondra Sophia Dubin
Maura Aileen Dunlop
Patrick Thomas Dunnigan
Frank Joseph Epifanio Jr.
Kimberly Ann Farrell
Kelsey Fischlein
Marlon Guillermo Flores
Mary Grace Gehring
Juliana Filomena Germinario
Anthony Joseph Good
Philip John Hackett
Alyssa Laura Heller
Lauren Beth Herrmann
Jessica Hill
Brianna Shirrene Hinds
Juliet Ibanga-Archibong
Ana Infante-Rios
Lauren Elizabeth Johnson
Elliott Kenneth Johnson
Maribel Joven

Evening Master's Degree Recipients

Abdelkader Salim Laib
Amanda J. Lembo
Jennifer Levy
Shantaya Monique Lewis
Syrena F. Lore
Brinn Emily Lust
Vincent Maggio
Zayidah Mayse
Emily Frances McInerney
Nicole Maria McMillan
Brielle Minaya
Isabel Cristina Molina
Jeana Robin Charmagne Montes
Gil Anthony Morales
Jonathan William Murphy
Jonathan R. Nakonechy
Shannon Neville-Greenwood
Crystal Marie Newby-Reynolds
Matthew Norman
Kevin Farrell O'Connell
Kelly Nicole O'Brien
Michael Owens
Kristi Ann Pampinto
Elizabeth Gail Papania
Meaghan Pellizzari
Kristin Marie Piccinich
Brian Christopher Plagge
William Anthony Powers
Tamar Reyes-Fernandez
Brandon Ricklefs
Ariele Rivera
Yesenia L. Rodriguez-Martinez
Nancy Jean Romano
Maria Corall Rommel
Kaylin Joy Rowek
Catherine Ruland
Katelyn Elizabeth Sanchez
Lauren Marie Schwartz
Amanda Lee Schwartz
Jonelle Seide
Ryan Shafer
Yvette Michelle Smith
Karen Spence
Matthew Joseph Tonzola
Nicholas Strasburg Tucker
Kayla Rose Valinoti
Gloria Yolanda Vasquez
Anthony Frank Vigorito
Elizabeth Dawn Vollaro
Nicholas Walter Vollaro
Amanda Marie Voswinkel
Andrew Thomas Waller

LITERACY

Jenna Munem Asokan
Marissa Mary Bladel
Marissa Danielle Blakely
Cheyenne Rose Emley
Agostina Carolyn Machado
Julie Ann Rocanova
Doreen Therese Sahr
Kimberly Jo Stapleton
Justine Robyn Turkiewicz

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Brittany Rose Abbate
Kelley Marie Albanese
Nicole Yannotta Allocco
Kristen Ebonyjoy Anderson
Tara Elizabeth Bagnole
Jeannette Barbosa
Lataska Latoya Brown
Stephanie Cerchia
Caitlin Brianne Cleary
Elise Marie Collins
Jordan Lynn Dailey
Eileen Dammann
Gianna Marie De Palma
Nicole Angelina Dencker
Grace Dimodugno
Sage Donnelly
Jennifer L. Doran
Brittany Anne English
Daniel Louis Esposito
Donna Marie Fanner
Erika Faruolo
Colin John Feeney
Samantha Grant Fiederer
Mattison Kay Fitzsimmons
Michele Gall
Franchesca Grey
Coriann Elizabeth Grunstra
Allison Marie Happ
Shannon Marie Howard
Crystal Huertas
Brooke Lynn Kazawic
Lauren Elizabeth Kiernan
Sabrina Ashley Koropchak
Emily Tess Kotkin
Lisa Michelle Laviano
Dinorah Lopez
Katelyn Marini
Kelsey Faye Marren
Lauren Keber McGavin
Yamilex Mariela Mejia

Evening Master's Degree Recipients

Kerry Jean Mulligan
Kelli Myron
Amy Laura Nathanson
Antonino Passalacqua
Heather M. Prinzo
Joelle Marie Prinzo
Kathryn Rickard
Auribel Victoria Rodriguez
Matthew Sean Ryan
Kaitlin Elizabeth Scorsune
Jennifer Seisz
Alicia Ann Semeraro
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Ashley Caitlyn LaPaglia
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ACADEMIC AWARDS

