

Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2023



PENN STATE ALTOONA

May 6, 2023



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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!

To Our Guests

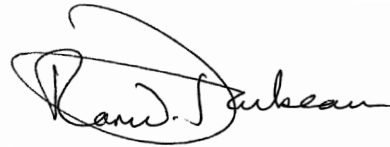
We welcome you to the commencement exercises for baccalaureate and associate degree candidates.

Commencement, the solemn but joyful climax and recognition of the graduates' years of study, is an important occasion to the University, its faculty, staff, and students. All guests and participants are requested to avoid unnecessary conversation or moving about during the exercises.

A Message from the Chancellor

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Penn State Altoona as well as our Advisory and Alumni Society Boards, it gives me great pride and pleasure to welcome you to today's commencement ceremony. Today we recognize the talent, dedication and hard work of our soon-to-be graduates in achieving this significant milestone in their academic careers. Further, we recognize that their success is a reflection of the support given to them by their families, friends, and the many others who cheered them on.

To our newest graduates, we wish you well in your future endeavors. There will, of course, be times of accomplishment and times of challenge ahead. We urge you to approach them with balance, confidence, humility, and to embrace the simple reality that learning is a life-long endeavor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ron Darbeau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R" and "D".

Dr. Ron Darbeau
Chancellor



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 **unlimited online storage** and a collection of digital tools.

DISCOUNTS



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

Additional benefits include early invitations to Alumni Association events, access to the Alumni Directory, publications including the *Penn Stater* magazine, and much more!

About Penn State Altoona

Penn State Altoona is a full-service, residential campus located less than forty-five miles from the University Park campus. The college enrolls nearly 2,600 students and offers twenty-one baccalaureate degree programs, five associate degree programs, and the first two years of course work for more than 275 Penn State majors that can be completed at other Penn State campuses.

Penn State Altoona's Ivyside campus, home to the college since 1947, consists of all-purpose athletic fields, turf soccer field with eight-lane track, reflecting pond, thirty-three buildings, and four residence halls. In 1999, the college added its first location in downtown Altoona with the leasing of the former Playhouse Theater. Since then, the college has expanded its footprint in the downtown, which is now home to Devorris Downtown Center (classrooms and conference facilities), Aaron Building (communications suite, nursing simulation labs, Dining Car Downtown, William J Castle Executive Quarters, and Sutter Suites), Kazmaier Family Building (Development and Alumni Relations Office), The Sheetz Center for Entrepreneurial Excellence (entrepreneurship program and Sheetz Fellows program), and Penn Building (classrooms, office space).

The college boasts world-class faculty in all of its four academic divisions: Arts and Humanities; Business, Engineering, and Information Sciences and Technology; Education, Human Development, and Social Sciences; and Mathematics and Natural Sciences. Small classes and excellent support systems enable students to reach their fullest potential. The small campus environment allows for a comprehensive learning experience while combining the high standards of a major research university.

Penn State Altoona believes that the college experience should include more than just classroom learning and therefore is proud to offer its students a wide array of extracurricular opportunities. These opportunities include more than sixty clubs and organizations, community service opportunities, honor societies, pre-professional groups, student government, club sports, and student leadership programs.

An NCAA Division III member, with primary conference membership in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) and secondary conference membership in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC), Penn State Altoona offers fifteen varsity sports for men and women.

Baccalaureate and Associate Degree Program

Dr. Ron Darbeau
Chancellor of Penn State Altoona
Presiding

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL
Prelude to Te Deum, Charpentier
Performed by Encore Brass

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Sung by Christian Howard, Class of '23
The audience is asked to join in the singing.

REMARKS
Chancellor Ron Darbeau

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
Roger Rickard

AUTHORIZATION TO CONFER DEGREES
Dr. Nicholas J. Rowland
The Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Dr. Brian Black, Division Head
Arts and Humanities

Dr. Todd Batzel, Division Head
Business, Engineering, and Information Sciences and
Technology

Dr. Leigh Ann Haefner, Division Head
Education, Human Development, and Social
Sciences

Dr. Edward Levri, Division Head
Mathematics and Natural Sciences

PRESENTATION OF SCHREYER HONORS MEDAL
Chancellor Ron Darbeau

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES
Presiding: Chancellor Ron Darbeau

CONGRATULATIONS BY THE COLLEGE
ADVISORY BOARD
Bobbie Miller, Chair
Penn State Altoona Advisory Board

RECOGNITION BY THE PENN STATE
ALUMNI SOCIETY
Dr. Tracy Hinish, President
Penn State Altoona Alumni Society

ALMA MATER
Sung by Christian Howard
Penn State Altoona Class of '23
The audience is asked to join in the singing.

