

Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2022



COLLEGE OF THE LIBERAL ARTS

Saturday, May 7, 2022
The Bryce Jordan Center
4:30 p.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!

PROGRAM

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Performed by Centre Brass

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Melody Munitz '22 Psychology and Musical Theatre
The audience is asked to join in the singing.

PRESIDING

Eric J. Barron, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.

President, The Pennsylvania State University

Clarence Lang, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Susan Welch Dean of the College of the Liberal Arts

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Binney Wietlisbach, B.S.

President, The Haverford Trust Company

AUTHORIZATION TO CONFER DEGREES

Chris Hoffman

Member, Board of Trustees

RECOGNITION OF MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT

B. Richard Page, B.A., M.A., J.D, Ph.D.

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies

RECOGNITION OF PATERNO FELLOWS GRADUATES

Joshua Wretzel, B.S., M.A., Ph.D.

Assistant Director, Paterno Fellows Program

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT MARSHALS

B. Richard Page, B.A., M.A., J.D, Ph.D.

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies

RECOGNITION OF MILITARY COMMISSIONS

Captain Christopher Kowalski, U.S. Air Force
Recruiting Officer, Detachment 720

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Eric J. Barron, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.

President, The Pennsylvania State University

INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Binney Wietlisbach, B.S.

President, The Haverford Trust Company

PENN STATE ALMA MATER

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RECESSIONAL

The audience will please remain seated.

COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL-IN-CHARGE

B. Richard Page, B.A., M.A., J.D, Ph.D.

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies

UNIVERSITY NOMENCLATOR

E. Alan Cameron, B.S.A., M.S., Ph.D., B.C.E.
Professor Emeritus

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Since joining Haverford Trust in 1992 and becoming president in 2008, Binney has overseen the growth of the Radnor, Pennsylvania-based firm. With more than \$14 billion in assets under management or consultation, Haverford provides wealth management and retirement/estate planning services to individual and institutional investors.

As a successful woman in a traditionally male-dominated industry, Binney looks for opportunities to empower women and mentor future leaders. For example, she launched the Haverford Speaker Series for Women, which has helped educate more than 4,000 women on finance-related topics since its founding in 2010. At Penn State, she hosted the annual "Penn State Women: Leaders of Today and Tomorrow" event in the College of the Liberal Arts for several years and returns regularly to speak in women's, gender, and sexuality studies classes. Binney also gives back to the community by serving on numerous boards; current affiliations include the Caroline Alexander Buck Foundation, the Connelly Foundation, and Mindfulness Through Movement, a yoga and mindfulness program designed to better the lives of children and communities in the greater Philadelphia area.

Wietlisbach received her degree in Psychology from Penn State in 1985 and was named an Alumni Fellow of her alma mater in 2021.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The Liberal Arts have been part of the Penn State curriculum since its founding in 1855. However, it wasn't until 1909 that an official “home” for Liberal Arts was formed by President Edwin Erle Sparks, who combined the School of History, Mathematics, and Philosophy with the School of Language and Literature to create the School of Liberal Arts. President Sparks, a widely known historian, named himself the school's first dean.

Today, the College of the Liberal Arts is home to 24 schools, departments, and programs that offer nearly 50 undergraduate degrees and more than 25 graduate degrees to more than 5,300 undergraduates and nearly 900 graduate students each year. Additionally, virtually every Penn State student—regardless of their major—takes almost one-third of their classes in Liberal Arts.

The “Live to Learn, Learn to Live” motto etched outside the lecture hall in Sparks Building—the college's administrative home—reflects the college's mission to stimulate a love of learning. In order to fulfill this mission, the College of the Liberal Arts seeks to provide students with an educational experience that combines a traditional liberal arts foundation in communication, analytical thinking, ethical decision-making, and appreciation for other cultures and other times with learning opportunities that allow students to develop global interconnections, cultivate digital fluencies, and apply their knowledge and skills in real-world contexts. In so doing, our faculty and students play a key role in identifying, exploring, and resolving some of the most pressing issues facing society today—from studying democracy, to promoting civic engagement, to combating racial and class discrimination, to reducing global conflict, to educating the leaders of tomorrow.