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dean's Graduate Award
Hannah Eve Schorpp

Department of Art

Graduate Award for Creative
Excellence in Visual Art
Sarah K. Van Vliet

Department of Communication

Excellence in Scholarship Graduate
Award
Beatrice Ayodele Amune

Department of Languages and Cultures

Graduate Award for Excellence in
Bilingual/ESL Studies
Taghreed Hammad

Department of Music

Music Scholar Graduate Award
Dakarai Barclay

Department of Psychology

Excellence in Graduate Studies Award
Kimberly Perez-Lucero

PsyD Excellence Award
Alyson Taylor Kaufman

Department of Political Science, Legal, and Urban Studies

Outstanding Graduate Student Award
Claudia Barbara Morales Gomez

COTSAKOS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Dean's Graduate Award
Steven Weber

Department of Economics, Finance, and Global Business

Award for Outstanding Graduating
Master's Student in Finance and
Financial Services with a Track in
Financial Planning
Lawrence Iacona

Master of Business Administration Program

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate
with a Concentration in Accounting
Kishan Patel

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate
with a Concentration in Applied
Business Analytics
Paul Alexander Bermejo

Award for Outstanding MBA
Graduate with a Concentration in
Entrepreneurship
Craig Polk

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate
with a Concentration in Finance
Greg Case

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate
with a Concentration in Human
Resource Management
Marykate Mason

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate
with a Concentration in Healthcare
Economics and Management
Jeff Dynof

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate
with a Concentration in Marketing
Pamela Kotula

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate with a Concentration in Music Management

Juan Eugenio Serralles

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate with a Concentration in Sales Strategy

Miguel Nunez

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate, General MBA

Steven Weber

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate

Emely Cosme

Department of Marketing, Management, and Professional Sales

Award for Outstanding Graduating Master's Student in Applied Business Analytics

Kenneth Joseph Fleischer
Samir Hajiyev

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dean's Graduate Award

Kelly M. Ennis

Department of Educational Leadership and Professional Studies

MEd in Curriculum and Learning Award for Excellence in Scholarship: Early Childhood Education

Stephanie Lauren Fernandes

MEd in Curriculum and Learning Award for Excellence in Scholarship: Teaching of Writing (P-12)

Isabelle Romano Van Sickell

MEd in Curriculum and Learning Award for Excellence in Scholarship: STEAM

Megan Kathleen Donnelly

MEd in Educational Leadership Academic Excellence Award

Nick Vollaro

MEd in Literacy Excellence in Scholarship and Research Award

Justine Robyn Turkiewicz

Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration: Leadership Studies Award

David Ortiz-Nunez

Department of Special Education, Counseling, and Disability Studies

Graduate Award for Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Lorna Lopez

Graduate Award for School Counseling

Cristina Jaramillo

Graduate Award for Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant

Lisa Michelle Laviano

Graduate Award for Teacher of Students with Disabilities

Joelle Marie Prinzo

Department of Teacher Education: PreK-12

Master of Arts in Teaching Award

Shaye Jordan Calderon
Venita Salian

ACADEMIC AWARDS

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH

Dean's Graduate Award

Abeer Mumtaz

Department of Biology

Excellence in Graduate Research

Aaron Yusuf Yaqoob

Department of Chemistry

Excellence in Materials Chemistry

Graduate Award

Oliver Emanuel Garcia

Department of Kinesiology

Distinguished Exercise and Sport Studies

Graduate Award

Ashley Ann Pauly

Department of Nursing

Nursing Excellence Doctor of Nursing

Practice Award

Sylvie Oyinkolade

MSN—Adult Gerontology Nurse

Practitioner Award

Robert Oleksy

MSN—Family Nurse Practitioner Award

Samantha Marie McCormack

MSN—Nurse Educator Award

Sarah Destefano

MSN—School Nurse Award

Ellen Theresa Buechel

Department of Speech Language Pathology

Graduate Excellence Award

Erin Teresa Lavielle

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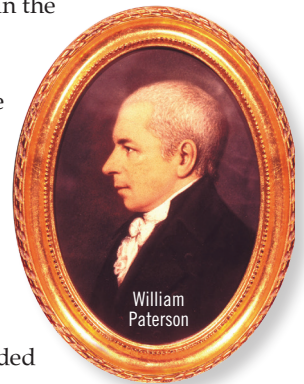


