

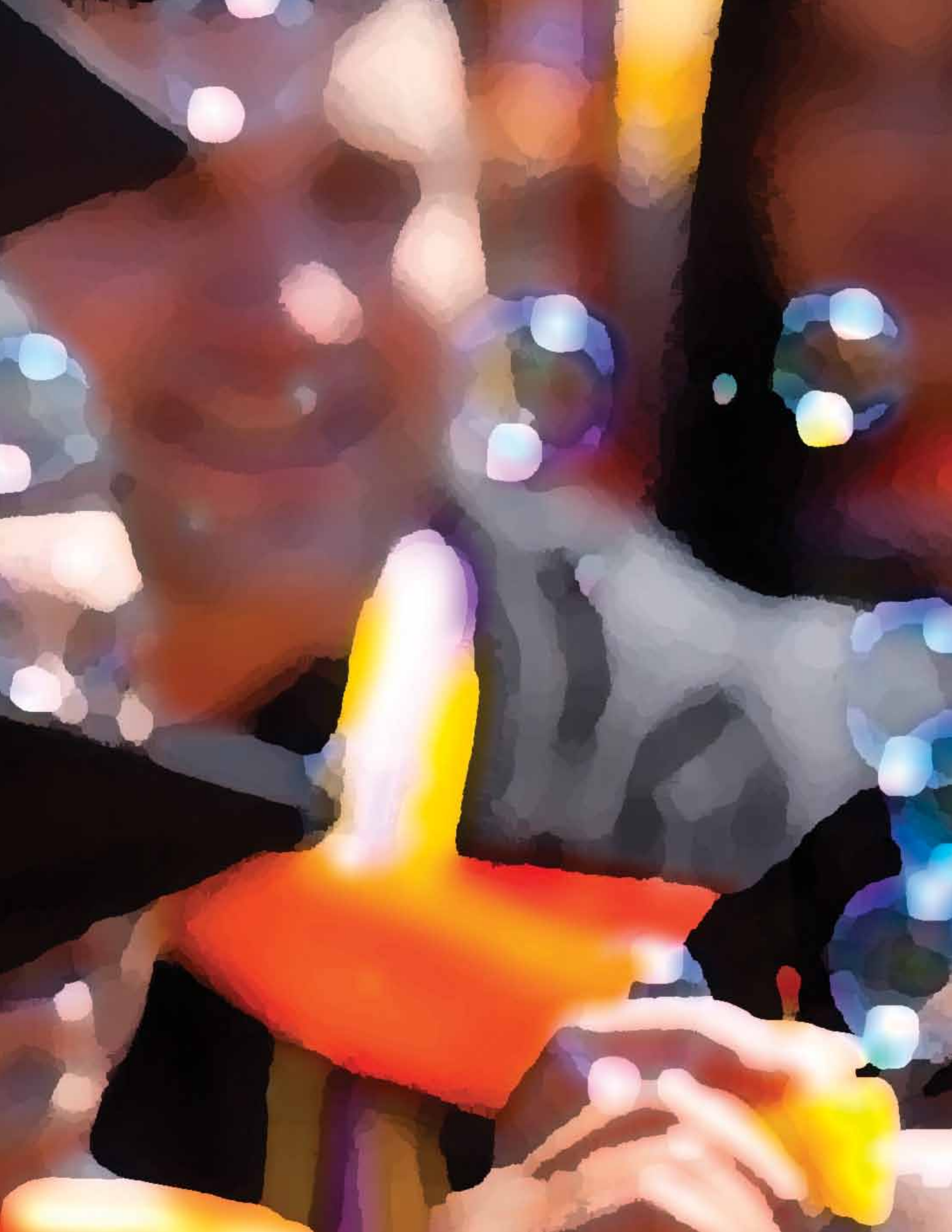


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Institutional Advancement

## ORDER OF CEREMONY

|                                           |                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Processional                              | Pomp and Circumstance March, No. 1, by Sir Edward Elgar<br>(Audience is requested to remain seated for the academic procession)                                |
| National Anthem                           | Shannon Maddolin, soprano, accompanied by Kevin Lynch, piano                                                                                                   |
| Introduction                              | Kathleen Waldron, Ph.D., President of the University                                                                                                           |
| Address by a Master’s Degree Candidate    | Laura Bermingham, communication disorders                                                                                                                      |
| Valedictory Address                       | Nathan J. Giroux, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , music                                                                                                               |
| Faculty Excellence Awards                 | Edward B. Weil, Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, presenting                                                                      |
| Comment to the Class                      | Kathleen Waldron, Ph.D., President of the University                                                                                                           |
| Conferral of Honorary Degree              | Vincent J. Mazzola ‘73, Chair, William Paterson University Board of Trustees, presenting<br>U.S. Under Secretary of State Maria Otero, Honorary Doctor of Laws |
| Commencement Address                      | U.S. Under Secretary of State Maria Otero                                                                                                                      |
| Presentation of Degree Candidates         | Edward B. Weil, Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs                                                                                  |
| Graduate Studies                          | Candidates recognized by Nina Jemmott, Ed.D.<br>Associate Vice President and Dean, Graduate Studies and Research                                               |
| College of the Arts and Communication     | Candidates recognized by Stephen Hahn, Ph.D.<br>Associate Provost and Interim Dean, College of the Arts and Communication                                      |
| Cotsakos College of Business              | Candidates recognized by Sam Basu, Ph.D.<br>Dean, Cotsakos College of Business                                                                                 |
| College of Education                      | Candidates recognized by Candace Burns, Ed.D.<br>Dean, College of Education                                                                                    |
| College of Humanities and Social Sciences | Candidates recognized by Kara Rabbitt, Ph.D.<br>Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences                                                                |
| College of Science and Health             | Candidates recognized by Sandra DeYoung, Ed.D.<br>Dean, College of Science and Health                                                                          |
| Conferring of Degrees                     | Kathleen Waldron, Ph.D., President of the University                                                                                                           |
| Alma Mater                                | Christa Cook, soprano, accompanied by Kevin Lynch, piano                                                                                                       |
| Recessional                               | Suite in F, No. 2, by Gustav Holst<br>(Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic procession has left)                                          |