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Join the [Penn State Liberal Arts Alumni](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13237871/) group on LinkedIn.

STUDENT MARSHALS

COLLEGE MARSHAL

Nora Van Horn



Nora is the daughter of Sarah Schroeder and Stewart Van Horn of Loretto, Pennsylvania. She is also representing Philosophy as the student marshal. A Paterno Fellow and Schreyer Scholar, Nora is graduating with B.A. degrees

in Philosophy, Chinese, and Global and International Studies. She was an at-large member of the University Park Student Fee Board where she led the creation of the Environmental Sustainability Fund. Nora was also the vice chair of the Schreyer Gender Equity Coalition and the founder of Penn State Forward. After graduation, she will attend Harvard Law School before pursuing a career in environmental law.

[Learn more about Nora.](#)

AFRICAN STUDIES

Jennifer McConnell



Jennifer is the daughter of Julie and James McConnell of Knox, Pennsylvania. She is graduating with B.A. degrees in African Studies and Global and International Studies, with a minor in Teaching English to

Speakers of Other Languages. Jennifer was the director of programming for Empower Orphans PSU, and she was involved with GIVE Volunteers, where she took a volunteer trip to Tanzania in 2019. She also volunteered with Mid-State Literacy Council and tutored English language learners. After graduation, Jennifer will serve in the Peace Corps as a primary education English co-teacher in Rwanda.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Gillian Russell



Gillian is the daughter of Elizabeth and Derek Russell of Wakefield, Massachusetts. A Paterno Fellow and Schreyer Scholar, she is graduating with B.S. degrees in Anthropological Science and Global and International

Studies. Gillian was involved in Club Cross Country, Club Cross Country Benefiting THON, and EcoReps. After graduation, she plans to work in conservation, sustainability, archaeology, and cultural resource management.

ANTHROPOLOGY

Sarah Castleberry



Sarah is the daughter of David and Tessa Castleberry of Mystic, Connecticut. She is graduating with B.A. degrees in Anthropology and Art History, with a minor in Latin. Sarah sang advanced choral repertoire with Oriana

Singers in the School of Music for six semesters. She also spent three weeks in Rome after her first year through the Department of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies' Study Tour of Roman History and Archaeology and studied abroad in Perugia, Italy, last fall. After graduation, Sarah will return home to Connecticut to work as a field archaeologist at Heritage Consultants for the summer and then plans to find anthropological or museum work near Boston, Massachusetts, next fall.

ASIAN STUDIES

Cecil Houseknecht



Cecil is the son of Torie and Michael Houseknecht of Warriors Mark, Pennsylvania. He is graduating with a B.A. degree in Asian Studies, with a minor in Chinese. Cecil was a peer educator for the Center for Sexual

and Gender Diversity and a Chinese conversation partner through Penn State Global. After graduation, he will continue studying Chinese through the American Councils for International Education's Taiwan Intensive Summer Language Program in Tainan, Taiwan. Then, Cecil will move to Portland, Oregon, to pursue advocacy work for the Chinese and LGBTQIA+ communities, including educational outreach for the general Oregonian population outside of these communities.

CHINESE

Rachel Phillips



Rachel is the daughter of Wendy Phillips of Schwenksville, Pennsylvania. She is graduating with B.A. degrees in Chinese and English. Rachel served on the Academic Integrity Committee for the College of the Liberal Arts and

competed in Mock Trial. She also was a resident assistant during her junior year and served as a volunteer tutor for English as a Second Language (ESL). After graduation, Rachel will attend Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law on a full-tuition scholarship.

ABOUT THE MARSHALS: Student marshals are chosen to represent the College of the Liberal Arts on the basis of outstanding academic achievement and their contributions to Liberal Arts student life.

