

# Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2022



## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Pegula Ice Arena

9:00 a.m.



**PennState**



## **National Anthem**

*by Francis Scott Key*

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming;  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air  
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.  
O say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

## **Alma Mater**

*by Fred Lewis Pattee*

For the glory of old State,  
For her founders, strong and great,  
For the future that we wait,  
Raise the song, raise the song,  
  
Sing our love and loyalty,  
Sing our hopes that, bright and free,  
Rest, O Mother dear, with thee.  
All with thee, all with thee.  
  
When we stood at childhood's gate,  
Shapeless in the hands of fate,  
Thou didst mold us, dear old State,  
Dear old State, dear old State.  
  
May no act of ours bring shame  
To one heart that loves thy name,  
May our lives but swell thy fame,  
Dear old State, dear old State!

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## **BACCALAUREATE DEGREES**

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College of Education

## Message from Kimberly A. Lawless, B.A., M.A, Ph.D. Dean of the College of Education



On behalf of the Penn State College of Education family, I extend sincere congratulations to the college's Class of 2022. Graduates, you have overcome so many obstacles to reach this milestone. The adaptability, flexibility and determination you have demonstrated will serve you well as you turn this page and embark on the next chapter of your lives.

Today's commencement ceremony includes a first for the College of Education. Among our graduates are two individuals who have earned certificates through our WorkLink Program.

The WorkLink program is a fully integrated, on-campus, non-residential two-year certificate program in WorkLink Strategies and Employability. The program provides the opportunity for individuals with Intellectual

Disabilities to participate in postsecondary experiences and education alongside their peers. WorkLink expands Penn State's commitment to creating inclusive learning opportunities for people with disabilities that lead to student self-advocacy, social integration, career development and independent living skill development. Congratulations to our first two graduates from the program. We are excited to see where you go from here.

All of our students graduating with undergraduate degrees today are incredibly talented, effective education professionals, preparing to go out in the world and make your mark as teachers, policymakers, rehabilitation specialists, counselors and workforce educators. Some of you may find yourselves thriving in unexpected careers. Whether you are starting a career or continuing your education, I challenge you to be a change-maker.

Do not focus on what has always been done. Instead focus on challenging the assumptions of why we do the things the way we do. I encourage you to dream big. Imagine the world as you want to see it and build your practice around achieving that dream!

As lifetime members of the College of Education, regardless of our specific connection to Penn State, we all have the opportunity to enrich the lives of those around us. Graduating students, as you embark upon and progress through your careers, I urge you to always remember this connection and why you chose your respective professions and the sacrifices that you endured in order to make it happen: to serve our communities and improve the quality of life of their members with compassion, honesty and integrity through education. You have been exceptional representatives of the college and University. I have no doubt that you will continue to serve as incredible ambassadors for the college by building upon our reputation for excellence.

I would also like to give special thanks to the parents, spouses, children and friends of our graduates for their patience, understanding, sacrifices and support – both moral and financial – during these challenging, but rewarding, years that your graduate has spent pursuing a degree. I hope you relish in the shared feeling of pride in what your graduate has accomplished and the abundant opportunities ahead.

In the coming years, I would ask that you not forget Penn State, the College of Education, former professors, and fellow and future Nittany Lions. I encourage you to not only give back by supporting college activities, programs and scholarships, but also by keeping us updated on the many achievements you will experience in your careers and personal lives. We will always take great pride in your achievements.

Congratulations again. The entire Penn State College of Education family is very proud of you! Take care and stay in touch. #WeAre

## Commencement Speaker | Stefen Wisniewski



A 2010 graduate of the Penn State College of Education with a degree in secondary education, **Stefen Wisniewski** was an offensive lineman in the National Football League for 10 seasons. He played for the Kansas City Chiefs, Pittsburgh Steelers, Philadelphia Eagles, Jacksonville Jaguars and Oakland Raiders after being drafted 48th overall in 2011. He

played in three Super Bowls, winning two – LII and LIV with Philadelphia and Kansas City, respectively.

Before being drafted into the NFL, Wisniewski played football for the Penn State Nittany Lions. He was a part of the 2008 Big Ten Championship team that played in the 2009 Rose Bowl, and the 2009 Capital One Bowl winning team. He was a first team AFCA all-American

2010, and an ESPN Academic All-American in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

During his senior football season at Penn State, Wisniewski simultaneously taught English at State College Area High School through the full-year Professional Development School program, and he was a finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy, also known as the “Academic Heisman.”

