# Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2024



### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Pegula Ice Arena
9:00 a.m.





#### 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**

May 5, 2024



## 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 2024. Graduates, you have overcome many obstacles and forged new paths to reach this milestone. You have pushed boundaries, both in terms of your own growth and in terms of the world around you. I am truly excited to see you go out in the world and push more boundaries in your chosen fields, making a true difference in the lives of others.

Today's commencement ceremony includes three individuals who have earned certificates through our WorkLink Program. This program 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 on this important milestone. 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. You are 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 continue to be a changemaker.

Do not focus on what has always been done. Instead focus on challenging the assumptions of why we do 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 to make it happen: to serve our communities and improve the quality of life of others 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 #ChangED

## **Commencement Speaker** | Dr. Khalid N. Mumin

For over 25 years, **Dr. Khalid N. Mumin,** Pennsylvania Secretary of Education, has served in various capacities as a teacher, dean of students, principal and central administrator.

Most recently, Dr. Mumin served as the Superintendent of Schools at Lower Merion School District. Prior to Lower Merion, Dr. Mumin was the Superintendent of Reading School District for seven years.

Beginning as a Secondary English teacher in Scotland, Pennsylvania in 1997, Dr. Mumin rose through the leadership ranks of the education system in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Mumin is committed to promoting and sustaining student achievement, equity and access to educational



programming for all students, as well as creating plans that are fiscally responsible.

He has been recognized nationally as a "School Board Savvy Superintendent," and is the author of the book entitled Problem Child: Leading Students Living in Poverty Towards Infinite Possibilities of Success.

Dr. Mumin earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Education in Teaching & Curriculum from Pennsylvania State University, a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary English Education from Shippensburg

University, and an Associate of Arts in English from Northeastern Christian Junior College.

## College Student Marshal | Gabriella Achampong

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**Gabriella Achampong** has been chosen as one of two student marshals for the College of Education's spring 2024 commencement ceremony.

Gabriella is from Chambersburg, Pennsylvania and is the daughter of Francis and Nicole Achampong.

Gabriella is an Education and Public Policy Major with a minor in English. She will be attending Harvard Law School in the fall with a focus on civil rights in education. Gabriella is also a member of the fourth cohort of NAACP Legal Defense Fund Marshall-Motley Scholars.

During her time at Penn State, Gabriella was an active undergraduate researcher, working with Dr. Maria Lewis and Dr. Erica Frankenberg to publish three papers and present at two different conferences. Her research has helped K-12 administrators better understand legal issues that impact equity in school systems. She also

completed work as a research intern at the Center for Education and Civil Rights at Penn State, examining voluntary integration of school districts in the United States.

Gabriella has also won numerous awards, including the President Sparks Award, the College of Education's Undergraduate Award for Leadership and Service, the John W. White Graduate Fellowship and has twice received the Evan Pugh Scholar Award — once each during her junior and senior years.

In service to her community, Gabriella led the Unity Christian Campus Ministry as the VP during the 2022-23 academic year and president during the 2023-2024 academic year. As president, she organized weekly Bible study sessions and as well as partnered with community churches to support student basic needs. She also lent her skills singing in the choir and playing piano during worship sessions.

## **College Student Marshal** | Courtney Sterner

**Courtney Sterner** has been selected to serve as one of two student marshals for the College of Education's Spring 2024 Commencement ceremony.

Courtney is from Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and is the daughter of Kimberly and Drew Sterner.

Courtney is graduating with a bachelor's degree in early childhood and elementary education with a minor in special education. She participated in the CI 295 Urban Seminar course, which was an intensive two-week course which allowed her to broaden her perspective in diverse and inclusive education.

Courtney has been a member of Schreyer Honors College for all four of her years at Penn State, receiving the Gilbert Kahn Scholarship for University Scholars in the College of Education all four years as well. She wrote a thesis for which she researched ways to help foster a positive relationship between students and reading.

Courtney was nominated for the College of Education Alumni Society's Outstanding Field Experience Award (winner not yet announced at time of writing). In fall of 2023, she completed her pre-service student teaching in a second-grade classroom at Mount Nittany Elementary



School in the State College Area School District. For her full-time student teaching placement during the spring 2024 semester, she was placed in a kindergarten classroom at Lower Gwynedd Elementary School in the Wissahickon School District.