CLASSICS AND ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES

Robert Gress



Robert is graduating with a B.A. degree in Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies. He was the 2021 recipient of the Robert E. Dengler Classics Grant-in-Aid Award. Robert previously worked for United Parcel Service and the United

States Coast Guard Reserve. After graduation, he will continue studying Classics in graduate school.

COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES

Emma Lutz



Emma is the daughter of Francis and Marjorie Lutz of Landenberg, Pennsylvania. A Paterno Fellow and Schreyer Scholar, she is graduating with B.A. degrees in Communication Arts and Sciences and Global and

International Studies, with a minor in Spanish. Emma was the secretary general of the Pennsylvania High School United Nations Conference (PHUNC IX) and worked with the Schreyer Honors College Career Development Program to provide resources for students interested in social impact careers. She was also an orientation leader for Schreyer Honors College and AURORA, Penn State's outdoor orientation program. After graduation, Emma will work on social justice issues and immigration reform at a national-level foundation or nonprofit.

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

Samantha Landmesser



Samantha is the daughter of Elaine and John Landmesser of Warrington, Pennsylvania. A Paterno Fellow and Schreyer Scholar, she is graduating with B.A. degrees in Comparative Literature and Philosophy as well as an M.A. in

Comparative Literature. Samantha was an intern for the Comparative Literature Studies Journal as part of Penn State University Press, a graduate research assistant for two years, and a French and Italian language tutor through Penn State Learning. She also studied abroad in Todi, Italy, and Amman, Jordan. After graduation, Samantha will travel abroad to teach English as a Second Language.

CRIMINOLOGY

Blake Toliver

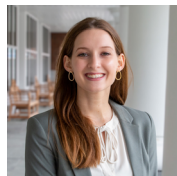


Blake is the son of Brent Toliver and Yvonne Prioleau of Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania. A Paterno Fellow and Schreyer Scholar, he is graduating with a B.S. degree in Criminology and a B.A. degree in English, with a minor in

Communication Arts and Sciences. Blake previously served as the Black Caucus Representative for the University Park Undergraduate Association. He was also the president of the Multicultural Undergraduate Law Association and an orientation leader for Schreyer Honors College. After graduation, Blake will continue his education at Penn State to complete his master's degree in Public Policy.

ECONOMICS

Josie Krieger



Josie is the daughter of Sean and Dana Krieger of Port Matilda, Pennsylvania. A Paterno Fellow and Schreyer Scholar, she is graduating with a B.S. degree in Economics and a B.A. degree in History, with minors in Jewish Studies

and Middle East Studies. Josie was the co-founder of Students Teaching Students and a member of the Presidential Leadership Academy. She also interned with the Jewish Studies program and worked as a teaching assistant for the Department of Economics. After graduation, Josie will study in Turkey as part of the Critical Language Scholarship. Then, she will begin working with AmeriCorps VISTA on refugee case management and economic empowerment as the first Rhea S. Schwartz Fellow in the College of the Liberal Arts.

ENGLISH

Reilly Wagner



Reilly is the daughter of Jonathan and Heather Wagner of Haymarket, Virginia. A Paterno Fellow and Schreyer Scholar, she is graduating with B.A. degrees in English and Labor and Human Resources. Reilly worked as

a writing tutor for Penn State Learning and was an undergraduate research assistant for Dr. Cheryl Glenn. She was also the vice president of membership for her sorority, Delta Gamma. After graduation, Reilly will attend law school.

FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES

Megan DeMario



Megan is the daughter of Angela and Joseph DeMario of Enola, Pennsylvania. She is graduating with B.S. degrees in French and Francophone Studies and Finance. Megan was a peer adviser for the College of the Liberal Arts and the president of Penn State's Language and Linguistics Club. She was also a member of Women in Business and Penn State's chapter of the international business honor society Beta Gamma Sigma. After graduation, Megan will move to Indiana to pursue a career in finance.