While he has not taught formally in a classroom since graduating, Wisniewski said he uses what he learned while studying education often when he teaches the sport of football at camps and practices, and when he teaches the Bible during sermons and Bible studies. Now retired from the NFL, Wisniewski is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; he plans to begin a career in Christian pastoral ministry.

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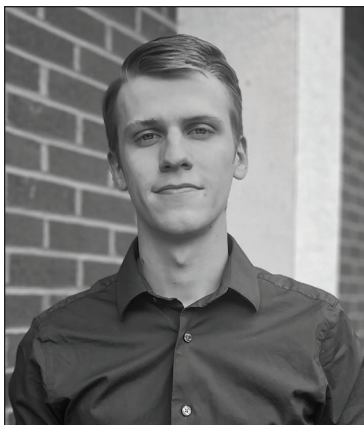
## College Student Marshal | Nate Gillespie

The College of Education has selected **Nate Gillespie** to serve as student marshal for Penn State’s spring 2022 Commencement ceremony, which will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 8, at the Pegula Ice Arena. Stephanie Hopkins has served as his academic advisor.

From Spring Mills, Pennsylvania, Gillespie is graduating with a 4.0 GPA, with a bachelor of science in secondary education English, and a minor in creative writing. He also is a Schreyer Honors College scholar. His thesis paper covered the ways in which standardized testing and tracking perpetuate inequity in U.S. schools, and advocated for reform of the current system.

“Being selected as the College of Education student marshal is a great honor,” Gillespie said. “It’s very rewarding to have the hard work and dedication that I’ve put into my time at Penn State be recognized in this way. This is a testament to my family and the values that they’ve instilled in me and I’m grateful for everything that they’ve done to help me to get to this point. Overall, I’m just appreciative of this opportunity.”

During his college career, Gillespie earned the President’s Freshman Award in 2019, the President Sparks Award in 2020 and the Evan Pugh Scholar Award in 2021 and 2022. He also was named an Academic Excellence Scholar by the Schreyer Honors College, and was a recipient of the Paul D. & Rev. David P. Wentroble Scholarship, presented by the College of Education for



demonstrating good character and academic achievement; the Hedgebeth Honors Scholarship in Education, given to provide academic recognition and financial assistance to Schreyer Scholars in the College of Education; the Ready to Succeed Scholarship, awarded by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency to high-achieving students; and an Alumni Association Scholarship.

He was active in multiple organizations including the Penn State Speech and Debate Team, the Apollo THON organization and the Schreyer

Honors College Student Council. He also was a Black Lives Matter At School Week of Action educator. His experience includes student teaching 11th-grade English at State College Area High School, and working as a student staff coordinator for New Student Orientation at Penn State and as a Penn State Science outreach assistant

After graduation, Gillespie plans to pursue an English teaching position and later obtain a law or graduate degree. He stated he is committed to “help shape learners who are empowered to use their voice to promote justice and change they want to see in their world, are engaged in democracy, and believe in themselves.”

Gillespie’s parents, Bob and Carrie Gillespie, along with his siblings, grandmothers, and girlfriend, Gaby, plan to attend the ceremony.

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

## ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

PERFORMED BY CENTRE BRASS

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

LED BY KATRINA COLE

*The audience is asked to join in the singing.*

## PRESIDING

NICHOLAS P. JONES, B.E., M.S., PH.D.  
Executive Vice President and Provost

KIMBERLY A. LAWLESS, B.A., M.A., PH.D.  
Dean, College of Education

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

STEFEN WISNIEWSKI, B.S.  
Former NFL offensive lineman

## AUTHORIZATION TO CONFER DEGREES

JAY PATERNO, B.A.  
Member, Board of Trustees

## RECOGNITION OF MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT

DEAN LAWLESS

## RECOGNITION OF STUDENT MARSHALS

RAYNE SPERLING, B.A., M.A., PH.D.

## CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

PROVOST JONES

## INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

JOSEPH CLAPPER, B.S., M.ED., D.ED.  
President, Education Alumni Society  
Board

## PENN STATE ALMA MATER

KATRINA COLE

## RECESSIONAL

*The audience will please remain seated.*

## College Marshal

NATE GILLESPIE

## Program Marshals

### Education and Public Policy

ASHLEY GRIFFITH

### Elementary and Early Childhood Education

JENNIFER BRACE

### Middle Level Education

MADISON ALESI

### Rehabilitation and Human Services

TARA LYNN HENNELLY

### Secondary Education

VICTORIA POST

### Special Education

NICOLETTE BENSON

### World Languages Education

JESSICA JABLONSKI

## College Leadership

KIMBERLY A. LAWLESS, B.A., M.A., PH.D.  
Dean, College of Education

GREGORY J. KELLY, B.S., PH.D.  
Senior Associate Dean for Research

RAYNE A. SPERLING, B.A., M.A., PH.D.  
Associate Dean for Undergraduate & Graduate  
Studies

GWENDOLYN M. LLOYD, A.B., M.A., PH.D.  
Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs

MARIA J. SCHMIDT, B.S., M.ED.  
Assistant Dean for Education & Social Equity

## Commencement Marshal-in-Charge

GREGORY MASON, B.S., M.S., M.S.ED.

## University Nomenclator

GREGORY MASON, B.S., M.S., M.S.ED.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

This is an unofficial list of students who indicated an intent to graduate for spring semester. The final list of graduates for the program was pulled on March 21. Students who indicated their intent to graduate after that date are not listed. Distinction lists were determined on February 23. Students must have been applied by that date in order to be listed in the Honors Group. Their distinction was based upon fall grades and could change after spring grades are finalized. Schreyer Scholars were determined on March 21. Any changes after that date are not reflected in the program.

Subject to completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements.

Congratulations on your achievements!

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**Honors Group**

This group is made up of those students who have completed the required number of credits at the University and who are in the top 12% of their graduating class in their college. The 12% is divided into 2% "Summa Cum Laude," 4% "Magna Cum Laude" and 6% "Cum Laude."

**Summa Cum Laude**

Jennifer L. Brace  
Sophia Rose Cinoa  
Jennifer M. Dunlap  
Sydney M. Garvin  
Nathaniel R. Gillespie  
Ashley Annette Griffith  
Tara Lynn Hennelly  
Jessica Lynne Jablonski  
Madison Marie Lambert  
Victoria Faith Post  
Anne Marie Senour  
Ryan James Toporcer  
Kyle Whiteman

Melanie Joy Searle  
Emily Hope Simpson  
Lucy Udell

**Cum Laude**

Elizabeth Mary Benelli  
Nicolette P. Benson  
Gianna Bray  
Julie Anne Byrne  
Sydney Rose Chiat  
Taylor Davis  
Hannah Erin Delon  
Madelyn Nicole Fritsch  
Audrey E. Gabrys  
Jordan Elizabeth Gardner  
Lauren Arielle Holinger  
Leah Hummel  
Chelsea Rose Lewin  
Andrew Anthony Lord  
Sydney N. Lyden  
Elizabeth L. Morrow  
Shelby Nebel  
Murphy Joseph O'Leary  
Gabrielle N. Renaud  
Sarah Jessica Russell  
Claire Staudacher  
Lindsey Brooke Thompson  
Kirsten Worrall

**Magna Cum Laude**

Madison Marie Alesi  
Brianna Kathryn Bond  
Abigail L. Brockett  
Sophie J. Busenkell  
Ally Rose Butler  
Gianna Danielle Corpora  
Elizabeth A. Crumpler  
Alyssa Cuddy  
Stephanie Marie Curriero  
Kelly Erin Danyluk  
Alyssa Grace Fosbenner  
Julia Lynn Puntill

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## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

### College of Education

The candidates are presented by  
Dean Kimberly A. Lawless, B.A.,  
M.A., Ph.D.

#### Education and Public Policy

Iris Cholula Lopez  
Gianna Danielle Corpora  
Molly Catherine Ellis  
Yunzhao Gao  
*Ashley Annette Griffith*  
Grace Harnett  
Alexandra Payton Paoli  
Sadie Louise Trochak  
Aaron Wagner  
Yuhan Xiao