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



2012 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND RECIPIENT,  
HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAWS

## MARIA OTERO

UNDER SECRETARY FOR CIVILIAN SECURITY, DEMOCRACY,  
AND HUMAN RIGHTS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Maria Otero, the Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, U.S. Department of State, was sworn in as Under Secretary of State on August 10, 2009. She oversees and coordinates U.S. foreign relations on the spectrum of civilian security issues, including democracy, human rights, population, refugees, trafficking in persons, rule of law, counter-narcotics, crisis prevention and response, global criminal justice, and countering violent extremism. She also serves as the President’s Special Representative for Tibetan Issues.

Born in La Paz, Bolivia, Ms. Otero is currently the highest-ranking Hispanic official at the State Department, and the first Latina Under Secretary in its history.

Ms. Otero was formerly the president and CEO of ACCION International, a pioneer and leader in economic development working in twenty-five countries around the globe. She is recognized as one of the world’s leading experts on inclusive economic growth, women’s issues, and international development. Prior to ACCION, Ms. Otero was the economist for Latin America for the Women in Development office of USAID. She also served for five years at the Centre for Development and Population Activities. Ms. Otero was an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins’ Nitze School for Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C., before joining the State Department.

President Clinton appointed Ms. Otero to the board of the United States Institute of Peace in 2000, a position that she held for eight years, including one term as vice-chair of the board. In 2006, she was appointed by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan to the UN Advisors Group on Inclusive Financial Sectors. Ms. Otero has chaired the board of Bread for the World, and also served on the boards of the Calvert Foundation, Public Welfare Foundation, the Inter-American Foundation, and BRAC Holding of Bangladesh. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Under Secretary Otero’s awards and recognition include selection by *Newsweek* in October 2005 as one of the United States’ twenty most influential women; *Hispanic Business Magazine’s* “Elite Women of 2007”; Notre Dame University’s Distinguished Service in Latin America Award; and the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. She holds an M.A. in literature from the University of Maryland, an M.A. in international relations from Johns Hopkins, and an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Dartmouth College.

# STUDENTS

ADDRESS BY A MASTER’S  
DEGREE CANDIDATE

## LAURA BERMINGHAM

Communication disorders

Laura Bermingham will complete her master of science degree in communication disorders in August 2012. Ms. Bermingham is a 2010 graduate of William Paterson University with a bachelor’s degree in communication disorders, *summa cum laude*, and a minor in psychology. She founded and served as president of the University’s chapter of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association, organizing a variety of events. In recognition of her outstanding academic achievement, Ms. Bermingham received the 2012 Graduate Excellence Award from the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences. She plans to eventually open a private practice and pursue a doctoral degree.

VALEDICTORIAN

*Awarded to the highest-achieving student who completed all credits at the University*

## NATHAN J. GIROUX

Music, *summa cum laude*

Nathan J. Giroux will receive a bachelor of music degree, *summa cum laude*, in music. A member of the University’s Honors College, he completed the honors track in performing and literary arts. The recipient of the 2012 Dean’s Award from the College of the Arts and Communication, he received the 2012 Department of Music Scholar Award for his outstanding achievement. Mr. Giroux, who plays the saxophone and clarinet, has performed with the Jon Fiore Quartet, Cecil’s Big Band, the American Jazz Repertory Orchestra, and the Kevin Norton Celebration Band, as well as with the University’s Jazz Orchestra, including Jazz Room Series performances with guest artists Frank Wess, Rich Perry, and Bernie Williams, among others. He plans to pursue a career as a jazz musician.

SALUTATORIAN

*Awarded to the highest-achieving transfer student*

## JULIE MINICOZZI

English, *summa cum laude*

Julie Minicozzi will receive a bachelor of arts degree, *summa cum laude*, in English, with a concentration in writing. She has received numerous honors and awards, including the 2012 Dean’s Award from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the 2012 Helen and Phillip Manno Award from the Department of English. In addition, her writing has garnered English department awards for creative non-fiction and poetry, three winning submissions in the University’s annual Writing Across the Curriculum contest, and inclusion in the 2012 edition of *Ziegeist: The Undergraduate Literary Magazine*. She is a member of Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society. Ms. Minicozzi plans to attend graduate school.