GERMAN

Jessica Jablonski



Jessica is the daughter of Adam and Shelly Jablonski of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. She is graduating with a B.A. degree in German and a B.S. degree in World Languages Education. Jessica was the president of the German Club and an undergraduate research assistant for a Partnerships in International Research and Education (PIRE) project. She was also involved in Axis Benefiting THON. After graduation, Jessica plans to teach German to middle or high school students in either Michigan or Pennsylvania.

GLOBAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Ashley Naraine



Ashley is the daughter of Bobby and Nalini Naraine of Fredericksburg, Virginia. She is also representing ROTC as the student marshal. Ashley is graduating with B.A. degrees in Global and International Studies and Communication Arts and Sciences. She was an intercollegiate competition member of Penn State's Division I Figure Skating Team and an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) cadet. Ashley was also the vice commander of Scabbard and Blade. After graduation, she will be commissioned into the United States Space Force as a Second Lieutenant (O-1) with the Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC)/Job as a 14N - Intelligence Officer. Ashley will also study Mandarin Chinese at Tamkang University in Taiwan for three months, as part of the Critical Language Scholarship.

HISTORY

Simon Hebert



Simon is the son of Michelle and Randy Hebert of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A Paterno Fellow and Schreyer Scholar, he is graduating with B.A. degrees in History and English. Simon was editor-in-chief of *Kalliope*, Penn State's literary magazine. He also interned for the Hemingway Letters Project in the College of the Liberal Arts and Abba Java Coffee House. After graduation, Simon plans to pursue work in editing or nonprofits.

INTEGRATED SOCIAL SCIENCES

Abigail Donovan



Abigail is the daughter of Glory Cadenhead and Leif Cadenhead, and stepdaughter of Anna Marie Cadenhead of San Diego, California. She is also the mother of Elaine and Claire. Abigail is graduating with a B.S. degree in Integrated Social Sciences. She is a senior associate scientist for Pfizer Global Research and Development, was involved in World Campus Student Affairs activities, and was inducted as a member of the Pi Delta Chi chapter of the honor society Alpha Sigma Lambda. After graduation, she hopes to apply to Azusa Pacific University's entry-level master's in nursing program and serve with a practice founded on anti-racism and inclusivity.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Ishaan Anavkar



Ishaan is the son of Prashant and Harshada Anavkar of Dubai, United Arab Emirates. A Paterno Fellow and Schreyer Scholar, he is graduating with B.A. degrees in History, International Politics, and Geography, with minors in Anthropology and Linguistics and certificates in Geographic Information Sciences and Human Geography. Ishaan was a maps and geospatial information assistant at Penn State's Donald W. Hamer Center and a geospatial data and product testing intern at RoadGoat. After graduation, he plans to attend graduate school to pursue a doctorate and go on to teach as a professor.

ITALIAN

Julia Montevechi



Julia is the daughter of Marykathryn Montevechi of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and the late Raymond Montevechi. She is graduating with B.A. degrees in Criminology and Italian. Julia was a resident assistant for the First Year

in Liberal Arts Living Learning Community and was involved in the Paranormal Research Society and the Restorative Justice Initiative at Penn State. She was also a social work intern for the Lackawanna County Office of Youth and Family Services and an intern and big sister for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Centre County. After graduation, Julia will pursue a master's degree in social work at Smith College School for Social Work, with the hopes of becoming a counselor for adolescents impacted by the criminal justice system.

JAPANESE

Yushi Hou

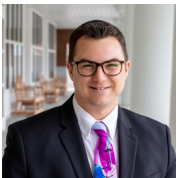


Yushi is the daughter of Yan Shen of Guangdong, China. She is graduating with a B.A. degree in Japanese and B.S. degrees in Enterprise Risk Management and Applied Statistics. Yushi was president of the Enterprise

Risk Management Association, vice president of the Penn State ERO Billiards Club, and a Smeal Student Mentor and Smeal Global Representative. She was also a business continuity planning and business development intern for Kenja K.K., a global entrepreneurial company based in Japan specializing in blockchain technology. After graduation, Yushi will start a full-time position with Kenja K.K. remotely this fall, before returning to Japan in 2023.

