

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY
2024 COMMENCEMENT



GRADUATE CEREMONIES
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024
SPORTS AND RECREATION CENTER
WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to William Paterson University's 2024 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 the 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard J. Helldobler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" being more prominent and the last name "Helldobler" written in a more compact, flowing style.

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD
President



ORDER OF CEREMONY, 12:00 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, soprano, Master of Music candidate

Introduction

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD, President of the University

Address by a Graduate Degree Candidate

Brittany Casares, Master of Education in Educational Leadership candidate

Comment to the Class

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD, President of the University

Alumni Association Welcome

Domenico DiMaio '97, MBA '21, President,
William Paterson Alumni Association

Presentation of Degree Candidates

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

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

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

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.

BRITTANY CASARES

Master of Education in Educational Leadership

Brittany Casares is a January 2024 graduate with a master of education degree in educational leadership. A 2014 graduate of Montclair State University with a bachelor of science degree in physical education and health teaching certification, Ms. Casares is a physical education and health teacher at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School in Clark, New Jersey. Prior to her current position, she was a physical education and health teacher at Dr. Leroy McCloud Elementary School and Janis E. Dismus Middle School, both in

Englewood, New Jersey, and at Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark. A member of the Montclair State University women's soccer team as an undergraduate student, Ms. Casares currently coaches the girls' soccer team and the boys' varsity bowling team at Albert L. Johnson High School in Clark and the Kumpf Middle School club track team. She previously served as head women's soccer coach at the College of Staten Island and at Raritan Valley Community College. She currently holds a U.S. Soccer National B Coaching License.

ORDER OF CEREMONY, 6:00 P.M.

Welcome

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Address by a Graduate Degree Candidate

Amirah Elayan '22, Master of Fine Arts candidate,
Creative and Professional Writing

Comment to the Class

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President Richard J. Helldobler:*

Wartyna Davis, PhD, Dean,

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Anthony Bowrin, PhD, Dean, Costakos College of Business

Conferral of Degrees

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD, President of the University

Recessional

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AMIRAH ELAYAN '22

Master of Fine Arts in Creative and Professional Writing

Amirah Elayan is a May 2024 graduate with a master of fine arts degree in creative and professional writing. For her master's thesis, Ms. Elayan is focusing on the Palestinian diaspora in New Jersey through her novel, *Sunlight like Fireworks*. In this work, she seeks to recognize and celebrate the community she grew up with while also exploring the challenges faced within it. This is part of a string of works that explore this particular topic. A 2022 graduate of William Paterson University with a bachelor of arts degree, *summa cum laude*, in English and a minor in world literature, Ms. Elayan completed the Humanities Track in the University's Honors College. She is also a graduate of Bergen Community College with an associate of arts degree in English, where she was a student in the Judith K. Winn School of Honors. Ms. Elayan has won numerous honors and awards, including third place in the 2022 Prize in Ethics Essay Contest held by the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity. The annual

contest, established in 1989, provides an opportunity for students to engage in the central questions that impact our humanity, culture, and future. Her essay, "The Moral Dilemma of Living," focused on the complexity inherent in just being alive. She also received the 2020 Student of the Year Award from the North Regional Honors Conference. Ms. Elayan is a member of *Sigma Tau Delta*, the international English honor society; *Phi Theta Kappa*, the international honor society; and the National Society of Leadership and Success, for which she has served as president of the William Paterson University chapter. She was one of five students nationwide selected by the Literary Agents of Change for the Association of American Literary Agents Fellowship, which seeks to diversify the world of literary agents. Ms. Elayan is currently a marketing assistant at the future of agency LLC, a book marketing and publishing consulting company.

Afternoon Doctoral Degree Recipients

Doctor of Education

William John Felegi

Dissertation: *Community-Based Mentorship Programs: Influence on Adolescent Social Capital and Social Competence*

Marta Fortunato

Dissertation: *The Lived Experiences of a Culturally Responsive Educator*

Laurence C. Gander

Dissertation: *Middle School Social Studies Teachers' Perspectives on the Impact of New Jersey's LGBTQ and Disabled Persons Mandate*

Lindsey Marie Hresko

Dissertation: *Identity as an Influence on Major Selection for Undeclared Students*

Danielle Alice Liautaud

Dissertation: *Facilitating Pathways to Postsecondary Education for Justice-Involved Individuals*

Deirdre Marie Rood

Dissertation: *Exploring the Effects of Teacher Cultural Competence on Student Engagement in Diverse Educational Landscapes*

Lisa Sama-Barreto

Dissertation: *Principals' Perspectives on English as a Second Language Program Refusals*

Kenneth Michael Schneider

Dissertation: *Executive Leadership Consideration of Market Forces: A Case Study of Strategic Planning Development in Higher Education*

Nathan Alan Webb

Dissertation: *Implementing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in the Music Classroom Without a District-Level Music Administrator: A Self-Study*

Afternoon Doctoral Degree Recipients

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Valori Rochele Abad

Dissertation: *Screening Children with Behavioral Problems for Adverse Childhood Experiences*

Gendzyl Dalton

Dissertation: *Knowledge, Attitude, Practices, and Barriers Regarding HPV and HPV Vaccination Among Undergraduate Students in a Public University*

Diego Loaiza

Dissertation: *The Impact of Implicit Bias by Nurse Practitioners on the Screening of Colorectal Cancer in Hispanic Males*

Allan A. Paz

Dissertation: *Nurses' Perception of Safety in the Workplace*

Samantha Anne Steenbock Rueter

Dissertation: *Evaluation of Postpartum Follow-Up Communications on Early Identification of Maternal Complications*

Iryna Surmachevska

Dissertation: *Knowledge and Attitudes Towards Obesity Among Young Adults*

Afternoon Master's Degree Recipients

Master of Arts

HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

Benjamin Joseph Aha
Jhovany Berroa
Otamy Crossan
Alexander John Famula
Nana Ama Frimpong-Chester
Shannon Halm
Mark Hosein
Amna Pervez Malik
Valerie Martinez
Jasmine Victoria Myers
Douglas Ramirez
Yosmari Salcedo
William E. Santiago
Michael V. Scalice
Sierra Lynn Webster
Paola Yanez