RECESSIONAL
Allegro Maestoso, Handel
Performed by Encore Brass

PLEASE NOTE

The audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional.

Commencement Speaker

Roger Rickard

Roger Rickard is the founder and president of Voices in Advocacy®, the author of 7 Actions of Highly Effective Advocates, and host of the Voices in Advocacy podcast. He has more than thirty years of experience as an advocacy professional, speaker, trainer, consultant, and author. As a recognized expert in advocacy engagement and grassroots activation, Rickard works with a wide cross-section of organizations from diverse industries.

Rickard is a proud Penn State Nittany Lion and self-confessed political junkie, having received his education in political science. He has been an advocate for citizen involvement since the age of thirteen.

He was elected to public office three times as a young man, served as a state senate staff member, and has worked on many political campaigns from his very own clear up to presidential campaigns.

He has served in numerous industry associations' leadership roles, is a recipient of several international industry awards, and is a member of Meeting Professional International's prestigious "Community of Honorees."

Rickard is often interviewed by radio, print, and television media, including being highlighted by the MSNBC show Your Business. Successful Meetings magazine named Rickard one of the "Six People Worth Watching in the Meetings Industry," Meetings Focus magazine named him to their inaugural list of "Meetings Trendsetters," and in 2020, Connect magazine named him to their inaugural "Class of 15 over 50 influencers."

At 6'8", Rickard is a big man, a big thinker, and is casually known as "the big guy with a bow tie."



Program Notes

ACADEMIC DRESS

Academic dress had its beginning in the Middle Ages. When European universities were taking form in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, scholars were also clerics and adopted robes similar to those of their monastic orders. Caps were a necessity in the drafty buildings, and capes with hoods attached were needed for warmth. These early scholars made the hood distinctive for the various degrees by its color, trimming, and binding. As the universities gradually passed from the control of these ecclesiastics, academic dress took on brighter hues.

The use of academic garb in the United States has been continuous since the founding of our first institution in colonial times. A uniform system was not widespread, however, until about 1895 when the well-defined code of the Intercollegiate Commission was adopted by nearly all institutions of higher learning.

Gowns worn by those in the procession vary according to the degree held. Although the gown is more frequently black for academic degrees, certain universities have authorized the use of colored gowns. The academic gown has short or regular sleeves for the bachelor's degree, pointed sleeves for the master's degree, and round full sleeves for the doctor's degree. There are no trimmings on the bachelor's and master's gowns, but the doctor's gown is faced in front with black velvet and has three bars of the same material across the sleeves. In some cases, the color of this velvet relates to the field in which the degree is granted.

Hoods are not usually worn by recipients of the bachelor's degree. The hood, which is the most distinctive feature of the American code, varies in length according to the type of degree held and is lined with the official colors of the institution conferring the degree. The velvet border or edging of the hood indicates the discipline of the degree it represents: scarlet, theology; blue, philosophy; light blue, education; brown, fine arts; blue violet, architecture; copper, economics; drab, business administration; golden yellow, science; green, medicine; sage green, physical education; orange, engineering; pink, music; purple, law; russet, forestry; and white, arts, letters, humanities.

The cap is usually square and is the same for all degrees. The standard tassel is black, but the doctor's cap may have a gold tassel. The standard cap is the mortarboard and is usually the color of the gown. Undergraduates wear the tassel on the right side of the cap until the moment the degree is conferred.

CONFERRING OF DEGREE

The legal corporate body of The Pennsylvania State University is its Board of Trustees. This is the entity that, by its charter, is given complete responsibility for the governance, welfare, and all other interests pertaining to the University. The Medallion presented by the Board of Trustees and worn by the Chancellor symbolizes the authority of the Chancellor to confer on each candidate the degree earned, as certified by the appropriate college faculty and administration.

