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# 2016 COMMENCEMENT

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Dear Graduate,

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

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

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

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

Best wishes for a bright and happy future!

Congratulations!

Kathleen Waldron  
President



Dear Graduates, Families, and Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is my pleasure to welcome you today to the 193rd Commencement of William Paterson University. At each graduation, my colleagues on the Board and I take great pride in watching so many talented women and men receive their diplomas. Each degree is a tangible sign of the hard work, commitment, and determination that has gone into making this day a reality.

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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Elementary and Early Childhood  
Education

# ORDER OF CEREMONY

Processional	Pomp and Circumstance March, No. 1, by Sir Edward Elgar (Audience is requested to remain seated for the academic procession)
National Anthem	Katherine Sundstrom, soprano, accompanied by Paul Daher, piano
Introduction	Kathleen Waldron, PhD, President of the University
Address by a Master's Degree Candidate	Nicky Lee-Castanada, Master of Arts in Teaching
Comment to the Class	Kathleen Waldron, PhD, President of the University
Conferral of Honorary Degree	Frederick L. Gruel, Chair, William Paterson University Board of Trustees, presenting Bernard J. Milano, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Warren G. Sandmann, PhD, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Conferring of Degrees	Kathleen Waldron, PhD, President of the University
Alma Mater	Katherine Sundstrom, soprano, accompanied by Paul Daher, piano
Recessional	Suite No. 2 in F, by Gustav Holst (Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic procession has left)

## HONORARY DEGREE



### BERNARD J. MILANO

President and Trustee, KPMG Foundation  
and KPMG Disaster Relief Fund  
President and Board Member, The PhD Project  
Treasurer, Board of Directors, Campus Compact

### HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Bernard J. Milano is the president and a trustee of the KPMG Foundation, and president and trustee of the KPMG Disaster Relief Fund. Mr. Milano is also treasurer of the board of directors of Campus Compact, a national organization dedicated to promoting community service in higher education, and president and a board member of The PhD Project, a national diversity organization that has quadrupled the number of business school faculty who are African American, Hispanic American, or Native American.

Mr. Milano graduated from Temple University with a bachelor of science degree in accounting, and started his career with KPMG in the audit practice of the Philadelphia office. Prior to his current roles as president of the KPMG Foundation and the KPMG Disaster Relief Fund, he held positions of increasing responsibility including national partner in charge of university relations and national partner in charge of human resources.

In addition to his role with The PhD Project, Mr. Milano is a member of the board of directors of the Points of Light Foundation and *Beta Gamma Sigma*, and a member of the U.S. Advisory Board of Enactus. He has received numerous awards, including the 2015 American Accounting Association Lifetime Service Award and the inaugural 2014 *Beta Alpha Psi* KPMG/Bernard J. Milano Lifetime Service Award. He previously served on President Bush's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Mr. Milano lives with his wife, Sharon, and sons Matthew and Adam in Allendale, New Jersey; he also has four older children and six grandchildren who live in Connecticut, Colorado, and Florida.

## ADDRESS BY A MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATE



### NICKY LEE-CASTANEDA

Master of Arts in Teaching

Nicky Lee-Castaneda will receive a master of arts degree in teaching. His thesis topic was *Male Kindergarten Teachers: Concerns, Descriptions, and Perceptions as Explained by Faculty and Parents, Along with an In-depth Look into Males Serving as Role Models to Students Who Have Absent Fathers*. Mr. Lee-Castaneda, who is currently a bilingual/ESL teacher at Watsessing/Brookdale Elementary School and Forest Glen in Bloomfield, holds a bachelor of science degree from Rutgers University in environmental business economics, and a bachelor of science degree in business administration and post-baccalaureate elementary certification from William Paterson University. He is a member of *Kappa Delta Pi*, the national education honor society.