Master of Arts in Teaching

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Jessica Ann Bell
Ashleigh Danielle Afromsky
Cynthia Lourdes Coleman
Samantha Lila Fry
Kimberly Massiel Garcia
Stelios Giannoulis
Silinea Ronetta Hilliard
Alyssa Suzanne Jackson
Blerime Limani
Sabrina Rose Mayo
Carolyn Hobbs Radler
Erin Maureen Shortall
Kristi Ur
Johanne Van Dam
Paige Olivia Wonsowicz
Michelle Marie Zakko

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Ryan Cotter
Michael Cruz
Mariem Feki
Brandon Anthony Ferrer
Emily Hoagland
Kelly Ann Taggart

Master of Education

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

Stephanie Benedetto
Chanel Diane Borduin
Bianca Gisella Cascio
Emily Marianna Condal
Sam Louis Contreras
Lisa Maria DiGuglielmo Pisano
Alexa Corinne Gentile
Evan Berton Grau
Katherine Cecelia Hemmings
Kelsey Ann Kuhn
Ally Michelle Larena
Alexandra Marotta
Alexandra Marulanda
Colleen Michelle Ritzer
Lauren Anne Rossi
Erica Rose Scotto Di Vetta
Tara Camille Strigler
Martina Surbeska
Steven E. Titus
Ana Esther Tobon
Valerie van Westervelt
Lisa C. Willis
Gabrielle Zeiler
Jullyssa Nicole Zevallos

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

Nickerra Anderson
Monique R. Baitala
Lauren Anne Barnaba
Melissa Vignapiano Baron
Jillian Nicole Bigos
Colby Bird
Lori Bothe
Joanna Boyan
Elizabeth Rose Braun
Lyndsay Buonforte
Megan Crystal Campbell
Paige Nicole Cassella
Caroline Marie Church
Gina M. Cocivera-Wright
McKenzie Mae Cuccia
Jessica Lee DePugh
Erin Gittel Endaz
Jessica Fernandes
Brianna Floyd
Mikee Garrido
Laura Geraghty
Roberta Michelle Giusto
Brenda Gonzalez

Afternoon Master's Degree Recipients

Karen Adriana Herrera
Rebecca E. Horowitz
Allison Kenny
Nancy Kate Kenny
Chrisovalantou I. Lagonikos
Nicolette P. Laux
Angela Lengner
Shirley D. Loor
Andrea Catherine Mathews
Samantha Beverly Merritt
Erin Moles
Magdaleen Marwa Nasser
Barbara Anne Nelson
Shannon Rose O'Grady
Teowa Romona Oatis
Nicole Elizabeth Paiotti
Cathryn Michelle Parillo
Tara Pearce
Jenna Nicole Peluso
Emily Ann B. Pepe
Kara Lynn Peterson
Jacqueline Rose Powers
Christina Louise Rios
Betsy Antonia Rodriguez
Amanda Mae Samra
Elyse Schrier
Kiera Leigh Skerritt
Jaclyn Joyce Soltesz
Danielle C. Sosnov
Arianna Noel Stravato
Cathleen Sunshine
Emily Maria Vanderhoff

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Ana Beatriz Aguilar
Timothy Aldrich
Melissa G. Aujero
Justin Manuel Avedissian
Eva Lynn Baratta
Chyenne Beavers
Alyson Taylor Berkowitz
Jessica Danielle Bernath
Jessica Biondi
Colin Boyle
Leigh A. Brown
Jaime S. Calabrese
Raphaella Virginia Calabrese
Timothy M. Captain
Brittany Casares
Sharon Chambers
Jenny Marie Charles
Matthew Cheng

Amy Lynn Chiappa
Kristin Amie Circelli
Susan Michelle Corvo
Kari Alicia Croix
Cristina D'Amico
Nicole Dalle-Molle
Tanisha De La Espada
Randi Alyssa Deitz
Charlene Anne DiDonato
Stephanie A. Donatello
Sondra Sophia Dubin
Heather A. Esposito
Francesco Fasolo
Sandra M. Fatovic
Jessica Feliciano
Rocio Fernandez
Courtney Ferraro
Cory J. Ferrer
Brianna M. Fischer
Michael Thomas Florek
John Gallucci
Erin Nichole Gibbs
Allison Dana Gimeli
Loren Ginty
Michelle Greenwood
Gisell Ashley Groff
Philip John Hackett
Megan Lynne Hartmann
Travis John Hunt
Dave John Johnson
Kate Cauler Kolbeck
Diana N. Kucko
Claudia E. Lagos
Crisol-Iris Lantz
Kimberly Leary
Justin M. Lefebvre
Jennie Lliguicota
Natasha Marie Lopes Cunha
Keri-lynn Maher
Michael Maio
Tamara Renee Mangaroo
Brianna Nicole Mariani
Marques George Maxsom-Taylor
Jessica Marie McCarthy
Mary Anne Melillo
Marina Michael-Girgis
Olivia Ann Miller
Gianna Morozowski
Jaclyn DeLuca Murchie
Gina Nowak
Kelly Nicole O'Brien
Sydney Patricia Pace

Afternoon Master's Degree Recipients

Melanie Panarese
Jaimie Marie Partridge
Brooke Alexandra Paskas
Scott Pennington
Aquilla Peterson
Alyson Nicole Petrullo
Samantha Rae Phillips
Vanessa Piwtoratsky
William Anthony Powers
Danielle Marie Proscia
Janais Mia Roberts
Kayla Michelle Rodriguez
Rhina I. Sanchez
Jacqueline Dana Segel
Shaina Marie Seibuchler
Caitlin Nicole Shurminsky
Gina Ann Silipena
Steven Wesley Singleton
Julianne Maria Soby
Kevin Spaeth
Stephanie Tapia-Nunez
Matthew Joseph Tonzola
Melissa Margaret Trace
Tanya Trianine
Lamar Tucker
Brian Peter Walis Jr.
Andrew Thomas Waller
Albert Andrew Weisz
Ruth Wezenter

LITERACY

Marissa Mary Bladel
Marissa Danielle Blakely
Craig A. Curley
Melgay Janice Davis
Stacey Lynn Dougherty
Alyssa Rose Goldfond
Kristina Taylor Gorgone
Amaris Marie Henry
Gina A. Hurley
Kirsten Brianna Kral
Hannah Standish Rozanski
Doreen Therese Sahr
Kimberly Jo Stapleton
Alexandra Sutton
Kristen Jean Targove
Jessica Rachel Valdivia
Yvonne Vardi