JEWISH STUDIES

Dov Gordon



Dov is graduating with a B.A. degree in Jewish Studies, a minor in Hebrew, and a certificate in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. He was a Jewish Studies teacher for sixth and seventh grades at Congregation Brit Shalom, a Chaiken

Scholar, and involved with Aish Penn State. After graduation, he will pursue a master's degree in Jewish professional studies at Gratz College remotely, while continuing his work with the local Jewish community in State College, Pennsylvania.

KOREAN

Rachel Bodnar



Rachel is the daughter of Jeffrey and Dolores Bodnar of Barto, Pennsylvania. She is graduating with B.A. degrees in Korean and Chinese. Rachel was a recipient of the Janssen Prize in Asian Studies for Korean Major and the Acha

Award. She worked as an ESL tutor for Penn State Career Pathways and was a member of the Korean Learning Club. After graduation, Rachel plans to become a medical interpreter or translator.

LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Nina Bar-Ness



Nina is the daughter of Solange and Ely Bar-Ness of New Rochelle, New York. A Paterno Fellow and Schreyer Scholar, she is graduating with a B.S. degree in Labor and Human Resources, with minors in Business and the Liberal Arts

and Dispute Management and Resolution. Nina served as an intern for Penn State Hillel's Building Israel Connections Engagement Project and vice president of scholarship and Panhellenic delegate for the Sigma Delta Tau sorority. She was also a teaching assistant for the Department of Psychology. After graduation, Nina will join IBM as a talent acquisition professional at their global headquarters in Armonk, New York.

LAW AND SOCIETY

Donna Lynne Butler



Donna is the daughter of Marilyn Ida Butler of North Brunswick, New Jersey, and the late James Daniel Butler. Donna previously earned an associate degree in Letters, Arts, and Sciences from Penn State in 2014 and is now graduating

with a B.A. degree in Law and Society. Donna served as magistrate and exchequer of the Penn State World Campus chapter of the international legal honor society Phi Delta Phi. Donna was the recipient of Penn State's Outstanding Adult Student Award in 2019. After graduation, she plans to attend law school and study to become a legislative attorney.

LETTERS, ARTS, AND SCIENCES

Kiara Smith



Kiara is the child of Linda and Dirk Copland of State College, Pennsylvania. They are also representing Nutritional Sciences as the student marshal in the College of Health and Human Development. A Paterno Fellow and

Schreyer Scholar, Kiara is graduating with a B.A. degree in Letters, Arts, and Sciences and B.S. and M.S. degrees in Nutritional Sciences, with a minor in German. After graduation, they will attend a dietetic internship to sit for the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist accreditation exam to become a registered dietitian.

LINGUISTICS

Amanda Harman



Amanda is the daughter of Brian and Stacey Harman of Allentown, Pennsylvania. She is graduating with a B.A. degree in Linguistics, with minors in Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies and Architecture

Studies. Amanda was the recipient of the Provost Award Scholarship and was involved on campus as a research assistant working on the Central Pennsylvania Dialect Project. After graduation, she will intern with Penn State Cru this fall, after having served as vice president, secretary, prayer team leader, Bible study leader, and discipler for Cru as an undergraduate student.