#### Elementary and Early Childhood Education

Melissa Raye Abert  
Katy Eileen Allen  
Benjamin Antonchak  
Jessica Back  
Ashley Yeji Bang  
Taylor A. Barry  
Elizabeth Mary Benelli  
Olivia Bernoudy  
Sarah R. Bird  
Hailey Black  
Sabrina Renee Blake  
Kaitlyn Ann Bloom  
Jane Claire Bohannon  
Dena Marie Boninu  
Kaitlyn Boyle  
*Jennifer L. Brace\**  
Gianna Bray  
Madison S. Brown  
Sophie J. Busenkell  
Ally Rose Butler  
Leah Carlin  
Sydney Rose Chiat\*  
Meghan Choi  
Sarah Elizabeth Cirillo  
Kaitlyn Conti  
Kiersten Leigh Coolen  
Sarah G. Cotter  
Taylor Cotton  
Alyssa Cuddy  
Stephanie Marie Curriero  
Meredith Currin  
Kelly Erin Danyluk  
Ashley Michelle Davison  
Abigail Dearden  
Madeline Rain DeBoer

Catherine Mary Deegan  
Hannah Erin Delon  
Taylor Spears DeMarcantonio  
Madeleine Denner  
Skyler Marie Denniston  
Caroline Flynn DiPalma  
Brent English  
Rose Moran Fennessy  
Julia Ann Fiddler  
Madelyn Nicole Fritsch  
Audrey E. Gabrys  
Katherine Lori Gallo  
Samantha Garcia  
Jordan Elizabeth Gardner  
Paige Kristine Garpstas  
Katherine Maryellen Garvey  
Sydney M. Garvin  
Holly Celeste George  
Meghan Elizabeth Gerrity  
Francesca Giacchino  
Mitchell Byron Golden  
Kyle Joseph Greco  
Lisa Mia Greeley  
Lauren Green  
Sydney Amijah Green  
Natalie Halvorson  
Hailey L. Hamilton  
Bridget Anne Hartshorne  
Baylee Thyme Hawk  
Meghan Rose Helle  
Kayla Hlywiak  
Joshua R. Hoch  
Lauren Arielle Holinger  
Kimberly Ann Hopson  
Leah Hummel  
Abigail Iannacone  
Hannah Rae Jarek  
Sarah Emiline Jones  
Anna Juszcyszyn  
Julia Rose Kahl  
Kassidy Kane  
Julia N. Kaval  
Jinha Kim  
Olivia Sue King  
Julia Grace Klose  
Jenna Kravitz  
Hannah Krier  
Madison Marie Lambert  
Hannah Larkin\*  
Taylor Nicole Leidy  
Chelsea Rose Lewin  
Allison Linsey  
Isabella Livolsi  
Ryan David Lombardo  
Jessica Paige Macdonald  
Megan Leigh MacLellan  
Emily Nicole Marovitz  
Ava Marie Massetti  
Marissa Massini  
Claire Jane McDonnell  
Courtney Ann McGill

Kaela McGinnis  
Madison Nicole Minio  
Samantha Alexis Mulkey  
Riley Elizabeth Nesemeier  
Elizabeth Niedland  
Jonni Parker  
Domenico Piraino  
Erin Elizabeth Porter  
Julia Lynn Puntil  
Lindsay Pyers  
Katherine B. Pyle  
Meghan Quinn  
Alexa Marie Raffensperger  
Gabrielle N. Renaud  
Allison Riley  
Danae Marie Roles  
Courtney Roman  
Katie Rosenfeld  
Katherine Rostek  
Sarah Jessica Russell  
Madison Leigh Russo  
Hayley Sadler  
Alexandra Satterthwaite  
Emily Anne Sauer  
Melanie Joy Searle  
Alyssa Selander  
Lucas Kirby Shank  
Emily Hope Simpson  
Carolyn Sirles  
Kaitlyn Amanda Smith  
Marlee Alexandria Smith  
Melissa J. Smith  
Kaitlyn L. Snyder  
Emma Hathaway Stanley  
Katherine Rebel Stanton  
Claire Staudacher  
Carly Dawn Suarez  
Catherine Mary Sullivan  
Abigail Carter Taplar  
Carley Renée Tarricone  
Elizabeth Loy Tenzer  
Meghan Ashley Tevnan  
Alexis Thom  
Lindsey Brooke Thompson  
Nicolette Rose Toledo  
Taylor Renae Trasatti  
Anna G. Vernick  
George C. Vlantis  
Wilhelmina Elizabeth Voight  
Kyle Whiteman  
Rachel Winkler

#### Middle Level Education

*Madison Marie Alesi*  
Christopher Michael Beyer  
Tyler Bock  
Abigail L. Brockett  
Natalie Dessin  
Brandon C. Fean  
Amanda Nicole Gerberich