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Alexandra Abrams
Jessica Awar
Hanan Chaaban Bachkhaz
Parul Begum
Ashley J. Bracey
Jessica Marie Castillo
Caitlin Brianne Cleary
Samantha Mary Czapik
Jordan Lynn Dailey
Eileen Dammann
Jay Brock Decker Jr.
Nicole Angelina Dencker
Monica Anne DeVita
Sausan Diglawi
Grace Dimodugno
Makenzie Lee Dreher
Lily Duetsch
Eman Eldemenky
Daniel Louis Esposito
Joseph D. Flynn
Gilda Guadalupe Galvan
Savannah Brielle Gathers
Donia Gheith
Karen Stephanie Guaman-Salazar
Lyzbet Hallacker
Shannon Marie Howard
Keri Lynn Izzo
AnnaMaria Kaca
Emily Tess Kotkin
Kimberly Ann Macdonald
Dema Masoud
Krista Leigh Mennella
Stephanie Messina
Larissa Metalidis
Madeline Rose Neuman
Linda Marie Nicosia
Desarae Orgo
Qynn Soliven Pascual
Katherine Emily Pinto
Danielle Marie Ratel
Marisa Josephine Raymond
Kathryn Rickard
Auribel Victoria Rodriguez
Antonella Jennifer Roldan
Denise R. Rose
Jada Ajai Sanders
Nina Vanessa Schurko-Wieczorek
Alicia Ann Semeraro
Sarah Anne Shellenberger
Melissa Nicole Silvestri
Nicole Christine Stein

Afternoon Master's Degree Recipients

Melissa Lynn Szoc-Cruz
Thais Vanessa Vargas
Donna Anne Wester
Kevin William Weydig
Nell Patricia White
Brian J. Wittman
Kelly Ann Yuhas

Master of Public Health

PUBLIC HEALTH

Giselle Alfaro
Ebiani Lee Alfonso
Prislar Asam-Dankwah
Ryan P. Coleman
Savannah Lee Dziepak
Jennifer Galarza
Jodikay Shanique Garwood
Nattaley Elise Gyger
Stephanie R. Haskins
Arza Imtiazuddin
Amya Kayla King
Amanda Shioban Kushner
Justine Margaret Lopez
Erica Mastrolia
Maria Mousa
Dhruvi Patel
Royal Patterson
Sanchez Soyane Reid
Sandra Remedor
Jessica Riggs
Ashay Mkada Samuels
Emily N. Sensale
Ekram Smith
Joanna Wong
Dorsey Lawrence Woods III
Elizabeth Ann Zalme

Master of Science

APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Jeffrey M. Fox Jr.

BIOTECHNOLOGY

Ahmad Abdulhassan
Samber Bachkhaz
Tiraje Far
Dante Michael Gilberti
James Edward Glaser
Alfredo Gonzalez
Anahi Itzep

Subhan Yar Khan
Michele La Capra
Shannon Elizabeth McDermott
Mendi Petroska
Aida Shono
Karen Rachel Vijil

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Brian Christopher Acosta

EXERCISE AND SPORT STUDIES

Thomas John DeMartino
Daniel Philip Dodd
Nicholas Gerard King
Ivana Elise Massa
Carly Katherine McDaniel
Matthew Lee Pierce

EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY

Mario Patrick Bartole
Nicole Boyd
Connor Andrew Fahy
Imaun Jamahl Stephens

MATERIALS CHEMISTRY

Khalid M. Rana
Clairissa Yom

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Claudia Allos
Zarema Altuner
Jessica Bara
Karina Castillo
Jessica L. Cerone
Nicole M. Circelli
Breanna May Decker
Jennifer Duong
Allison Genevieve Ferdinando
Alyssa Sommer Gauthier
Bryan Hacken
Kaitlyn Hirst
Aleksandria Lee Ivanitski
Nicole Rose Joachim
Ryleigh P. Leggio
Lyndsey Lesaca
Brianna Aerin Lim
Ariana Rae Lopez
Emily Maksoud
Georgia Rose Marcouiller
Cassidy Martin
Kristina Grace Martino
Margrete McGovern
Kaitlyn McManus
Hope Elizabeth Ortiz

Afternoon Master's Degree Recipients

Corina Perez
Brianna Puccio
Samantha Elise Ritter
Thalya Marie Rodriguez
Taylor Eve Shargorodsky
Shari Marissa Spaeth
Brooke E. Vanderlaan

SPORT ADMINISTRATION

Khalid Benalla
Danielle Nicole Britton
Peter Anthony Conde
Enrique Gonzalez Alarcon
Hannah Hirst
Marissa McLoughlin
Summer Rain Roberts
Antonio Jesus Rosario

Master of Science in Nursing

NURSING

Shackera Abbott-Barcoo
Siham Aboulhassane
Alissa Marie Abrahamson
Daisy Acevedo
Candy Nayarit Adames Paulino
Ecaterina Ademaj
Morenikeji B. Adetula
Mavis Adu
Fatima Aguinaga
Anita Ajagbe
Yarenka J. Alvarez
Audelie Antoine
Yvesnallie Antoine
Maha Asfour
Carolyn Jean Austin
Nicole Avila
Mary Jane Ochuwa Ayonote
Nazreen Baksh
Sakinah M. Banks
Danielle Rose Barba
Mikayla Barbarossa
Belinda Barfi
Venecia Barnaby
Lindsey Barretta
Christine B. Baumann
Kimberly Benitez
Diego Antonni Benvenuto
Jyothi Biju
Pedra Novee Blackwood
Samantha Borello