MEDIEVAL STUDIES

Benjamin Wilson



Benjamin is the son of Scott and Susan Wilson of Emmaus, Pennsylvania. A Paterno Fellow and Schreyer Scholar, he is graduating with B.A. degrees in Medieval Studies, History, and Political Science. Benjamin is the recipient of

the Norene Purtell Memorial Scholarship and the Lee Global Trustee Scholarship. He was also a member of the honor society Phi Alpha Theta and the national honor fraternity Phi Sigma Pi. After graduation, Benjamin will pursue a doctorate in Scandinavian Studies at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Christy Parker



Christy is the daughter of John and Joyce Soltysiak of Lebanon, Missouri. She is graduating with a B.S. degree in Organizational Leadership, with a minor in Business Administration. Christy was a member and chair of the Penn State

World Campus Student Government Association's Student Affairs Committee. She also served as a student ambassador and mentor for incoming World Campus students. After graduation, Christy will serve as director of the Twenty-Fifth Annual Kern County SHRM Symposium and obtain her Professional in Human Resources certification.

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION

Jasmine Thomassy

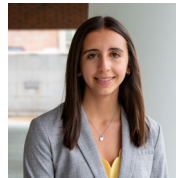


Jasmine is the wife of Max Thomassy and mother of Emma Thomassy of Norfolk, Virginia. She is graduating with a B.S. degree in Organizational and Professional Communication through Penn State World Campus. While

Jasmine's post-graduation plans remain uncertain, she will continue applying and searching for full-time employment.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Emma Cohen



Emma is the daughter of Saul Cohen of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and JoAnn Cohen of Allentown, Pennsylvania. A Paterno Fellow and Schreyer Scholar, she is graduating with B.S. degrees in Political Science and Economics,

with a minor in Statistics. Emma was a member of the Women in Economics Club and treasurer and event coordinator for Penn State's chapter of the women's health and fitness organization CHAARG (Changing Health, Attitudes, and Actions to Re-create Girls). She also was a research assistant for the Department of Political Science, a teaching assistant for various Economics and Statistics courses, and interned at the Institute for Public Policy & Economic Development. After graduation, Emma will join Bates White as an economic consultant in Washington, D.C.

PSYCHOLOGY

Melody Munitz



Melody is the daughter of Shari and Andy Munitz of Cortlandt Manor, New York. A Schreyer Scholar, she is graduating with a B.A. in Psychology and a B.F.A. in Musical Theatre. Melody was the recipient of the College of

Arts and Architecture's Creative Achievement Award. She also was a researcher in the Empathy and Moral Psychology Lab and director of Arts in Health—an initiative emphasizing the power of the arts in communal and personal well-being. After graduation, Melody will continue as a researcher in the Scientists, Technologists, and Artists Generating Exploration (STAGE) Lab at the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering while pursuing a professional career in theatre as a performer, playwright, and director.

RUSSIAN

Will Baumgardner



Will is the son of Catherine and Brad Baumgardner of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. A Paterno Fellow and Schreyer Scholar, he is graduating with B.A. degrees in Russian and International Politics as well as a master

of international affairs degree. Will was president of the Russian Club at Penn State and service chair for Orthodox Christian Fellowship at Penn State. He also was a Russian studies intern at the American Enterprise Institute and a Russia team intelligence analyst intern at the Institute for the Study of War. After graduation, Will plans to continue working as a Russia studies research assistant at the American Enterprise Institute.

SOCIAL DATA ANALYTICS

Nicholas Birosik



Nicholas is the son of Chris and Jeanne Birosik of Emmaus, Pennsylvania. A Paterno Fellow and Schreyer Scholar, he is graduating with a B.S. in Social Data Analytics and a B.A. in Political Science, with a minor in History, as well

as a master of international affairs degree. Nicholas was a Liberal Arts Change Maker and is the founder and president of NicNac Charities Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to eliminating the digital divide and launching other nonprofits. He also was a resident assistant and participated in Penn State Racquetball Club. After graduation, Nicholas will continue his nonprofit and grant writing work, namely jumpstarting other nonprofits and advocating for suicide prevention.

SOCIOLOGY

Karissa Dialectos



Karissa is the daughter of Mark and Mary Dialectos of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania. She is graduating with B.A. degrees in Sociology and Criminology. Karissa participated in THON as a lieutenant for the Operations

Committee and served as assistant music director for Savoir Faire A Cappella, the only all-female a cappella singing group at Penn State. She also interned with the Berks County Courthouse and was a research assistant for the Department of Sociology and Criminology. After graduation, Karissa will attend Duquesne University School of Law, with plans to eventually pursue a career as a lawyer in juvenile dependency court.