## MASTER'S DEGREE RECIPIENTS, AUGUST 2015

### Master of Arts

#### APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

Jesse J. Sheeks

#### CLINICAL AND COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Tyler Wayne Artress  
Blerta Bena-Xhaferaj  
Ciara E. Chaly

Michael Anthony Clemente  
Laura Nicole Duffy  
Erica Garcia  
Marko Lamela  
Laurel Blake McKenzie  
Ngocn Nhung T. Nguyen  
Joseph A. Pannullo  
Jamie Leigh Perkins  
Alyssa Marie Reuscher

#### ENGLISH

Michael J. Ducorsky

#### HISTORY

Natasha DiGenio  
Bryan Payor

#### PUBLIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Hamza Radid  
Sabrine Abdelaziz Thabata

### Master of Arts in Teaching

#### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

William J. Oakley Jr

#### SECONDARY EDUCATION

Caitlin Marie Ament  
Randolph P. Dorcent  
Virginia M. Fasulo  
Olugbenga A. Ige

Tenzin Jigme  
Danielle Marie Kinloch  
David A. Kornitzer  
Steven William Kuipers  
Jacqueline Marie Kuzora  
Alexa R. McCormack  
Eric Nyabeta  
Angie P. Rivera  
Michael P. Teehan  
Edward William Yale

### Master of Business Administration

#### ACCOUNTING

Matthew John McTernan  
Kimberly Rae Prevedel  
Yu Zheng

#### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

David J. Antebi  
Ghizlane Bounouar  
Colleen E. Briggs  
Stephanie De La Torre  
Syed Abbas Hassan  
Aredin Hoxholli  
Natasha H. Sholakh  
Kristie Veri

### Master of Education

#### CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

Janneth Rodriguez  
Kathleen Ruth Spadola

#### EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Edwin Lopez

#### PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

John R. Findura

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION

Jana Mozulay Cohen  
Rachel C. Ficarra  
Caitlin Suzanne Murphy  
Deirdre L. Wilson-Redmond

### Master of Fine Arts

#### ART

Brian S. Sandilands

### Master of Science

#### BIOLOGY

Jay Shah

#### BIOTECHNOLOGY

Michael Clark Mule

#### COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

David Anthony Cecere  
Nicole M. D'Achille  
Megan A. Foley  
Nicole Monar  
Anthony Wesley Ordile  
Erin J. Potter  
Rebecca M. Richards  
Nicole R. Stetson

### Master of Science in Nursing

#### NURSING

Lauren M. DeMarco  
Alexis Rose Sell

## MASTER'S DEGREE RECIPIENTS, JANUARY 2016

### Master of Arts

#### APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

Alissa M. Andre  
Robert Jasen Bell

#### ENGLISH

Kristen E. Caldwell  
Jessica Cornelius  
Kelsey M. Dennehy  
Stephanie Anne Long

#### PUBLIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Anthony John Chugranis

### Master of Arts in Teaching

#### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Nicole K. Berger  
Tara Ghahari  
Caitlin Mariah Mader  
Ann M. Vansickle

#### SECONDARY EDUCATION

Cary Dely Caraballo  
Jessica L. Gillen  
Laura Grace Havrilla

### Master of Business Administration

#### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Kirk Francis Anda  
Christopher Bryson Demarest  
Geneva Gamblin  
Patrick Lotorto  
Kyle Lukas

Cara Ann Phillips

Robert J. Spirig  
Alyssa Nicole Stefanic  
Robert J. Tavoularis  
Jia Wang  
Rachel Whitty

### Master of Education

#### CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

Natalia Avendano-Garces  
Jill A. Bollinger  
Joyce R. Buckman  
Erica Collado  
Amy Faye Corbo  
Daniella Z. DaCunha  
Colleen A. Dolaghan  
Marcia Harris  
Christina Issa  
Shavonn Oliver  
Gary Pagan  
Kristian A. Perez  
Andria J. Randazzo  
Jennifer Seminerio  
Kristen E. Turchioe

#### EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Sonia M. Torres

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION

Marissa D. DiPetrillo  
Katharine R. Fritzky  
Arlene Luna  
Kate Elizabeth Maher  
Suad I. Masri