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Cameron Hoover  
Karoline Marie Imobersteg  
Sarah Jordan  
Madeline N. Lewis  
Justin Minnich  
Shelby Nebel  
Ryan James Okuniewski  
Delaney Pinson  
Rebecca Lyn Ratvasky  
Ruby Rodriguez  
Olivia Ruppel  
David Sabulsky  
Rachael N. Savio  
MaryLillian Stepanski  
Han Yang

### Rehabilitation and Human Services

Sarah Aboseada  
Devin Adams  
Sabrina Alvarez Pajes  
Natalie Ament  
Ashley Nicole Amsler  
Kyra Arlotta  
MaKenna B. Bailey  
Ashley M. Barbour  
Marcus Warren Bass  
Jamie Lee Bell  
Julia Gail Berry  
Alyssa Marie Bielinski  
Kailey Barbara Bitonti  
Tara Ashley Black  
Jessica Grace Casterline  
Cecilia Maryn Castro  
Liujia Chen  
Hallie Christine Cicco  
Sophia Rose Cinoa  
Elijah Jayleek Claiborne  
Brendan Dennis Clare  
Taylor Davis  
Kaia Nakima Deane  
Maura Conroy DiBasilio  
Jennifer M. Dunlap  
Molly Jo Fair  
Madelyn Lynch Flanagan  
Alexandra Rose Giancola  
Emily Lynn Hackett  
Ryan Michael Harkins  
Isabel Beatrice Hendrickson  
*Tara Lynn Hennelly*  
Hannah Z. Klingmeyer  
Hannah Gabrielle Kornbluth  
Kaitlyn LaGrow  
Jin Lee  
Divine Lipscomb  
Davina Soula Loibman  
Emma Rose Lusk  
Sydney N. Lyden  
Jenna Catherine Maino  
Kerry Rynne McHugh

Hannah McIntyre  
Elizabeth L. Morrow  
Julie A. Mumford  
Madison Murtagh  
Mary Nelson  
Caroline O'Rorke  
Maria Olbrich  
Alyson Onder  
Craig J. Pollock  
Nicole Genevieve Pologruto  
Natalia Reed  
Avery E. Reese  
Caleb William Schultz  
Anne Marie Senour  
Emily Shanahan  
Brittany Taylor Smith  
Sarah A. Smith  
Nadia Soto  
Olivia Michelle Stetter  
Kelly Renee Swidorsky  
Lauren Thornton  
Shaka F. Toney  
Ashley Waller  
Kathryn E. Walton  
Carly Wasson  
Olivia Blake Weiss  
Siera Skye West  
Brette A. Williams  
Deonte Malik Williams-Bondra  
Xinyue Zhang

### Secondary Education

Emma Jane Alloway  
Jamir Barnes  
Claire Marie Biertempfel  
Sydney Bollinger  
Brianna Kathryn Bond  
Tyler Sean Brennan  
Blair Elizabeth Bulsza  
Emma Burhop  
Julie Anne Byrne  
Joseph Robert Cawley  
Joseph A. Clark II  
Makayla M. Clemons  
Elizabeth A. Crumpler  
Hannah Layne Davis  
Hayley Christine Dieckhaus  
Bradley Michael Donelan  
Garrett Doub  
Raven L. Dupilka  
Alyssa Grace Fosbenner  
Devon M. Francke  
Damaris B. Fraser  
Leah Rose Gallagher  
**Nathaniel R. Gillespie\***  
Noah Marley Grube  
Christopher Michael Gruda  
Emily Morgann Hamilton  
Kaitlin Marie Harris  
Luke Holler

Heather Nichole Huyett  
Se Hyun Jun  
Jacob Kelly  
Ed Marinus Lambert  
Jarod Lazor  
Michael Leister  
Andrew Anthony Lord  
Diana Malachias  
Nicole Miller  
Murphy Joseph O'Leary  
*Victoria Faith Post*  
Grace Catherine Power  
Meghan Elizabeth Putnam  
Alexandra Rogers  
Bryn Sophia Salamon  
Rosemary Sharp  
Robert Smith  
Benjamin Charles Spear  
Taylor Stossel  
Brae M. Sullivan  
Anastasia Richette Suski  
Ryan James Toporcer  
Lucy Udell\*  
Nicholas James Vacca  
Xinghan Wang  
Dante Michael Whited  
Kirsten Worrall