Rebecca Julia Borkowski
Nicole Borzone
Temitope Loveth Branco
Alison Marie Breen
Ashley Nicole Brito
Luz B. Brito
Michael Patrick Brown
Deana Bryant
Geraldine Calixte-Starks
Angela Nicole Candelaria
Elizabeth Caraballo
Olivia Lauren Case
Josephine Menor Casillan
Katrina Angelica Cruz Castillo
Cristen Castro
Sara Ahmad Chahrour
Devi Charan Chapagai
Berline Charles Duc
Minji Cho
Ana J. Chong
Nwakego Chukwuneke
Anna Chuyko
Rose Melody Flores Cimafranca
Sandra Marie Collins
Jessica Lynn Colucci
Gustavo Cruz Giniebra
Shawanda Culver
Anitha Mary Daniel
Sandra Lynn Dantzler
Zach Dominic Ancheta Daradar
Kathryn Davis
Bijal Desai
Lihanny De Los Santos
Rima Dhanani
Stephanie M. Di Leo
Breeana Dickson
Jeanne Dieng
Christina J. Dizon
Brielle Dolack
Annette Dolores-Hernandez
Maidelys Dominguez
Lise M. Dommercant
Afaf Driss
Nana Afua Adiidi Dua
Ganesh Akshay Dudani
Cathia Dumay
Mina O. Dwamena
Gina Egnozzi
Suze Eloi
Margalie Eloi-Alfred
Kathryn Anne Eppinger-Lambrou
Lisa Ertle
Jasmine Marie Eugene

Afternoon Master's Degree Recipients

Vianna Maria Evgenikos
Wellington Josephlyn Fabian-Morales
Brianna Joy Fanning
Elyse Fearon
Charline Felissaint
John Paul Cristovao Ferreira
Corrine Marie Field
Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Ceki Fox
Annette Gaetan Lee
Nadia Joe Gani
Amaury A. Garcia
Penelope Gomes
Marcela Gomez-Sanchez
Zhereny Gonzales
Stephanie Gonzales
Dayanna Grau
Lakeenia Griffin
Jason Gruia
Carlo Gino Guardascione
Ralph Lauren Rodriguez Guarin
Steven Gunther
Justina Marie Haasz
Olga Sefakor Hado
Kaitlyn Hariton
Laura Helewa
Amy G. Hemmer
Donna Jean Hendrickson
Alfakelly Henriquez
Elias Hernandez Perez
Melissa Hernandez Romero
Charmaine Nicola Hewitt
Rachel Hirsch
Anxhela Hoxha
Amal Ibrahim
Susan Ifill-Sinclair
Hanin Issa
Vladimir Ivanovski
Grace Nazaree Jablonski
Mariama Jalloh
Lunique Jean
Joudlie Jean
Natacha Jean Baptiste
Stephany Cecibel Jimenez
Deisaray Nicole Jones
Yvonne Josaphat
Eugenie Joseph
Rebecca Jolene Jurkovic
Adrienne Ingrid Kamara
Amy Lynn Kane
Juli Kang
Manveer Kaur
Tanveer Kaur

Ashley Kenol
Sungkyung Kelly Keum
Megan Kilkenny
Myung Kim
Jamillee Bouvier Kinard
Clare Elizabeth Kiraly
Victoria Kobayashi
Kacie Lynn Kochka
Leticia Langarita-Hoyles
Adewale Musibaudeen Lanahun
Nichole Larysz
Jessica Lazaro
Heather Jade Leahy
Susan Huh Lee
Amanda Leibowitz
Linda Amarachukwu Lekweuwa
Sara M. Leslie
Alisha Lewis
Marisa June Lightenberg
Michelle Mary Limani
Elana Marie Linker
Emanuel Lopez
Kelly LoPresti
Stacie Lyn Lorge
Vanessa Luna-Rivera
Caitlin Anne Lynch
Caroline Gillies Magnual
Joy Makich
Maila Marie Mantila
Anastasiya Manuylova
Nancy Marcel
Michelle Rose Witham Marchionda
Prudence Marcus
Priscilla Gail Mardarello
Sachi C. Marfatia
Kimberly M. Masi
Christina Masklee
Colleen Marie McGuire
Kelly McNulty
Gina Maria Mejia
Karen Melissas
Christine Michelle Mendenhall
Ruth Scarlet Mendez
Claudia Dedei Mensah
Jayrol Mock
Manuela Morales-Rodriguez
Dorah Nakasi
Alexa Narducci
Ryan Diwa Obico
Theophania Agyeiwah Ofori Buah
Lucia Olarerin Olajuwon
Bola Abide Onissema Karimu
Shio Hwah Ozden

Afternoon Master's Degree Recipients

Nicole Marie Palanca
Disha Patel
Chrislenny Perez
Gabriel Armando Perez
Emily Perez
Sheleana Maria Perez
Amy Lynn Peters
Toni Alexa Petioni
Quang Phung
Alyssa Lina Pierro
Natalie Anne Pierro
Michael Joseph Piroino
Albjonda Pocesta
Victoria Lynn Poisseroux
Diana Alexandra Polania
Gabrielle Nicole Pollara
Haley Potter
Meredith R. Potts
Devin Cecile Prant
Kristen A. Prophet
Kimberly Ann Pullman
Lynette Quinones
Annunziata Ragusa
Kaitlyn Annette Rains
Ashwini Rao
Irina Vladimirovna Reyes
Zachary J. Rios
Lauren Michelle Rizzo
Francina Roa
Erin Julia Roach
Alice Robinson
Angela Rodriguez
Yarleny Rosario
Tara Ruano-Esquivel
Sandra Cristina Ruela
Rena D. Rush
Yehuda Sabzon
Jessica Salas
Brittney Rose Sampson
Martha Sanchez
Kim Scanapieco
Leticia Scandroglio
Sara Schochet
Serita Scullark
Francine Selvakumar
Stephany N. Semexant
Pooja Shah
Jwani Shah
Sobia Shaikh

Kinjalben Mounesh Shukla
Kabelys Sierra Solano
Sarah Elizabeth Siessel
Irene T. Sincaglia
Meghan Siverson
Kelly Sloan
Brent Thomas Smith
Kate Smith
Elizabeth Trum Sobeck
Hannah Padriga Solon
Sam Ssegawa
Kimberly Ann Stack
Carol Stanek
Maria Camila Starace
Susan Stivalo
Ferida Carlyne Suarez
Gil Tal
Digna Francia Tavaréz Sanchez
Darlyn Kristine Lauzon Tecson
Nagrup Thandi
Delores Gretel Thomas
Sharon Jacob Thomas
Donna Thomas
Sasha Thomas
Nicholas William Tinker
Alena Toronto
Melissa Torres
Mayra Alexandra Tuba Tuapante
Katy N. Ulysse
Jamie Cyrille L. Uyami
Jasmin Valverde
Jessica Melanie Velardo
Marie F. Venette
Martine Verdier Ford
Tanya Sofia Vilchez
Erin Walenczyk
Samantha Rose Waltmyer
Te'neshia Dahne Washington
Vanessa Marie Williams
Jacqueline Marie Wiseman
Jerome Wing-siu Wong
Jodi Ann Wostbrock
Carolyn Woyce
Emmanuel Yeboah
Metin Yuksel
Shirley Zapata
Mary Zhang
Xiaotong Zhang
Dhurata Zhuta