During her time at Penn State, Courtney was family relations chair for Penn State Club Swim THON for the past two years, allowing her to plan events for the club's three Four Diamonds families. She participated as a dancer in THON 2023. She was a resident adviser in the Pollock Residence Life area for three semesters for a

floor of first-year students prior to her student teaching.

Outside of Penn State, Courtney is the swim lesson coordinator for a 600-student program at Fanny Chapman Memorial Pool in her hometown of Doylestown, where she has taught group and private swimming lessons for various organizations since the age of 14. She is also a third-generation Penn State student (her grandparents, mother, father and brother have all attended Penn State) and a fourth-generation teacher.

After graduation, Courtney is hoping to teach in the Bucks County or Montgomery County area and says she cannot wait to one day teach young students in a classroom of her own.

## PROGRAM STUDENT MARSHALS

The following students were selected as student marshals for their respective academic programs. Student marshals are selected based on outstanding academic achievement and contributions to student life during their time at Penn State.

## **Education and Public Policy | Autumn Forte**

Autumn Forte, of Perryopolis,
Pennsylvania, is the student marshal for the
Education and Public Policy program. Autumn
is the daughter of Kathy and Jeff Forte. She
is also pursuing a master's degree from
Penn State in Education Theory and Public
Policy and Leadership. Autumn has been
president of the Education and Public Policy
Undergraduate Association (EPPUA) since
April 2022. She is Programming Board and
Liason Chair for the Blue and White Society
and a member of the College of Education
Student Council. Autumn was a DC Social



Justice Fellow in 2022 and serves as a volunteer instructor of English at the Mid-State Literacy Council (she is certified to teach English as a second language). She spent time in Cuenca, Ecuador as a visiting professor at La Universidad de Cuenca, introducing English to 15 Spanish-only speaking college students. Autumn is an inductee of the Triota Honors Society, the Beta Gamma Sigma Honors Society and National Society for Leadership and Success.

"Being selected as student marshal fills me with a profound sense of honor and gratitude," Autumn said. "This title acknowledges not only my dedication to academic excellence but also my commitment to leadership and service within my educational community (Education and Public Policy); it represents the culmination of my time at Penn State and serves as direct representation of my growth, both personally and professionally. As a student marshal, I am humbled to be recognized as a representative of the EPP department, embodying its core values and mission during this significant milestone. This honor serves as a testament to the support of my professors, the encouragement of both my peers and friends, and the unwavering belief in my academic potential. I am deeply grateful for the opportunities that this recognition brings and am eager to continue making meaningful contributions to both my academic journey and the broader community as I embark on the next chapter of my life. The Education and Public Policy department, along with Penn State, has made the last three years of my life truly the most impactful and meaningful years thus far, and I am honored to be bestowed with the title of student marshal."

## **Special Education | Julia Sledz**

Julia Sledz, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, is the student marshal for the Special Education program. Julia is the daughter of Timothy and Marci Sledz. She serves as camp counselor at Easter Seals Camp Lily for People with Disabilities and East Coast Power Volleyball Beach Camp. Previously, she has been a personal care assistant at Easter Seals Western Pennsylvania Child Development Center and a paraprofessional at St. Anne's School Bethlehem. Julia is vice president and co-founder of the Percy Jackson Club at Penn State, and member of the COLLAB research



group, Harry Potter Club, Outdoor Volleyball Club, and Sign Language Organization. She is also a tutor for MATH 200 and 201 and made the dean's list each of her eight semesters at Penn State. After graduation, she plans to teach in an autistic support (AS) or a multiple disabilities classroom before eventually pursuing a master's and Ph.D. in Special Education.

"I am honored to be the student marshal and am grateful to everyone in Special Education for an incredible time at Penn State," Julia said. "Penn State is the best community and provided me with opportunities I had never imagined. My classmates have become incredible teachers, and I am ecstatic to see the amazing impact they will have on their students. Our professors have sparked a passion for teaching students with disabilities, and my classmates have inspired each other to become the best teachers possible. Over the past two years at Penn State, special education has become a second home for me. I met one of my best friends in special education and I could not be here without her constant support and sisterhood. It is an honor to represent the Special Education class of 2024 and join a community that is dedicated to helping those who need us most and guide them to fulfill their goals and dreams."