## FACULTY

### 2012 FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

#### MABOUD ANSARI

*Professor of Sociology*

Professor Maboud Ansari receives accolades from both his students and his colleagues for his teaching. A specialist in social theory, ethnic studies, and Muslim communities in the United States, he is recognized for his ability to engage his audience and inspire interest in the subject matter of his courses, which include Sociological Theories, one of the department's core courses, and Muslim and Islamic Institutions in the United States. The latter provides a critical part of the sociology curriculum, promoting greater understanding of these communities. Professor Ansari, who joined the faculty in 1971, is the author of six books, including *Modern Sociological Theories*, now in its third edition; he has also written numerous articles and book chapters, and delivered dozens of conference presentations and invited lectures. In addition to teaching undergraduate and graduate courses at the University, he has served as

graduate director of the master's degree program in applied sociology. Professor Ansari also is active in the community as a board member of the Persian Cultural Foundation and Who's Who in the Iranian-American Community. A graduate of Teachers College in Iran with a bachelor's degree in Persian literature and education, he holds a master's degree in social sciences from Tehran University, and master's and doctoral degrees in sociology from the New School for Social Research.

### 2012 FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP/ CREATIVE EXPRESSION

#### EDWARD BURNS

*Professor of English*

Professor Edward Burns joined the faculty in 1989. A specialist in American literature, literary modernism, textual theory, and criticism, he has published widely on Gertrude Stein, Alice B. Toklas, James Joyce, and Thornton Wilder, among others. The editor of seven books, he received the Ellen Knowles Harcourt Award in Biography and Memoir from Columbia University for his work, *The Letters of Gertrude*

*Stein and Carl Van Vechten*. A leading expert on Gertrude Stein, Professor Burns served as an advisor to the exhibition, "The Steins Collect: Matisse, Picasso, and the Parisian Avant-Garde," organized by The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Reunion des Musees Nationaux-Grand Palais, Paris, France. An essay about Gertrude Stein by Professor Burns was included in the exhibition catalog. In addition, he donated more than two hundred archival photos of the paintings in Gertrude Stein's apartment, some of which were printed in the catalog. Professor Burns is coeditor of the scholarly journal *Textual Cultures: Texts, Contexts, Interpretation*, and editorial advisor to the French annual *Cahiers Leiris*. He plays important roles in the Modern Language Association, Yale Library Associates, the Society for Textual Scholarship, and the PEN American Center, and serves as literary trustee of the estate of Alice B. Toklas. He has served on numerous University committees. A graduate of Brooklyn College, Professor Burns holds a doctorate in English from the Graduate School, City University of New York.

### 2012 FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

#### ROCHELLE GOLDBERG KAPLAN

*Professor of Educational Leadership  
And Professional Studies*

During her more than two decades in the College of Education, Professor Rochelle Goldberg Kaplan has demonstrated a deep commitment to service on the department, college, and University levels, as well as to the community. Of particular distinction is her work in support of graduate studies at the University as a member and chair of the Graduate Council and as a member of the Task Force for Graduate Education, which was instrumental in the institution's successful application for university status in 1997. Professor Kaplan has served as chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Professional Studies in the College of Education; as a College of Education representative

to numerous University-wide committees; as a member of the Faculty Senate and several Senate councils; and, most recently, on the University's Strategic Planning Steering Committee. Her role as a mentor to junior faculty members was recognized by the Northeastern Educational Research Association, which presented her with the 2008 Donlon Award for Distinguished Mentoring. Professor Kaplan's commitment extends to the wider community, through her work as chair of the social action committee at her synagogue, and as coordinator of the University's Center for Math Success. A specialist in the teaching of mathematics, Professor Kaplan has served as director of research funded by grants from the National Science Foundation and the New Jersey Department of Education, among others, leading to articles in scholarly journals such as *Teaching Children Mathematics*. A graduate of Brooklyn College with a bachelor's degree in psychology, she holds a master's degree in educational psychology from New York University and a doctorate in educational psychology from City University of New York.

# MASTER’S DEGREE RECIPIENTS, MAY 2012

## Master of Arts

### APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

Yolanda S. Baptiste  
Tara L. Haney  
Meredith J. Peters

### CLINICAL AND COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Rhonda A. Archibald  
Gianna Chapman  
Tania Chowdhury  
Janet Lea Zielke DeGraaf  
Elizabeth W. Fowler  
Jayme Lee Knodle  
Katie Fetterman McMahon  
Jenna Moschetto  
Samantha Kristan Varon  
Bethany Anne Winters

### ENGLISH

Christine Ann Calcaterra  
Katherine Elizabeth Checkley  
Jennifer A. DeSousa

### HISTORY

Steven C. Lahullier  
Suzanna Mladenovic  
Erin T. Shawiak

### PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION

Devin Ashford Arnold  
Diane Marie Brunke  
Jennifer Lynn Dadika  
Jill Adrian Intveld  
Shalane Tiglado Layugan  
John David Murphy

### PUBLIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Rachel Abboud  
John Joseph Baccaglini  
Sara Magee

## Master of Arts in Teaching

### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Shakira J. Catoe  
Quashinda T. Kellam  
Maura Ann O’Toole  
Candice Elizabeth Reynolds  
Joanna L. Shaw  
Lisa M. Sobka  
Lori B. Stewart  
Heather Marie Westervelt

### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION WITH MIDDLE SCHOOL ENDORSEMENT

Stacey Ranzal-Scher  
James G. Robinson  
Rachel Ann Tintle  
Keisha Kathleen Walker

### SECONDARY EDUCATION

Nicole L. Deluca

## Master of Business Administration

### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Antonio Joseph Alaya  
John Frederick Borduin  
Richard N. Dela Torre  
Patricia A. Evans  
Amvrosios Ioannidis  
Delio D. Luna  
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Sepideh B. Mozaffari  
Brad Anthony Ottino  
Keren Amy Teitelbaum

## Master of Education

### COUNSELING

Gina Cristine Aloe  
Dana Rae Photis Ash  
Jodina Marie Beyea  
Lauren Anne Colonna  
Christian James Cooper  
Roy Stephen Corson  
Genevieve Alicyn DeFino  
Lauren Michelle Dudley  
Denise J. Frodella  
Betty Gomez  
Krista-Kay James  
Sarah Kristen Kirk  
Ilana Kurtin  
Sheri Luberto  
Luisa M. Marquez  
Debra Normyle Mazza  
Siobhan Irene Meyer  
Corinne Miskowsky  
Melissa Lynn Moyett  
Jacqueline Fay Murnane  
Casey Leigh Nagle  
Traci Leigh Neville  
Ronald Jozef Niznik  
Melissa Pastula  
Mary Jo Prill  
Samantha A. Reed  
Linda Diane Rosenberg  
Lauren A. Rubino  
Peter Christopher Russo  
Sydney Zara Schnapper  
Sarah Jane Scott  
Robyn Natalie Shapiro  
Shoshana Schwartz Tessler  
Margaret Wilson

### CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

Shaheen Begum Janoowalla  
Gary George Nafash  
Lauren Zielinski

## EDUCATION

Valerie Allevi  
Stefanie J. Gosse Batory  
Katherine Bellini  
Doreen E. Bruce  
Jenna Marie D’Aiuto  
Nicholas Martin Demsak  
Nicole A. Grambone  
Kelly Guarino  
Catherine Mary Irwin  
Christy J. Kota  
Jason B. Langer  
Jamie A. Lascala  
Michelle B. Loconte  
Barbara Ann Makela  
Jacqueline Manrique  
Kathleen Oldewurtel  
Melissa Marie Raineri  
Magda E. Sanchez-Gonzalez  
Luz M. Sia  
Jaclyn S. Soroko  
Melissa Marie Spano  
Erin Ashley Sylvia  
Kristin E. Storz Szelingowski  
Dana M. Tinari

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Maria Teresa E. Dacles  
Mustapha Dargal  
Marc Gregory Gold  
Danny Necimoglu  
Stephen Ronald Scholtz  
Sheila Regina Thompson  
Christopher Andrew Yonitch

### LITERACY

Leah Felice Centrella  
Judith A. Delvecchio  
Sharon A. Fisher  
Ileana M. Garcia  
Lorraine Marie Gordon-Wiener  
Jennifer Marie Holley  
Jennifer L. Johnson  
Jacqueline M. King  
Nadine Marie Maio  
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Megan L. Major  
Alyssa M. Mayfield  
Lisa J. Mayo  
Keri Anne McGuire  
Gina Marie Monaco  
Jayme A. Palermo  
Alexandra A. Pirard  
Leanne Waldron-Lampone

## Master of Fine Arts

### ART

James M. Blasi  
James Martin Lee  
Izabella Helena Rodzen-Olesinski  
Alexander Gerard Vicenzi  
Stanley Wrobel

### CREATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Robert Paul Fischer  
Elizabeth A. Martin  
Timothy Patrick O’Donnell  
Charles Frank Riccardelli

## Master of Music

### MUSIC

Christopher Allan Banks  
Christopher Connolly  
Karen Lynn Greenstein  
John Thomas La Barbera  
Jungeun Lim  
Michael Benjamin Nokes  
Shoko Ogawa

## Master of Science

### BIOLOGY

Christopher W. Mak  
Rachel Miuccio Salazar

### BIOTECHNOLOGY

Jared Balsky  
David Fleischmann

### COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Klara Elizabeth Azzopardi  
Maureen Catherine Morrissey  
Sarah Elizabeth Mundrick  
Katherine Pawlikowski  
Nicole Lynn Threlfall

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Peter J. DiStefano  
Elizabeth Sandie Faccas  
Gregory S. Hatzisavvas  
Christina de Lurand Pierre-Paul  
William Christopher Poole  
Heather Catherine Procopio  
Hollye A. Richardson

## Master of Science in Nursing

### NURSING

Jackienette M. Gonzalez  
Kristin Nicole McNerney  
Rose Santina Pizzi  
Carmen S. Torres  
Darlene Marie Zales-Russamano

MASTER’S DEGREE RECIPIENTS, JANUARY 2012

Master of Arts

APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

Evelyn Danielle Estrick

ENGLISH

Annie Star Esser  
Christopher James Farrell  
Ryan Walter Groeger  
Lara Elizabeth Kowalewski  
Heather Marie Shauger  
Joy Geralyn White