This program does not constitute the official list of graduates. The students included in the program have applied to graduate as of April 19, 2024, and include graduates from Fall 2023 and candidates for Spring 2024 and Summer 2024. 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 Psychology

Bryan I. Alava

Dissertation: *Coping Strategies Associated with Mental Health Symptoms Among College Students Who Experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences*

Sarah Anas

Dissertation: *Ethnic Differences in the Maintenance Factors of Disordered Eating in a College Population*

Chana B. Becher

Dissertation: *Views of Mental Illness, Treatment, and Stigma in the Orthodox Jewish Community*

Matthew Thomas Corwin

Dissertation: *It Was Forgettable, Not Accessible: Anxiety, Recall, and Recognition*

Stephen James Costello

Dissertation: *Appraisal Profiles and Behavioral Performance Associated with Spitefulness*

Irena Curanovic Veshtaj

Dissertation: *The Effects of Acute Dissociation on Implicit and Explicit Measures of Emotional Responsivity*

Rachel Eve Harris

Dissertation: *Does the Quality or Completeness of Suicide Safety Plans Predict Suicide Behavior Outcomes Over 12 Months of Follow-up?*

Raghad Hassan Hassabelnaby

Dissertation: *Dispositional Factors and the Disclosure of Autobiographical Memory in Children*

Christina Alyssa Lagomarsino

Dissertation: *Adding a Pandemic: Service Provider Stress and Autism Symptom Severity During COVID-19*

Fernanda Moura

Dissertation: *Lived Experiences: Immigration, Family Separation, and Resilience*

Eden Sherman

Dissertation: *Keeping Up with the Zzzs: The Association of Social Media Use and Quality of Sleep in the Context of Mental Health Symptoms*

Evening Master's Degree Recipients

Master of Arts

APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

Amanee Aki Pettway

CLINICAL AND COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Julissa Christine Acebo

Amanosi Agbugui

Philip Michael Arias

Celine Frances Bennion

Kaitlyn Alexandra Caballero

Sydney Valerie Cheron

Claudia Corbo

Nisrine Fetta

Melissa Gizzi

Tiona D. Harris

Kayla M. Hemming

Margaret Jacoup

Parris Jonae Johnson

Gabriella Kristen Juarez

Melissa Korinski

Kathryn Leslie

Samantha Marie Leszczynski

Samuel Jacob Miller

Lorraine Moffitt

Brayan Ospina

Daniela Maria Palmieri

Marco Nicolas Pelosi

Jacob Perone

Taylor A. Pitt

Dominique Porcaro

Arlene Ramos

Esra Sahsuvaroglu

Harris Siddiq

Vernell Lilia St. Prix

Hannah Tait

Christine Varghese

Benjamin Vogel

Xiaoxiao Wang

Jordyn R. Yeshion

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION

Samara Antonia Burris

Christal Shalani Fernando

Zachary Ryan Hertz

Ryley McKiernan

Gianaly Milisa Santiago

Master of Business Administration

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Danielle Anne Gaitan Abadies

Dmitry Abramson

Jacinto Hipolito Abregu

Morenia J. Acosta Perez

Samuel Darren Adelson

Charles Bryant Aguirre

Aya Ahmad

Eqbal Ahmed

Rana Aladwan

Ivana J. Alava

David Albin

Anthony Allakis

Olivia Rose Alonso

Brooke Evelyn Alvarez

Lida Andar

Scott James Anderson

Vincent John Anderson

Alyceson Marie Andrews

Sharine Annoh

Walkidia Arias

Ashley Arribasplata

Yoel Arroyo

Ali Mrtaza Asany

Steven Asencio

Danielle Michele Aslam

Jazmine Augusma

Amandeep Aujla

Claudine B. Avanzado

Michael Mounir Awad

Abear Awad

Michael Mouris Aziz

Sarah Regina Backes

Peter Baiunco

Jerry Bakman

Brandon Arjune Balkumar

Samia Aldith Barrett

Alex Ryan Bastante

William Bateson

Delyse Batista

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Shay Bering
Paul Alexander Bermejo
C'shae M. Bess-Perez
Brigette Bethea
Shaderina Oleta Blackman
Joseph Patrick Blaylock
Bernard Bondar
Melissa Booker
Diannis Elaine Borrás
Michael H. Brandt
Tyrone Ronush Brooks
Jake Brower
Haley Mariee Bryant
Brunilda Bushi
Sidorela Bushi
Kathia Marcela Campo Giraldo
Hannah Carcich
Ryan McPherson Card
Allison Carrig
Brian Cassidy
Matthew Castaneda
Kimberly Janice Chambers
Miray Chamoun
Alan Chand
Susette Chavez
Karina Checo
Nathanael Jeanmary Chery
Gilman Choudhury
Dipanker Chowdhury
Fazla Rabbi Chowdhury
Lorene Collins
Cibeles Colon
Jonathan Colon
Reichelle Colon
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Carly Dawn Costanza
Joseph Cregg
Matthew B. Cross
Richard Eugene Cunningham
Colette Mary Dabaghian
Faith Nicole Daniels
Charleene Viancy Davila
Patricia Davis
Jeannie Mae Davis
Azeem Jaleel Deen
Karen Deborah Dever
Denise Diaz
Artaisha Diggs
Steven Michael DiGirolamo
Jamel Dobbs
LaShonda Monique Dockery