## **Secondary Education | Caroline Clontz**

Caroline Clontz, of Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania, is the student marshal for the
Secondary Education program. Caroline is the
daughter of Amy and Craig Clontz. She has
been a resident assistant (RA) for Penn State
Residence Life and peer outreach coordinator
at Penn State Learning since 2022. Caroline is
the current vice president and former faculty
council chair of the College of Education
Student Council. She is family relations chair
for Apollo Benefitting THON and Restorative
Circle Facilitator with the Penn State



Restorative Justice Initiative. Caroline has previously been a member of the Oriana Singers and of the College of Education's Faculty, Staff and Student Awards Committee. She has applied for a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Award in Athens, Greece. If not in Greece, after graduation, Caroline plans

to pursue a teaching position in an urban area such as Pittsburgh or Philadelphia and lead and extracurricular activity like tennis, an honor society or a music-related activity.

"To be selected as a student marshal for Secondary Education is a great honor," Caroline said. "I cannot express enough appreciation for the many opportunities I've had to learn from many wonderful and intelligent human beings in our college, all of whom have played a role in shaping me into the empathetic educator I am today. Each time I bring joy into my classroom, I'm reminded of the bold, kind people around me who have always set a strong example to follow, specifically my supervisors, my mentor teacher, my Altoona kiddos, the life savers in the Office of Education and Social Equity, my friends in my major, and the College of Education Student Council. I am proud of my accomplishments and contributions to our college, and I will endlessly appreciate the opportunity to be recognized for my growth and hard work in wanting to make our world a better place."

### Rehabilitation and Human Services | Rory Murphy

Rory Murphy, of Tallmadge, Ohio, is the student marshal for the Rehabilitation and Human Services program. Rory is the daughter of Bridget and Michael Murphy. She has also been enrolled in Schreyer Honors College while minoring in Sociology and Art with a concentration in drawing and painting. Rory previously served as an intern with the Penn State WorkLink program and worked as a special education paraprofessional at Spring Creek Elementary School in the State College Area School District. She has been a general volunteer



with Harmony at Penn State and has served as treasurer for the past year. Rory is a member of the College of Education Student

Council, where she has been treasurer for the past year and prior to that served as alumni relations co-chair for two years. She has volunteered as a THON Dancer Relations Committee member, a Schreyer Honors College Orientation member, a camp counselor and with Little League Challenger baseball and wheelchair basketball organizations in her hometown. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school to earn a master's degree in Art Therapy and Counseling in order to work with individuals with disabilities.

"A large part of my decision to come to Penn State was the flexibility within the Rehabilitation and Human Services major," Rory said. "I am so grateful for the opportunities and connections that the College of Education has given me. This recognition is such an honor, and I am so happy to represent such a great program!"

## **Elementary and Early Childhood Education | Alyssa Galban**

Alyssa Galban, of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, is the student marshal for the Elementary and Early Childhood Education program. Alyssa is the daughter of Margaret and Michael Galban. She minored in Special Education with a focus on deafness and hearing studies.

Alyssa is a member of the College of Education Student Council, a family relations chair for Penn State THON and a general volunteer at Penn State Harmony. Previously, she has served as a student ambassador at the Paul Robeson Cultural



Center. After graduation, Alyssa plans to pursue a career as an elementary school teacher in southeastern Pennsylvania.

"It is an honor to have been selected as the student marshal for Elementary and Early Childhood Education," Alyssa said. "Pursuing a career in education has been a dream of mine since I was in fifth grade, and so it feels surreal to have been presented with this achievement. I pour my heart and soul into my work as an educator, and so I am ecstatic to represent the College of Education and the incredible students and faculty that are a part of it. I would also love to thank my friends, family, professors, mentor teacher, and students (shoutout to Mrs. Stover's second grade class!) for supporting me in my goal of becoming a teacher!"

## **Middle Level Education | Adam Naugle**

Adam Naugle, of Duncansville, Pennsylvania, is the student marshal for the Middle Level Education program. Adam is the son of Kevin and Wendi Naugle. He has an endorsement in mathematics. After graduation, he plans to obtain a teaching job in grades 4 through 8 and continue to coach junior high or high school soccer before pursuing a master's in education. He is the current head junior high boys soccer coach for the Hollidaysburg Area School District, current indoor soccer coach with



The Summit Tennis and Athletic Club Soccer League in Altoona.

Additionally, he has served as a referee for FC814 Soccer Club since 2014. Adam is active at Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg as a church youth group leader and church camp small group leader.