SPANISH

Linden Markley



Linden is the daughter of Bill and Jennifer Markley of Tyrone, Pennsylvania. She is graduating with B.A. degrees in Spanish, Journalism, and Comparative Literature. Linden is the recipient of the President Sparks

Award and the Evan Pugh Scholar Senior Award. Throughout her time at Penn State, she has been involved with the Lion Ambassadors and Penn State Network Television's *More Than A Lion*. She was also a social media intern for the Department of Comparative Literature. After graduation, Linden plans to use her love for Spanish and writing to work in the news production industry with opportunities for travel, with hopes of ultimately pursuing a career in international journalism with beats in culture and investigative reporting.

WOMEN'S STUDIES

April Hannon



April is the daughter of Barbara Bryant of North East, Maryland, and Joseph Kaniecki, of Sykesville, Maryland. She is also blessed to have a bonus mom, Mary Louise Kaniecki. April is graduating with a B.A. in Women's Studies. She was

a recipient of the Mimi Barash Coppersmith Endowed Scholarship in Women's Studies in 2021. After graduation, she plans to pursue her master of divinity degree with a concentration in Chaplaincy Studies, at the Chicago Theological Seminary.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts

Adia Hearn

AFRICAN STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts

Jennifer McConnell
Ogana Okwuosa
Eleanor Thompson

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Bachelor of Science

Yebo Chen
Brenna Fennessey
Cassandra Gartley
Leon Kataw
Ryan Middlemore
Katelyn Miller*
Shae Rider
Gillian Russell

ANTHROPOLOGY

Bachelor of Arts

Rex Barner
Bayley Brion
Claire Byrnes
Sarah Castleberry*
Tori Gamel
Kathleen Goetz
Janine Jakubek
Marina Lipshutz
Abigail Mason

ASIAN STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts

Harrison Brennan*
Daniel Hancuff
Lee Ann Holubek
Cecil Houseknecht
Yuanyang Mao
Kasey Mendez
Meaghan Riley
Yimin Zhong

CHINESE

Bachelor of Arts

Rachel Bodnar
Maxwell Cason***
Leonardo Girlando*
Stefan Glavce
Edward Kruger
Jacob Lineaweaver
Imani Murray
Rachel Phillips***
Qobi Quainoo III

Grace Staples
Nora Van Horn***
Tae Hyun Yook

CLASSICS AND ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts

Clio Begnal
Brenna Fennessey
Tori Gamel
Robert Gress**
Emma-Leigh Jones
Seung-Ju Lee*
Abigail Mason
Jordyn Mason
Sydney Stone

COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Aniyah Adams
Thomas Baker Jr.
Benjamin Beaver
Kaitlyn Bridge***
Hudson Burchstead
Brendan Clark
Perri Clifton
Sydney D'Orsogna
Jordan Donaghy
James Funk
aleric fyock
Elizabeth Gordon
Chadley Harley
Emma Holland
Kaitlyn Hord
Suier Jiang
Edward Kruger
Seth Kuhn
Emma Lutz***
Rebecca Malek
Jahnna Marimon
Molly Mayer
Chase Middleton
Ashley Naraine**
Temidoyin Olusa
Gabriella Palughi
Domenic Perretta
Diego Phillips
Daniel Reaume
Kathryn Shuey
Lauren Simakaski
Nadine Sun
Jillian Tate
Max Theuer
Anna Walkowiak
Jacob Waxler
Brent Williams
Cory Wooten
Catherine Zvorsky

Bachelor of Science

Nathan Buller
Allyson Coyle
Taylor Givens
Jacob Iwinski
Jacquelyn Leone*
Clinton Pearson
Emmanuel Williams