Brenda dos Santos
Mary Beth Drake
Briana Egan
Samuel Morris Einhorn
Hafsa Elamri
Danny I. Elchagea
Sarah Catherine Elia
Marla P. Enrique
Milana Eremija
Gino Escobar
Aris Miguel Espinal
Juan Jose Estevez
Anthony Everts
Tremonisha D. Falligan
Tetiana Fedyk
Wandelin M. Felipe
Leonet Fernandez
Jordyn Leigh Ferrante
Jensey Emmanuel Ferreras Rivas
Elaine N. Fixon Owoo
Brittany Marie Flores
Mariana Fonseca Upegui
Natalia Lee Frazier-Thompson
Stacie Beth Freeman
Raymond Gacita
Ethan Alyxander Garcia
Katrina Garcia
Edward Joseph Garrett
Jad Victor Gedeon
Maria Gomez
Carlos Manuel Gonzales
Daisy Carolina Gonzalez
Latrice Shada Gordon
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Edin Hadzovic
Alaa Hafez
Monica Halim
Austin Peter Halligan
Magdy Alfonse Hanna
Thomas M. Hatch
Mariah Haubrich
Joshua James Henriques
David Michael Hentnick
Joel Hernandez
Brian Herrick
John Robert Hilcher
Evan Scott Holtz
Gertrude B. Honutse
Liam Daniel Hornbostel
Matthew J. Hratko
Perla Huamani

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Jacob Peter Hubbard
Fouzia Hussain
Dakotah Keith Hyslop
Lisette Ibarra
Hanan Ibrahim
Francesco Incoronato
Nashwa Nader Ismail
Atia Jackson
Crystal Lanett James
Shayanne Hope Joseph
Amir Omar Kadri
Matthew Joseph Kane
James Myles Keegan
Sheree N. Kelly
Katie Weitze Kermaani
Aaron Louis Ketofsky
Javeria Khatoon
James Nicholas Khoneisser
Ashley Ann King
Miranda Abigail Knight
Brendan T. Koch
Andrew James Kolpack
Cassandra Lee Konecny
Michael Filip Kotapka
Kyle Joseph Kretzmer
Edward Kruger
Diane Ladd
Yvonne Stephanie Lastra
Renelle Anika Le Blanc-Williams
Hyesung Lee
Listeen Marcena Lee
Kaylah Michelle Lee
Nicholas Paul Lemieux
Ashley Nicole Levine
Leonardo Liberato
Xhesika Llupa
Ledio Arben Llupa
Kristina Trayfalgar Lo
Norma Esther Lofgren
Vincent Louis Lupo
Rebecca MacAdams
Ryan Lawrence Maccia
Joselo Javier Machuca
Samia Mahmuda
Viktoria Marich
Urszula Maslach
Siya Mathew
Jessica Mault
Davon Jamir McCurry
Catalina McNamara
Karen Hendrika Geerte McVeigh
Alexandra Megalos

Almira Mehmedoski
Karen Pricilla Melo
Jason Lucas Miller
Anisha L. Mitchell
Armon Modirian
William John Mohr
Camille Molinari
Jose Antonio Monge
Rocio Luz Montejo
Taniyah Shadell Montes
Christian Andre Montoya
Terrence Kyle Morris
Nathan Ogo Mungatana
Katherine Munoz
Llicerda Elena Munoz
Algerta Murati
John Joseph Murray
Tamasia Murray
Magdalena Muszynska
Ritah Nabadda
Thakurdai Naraine
Susana Nassri Igne
Katherine Nastacio
Nourelhouda Nekab
Md Nilim
Samir Nuriyev
Nicholas Nyers
Vanessa Aleen Octable
John Joseph O'Keeffe Jr.
Aprelle O'Hara
Oluwaseun Jayson Okanlawon
Timothy Damilola Oke
Craig Edward Oriente
Jessica Oudhmarine
Jason Matthew Padilla
Jaslyn Pagan
Anthony Panzarella
Sergine Parice
Esmeralda Pashollari
Akshay Patel
Diya Harshad Patel
Himali H. Patel
Alvin Paul
Denise Pena
Diane Hernandez Perez
Kimberly Perez
Danielle Pernice
Gregory John Pezzuto
Marlon Edson Phillips
Gina Marie Pianese
Ana Isabel Pichardo
Marie G. Pierre

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Kristin Nicole Pinho
Diego Luciano Pires
Natalie Marie Primero
Travis Darryl Prince
Ahlam Mohammad Ramadan
Noeli Ramos
Hitexa P. Rana
Pankti Punit Rana
Gregory Resch
Hassan Reyad
Christian Marco Reyes
Mary Estephany Reyes Roa
Lovely Reynoso Lopez
Natira Riddick
Tamara Pamela Rivera
Alexander David Roby
Andrew Carlos Rodriguez
Daniel Alberto Rodriguez
Elizabeth Rodriguez
Ernesto A. Rodriguez
Vanessa Barbara Rodriguez
Kristen Nicole Rosenboom
Angela Joy Rudow
Jacqueline Ruiz
Kyle Robert Ruppel
Kaher Salam
Emeritus Salud
Avi Harry Samuel
Tyler James Santa
Joseph Santoro
Jeffrey Ramon Santos Garcia
Isabelle Sawadogo
Kevin Sawyer
Kiersten Schaefer
Kevin Paul Schneeloch
Christopher Salvatore Scilingo
Heather Scott
Gabiella Maria Serrano
Daniella Linette Servellon
Omar Sery
Fahad Sheikh
Samih Shinway
Adam Shoman
Mursala Siddiqui
Madeline N. Simone
Christin Alexis Skerret
Caleigh Robyn Snyder

Amanda Faith Socarras
Raechel Solomon
Abigail Dávila Soto
Denzel Dion Spencer
Caitlyn Springsteen
Lauren Maureen Stanford
Zola K. Stennett
Jessica Lynn Stith
Andrei Justin Strambeanu
Caitlin Strollo
Tamara Swedberg
Johnathan Taylor
Meredith Autumn Theobald
Kevin Lawrence Thomas
Simone Nicole Thomas
Lauren M. Tibbetts
Marc Douglas Tietjen
Deyanira Etienne Trejo
Kristin Alexa Troya
Kiana Turner
Sharisma Mari Ubiera De Los Santos
Chavannes Ulysse
Raushangul Urazgaliyeva
Emily Rose Valerian
Jacqueline Velasquez
Arixmar Susan Velez
Matthew Thomas Wait
Isabella M. Walczak
Alex Logan Walker
Margaret Monika Walker
Courtney Rose Wasyluk
Evan Seth Weinstein
Riley William Weis
Sharica Lashawn White
Jason Wichnovitz
Beatrice Raylene Wideman
Hugene Montel Williams
Irene Davina Williams
Zanayah Sharee Williams
Sharea Woodley
Shawnta Melissa Wright
Mehmet Yigitcan
Sharese Kay York
Marie Nathaly Young
Desara Zagradi
Andrew Zaky
Nicholas Zipeto