"I am very excited and honored to be selected as the student marshal for middle level education," Adam said. "I worked very hard throughout my college experience to continually learn and grow and become the best educator that I can be. Being selected is not only an honor, but it is a chance to represent Penn State and the education program. I hope to make a great impact as an educator, wherever I teach in the future, and I look forward to putting all that I've learned into practice."

### **World Languages Education | Natalee West**

Natalee West, of Nicholson,
Pennsylvania, is the student marshal for
the World Languages Education program.
Natalee is the daughter of Maria and Peter
Gordon West II. She studied Spanish in the
World Languages Education program and
minored in Global and International Studies
as well as Special Education. As part of an
English as a Second Language program,
Natalee spend five weeks of intensive
cultural immersion in Cuenca, Ecuador
where she practiced ESL teaching. She
also studied abroad for four months in



Seville, Spain where she volunteered in an ESL classroom of students ages 11 and 12. After graduation, she plans to pursue a teaching position at Bellefonte Area Middle School.

"As a legacy student in the College of Education, being selected as a student marshal for the Pennsylvania State

University graduation ceremony is an immense honor and a deeply personal achievement," Natalee said. "It signifies not only academic excellence but also a recognition of leadership, dedication, and contributions to the University community. As a student marshal, I am one of the representative figures for my graduating class, embodying the spirit of achievement and the culmination of years of hard work and dedication. It's a moment to celebrate my own accomplishments and to share that joy with my fellow graduates, family, and friends. Leading my peers into the next chapter of our lives is a privilege that carries a profound sense of responsibility and pride. It's a moment to reflect on my journey, the challenges I've overcome, and the growth I've experienced during my time at Penn State. Being chosen as the student marshal is not only a recognition of my academic achievements but also a testament to my character and my impact on the University community. It's a moment to cherish and a memory that will stay with me for a lifetime."

#### **COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM**

#### ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

#### **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Anna Farris and the Centre Brass Quintet *The audience is requested to join in singing.* 

#### **PRESIDING**

Tracy Langkilde, B.S., Ph.D.
Interim Executive Vice President and
Provost of Penn State

Kimberly A. Lawless, B.A., M.A., Ph.D. Dean, College of Education

#### **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

KHALID N. MUMIN, A.A., B.A., M.Ed., D.Ed. Pennsylvania Secretary of Education

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO CONFER DEGREES**

Khalid. N. Mumin Member, Board of Trustees

#### **RECOGNITION OF MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT**

DEAN KIMBERLY LAWLESS

#### **RECOGNITION OF STUDENT MARSHALS**

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

#### **CONFERRAL OF DEGREES**

TRACY LANGKILDE

#### **INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

JONATHAN KLINGEMAN, B.S.
President, Education Alumni Society
Board

#### **PENN STATE ALMA MATER**

Anna Farris

#### **RECESSIONAL**

The audience will please remain seated.

#### **College Marshals**

Gabriella Achampong
Courtney Sterner

#### **Program Marshals**

#### **Education and Public Policy**

AUTUMN FORTE

#### **Elementary and Early Childhood Education**

Alyssa Galban

#### Middle Level Education

Adam Naugle

#### **Rehabilitation and Human Services**

RORY MURPHY

#### **Secondary Education**

CAROLINE CLONTZ

#### **Special Education**

Julia Sledz

#### **World Languages Education**

NATALEE WEST

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Associate Dean for Undergraduate
and Graduate Studies

#### **Commencement Marshal-in-Charge**

Gregory Mason, B.S., M.S., M.S.Ed.

#### **University Nomenclator**

Gregory Mason

#### 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 6, 2024. Students who indicated their intent to graduate after that date are not listed. Distinction lists were determined on March 13, 2024. 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 13, 2024. 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!

#### **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**

Gabriella Salome Akosua
Achampong
Caroline Celine Clontz
Abigail Marie Dehmey
Morgan Leigh Ferry
Alyssa Anne Galban
Aimee Granada-Jeronimo
Abigail Leeann Herbert
Valarie Hibbard
Adam Ryan Naugle
Julia Sledz
Courtney Brianne Sterner
Kristen Marie Trainer
Shixing Yuan
Shelby Renee Zelensky