ACADEMIC MACE AND MEDALLION

The tradition of the mace can be dated to medieval kings, whose bodyguards would use a mace as an instrument of protection. It came to symbolize strength and authority. Originally, it was a weapon of offense that was made of iron and capable of breaking armor. It was a giant club, which came to be associated with brave men who fought to protect the king. During medieval times, the royal sergeants at arms were distinguished by their power of arrest without a warrant. To an increasing extent, the maces—originally ordinary weapons of war, similar to a club—became their emblems of authority from a noble lord or the king. These maces were stamped with the royal arms; and in an age in which few could read and write, the sergeants effected their arrests by showing their maces and not by producing any form of written warrant.

The evolution of maces from weapons of war to symbolic representations has seen the flanged head decrease in size to an ornamental bracket. The butt end historically carried the royal coat of arms and an arched crown surmounted by an orb and cross. As a result of the expansion of the butt end, maces began to be carried upside down with the crown uppermost.

Gradually, universities adopted the use of a mace to show the right of academic institutions to grant degrees to graduates. When English universities were taking form in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, the mace was used as a symbol of royal authority at the universities the King established. It was displayed especially during formal ceremonies. The mace was carried by the most senior member of the faculty at the royal university before the president or chancellor and other dignitaries composing the platform party. The mace symbolically represents the college's authority to exist and function as an institution of higher education.

As symbols of events and affiliations, medallions can be traced to religious orders during the Middle Ages. Since many orders, societies, and universities used similar designs—a circle, cross, or an oval—detailed artwork in the center of the medallion was adopted to differentiate each affiliation. Colleges and universities traditionally use ceremonial and commemorative medallions for formal occasions such as commencements, convocations, inaugurations, and other occasions when academic dress is worn. The academic medallion worn by the president or chancellor of the institution symbolically and officially represents his or her authority granted by the proper legal authority (the board of trustees, state authority, etc.) to confer degrees upon graduates of the institution.

HONOR CORDS

Honor cords are double ropes knotted at the back of the neck and worn over the robe during commencement. The cords are awarded for academic honor, as well as for service and leadership. At Penn State Altoona, only honor cords for academic achievement or from recognized campus honor societies may be worn.

Penn State Altoona baccalaureate degree candidates graduating summa cum laude have attained a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.97 or higher; candidates graduating magna cum laude have attained a cumulative GPA between 3.93 and 3.96; and candidates graduating cum laude have attained a cumulative GPA between 3.83 and 3.92.

The College of Education confers the degree in Childhood and Early Adolescent Education offered at Penn State Altoona. Its baccalaureate degree candidates graduating summa cum laude have attained a GPA of 3.99; candidates graduating magna cum laude have attained a cumulative GPA between 3.92 and 3.97; and candidates graduating cum laude have attained a cumulative GPA between 3.90 and 3.94.

The College of Nursing confers the degree in Nursing offered at Penn State Altoona. Its baccalaureate degree candidates graduating summa cum laude have attained a GPA of 3.98; candidates graduating magna cum laude have attained a cumulative GPA between 3.92 and 3.97; and candidates graduating cum laude have attained a cumulative GPA between 3.85 and 3.91.

Throughout The Pennsylvania State University, associate degree candidates graduating summa cum laude have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.98 or higher; candidates graduating magna cum laude have attained a cumulative GPA between 3.90 and 3.97; and candidates graduating cum laude have attained a cumulative GPA between 3.81 and 3.89.

Penn State Altoona currently has 16 honor societies that award honor cords for service or leadership.

Honor Societies

ALPHA PHI SIGMA

(National Criminal Justice Honor Society)

Blue and gold braided cords

Jacob Christian Jesteadt

BETA BETA BETA

(National Biological Honor Society)

Forest Green and red cords

Rebecca Reeder

Alicia A Royer

Benjamin M Tilmes

KAPPA DELTA PI

(International Honor Society in Education)

Green and purple cords

Megan Hartman

Ryan Lenhart

Sarah Elisabeth Wendle

Mary Wilson

Michaila Lynne Wolfe

KAPPA OMICRON NU

(The Human Services Honor Society)

Double cream and burgundy cords

Krystle L Cruthers

Anna Dale Quirin

LAMBDA PI ETA

(National Communication Association Honor Society)