Evening Master's Degree Recipients

Master of Fine Arts

ART

Catherine Thurston

CREATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Joanne Donna Childs Ashe

Amirah Elayan

Gabrielle Lauren Fox

Elissa Ann Greenwald

Brenda E. Marshall

Debbie Pierre

Samantha Marie Schoeppler

Melanie Marie Steger

Master of Music

MUSIC

Dakarai Antoine Barclay

Isla Rose Brownlow

Cailin Elizabeth Cienki

Alonso De La Fuente

Elaina Marie Frissell

Bailey A. Giles

Lisa Grados

Michael Champion Howe

Zachariah Lambert

Ian Jeremy Livingston

Sara Mjoll Magnúsdóttir

Chelsea McBride

Ethan Randall Powers

Zachary Dominic Serra

Clayton James Thompson

Devin Alexandra Wason

Master of Public Policy

PUBLIC POLICY

Magalene Brissett

Julieta Eleonora Ortega

Lesly Julianna Quesada

Zachary Raymond Thomas

Master of Science

APPLIED BUSINESS ANALYTICS

Juanita Marie Borges

Arya Suresh

FINANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Thomas Buckle

Angela De Jesus

Marcos Guerra

Seleta D. Harrison

Joelle Anneke Jimenez Hee

Margot Elizabeth Lukas

Sean McCullough

Sahitya Mendu

Christopher John Murarik

Michael Sheeran

Rumika Talati

This program does not constitute the official list of graduates. The students included in the program have applied to graduate as of April 19, 2024, and include graduates from Fall 2023 and candidates for Spring 2024 and Summer 2024.

Their degree will be officially posted by the Office of the Registrar after their grades have been received and verified.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dean's Graduate Award
Clayton James Thompson

Department of Art

Graduate Award for Creative
Excellence in Visual Art
Catherine Thurston

Department of Language, Literature, Culture, and Writing

Graduate Award for Excellence in
Bilingual/ESL Studies
Joanna Boyan

Department of Music

Music Scholar Graduate Award
Isla Brownlow

Department of Psychology

Excellence in Graduate Studies Award
Kaitlyn Alexandra Caballero

PsyD Excellence Award
Raghad Hassan Hassabelnaby

COTSAKOS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Dean's Graduate Award
Alex Bastante

Department of Economics, Finance, and Global Business

Award for Outstanding Graduating
Master's Student in Finance and
Financial Services
Joelle Jimenez Hee

Master of Business Administration Program

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate
with a Concentration in Accounting
Kristen Rosenboom

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate
with a Concentration in Applied
Business Analytics
Jacob Peter Hubbard
Andrew Kolpack

Award for Outstanding MBA
Graduate with a Concentration in
Entrepreneurship
Joseph Blaylock

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate
with a Concentration in Finance
Alex Bastante

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate
with a Concentration in Human
Resource Management
Gabriella Maria Serrano

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate
with a Concentration in Healthcare
Economics and Management
Rebecca Macadams

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate
with a Concentration in Marketing

Mariah Haubrich
Marc Tietjen
Hugene Williams

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate,
General MBA

Matthew Wait

Award for Outstanding MBA Graduate

Mariah Haubrich

Department of Marketing,
Management, and Professional
Sales

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

Juanita Borges
Arya Suresh

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dean's Graduate Award

Jay Brock Decker

Department of Educational
Leadership and Professional
Studies

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

Nicole Elizabeth Paiotti
Cathleen Sunshine

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

Barb Nelson

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

Nicolette Paige Laux

MEd in Educational Leadership
Academic Excellence Award

Crisol-iris Lantz

MEd in Literacy Excellence in
Scholarship and Research Award

Hannah Standish Rozanski

EdD Leadership Award for Excellence in
Research and Scholarship

Lindsey Marie Hresko

Department of Special Education,
Counseling, and Disability
Studies

Graduate Award for Clinical Mental
Health Counseling

Lisa Maria DiGuglielmo Pisano

Graduate Award for School Counseling

Gabrielle Zeiler

Graduate Award for Learning
Disabilities Teacher-Consultant

Jessica Marie Castillo

Graduate Award for Teacher of Students
with Disabilities

Larissa Metalidis

Graduate Award in Special Education
(ASD/DD)

Gilda Guadalupe Galvan

Department of Teacher Education:
PreK-12

Master of Arts in Teaching Award

Emily Hoagland

ACADEMIC AWARDS

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH

Dean's Graduate Award
Jerome Wing-siu Wong

Department of Chemistry

Excellence in Materials Chemistry
Graduate Award
Clairissa Yom

Department of Kinesiology

Distinguished Exercise Physiology
Graduate Award
Nicole Boyd

Distinguished Sport Administration
Graduate Award
Danielle Nicole Britton

Department of Nursing

Nursing Excellence Doctor of Nursing
Practice Award
Samantha Rueter

MSN—Adult Gerontology Nurse
Practitioner Award
Alison Breen

MSN—Family Nurse Practitioner Award
Shio Hwah Ozden

MSN—Nurse Administrator Award
Stacie Lorge

MSN—Nurse Educator Award
Colleen Marie McGuire

MSN—School Nurse Award
Jerome Wing-siu Wong

Department of Speech Language Pathology

Graduate Excellence Award
Emily Maksoud

ABOUT WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

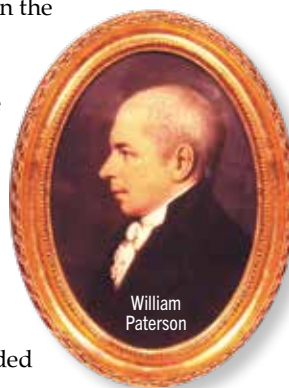


William Paterson University traces its roots to the city of Paterson, where it was founded in 1855. For more than a century, training teachers for New Jersey schools was its exclusive mission. In 1951, the University moved to the present campus in Wayne. Originally known as Ailsa Farms, this 300-acre site was purchased by the state of New Jersey in 1948 from the family of Garret A. Hobart, the 24th vice president of the United States. The original manor house, built in 1877, was the weekend retreat and summer residence of the Hobart family. Today the building is known as Hobart Manor and is the home of the Office of the President and the Office of Institutional Advancement. Hobart Manor was designated a national and state landmark in 1976.