#### Magna Cum Laude

Avi Elizabeth Adams Morgan Alyssa Billingslea Lea Laure Arielle Bossan Sophia Marie Boysen Nina Burgos Nya Cherry Gianna Danielle Corazzi Francesca Ana Deiuliis Maria Rebecca Duiker Taylor Fullerton Mikaila Bryn Gallagher Anna Louise Greatti Alyson Elizabeth Gotlewski Caroline Sophia Horn Emalee C. Horner Meaghan Kathleen McGoldrick Isabella Maria McPadden Rory Murphy Riley Neglia Jason Edward Ostman Emma Kate Patane Abigail Paulin Rachel Lily Radosh Sarah Ilyssa Strent Nicole L. Torrillo

#### **Cum Laude**

Annie E. Walls

Destiny Andes Alyssa Aprahamian Amy Bellino Chelsea M. Boyd Alyssa Nicole Brady Riley Elisabeth Burke Courtney Amber Campbell Luke Joseph Doblick Autumn Kathleen Forte Anna Danielle Goodrow Bethany Haddock Julia Clare Hornick Abigail Kane Courtney Grace Kehoe Nicole Denise Kopko Mya Nicole Krueger Emma Nicole Leister Rachel Samantha Lundie Taylor S. McLaughlin Jessica Annette Morales-Orihuela Hope Louise Nuzback Paige Willow Ochoa Jessica Nicole Powley Julia Eran Ross Chloe Nicole Royce Megan Alyse Stoltzfus Juliana Marie Viebrock Timothy Joseph Wright

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## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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

#### **Education and Public Policy**

#### Gabriella Salome Akosua Achampong

Renxuan Cui
Martina Delora Echewa
Autumn Kathleen Forte
Robert Aivars Grots
Kyle Francis Horn-Green
Wanting Hu
Yejun Qiu
Haneefah Z. Richard
Tingxuan Sun
Yuan Tao
Emily Eve Walsh
Zhili Wang
Chelsey E. Wood

## Elementary and Early Childhood Education

Avi Elizabeth Adams Julianna Nicole Amore Alyssa Aprahamian Mari E. Austin Lauren Renee Bagley Taylor Grace Balboni Katherine Bass

Theodore James Baughan

Amy Bellino

Amanda Benmorits
Courtney Biswick
Lauren Elizabeth Blando
Gabriella Carmelina Book
Olivia Marie Boomhower
Lea Laure Arielle Bossan
Lauren Ashley Bowen
Chelsea M. Boyd
Sophia Marie Boysen
Alyssa Nicole Brady
Grace K. Brennan
Kathryn Bryson

Nina Burgos

Riley Elisabeth Burke Tara Ann Carlin Maura R. Carter

Sydni Jade Burgess

**Emily Cassidy** 

Kaitlyn E. Castelluccio Olivia Michaela Cavell Jaden Leialoha Cerreta

Maria Cima

Chiara Blaise Colletti

**Arthur Collins** 

Gianna Danielle Corazzi Emily Catherine Costello Emilee Renae Criss Alanna Brooke Crowley Juliana Lucia Cupelli Sara Rose DeBello Francesca Ana Deiuliis Julia Dobis

Maria Rebecca Duiker Allison Ann Eisert Bryce Ervin

Shiyu Feng

Morgan Leigh Ferry Madison Alexa Fishman Caroline Pandora Fiss Brooke Patricia Fledderman

Angela Forsythe
Lydia Mae Franklin
Taylor Fullerton
Lauren E. Fultz
Alyssa Anne Galban\*
Mikaila Bryn Gallagher
Julia Elizabeth Garamella

Emma Garrison Natalia Brinn Giese Anna Danielle Goodrow Alyson Elizabeth Gotlewski Christina Colleen Greeley-Erwin

Morgan Olivia Green Chloe Ella Greene Paxton Elisabeth Gregg Catherine Mary Gregory

Kayla Ann Grove Alexandra Rose Gurski Abigail Ronan Hansen

MacKenzie Rose Haraschak

Abigail Rae Harper\* Alyson Marie Hart Tyler Wayne Hayes Abigail Leeann Herbert

Valarie Hibbard Natalia Jane Hoffman

Emily Hold

Caroline Sophia Horn\*
Emalee C. Horner
Julia Clare Hornick
Kristine Nicole Howes
Emma Katherine Hurley
Alexandra Marcia Kane
Mallory Kay Kauffman
Alaina Lee Kosinski
Sophia Laila Kram