Gold cords

Kolby M Cowher

Isaac Hasis Swanson

Jewel Marie Weyandt

PENN STATE ALTOONA HONORS PROGRAM

Royal purple cords

Samantha Anderson

Justin Best

† Emma Hoover

Eemonie Nyaasia Moore

Timothy Samuel Richard

Alicia A Royer

Alexa Danielle Smith

PSI CHI

(International Honor Society in Psychology)

Navy and platinum cords

Alyson Mae Barley

Reid Dutchess

Rebecca Reeder

Sophia Grace Rubolino

SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE SCHOLARS

The Scholars Medal

Eemonie Nyaasia Moore

† Student Marshal

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Sigma Beta Delta

*(International Honor Society for Business,
Management and Administration)*

Green and gold cords

Haley Chambers
Alauna Ann Feathers
Shyanne Middendorf
Stephanie Swain
Caitlin Elizabeth Wolfe

SIGMA TAU DELTA

(International English Honor Society)

Red and black cords

Katerina M Poulos
Rebecca Reeder
Danielle Jayne West-Habjanetz

SIGMA THETA TAU

(Honor Society of Nursing)

Purple and white cords

Samantha Anderson
Grace Dangelo
Lindsey Marie McClaren
Cortney Raelyn McMath

Sheetz Fellows

The Sheetz Fellows program is the vision of Steve and Nancy Sheetz. It was established as part of the couple's historic gift to Penn State Altoona in 2009.

Sheetz Fellows participate in advanced instruction and activities that promote an enhanced awareness and understanding of leadership, service, and ethics. Established academic standards must be met to maintain status within the program. Other requirements include completion of a study abroad experience, credit-bearing internship, and a minor or option in entrepreneurship.

Sheetz Fellows processing in the commencement ceremony are identified by the specially crafted medallion that is worn proudly around their necks as a symbol of their commitment to academic excellence.

SHEETZ FELLOWS

Medallion with blue ribbon

Julia Rae Aumiller
Kaelynn Elizabeth Behrens
Justin Best
Alauna Ann Feathers
Salvatore F Fiore
Garrett P Giedroc
Robert Walter Lape IV
Tyler J Masterson
Shyanne Middendorf
Bradley Adam Shaffer
Alexa Danielle Smith
Vanessa N Wilt
Tomasz Jan Zukowski

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Student Marshals

Each of the four student marshals is an outstanding student chosen by his or her division head to represent their respective academic division. As an honor, they carry their division's banner at the head of their division. We are proud to publish the following personal narratives highlighting their experiences at Penn State Altoona.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

CHRISTIAN HOWARD

Bachelor of Arts in Integrative Arts

Escort: Dr. Bonnie Cutsforth-Huber

It is a great honor to represent the Arts and Humanities here at Penn State Altoona. When I first arrived on campus, I, like many others, had no idea what I wanted to do. I saw Penn State Altoona as a starting place, but as opportunity and place found me, it quickly became my ending place as well.

Within the first week, I found a home in the Misciagna building. What was once just a quiet place to study became my second home on campus, one that I even contemplated moving into on those long rehearsal nights. Wrapped up in music, theatre, and dance, the Integrative Arts major was a no-brainer. The brilliant faculty here helped to guide and refine my artistry. They gave me something that money can't buy: their time. Going above and beyond the call of duty and sharing their wisdom and passion to see me succeed and blossom into the artist I am quickly becoming. This intimate, personal connection is something you cannot find anywhere else. That is true education. This is not my entire journey, this is just the genesis of something great.

Even through the struggles, unforeseen circumstances, pandemics, one thing is for certain: art survives. We adapt. The light of the human spirit and its expression perseveres, even in the faces of those who seek to snuff it out.

BUSINESS, EDUCATION, AND INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

BRETT ECKENRODE

Bachelor of Science in Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology

Escort: Dr. Chris Martin

Ever since I was little, becoming an engineer has been my dream. However, as the years came and went, the answer to the question "what type of engineer?" still eluded me. I had developed a liking for designing and 3D modeling, electricity and its hardware, and computers and coding. Throughout grade school, I was unable to narrow my choice. In the end, all it took was one trip to Penn State Altoona and my mind was made up. The day I toured the campus, I knew I was joining Penn State Altoona's Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology (EMET) program.