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

Paterson, the man who was the state's first senator, its second governor, and a United States Supreme Court Justice appointed by President George Washington; the name also reflected both the institution's proud beginnings in the city that also bears his name and the legislative mandate to move from a teachers college to a broad-based liberal arts institution. In another historic milestone, William Paterson was awarded university status by the Commission on Higher Education in June 1997.

The University has continued to evolve. Today, William Paterson University enrolls nearly 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students, including 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,





Rigorous high-quality academic programs

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 motivated students with a rigorous curriculum. In 2020, the University launched WP Online, a new platform

currently offering 57 fully online degree programs. The University established a School of Nursing in September 2023, reflecting the growth and impact of its nursing program. Nursing enrollment has surged to become the largest in the northern half of New Jersey and no. 1 among the state's public regional universities.

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.



University Hall

ABOUT WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

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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 \$12 million in funding from federal, state, and local government sponsors in support of academic research and educational initiatives during the 2022-23 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



Known for civic engagement opportunities

the campus, as well as at various off-campus locations, including the adjacent High Mountain Park Preserve. Its state-of-the-art facilities include an expanded and renovated Science Complex, dedicated in 2012, and an 80,000-square-foot, \$40 million academic building, University Hall, which opened in 2016 and was funded in part by \$30 million from New Jersey's "Building Our Future" Bond Act. An initiative



Committed to sustainability



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 approximately 40 percent of its students are the first in their families to attend college. The University is designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) with 30 percent of its students claiming Hispanic heritage and a Minority-Serving Institution with 59 percent students of color. The University is ranked no. 51 of nearly 1,200 institutions in the country in the 2023 Social Mobility Index.

Created by CollegeNet, the index measures the extent to which a college or university educates more economically disadvantaged students at lower tuition and graduates them into good-paying jobs.

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

UNIVERSITY TRADITIONS

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL

The academic procession 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.

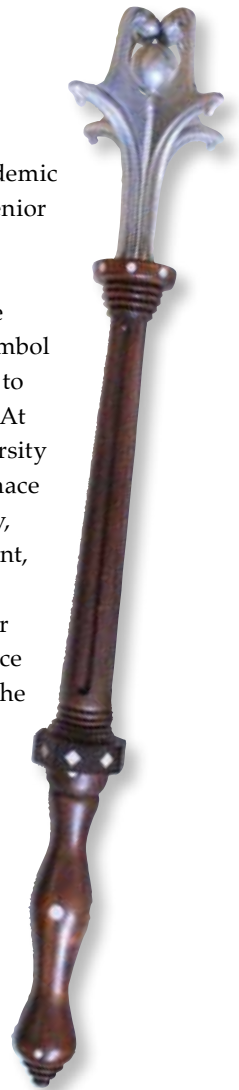
At the conclusion of the ceremony, the recessional order is reversed; the last to have entered are the first to recess. The University Mace Bearer leads the platform party, headed by the University president, followed by other dignitaries and University officials, the faculty, and, finally, the graduates.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



CEREMONY HISTORY

In 2023, William Paterson University celebrated 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.

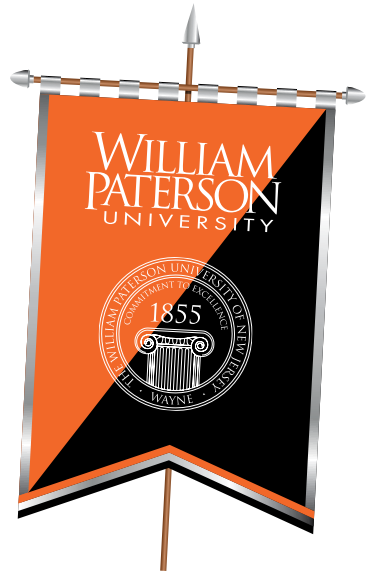
They are:

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

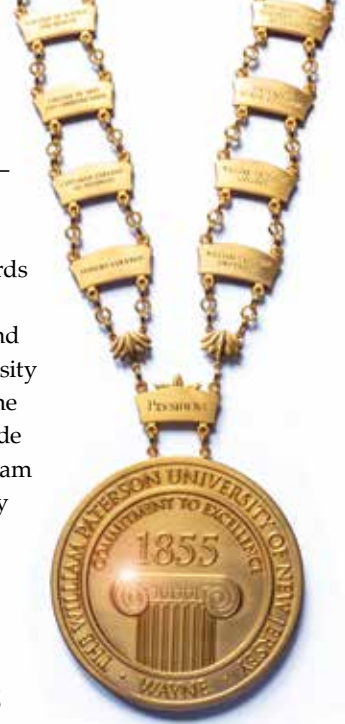
The origins of academic dress date to the founding of the oldest universities in Europe in the Middle Ages. With few exceptions, medieval scholars had taken religious vows, and were obliged to wear long gowns and caps at all times, which also may have been necessary for warmth in unheated buildings. 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 2024,

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 nearly 87,000 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 online *WP Magazine*. We also invite you to become an active participant in the many events we host each year. I encourage you to scan the QR code to find out how to stay connected to William Paterson, learn about upcoming alumni events, and follow the alumni channels on social media.

Again, congratulations! Our very best wishes as you begin your journey as William Paterson alumni.

Sincerely,



Domenico DiMaio '97, MBA '21
President
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William Paterson University as a proud diverse community, designated as a public Hispanic- and Minority-Serving Institution, creates transformative academic and extracurricular experiences leading to meaningful careers, and promotes economic and social mobility. We empower our students through intentional and holistic support systems within flexible, innovative, and inclusive environments. Our graduates will power the New Jersey economy and beyond, thriving professionally and personally through a commitment to community engagement and social justice.

*Approved by the William Paterson University
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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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