Mya Nicole Krueger Skylar Kutruff

Jaclyn Krol

Emma Claire Leisner Carli Marie Leonard Lindsey Skyler Letofsky

Hanna Long Amanda Ludwig

Joanna Lustgarten Israel

Emily Marakovits
Makenna R. Marisa
Carmya Louise Martell
Megan Claire McAfee
Lynsey Grace McCarthy
Meaghan Kathleen McGoldrick

Haley Ann McKeever Ryan Elizabeth McManus Isabella Maria McPadden

Isabella Marie Mehm

Courtney Alexandra Meyers Grace Cathleen Miller Danielle Morgan Mintz Paige Moletsky Taylor Montgomery Cameran Morales

Jessica Annette Morales-Orihuela

Emme Karina Moyer Aliya Kay Nachimson

Riley Neglia

Madelyn Santiago Niss Hope Louise Nuzback Paige Willow Ochoa Alexander James Olsen

Alexander James Oli Gina Palatucci Emma Kate Patane Avani Y. Patel Abigail Paulin

Daniel Hamilton Petka Cameron Rebecca Piecewicz

Nicholas Ian Pinketti Alison Ivy Pinter Valerie Anne Ponto Stephanie Povich Jessica Nicole Powley

Caroline Primus Megan P. Quesenberry Rachel Lily Radosh

Alexandra Catherine Rauwald

Aaliyah Rene Reynolds

Olivia Ridini Anna Ritter Julia Eran Ross

Riley McKenzi Rougeux Charlotte Anne Roumpz

Riley Jo Schultz Jordana Rae Shovlin Emily Shuster Asher G. Slotkin

Anastasia Elisabetta Sophy DeAsia Laurel Speaks Catherine Ann Jiyu Speers

Emma Stavrou Alyssa Steinberg

#### **Courtney Brianne Sterner\***

Olivia Rose Stetz Megan Alyse Stoltzfus Sarah Ilyssa Strent Brynne Marie Szabo Eleanor Willard Tartt Nathaniel Thomas Tesia Thomas

Sydney Paige Thompson Aniya Sharron Timberlake

Aniya Sharron Timber Nicole L. Torrillo Kristen Marie Trainer Alexis Rae Valimont Kathryn Marie Vera Alyssa Verderosa Annie E. Walls Kailee Sabryna Warne

Kailee Sabryna Warner Julia Rae Wolfinger Reagan Alexis Wood Marra Woodring Haley Wuenschel

Dominique Michelle Zeno

\*Graduating as a Schreyer Scholar with Honors **Bold: college marshal**Italic: program marshal

#### Middle Level Education

Katie M. Baker Emily Boccarossa Isabella Grace Buonanno Courtney Amber Campbell Antonia Certaine Amy Jean Ferari Victoria Rose Ferro Brooke Ellie Feuchter Ethan Robert Handfinger Summer Madison Kaminski Abigail Kane Yusuf Edwina Kara David Michael Kriston Emma Nicole Leister Jordana Marie McCloy Kaitlyn Elizabeth Morrison Adam Ryan Naugle Emma Rose Neely Anne Marie Noe Maysen Alexa Paul Mallory N. Robinson Lindsay Mae Rose Giuseppe V. Silimperi Ethan Ross Simon Juliana Marie Viebrock Amanda Lynn Weinheimer Timothy Joseph Wright

#### Rehabilitation and **Human Services**

Sarah Elisabeth Adams **Destiny Andes** Kaylee Evelyn Chisholm Suzanne Marie Conners Siena Rose De Tuerk James Anderson Friebert Gabrielle Jorden Gallentine Jaykob Daniel Gonzalez Jacob Aaron Groger Amanda Herman Cade Horwath Madeleine Christine Johnston Ashley Jones Gabrielle Alexa Katz Julia Rose Kokotakis Rachel Samantha Lundie Cristina Nicole Marsicano Gabriella Gracie Mauro Kaylee Susan McCullough Lauren McIntyre Claudia Lynn Melocchi Dawens Menardy Rory Murphy\* Kathleen Myers Hyun Konner Paik Anna Eddy Riedinger Chloe Nicole Royce Morganne A. Schrading Jessica S. Sherman Mackenzie Lynne Spear Sydney Christine Stout Adanech Addie Strauss

Laura Beth Van Hoeven

Julia Elizabeth Walsh

Lucas A. Walker

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#### **Secondary Education**

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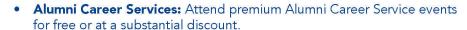
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