### Master of Music

#### MUSIC

Eunkyung Woo

### Master of Fine Arts

#### ART

Joanne Olivier  
Tyler Zeleny

#### CREATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Paul LaTorre  
Howard S. Steng  
Daniel Patrick Tulino

### Master of Science

#### BIOLOGY

Hossam E. Hanna  
Steven Meier  
Anastasia Kathleen Plasket

#### COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Sarah Schoendienst  
Laura A. Weinberg

### Master of Science in Nursing

#### NURSING

Angelica Delacruz  
Donna Fichera  
Lynn Graffeo  
Eliezer Portnoy  
Steve Orlando Rodney

## MASTER'S DEGREE RECIPIENTS, MAY 2016

### Master of Arts

#### APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

Judith B. Cocilovo  
Oswald N. David Jr.  
Jeffrey Michael Latawiec  
Roswell Royce Lawrie  
Christopher John Pec  
Betty Vivero

#### CLINICAL AND COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Karolyna Fernandez  
Lauren Nicole Illge  
Pierre Alexander León  
Kimberly L. Molfetto  
Jessica Napolitano  
Paulette Antonella Silva  
Brittany Tomasi  
Benjamin Useche

#### ENGLISH

Erin Lee Bang  
Denise Giaimo  
Marybeth McDonough  
Julie A. Minicozzi  
Kevin P. Moore

#### HISTORY

Elizabeth A. Barto  
Brian R. Bigden  
Michael R. Freimuth  
Barbara Krasner  
Lauren Jane Lewandowski  
Dominic M. Magi  
Nicolette J. Solomita

#### PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION

Jaclyn M. Antonacci  
Rebecca Ann Costantini  
Ashley Christine Farrell  
Amaryllis Janelle Muniz  
Juliana Quintero

#### PUBLIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Augusto Penaranda  
David Topchishvili  
Bernard Seth Tornyenyor

### Master of Arts in Teaching

#### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Michael Evan Bernstein  
Bianca N. Di Quattro  
Michael DiRoma  
Noelle Eileen Ebler  
Stephanie Grant  
Nicky Abdiel Lee-Castaneda  
Lilly Ann Ryden

#### SECONDARY EDUCATION

Matthew Colin Bouroult  
Joshua D. Case  
Marc A. Figueroa  
Brianna Koribanick  
Scott M. Kupka  
Nicholas J. Link  
Michele Melendez  
Kaitlyn Meyer  
Jackson Omwenga Nyamwange

### Master of Business Administration

#### ACCOUNTING

Thomas Edward Andrascik III  
Michael G. Bierach  
Clara Melissa Diaz

#### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Ali Saad Alateeq  
Jake A. Allen  
Firas Ayoub  
Elizabeth A. Benjamin  
Alexyandra Cannon  
David V. Caruso  
Alan Cohen

Marian Corrigan  
Ashley Ann Gallagher  
Lorraine C. Jugenheimer  
Samaja Krajina  
Jingwei Mintonovitch  
Melanie Passler  
Wesley Rebisz  
Elina Sherman  
Stefan J. Waldron

### Master of Education

#### CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

Amal A. Abd Elhafez  
Ilham Adnan Alam  
Michelle Bushart  
Rosemary Cortez  
Krysta DeVencentis Cedola  
Mary M. Fair  
Abigail Garcia  
Shana Ginley  
Alejandro Gonzalez  
Stephanie Karla Guevara  
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Christina Lakind  
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Paul Vander Wende  
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#### LITERACY

Valentina Carleo  
Christine Ashley Cemelli  
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Christine Jakobsen  
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Amal Elrafei  
Angelica Escribano  
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#### SPECIAL EDUCATION

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Marissa C. Brock  
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Tyrone Esposito  
Jennifer Farina  
William Felegi  
Marissa Anne Lembersky  
Sandra Renee Liberti  
Ordalia Mauceri  
Amanda M. Mitchell  
Scotty A. Morin  
Nurdan Musa  
Amy G. Pearce  
Christina Martha Rivera  
Jenna E. Semeraro  
Timothy Gerard Valik  
Amy N. Vankalsbeck