HISTORY

Richard John Lentz

PUBLIC POLICY AND  
INTERNATIONAL  
AFFAIRS

Todd Joseph Rose  
Jared Daniel Sterk

Master of Arts  
in Teaching

ELEMENTARY  
EDUCATION

Lauren Nicole Brickner  
Christina Marie Marion  
Gary P. Palamone  
Jamie Beth Schechter

ELEMENTARY  
EDUCATION WITH  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
ENDORSEMENT

Heather E. Rich

Master of Business  
Administration

BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION

Atinuke O. Akiyode-Adeniran  
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Andre J. Data  
Peter M. DeAngelo  
Elizabeth Kotinsky  
Peter Runde McCourt  
Barbara L. Nelson  
Anton Okun  
Christie Nieves Perez  
Nimesh Rana  
Randall Scott Sokoloff

Master of Education

CURRICULUM AND  
LEARNING

Orville A. Rose

EDUCATION

Rami Aref Awawdeh  
Denielle Jean Carr  
Rosemary Meatto Chichester  
Stephanie Lisa Marie Droste  
Ayesha T. Jones  
Creisa Shabelle Llodrat  
Amanda Prieto

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Domenica Helena Chironis  
Linda Consales  
Joseph DeGiacomo  
Kerry A. Fitzpatrick  
Megan Goodwin  
Lisa Ann Hippe  
Erin M. McNeill  
Alexandra A. Pirard  
Barbara DePerro Schelle  
Paul Schick  
Shirley Tantawi

Master of Science

BIOLOGY

Kim Dosuek  
Apeksha Vijay Rao  
Sachin Laxmikant Thakkar  
Jacqueline Edith Vega

COMMUNICATION  
DISORDERS

Amanda Lee Baker  
Corianne Marie Faber  
Elif Hajaluga  
Erin Patricia Puso

Master of Science  
in Nursing

NURSING

Maria Ruby Baquiran  
Patricia Lanzellotti  
Lisa Lorraine Salvesen

MASTER’S DEGREE RECIPIENTS, AUGUST 2011

Master of Arts

APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

Cristofer Fanego

CLINICAL AND  
COUNSELING  
PSYCHOLOGY

Amanda Renee Bartee  
Matthew Paul Bitten  
TreaH Rebecca Caldwell  
Carol Ann Cilon  
Uttara Pramathesh Desai  
Erin Leigh DeVries  
Login Syriac George  
Jennifer Amanda Kehoe  
James Allan Kierstead  
Javier Munoz  
Terry Ellen Thomas

PUBLIC POLICY AND  
INTERNATIONAL  
AFFAIRS

Jared Andrew Haase

Master of Business  
Administration

BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION

Sara Jean Clarson  
Fadi Hanna  
Mahmod Taha Najjar  
Lauren Marie O’Shea  
Bradley Evan Rosen  
Yun Zhou

Master of Education

EDUCATION

Mohamed Anouer Elmahjoubi  
Danielle Junior

LITERACY

Jennifer Jean Glock-Cuozzo  
Kathryn Elizabeth Hess  
Caryn Helene Levy  
Sue Ann Schwartz  
Jennifer Rebecca Vazquez

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Eileen Donahue Aquino  
John D. Benz  
Kelley Anne Bergen  
Carlos Carbajal  
Cynthia Ackerly Collins  
Kathleen E. Cronin  
Carmela DeMaio  
Robert Christopher Elliott  
Amy Jean Grossmann  
Amanda MacKenzie Hansult  
Carol Amanda Jonas  
Melissa Lynn Jones  
Judith Lyn Lalley  
Krystina Lynne Mongelli  
Amanda Marie Toto

Master of Fine Arts

ART

Timothy A. Blunk  
Teresa Marie DeFabrizio

Master of Music

MUSIC

Fatima El Shibil  
Benjamin Thomas Zeff

Master of Science

BIOLOGY

Fatima Zahra Bensabeur  
Mary Dovlatyan

BIOTECHNOLOGY

Stephanie A. Hafner

COMMUNICATION  
DISORDERS

Kristen Marie Bondarenko  
Danielle Marie DiPaolo  
Rachel Goldman  
Carol Gainy Karwacki  
Stephanie Anne Michelle Moulketis  
Suzanne Bersch Portnoy  
Teresa A. Sargenti  
Olga Shvets  
Lauren Beth Tanenbaum  
Etah Kaplan Unger

Master of Science  
in Nursing

NURSING

Zahava Yammer Cohen  
Sally A. Deeney  
Kimberly Ann Dimino  
Debra Dunn  
Carol M. Eastman  
Deborah E. Germinario  
Rosemarie Marotte Hill  
Tara Lynne Alu Parker  
Sandra Lissa Perez  
Diana Ermeus Raymond  
Mary M. Restaino  
Karis Simone Robinson  
Anthony Joseph Russo  
Dianne Nester Steele