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

Bachelor of Arts

Drue Allison
Emma Cagle
Cali Carper*
Megan Ekert
Shannon Fine*
Samantha Landmesser**
Linden Markley***
Frederick Miller
Katelyn Schroeder*

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Bachelor of Science

Carine Kelley
Lauren Nicole Rando
Gregory Smaldino
Joshua Christopher Valdez

CRIMINOLOGY

Bachelor of Arts

Aba Aggrey
Eleanor Allwein***
Madison Beck
Alexa Bilski
Elliott Brinkley
Trinity Brown
Clayton Burrige
Catherine Callison
Paris Carmichael
Cali Carper*
Dominique Carrelli
Kaitlin Christ
Eric Chubinsky
Lina Chung
Gabrielle Ciralo
Kendall Cleaver
Erin Connelly*
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NOTE: This program contains the list of candidates for graduation as of March 21, 2022. Students who indicated their intent to graduate after that production date are not listed. 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. If you have questions about your name, degree, or distinction listed in this program, please reach out to David Lingenfelter at dxl127@psu.edu. Congratulations on your achievements!

*** = highest distinction

** = high distinction

* = distinction

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Department Banners	STAGE		Department Banners
<p>Faculty</p> <p>Labor and Employment Relations Labor and Human Resources Organizational Leadership</p> <p>Philosophy</p>	<p>Faculty</p> <p>Labor and Employment Relations Labor and Human Resources Organizational Leadership</p> <p>Philosophy</p>	<p>Faculty</p> <p>Anthropology Anthropological Science</p> <p>Communication Arts and Sciences Organizational and Professional Communication</p> <p>Comparative Literature French and Francophone Studies Global and International Studies</p>	<p>Faculty</p> <p>Anthropology Anthropological Science</p> <p>Communication Arts and Sciences Organizational and Professional Communication</p> <p>Comparative Literature French and Francophone Studies Global and International Studies</p>
<p>Political Science International Politics Social Data Analytics Law and Society Integrated Social Sciences</p>	<p>Political Science International Politics Social Data Analytics Law and Society Integrated Social Sciences</p>	<p>Criminology</p>	<p>Criminology</p>
<p>Psychology</p>	<p>Psychology</p>	<p>Economics</p>	<p>Economics</p>
<p>Sociology</p>	<p>Sociology</p>	<p>English</p> <p>German Russian Linguistics</p> <p>History Jewish Studies Medieval Studies Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies</p> <p>Japanese Chinese Asian Studies Korean</p>	<p>English</p> <p>German Russian Linguistics</p> <p>History Jewish Studies Medieval Studies Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies</p> <p>Japanese Chinese Asian Studies Korean</p>
<p>Sociology</p>	<p>Sociology</p>	<p>Italian Spanish</p> <p>Letters, Arts, and Sciences</p> <p>Women's Studies</p>	<p>Italian Spanish</p> <p>Letters, Arts, and Sciences</p> <p>African American Studies African Studies</p>

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THANKS TO OUR RETIRING FACULTY AND STAFF

These Liberal Arts faculty and staff retired this year. We are grateful for their service to the college, the University, and our students.

Donna Bahry, professor emerita of political science

Ned Balzer, programmer/analyst for Information Technology

Linda Bell, research data management specialist for the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing

Pamela Michaels Cole, assistant teaching professor of classics and ancient Mediterranean studies

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REMEMBERING SUSAN WELCH (1943–2022)



Penn State and the Liberal Arts communities mourn the passing of Susan Welch, professor of political science and dean of the College of the Liberal Arts from 1991 to 2019, who passed away on March 28.

Susan left an indelible mark as a scholar, a philanthropist, and an administrator who believed that no public research university could ever rank itself among the nation's greatest without having a great liberal arts college as its heart. We look forward to honoring her legacy by naming the soon-to-be constructed Susan Welch Liberal Arts Building in her honor.

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