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

The One Hundred and
Eighty-fourth Commencement

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GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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

MASTER'S DEGREE RECIPIENTS MAY 2007

MASTER OF ARTS

ENGLISH

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

HISTORY

Catherine Anne Gravino-Hudak

MEDIA STUDIES

Kassandra Marie Barnes
Lauren Orsetti Koch

PUBLIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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

SOCIOLOGY

Catherine Marie Kaminski

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

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

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

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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

MASTER OF EDUCATION

COUNSELING

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Teran Mendelsberg Chartier
Rachel Lynn Deutsch
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Wanda Barbara Doss-Busch
Cristina Racamato Funicello
Cristina Laura Gaeta
Michele Helene Giarrusso
Elizabeth Anna Golas-Conrad
Jessica Eileen Gosses
Isabelle Murray Kayal
Laura Michelle Lugg
Mararita Gonzalez Magner
Amy Perry Malatesta
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Lourdes Melendez Torres
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EDUCATION

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

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

READING

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

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Christopher Alan Britt
Cathleen Marie Hark
Tracy Lynn Lotto

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

ART

Kimberly Rose Batti
Carl John Jablonski
Tenley Ann Marshall

MASTER OF MUSIC

MUSIC

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

MASTER OF SCIENCE

BIOLOGY

Janael Marie Malva

BIOTECHNOLOGY

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

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

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

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

NURSING

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

MASTER'S DEGREE RECIPIENTS JANUARY 2007

MASTER OF ARTS

ENGLISH

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

PUBLIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Vincent Roger Sibilia

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

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

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Jelena Jones

MASTER OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

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

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

ART

Gina Lynne Miccinilli

MASTER OF MUSIC

MUSIC

David Joseph DeMotta
Robert Joseph Hamm
Ethan Douglas Herr

MASTER OF SCIENCE

BIOLOGY

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

BIOTECHNOLOGY

Paul Vincent Atalla
Michelle Lee Ann Valentine

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Alexis Mary Robinson
Erika Lee Schulz
Lisa Scordo
Roza Zak

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

NURSING

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

MASTER'S DEGREE RECIPIENTS AUGUST 2006

MASTER OF ARTS

CLINICAL AND COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

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

HISTORY

Joseph Michael Gasparro

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

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

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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

MASTER OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

MASTER OF MUSIC

MUSIC

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

MASTER OF SCIENCE

BIOTECHNOLOGY

Brianne Elizabeth Villano

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

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

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

NURSING

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

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COMMENCEMENT NOTES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

College of the Arts and Communication

Christos M. Cotsakos College of Business

College of Education

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

College of Science and Health

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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