MAY 2012 HONORS

Summa Cum Laude

COLLEGE OF THE ARTS  
AND COMMUNICATION

Stephanie A. Cupo  
Nathan J. Giroux  
Nadya Kourani  
Brian W. Messenger  
Anna Pietrocola

COTSAKOS COLLEGE  
OF BUSINESS

Michelle C. Arroyo  
Kevin J. Carey  
Leyane Joyce Jerejian  
Michelle Elizabeth Palino

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Lauren A. Byrne  
Amy L. McDonnell Meyer  
Ashley Pagan  
Heather M. Stubaus  
Susan Elizabeth Wolff  
Lauren Elizabeth Young

COLLEGE OF  
HUMANITIES AND  
SOCIAL SCIENCES

Lauren A. Byrne  
Katherine E. Cinquegrana  
Aura-Maria Garcia  
Amy L. McDonnell Meyer  
Julie A. Minicozzi  
Ashley Pagan  
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Magna Cum Laude

COLLEGE OF THE ARTS  
AND COMMUNICATION

Ross M. Azner  
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| Natasha McKenzie      | Thank you! I love you!! Tasha mo.                         | Kari Nicole Pasculli             | Thanks to my family and Dom! Woo!                 |
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| Josh Melendez         | Thank you Mom and Dad. I owe it to you.                   | Amanda Paul                      | Thank you!                                        |
| Mike C. Merkh         | Mom and Dad; thanks for everything.                       | Catherine Paul                   | Thank you, Mom and Dad!                           |
| Brian Messenger       | Thank you, Mom and Dad!                                   | Daniel Peters                    | Thanks, Mom and Dad for always being there.       |
| Aisha Mian            | Many thanks to my friends and family!                     | Theodore Peterson                | Thanks, God and my family for your support.       |
| Melinda Mary Milano   | Love you so much Mom, Dad, Jason, and Tyfe. Olive Sam.    | Kristen Pettet and J.J. McNamara | For God so loved the world. John 3:16             |
| Dana Millimet         | Mom and Dad, I love you! Thank you!                       | Kristen Pettet and J.J. McNamara | The best moms! We Love you! Jer29:11              |
|                       |                                                           | Joseph Picinich                  | Mom and Dad, thanks for the past year.            |

| Gifts Made By        | Words of Thanks                                 |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Jessica Pizarro      | Thank you Mom, Dad, and Jorgie; We did it!!     |
| Catherine Plateroti  | Thank you Dad. I love you.                      |
| Ashley Plummer       | God, family, and friends! I did it!             |
| Ana Polanco          | Thank you Mom, Dad, and Frankie.                |
| Widney Polynice      | To my family and friends, thank you!!!          |
| Widney Polynice      | To Becky, my future wife, thanks. I love you.   |
| Alicia Ponce         | Thanks to my family and friends! I love you.    |
| Amanda Ptak          | Thanks family for the love and support!         |
| Shannon Quirk        | Thanks to all for your support. I love you.     |
| Robert Ramirez       | This is for you Mom and Dad. I love you.        |
| Ashley Reamer        | Thanks Mom, I love you!!                        |
| Tomiko K. Rendon     | We did it!!! Thank you everyone!!!!             |
| Steven Riccardi      | Thank you Mom, Dad, and Elaina!                 |
| DestinyMa Richardson | Many thanks to my friends and family!           |
| Erica Rink           | Mom and Dad love you both. Thanks, Erica.       |
| Enid I. Rodriguez    | Thanks Mom and Dad for everything!!             |
| Kelly L. Rollins     | Thank you to my Mom and Dad!                    |
| Katherine Rosario    | Thanks to my family for support! I love you.    |
| Bianca Rouse         | I love you Mommy! We did it!!!                  |
| Jassady Ruiz         | Many thanks to my friends and family!           |
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| Aiyahna Sanders      | To my family, thank you for the encouragement.  |
| Kim-Ashley Sapanaro  | Thank you Sapanaro fam. Love you!               |
| Kim-Ashley Sapanaro  | Thank you Parno fam. Love you!                  |
| Kim-Ashley Sapanaro  | Ryan, thank you for your love and support!      |
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| Patrick Sciallis     | Thank you so much Mom, Dad, Gma, and Gpa!       |
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| Derek Simmons Jr.    | Thanks family and friends; we did it!           |
| Christopher Sims     | Thank you Monroe, Dad, and Steph.               |
| Courtney Sloan       | Thanks to my parents and Jonnine.               |

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| Casey Smith            | Many thanks to my friends and family!                     |
| Alexandria Soprano     | Thanks Mom, Dad, Nick, and JJ.                            |
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| David Suarez           | Thank you to my family, I love you.                       |
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| Gladys Valverde        | Thanks Lou, I love you.                                   |
| Lisa Varacallo         | Thank you for the support Mom and Dad!                    |
| Paola Valencia-Cadera  | Thanks for the support, love you Mami.                    |
| Justine Villafane      | Thanks Mom and Dad for your support.                      |
| Luisa F. Villamil      | To my Mom and family, I love you!                         |
| Kacey Wianeki          | Mom, Dad, R., S., and A: Thanks for everything, love you! |
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| Kareem Wilder          | Many thanks to my friends and family!                     |
| Najimah Wise           | Many thanks to my friends and family!                     |
| Alan Yanza             | Parents, thank you for the support.                       |
| Amanda Yarmula         | Thank you to my family and friends.                       |
| Michele Yip            | Thank you!                                                |
| Federico Zanatta       | Thanks to my parents and sister.                          |
| Amanda Zliceski        | Thank you Mom, Dad, Chump, K. R., Pete, and Ily           |
| Kristine Zdrodowski    | Thank you Mom and Dad! I love you!                        |

# COMMENCEMENT NOTES

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

**WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY** traces its roots to the city of Paterson, where it was founded in 1855. For more than a century, training teachers for New Jersey schools was its exclusive mission.