### Special Education

Briana Selena Amaya  
Zachary Peter Beloten  
*Nicolette P. Benson*  
Frank Edward Claus III  
Aidan Feeney  
Sarah Rose Fox  
Jessica Jayne Gerhardt  
Ashley N. Helsel  
Rachel Anne Liptak  
Joshua Stanley Phillips  
Jillian Rose Puglisi  
Lauren Pursel

### Workforce Education

Jason Joseph Civitello

### World Languages Education

Destyni L. Christiano  
Rafaela Garza de la Vega  
*Jessica Lynne Jablonski*  
Danielle Siebenhuener  
Abigail Marie Slaymaker  
Yingyu Wang  
Maya Lee Yoxtheimer

### WorkLink Certificate

William Fick  
Aaron Packard

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*Italic:* program marshal



## College of Education Alumni Society

We invite all new graduates to join the College of Education Alumni Society. Some 11,477 of our college's alumni are members of the College of Education Alumni Society.

This organization promotes the continued interest of all former students, and it provides a means for alumni to come together to help improve the college and the University.

The College of Education Alumni Society oversees a number of important projects that help serve the needs of alumni, students, the college, the University and the community as a whole, as well as promote the esteem of the institution. It offers programs directed toward students, alumni, and teachers in general.

The Alumni Society's board of directors organizes award-winning community service projects such as the Alumni-Student Teacher Network, and sponsors an awards program that recognizes outstanding alumni in various categories every year.

You automatically become a member of the College of Education Alumni Society when you join the Penn State Alumni Association.

## About our programs

### Education and Public Policy

This degree prepares students to enter professional careers in educational organizations, government, community development, public service, nonprofits, consulting, philanthropy, and interest groups for the betterment of a diverse and democratic society.

### Elementary and Early Childhood Education

This degree prepares candidates to teach children in preschool through fourth grade.

### Middle Level Education

This degree prepares candidates to teach all subjects in grades four to six and Mathematics, English or Social Studies in grades seven and eight.

### Rehabilitation and Human Services

This degree prepares candidates for a variety of positions in rehabilitation, mental health, welfare, and employment services or for graduate work in the helping professions.

### Secondary Education

This degree prepares candidates for teaching positions related to their content areas in grades 7-12. Candidates pursue one or more of the following teaching options: Biological Science, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, English, Mathematics, Physics, and Social Studies.

### Special Education

This degree prepares candidates for teaching individuals with special learning needs, at any age or ability level.

### Workforce Education and Development

This degree prepares candidates to teach a specific trade or skill in a vocational-technical school, trade school, or community college, or to coordinate or supervise in a vocational education setting. Candidates choose from three options: Health Occupations Education, Industrial Education, or Occupational Home Economics Education, all of which lead to a teacher certificate; or a non-certificate Industrial Training option. Each degree candidate has also shown competency in their respective trade or skill.

### World Languages Education

This degree prepares candidates for K-12 teaching positions or other employment fields related to their content language area, which may be French, German, Latin or Spanish.

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## WELCOME TO THE PRIDE!

**Congratulations** on your graduation, and welcome to the Penn State Alumni Association —the largest and most powerful alumni network in the world.

New graduates receive a **complimentary one-year membership** in the Penn State Alumni Association.

As you enter the pride, you'll join the ranks of alumni who keep their connection to Penn State strong through membership. We encourage you to stay connected and learn more about the 30+ benefits that are included with your membership.

Membership materials, including your membership card, will be mailed to you after graduation. Benefits are available to you immediately upon receiving your membership card.

### Exclusive Member Benefits

#### CAREER AND EDUCATION



- **Alumni Career Services:** Attend premium Alumni Career Service events for free or at a substantial discount.
- **Discounts on Kaplan Test Preparation Services**
- **Alumni Library Online:** Exclusive access to Penn State Libraries Digitized Collections and University library databases.

#### ALUMNI EMAIL



Members of the Alumni Association can sign up for a **personal Penn State email account** (@alumni.psu.edu). Accounts are hosted by Google for Education and also include **online storage** and a collection of digital tools.

#### DISCOUNTS



Members receive **access to discounts** including merchandise at Penn State Bookstore campus locations. They also receive access to discounted health, auto, renters, home, life, long-term care, and pet insurance.

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