The EMET program at Penn State Altoona was perfect. It synergized the best aspects of mechanical, electrical, and computer engineering into one flowing degree. I believe that this program creates engineers who can understand every piece of a machine, mechanism, or process so that anything they produce is not just theoretical, but realistic and machinable.

Over my four years at this beautiful campus, I have been presented with a multitude of opportunities. In the mornings or between classes, I was able to work at Port-Sky Café, where I made friends, memories, and income to help pay for schooling. During nights, I was part of the Altoona Motorsports club, where I put my newfound engineering skills to the test by designing and manufacturing a competition-worthy Baja car, learning from the masters as the engineering support specialists passed on their knowledge and steered us toward success.

Classes at Penn State Altoona made me strive to do my best while making me feel welcome. Nearly all my professors knew me by name and would even greet me in passing. They care about my success, they love to teach, and they always are ready and willing to help. The great faculty and staff of Penn State Altoona are what makes this campus great; they guided me on my path to becoming the man and engineer that I am today. If I could go back in time, I would not change a thing. I am proud to be an EMET graduate from Penn State Altoona.

EDUCATION, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

MACIE HICKS

Bachelor of Science in Elementary and Early

Childhood Education

Escort: Laura Lance

I am truly honored to have been selected as the Student Marshal for the Division of Education, Human Development, and Social Sciences for the graduating class of spring 2023.

What a privilege it has been to pursue my passion for education and love for teaching young learners at Penn State! Penn State's diverse community and enriching academics reiterate its prestige, alongside its fervent faculty and abounding opportunities for success. I am so thankful to have experienced college as a Nittany Lion! The community at Penn State has encouraged me to explore myself and the world around me. Attending college mid-pandemic was a unique experience that taught me how to recognize hardships as opportunities and readily respond to difficulties with optimism and hard work. Despite failures or adversity, I believe that how one responds to uncontrollable circumstances determines their achievement in controllable circumstances. My field experience as a first-grade student teacher was the first time I was able to reflect on my growth as an individual responding to circumstances out of my control. What a meaningful, eye-opening experience it was to actively rehearse the ability to acknowledge spontaneous situations with confidence and composure. In a world of uncertainty, remain assured that you will triumph over your most difficult hardships by focusing on those aspects of life you can control. The world is one big classroom, so despite adversity, appreciate your teachers, love your peers, and never stop striving to learn all of life's infinite lessons.

I would like to give a special "thank you" to my family, friends, supervisors, mentor teacher, and eighteen of the sweetest first graders, with an honorary shoutout to my remarkable mom! None of my accomplishments would have been possible without your immense support. Your love and encouragement have meant more to me than you know!

We Are, and always will be, Penn State!

MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES

EMMA HOOVER

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Escort: Dr. Juan Gil

I cannot even begin to express how grateful I am for my time here at Penn State Altoona. When I first started college, I thought I knew exactly what I wanted to do with my life. I was convinced I was going to be a Mechanical Engineer. I was part of the two plus two program and I transferred to University Park after my first two years in college. However, it only took me a few short days to realize that I wasn't where I should be. With the help of some amazing professors (shoutout to Dr. Juan Gil!), I was able to find my path in mathematics. I promptly transferred back to Penn State Altoona as a mathematics major, and it was the best decision I could have made.

Upon my return to Altoona, I became involved in research in mathematics, and I became president of the Math Club. Through the Math Club, I have made lifelong friendships, for which I will forever be grateful. And through research, I have had many enriching experiences. Research has taught me to think in a different way. I have learned to look at things from every possible angle.

I would like to say a special thanks to my mentor and friend, Dr. Juan Gil. Thank you for everything you have done for me. I will forever be grateful for your wisdom and guidance. Thank you for helping me become the mathematician I am today.

PLEASE NOTE

The information in this document was produced on April 14, 2023, as an official list of students who indicated an intent to graduate. Students who indicated their intent to graduate after that production date are not listed.