In 1951, the University moved to the present campus in Wayne. Originally known as Ailsa Farms, this 300-acre site was purchased by the state of New Jersey in 1948 from the family of Garret A. Hobart, twenty-fourth vice president of the United States.

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

The University changed its name to Paterson State Teachers College when it relocated from Paterson in 1951. In 1966, the curriculum was expanded to include degree offerings other than those leading to a teaching career. In 1971, the institution was renamed The William Paterson College of New Jersey. The change of name honored the man who was the state’s first senator, its second governor, and a United States Supreme Court Justice appointed by President George Washington, and reflected both the institution’s proud beginnings in the city that also bears his name and the legislative mandate to move from a teachers college to a broad-based liberal arts institution.

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

Today, William Paterson University offers more than 250 undergraduate and graduate programs through five colleges: Arts and Communication; Cotsakos College of Business; Education; Humanities and Social Sciences; and Science and Health. Today, it will award 2,446 bachelor’s degrees and 326 master’s degrees.

The **MACE** carried by Professor Anthony Coletta, a senior University faculty member, is used at all academic ceremonies. In medieval times, maces were weapons of warfare, but today a mace is “a staff borne by, or carried before, a magistrate or other dignitary as an ensign of his authority.” It is the emblem and symbol of the president’s authority to administer the University. This mace was first used in the one hundred fifty-third commencement ceremony in 1987 and was designed and crafted by Ming Fay, professor of art. The top piece, cast of brushed aluminum, features a center ball symbolizing universal knowledge, surrounded by four curved fins radiating outward, representing the University’s community outreach. The bottom portion, made of teak and inlaid with faux ivory, was carved with the assistance of Joseph Van Putten, an award-winning graduate of the University’s Art Department and a retired assistant professor of art.

The **PROCESSIONAL BANNERS** include a banner signifying graduate studies. Additional banners identify the University’s five colleges. They are:

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

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

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

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

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

Hoods are lined with the official color of the college or university that conferred the degree. The velvet edging color represents the appropriate degree as follows: bachelor of arts – white; bachelor of fine arts – light brown; bachelor of music – pink; bachelor of science – golden yellow. Mortar boards (caps) are usually black.

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

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

The **AWARDING OF DEGREES** at William Paterson University is accomplished in a twofold manner. On behalf of the deans of the five colleges, the provost presents the candidates receiving master’s or bachelor’s degrees. Each student processes to the platform and his or her name is read and is presented a diploma cover by the dean of his or her respective college. When all candidates have been duly presented, the president of the University then formally confers the appropriate degree. This is accomplished when she says:

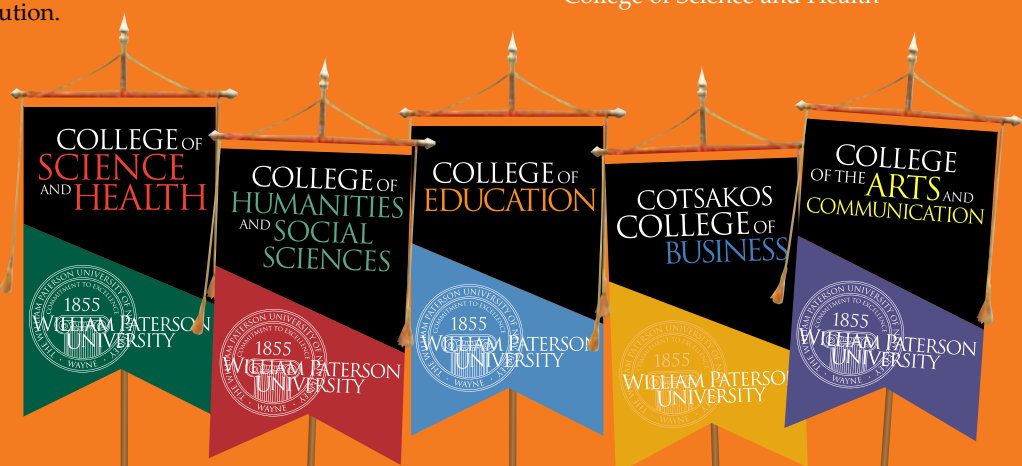
*“By the authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees, I confer on each of you the degrees you have just earned and for which you have been recommended.”*

At this time representatives of the graduating students lead the graduates in moving their tassels from the right to the left side of their mortar boards.

The **ALMA MATER** is then sung by a music student. The Alma Mater was written for William Paterson University by Professors Mark Karp and Earl Weidner; in 1997, new lyrics were added by Professor David Shapiro.