William Paterson University traces its roots to the city of Paterson, where it was founded in 1855. For more than a century, training teachers for New Jersey schools was its exclusive mission. In 1951, the University moved to the present campus in Wayne. Originally known as Ailsa Farms, this 300-acre 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 1,800 residential students. The University's four colleges—Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Cotsakos College of Business, Education, and Science and Health—support more than 150





bachelor's degree, master's degree, and undergraduate and graduate certificate programs, and three doctoral degree 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 50 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 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 2021-22 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,

ABOUT WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

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\$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.

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



Known for civic engagement opportunities

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 new undergraduates to take a course on civic engagement. William



Committed to sustainability

Paterson is an active leader in civic engagement through the American Democracy Project and New Jersey Campus Compact. The University is committed to sustainability and is a charter signatory of

nearly 30 percent of its students claiming Hispanic heritage. The University is in the top 5 percent of institutions in the country in the 2022 Social Mobility Index, created by CollegeNet to measure the extent to which a college or

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 the Graduate Banner Carrier, who is followed by the faculty and professional staff and the degree candidates. After the graduates have taken their places, the platform party, which includes the president, the Board of Trustees, vice presidents, deans, other University officials, and the University Mace Bearer, will process. 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.

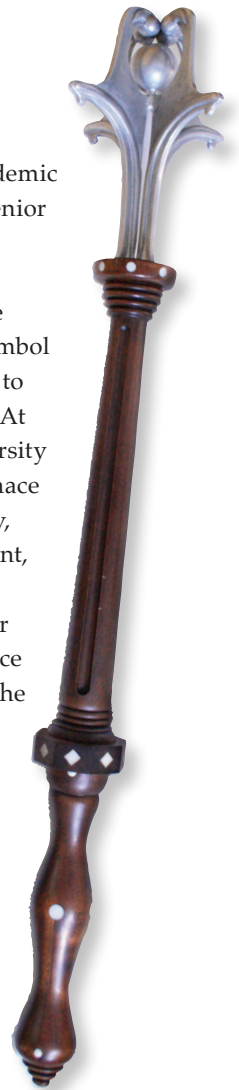
At the conclusion of the ceremony, the recessional order is reversed; the last to have entered are the first to recess. The University Mace Bearer leads the platform party, headed by the University president, followed by other dignitaries and University officials, the faculty, and, finally, the graduates. 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 displayed in its stand at the center of the stage during the ceremony, and is again carried by the University Mace Bearer during the recessional.

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.



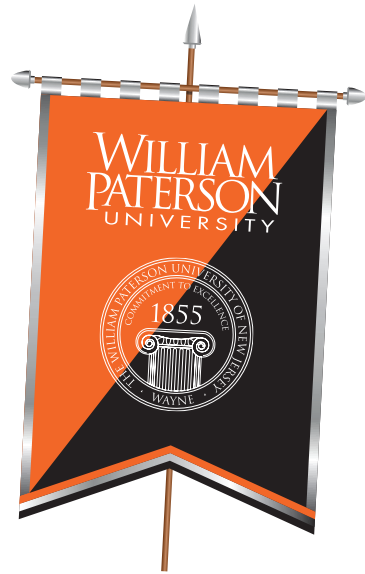
UNIVERSITY TRADITIONS

In 2023, William Paterson University is celebrating its 200th Commencement ceremony. Founded as Paterson Normal School in 1855, the institution held its original ceremonies in conjunction with the Paterson high school exercises. In 1890, the commencement exercises were, for the first time, held separately from those of the high school. Bachelor's degrees were first conferred in 1937 when Paterson State Normal School became the New Jersey State Teachers College at Paterson. Throughout the years, commencement ceremonies have been held at various times; today, the University holds separate ceremonies to recognize undergraduate students and graduate students.



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. 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



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 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.

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 2023,

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,



Michele Garcia '15
President
William Paterson University Alumni Association



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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.

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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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