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

DIVISION OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Associate in Arts
Multidisciplinary Studies
Altoona College

Abby Renae Allenbaugh

Bachelor of Arts
Communications
Altoona College

Kolby M Cowher
Michael Charles Filardi
Andrew Harman
* Troy H McCarty
Samantha Mohny
Isaac Hasis Swanson
Jewel Marie Weyandt, *Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Arts
English
Altoona College

Danielle Jayne West-Habjanetz
Patrick Louis Wolford

Bachelor of Arts
History
Altoona College

Alicia Dutrow
Joseph Von Gagermeier
Noah S Plank
Matthew Wolff

Bachelor of Arts
Integrative Arts
Altoona College

Caroline Elise Eckenrode
Grace Margaret Files
† Christian Samuel Howard, *Cum Laude*
Lorren Owen McGarvey

Bachelor of Arts
Multidisciplinary Studies
Altoona College

Julia Rae Aumiller

Bachelor of Arts
Political Science
Altoona College

Kolby M Cowher

Bachelor of Arts
Visual Art Studies
Altoona College

Matthew Steven Hicks
Meghann Mignogna
Amy Lee Norris

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DIVISION OF BUSINESS, ENGINEERING, AND INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Associate in Science
Business Administration
Altoona College

Brianna Blevins
Benjamin Foster Neil

Bachelor of Science
Accounting
Altoona College

Haley Chambers, *Summa Cum Laude*
Zackery Douglas Copp
Kyle Fortney, *Magna Cum Laude*
Matthew Lenoard Garrett
Matthew G Guah II
Alex Kitko
Jordan Marosz
Shyanne Middendorf, *Cum Laude*
Stephanie Swain
Tomasz Jan Zukowski

Bachelor of Science
Business
Altoona College

Kaelynn Elizabeth Behrens, *Cum Laude*
Justin Best, *Magna Cum Laude*
Alauna Ann Feathers, *Magna Cum Laude*
Salvatore F Fiore
* Kaitlyne Gibson
Garrett P Giedroc
Robert Walter Lape IV
Joseph L Pellicane
* Adam Francis Ratkus
Gabriella Annalise Scheftic
Bradley Adam Shaffer
Alexa Danielle Smith, *Summa Cum Laude*
Lauren Elizabeth Stetler
Vanessa N Wilt
Caitlin Elizabeth Wolfe

Bachelor of Science
Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations
Altoona College

Nathan Leonard Fisher
Blake Johnston
Colby Sullivan Mattice

Bachelor of Science
Electro-Mechanical Engineering
Altoona College

Brennan Paul Bailey
* Elizabeth Nicole Bender
Richard D Chronister
Zachary Paul Debnar
† Brett Eckenrode, *Summa Cum Laude*
Nicholas Garrett
Bryce Anthony Hornberger
Alex Michael Horwitz
Seth David Horwitz
Matthew Joseph Illig, *Cum Laude*
Andrew Todd Imler
Isaac J Jackson
Benjamin Vincent Leffler, *Cum Laude*
Zachary Ryan McCarty
Jason Thomas McElheny
Stephen Henry Nileski
Ryan Spencer Platt
Noah Reighard
Steven Roderick St.Pierre
Michael D Van Hook
Jacob Alan Vinglas
Matthew Robert Weimert
Marcus Anthony Wirfel
Bentley Allen Zimmerman

Bachelor of Science
Rail Transportation Engineering
Altoona College

Connor Joseph Cashman
Kerry Jay Chen
William Arthur Ferry
Chiang-Ting Lee
Dawson John Luzier
Nicholas William Martino
Jacob Narup

Bachelor of Science
Security and Risk Analysis
Altoona College

Cody Anthony Dively
Kaitlyn Margaret Estright
Kyle D Glass
Alexander Lieb
Tyler J Masterson

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DIVISION OF EDUCATION, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Associate in Science

Criminal Justice

Altoona College

Luke Edward Brown
Tyler James Doyle
Trae Matthew Stever

Ashton Blair Robinson, *Cum Laude*

Rachael K Stuck
Sarah Elisabeth Wendle
Mary Wilson
Michaila Lynne Wolfe, *Magna
Cum Laude*

Niklas Fisanick
Katie Lissett Flores
Anna Frew

Emily Gehris
Allie Grace Goss
Taylor Heckman
Avery Heisey
Rylee Taylor Keeler
Victoria Linde
Lindsey Marie McClaren, *Summa
Cum Laude*
McKenzie Jade McCoy
Mikala Alexis McCracken
Cortney Raelyn McMath
Courtne Syiera Moyer
Jameilah Naciri
Alyssa Marie Nastase
Hannah Palko
Marissa Lynn Peros, *Cum Laude*
Tori Pfeilstucker
Katerina M Poulos
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