### Master of Fine Arts

#### ART

Loius J. Severino

#### CREATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Kara Jorgensen  
Maria Rebecca Wheeler  
Scott Dylan Wordsman

### Master of Music

#### MUSIC

JFraser C. Calhoun  
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Jasmine A. Henry  
Zachary L. Levenson  
James J. Ohn

Megan Marie Roy  
Caleb Michael Rumley  
German Sanchez Uriarte  
Joseph Peter Spinelli  
Christopher Lawder Sullivan  
Katherine Anne Sundstrom  
Reiko Takahashi

### Master of Science

#### BIOLOGY

Alicia Bartley

#### COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

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Matthew T. Maher  
Natalie Frances Santillo  
Danielle Sarita Stackhouse

### Master of Science in Nursing

#### NURSING

Michael Davis Abbey  
Michele R. Bergamotto  
Jacqueline F. Brown-Schultz  
Jatona Davis  
Nancy Fox  
Lissamma Francis  
Linda J. Geraghty  
Mary Frances Murphy  
Claudine Rene  
Megan M. Torchia

## MASTER'S DEGREE RECIPIENTS, AUGUST 2016

### Master of Arts

#### CLINICAL AND COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

LeighAnn Albanese  
Walter Vincent Barr  
Orlando Alonso Calvo  
Hannah Collett  
Jessica L. Elliott  
Jessica Napolitano  
Diana Teluk

#### HISTORY

Michael D. Volosine

### Master of Arts in Teaching

#### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Lindsay Michelle Masessa

#### SECONDARY EDUCATION

Veronica R. Leone  
Samuel Thomas

### Master of Business Administration

#### ACCOUNTING

Gina M. Cotera  
Sandra Damjanovski  
Vincent A. D'Antonio  
Laura E. Feliciano  
Janitza Nuesi  
Monika K. Wasniowska

#### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Abdulmohsen Alkanawy  
Min Hui Chen  
Ian J. Michaelchuck  
Maureen Andriana Papaconstantinou  
Collie Jahmar Stradford

### Master of Education

#### LITERACY

Lauren A. Rendine  
Michele A. Ruggiero

### Master of Fine Arts

#### CREATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Elizabeth A. Levine

### Master of Music

#### MUSIC

Seth B. Lewis  
Jared R. McClain

### Master of Science

#### BIOLOGY

Megan Julia McAleavy

#### COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Erica S. Bissonnette  
Natalia Callejas  
Samantha Emily Coan  
Grace J. David  
Jenna R. Farwell  
Rita Eve Gomolinski  
Jenna Ariel Halpern  
Elizabeth Rose Hohnecker  
Ginny G. Kim  
Jaime Lyn Lavallo  
Carly Christine Marut  
Caitlin Mc Caul  
Jennifer D. Pedicone  
Andrea Melissa Recinos  
Hayley Charlotte Rivlin  
Anne M. Rizos  
Diana A. Scalici  
Paige Marie Shaffer  
Jacqueline Zanosky  
Amy Zembriski

### Master of Science in Nursing

#### NURSING

Connie Putrino Adamek  
Gady Berkovich  
Diana M. Dominguez  
Vijayeta Dripaul  
Alice Joseph  
Nickesha Latoya Ritchie

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

### COLLEGE OF THE ARTS AND COMMUNICATION

**Dean's Graduate Award**  
Brian S. Sandilands

#### Department of Art

**Graduate Award for Creative Excellence in Visual Art**  
David J. D'Ostilio

#### Department of Music

**Music Scholar Graduate Award**  
Christopher Lawder Sullivan  
Katherine Anne Sundstrom

### COTSAKOS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

**Dean's Graduate Award**  
David V. Caruso  
Maureen Andriana  
Papaconstantinou

#### Master of Business Administration Program

**Outstanding MBA Graduate Award**  
David V. Caruso

**Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate with a Concentration in Accounting**  
Maureen Andriana  
Papaconstantinou

**Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate with a Concentration in Finance**  
Jingwei Mintorovitch

**Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate with a Concentration in Marketing**  
Stefan Waldron

**Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate with a Concentration in Music Management**  
Melanie Passler

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

**Dean's Graduate Award**  
Steven William Kuipers

#### Department of Educational Leadership and Professional Studies

**M.Ed. in Curriculum and Learning Award for Excellence in Scholarship**  
Amal A. Abd Elhafez

**M.Ed. in Educational Leadership and Academic Excellence Award**  
Jeremy A. Serfozo

**M.Ed. in Literacy Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Research**  
Jessica A. Semeraro

#### Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education

**Master of Arts in Teaching Award**  
Nicholas J. Link

#### Department of Secondary and Middle School Education

**Master of Arts in Teaching Award**  
Virginia M. Fasulo

#### Department of Special Education and Counseling

**Graduate Award in Special Education**  
Anna M. Amabile-Chipelo

**Graduate Award in Counseling**  
Jessica Miserentino

### COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**Deans's Graduate Award**  
Barbara Krasner

#### Department of History

**Outstanding Graduate Thesis Award**  
Barbara Krasner

#### Department of Languages and Cultures

**Graduate Award for Excellence in Bilingual/ESL Studies**  
Jason W. Whelpley

#### Department of Psychology

**Excellence in Graduate Studies Award**  
Kimberly L. Molfetto

### COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH

**Dean's Graduate Award**  
Alexis Rose Sell

#### Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences

**Graduate Research Award**  
Sarah Schoendienst

**Graduate Excellence Award**  
Gabrielle Cuzzolino

#### Department of Nursing

**Nursing Excellence Graduate Award**  
Alexis Rose Sell





**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
WILLIAM PATERSON  
UNIVERSITY

**CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2016!**

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

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

There are many ways to stay connected to William Paterson, including our official alumni website, [www.wpunj.edu/alumni](http://www.wpunj.edu/alumni); our

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

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

**CLASS OF 2016 “SAY THANKS” COMMENCEMENT DEDICATIONS**

William Paterson University is proud to acknowledge the following members of the Class of 2016 who participated in the “Say Thanks” initiative. The gracious gifts donated by the Class of 2016 will go to The Fund for WP. One hundred percent of the monies raised will support scholarships for students by students. On behalf of William Paterson University, we would like to thank these students for the difference they are making in the lives of future Pioneers.

**Gifts Made By**

Kirk Anda  
Jennifer Aviles  
Alan Cohen  
Diana Michelle Dominguez  
Tamara Elsamna  
Karolyna Fernandez  
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Stephan Kyle Harvey  
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## COMMENCEMENT NOTES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



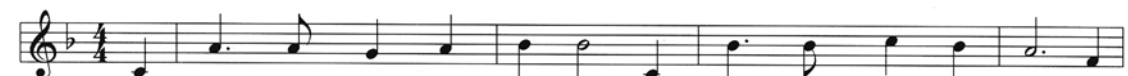
*This program does not constitute the official list of graduates. The students included in the program have applied to graduate as of April 15, 2016. Their degree will be officially posted by the Office of Registration Services after their grades have been received and verified.*

# ALMA MATER

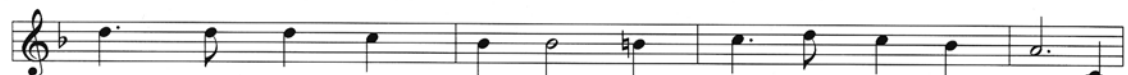
William Paterson University of New Jersey

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

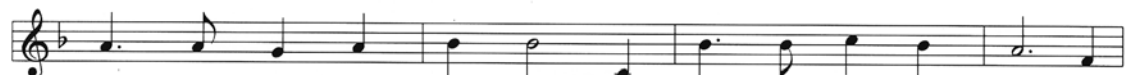
Prof. Earl Weidner




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



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



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



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

Engraved by John Link  
Department of Music

# THE WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY MISSION AND VISION

## OUR MISSION

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

## VISION: THE UNIVERSITY IN 2022

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

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

# CAMPUS MAP





## ABOUT WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

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

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

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

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