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

*This program does not constitute the official list of graduates. The students included in the program have applied to graduate as of May 1, 2012. Their degree, as well as any Latin Honors that they may have earned, will be officially posted by the Office of Registration Services after their grades have been received and verified.*



IZOD CENTER SEATING ARRANGEMENT

Alma Mater

William Paterson University of New Jersey

Prof. Mark Karp  
(verses 1 and 2)  
Prof. David Shapiro  
(verses 3 and 4)

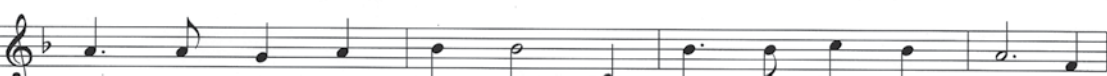
Prof. Earl Weidner



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



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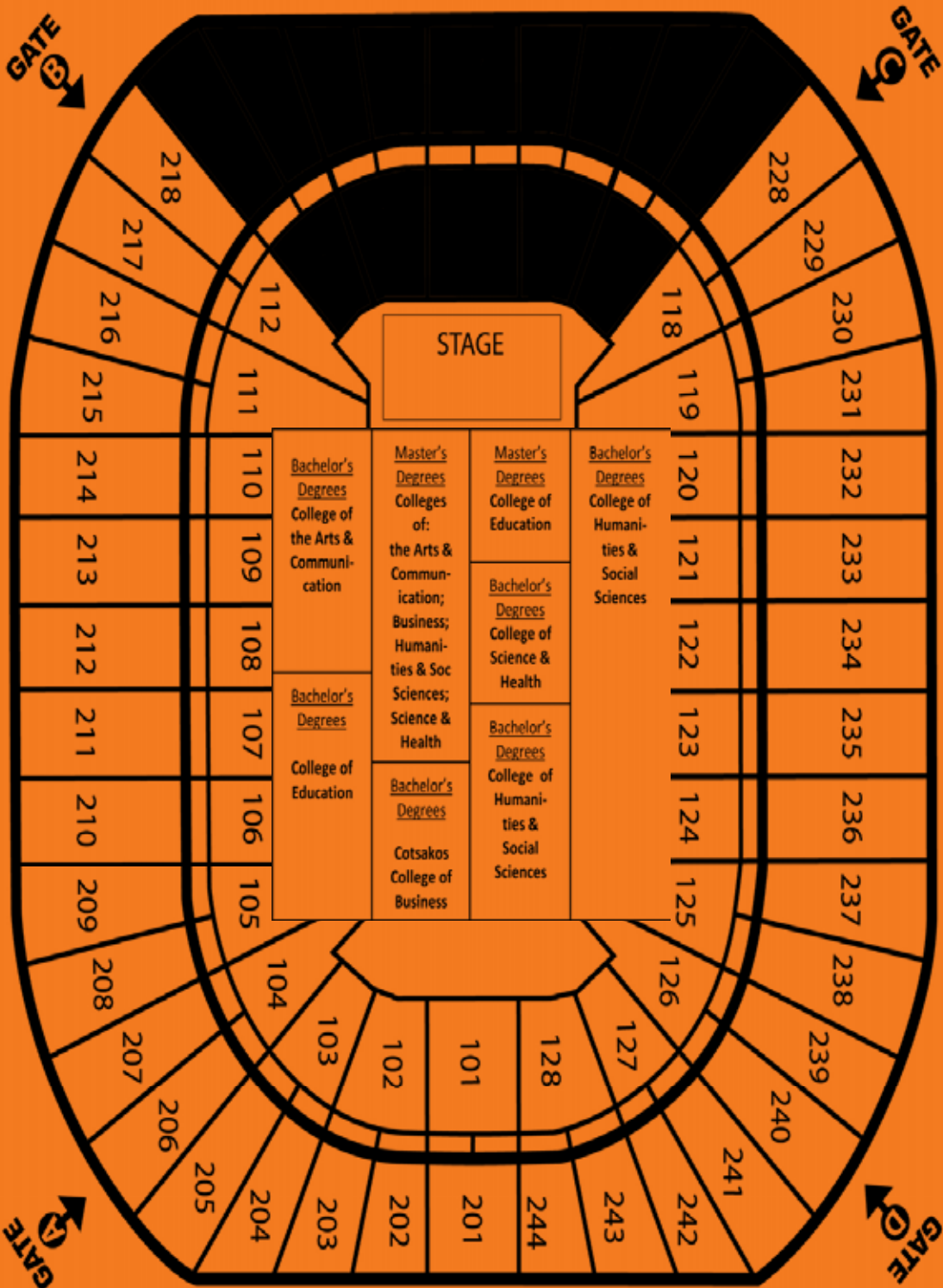


guard and share thy learn - ings, Dif - fuse thy truth and light En -  
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con - stant in our cour - age We sing in un - i - son Our  
fu - ture is that gar - den We're plant - ing in the sun And



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ing the spread of know - ledge, Truth's ban - ner bright un - furled  
dream has sprung where we've be - gun At Wil - liam Pat - er - son  
all our seeds will wake up flowers At Will - iam Pat - er - son

Engraved by John Link  
Department of Music



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