

Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2024

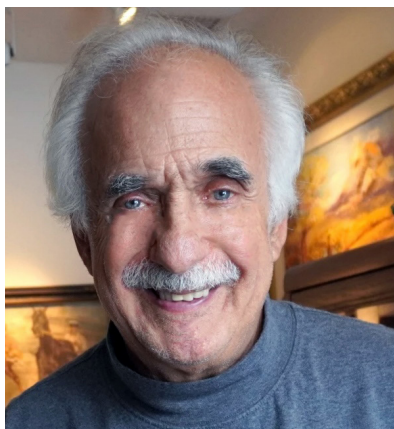
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024
ADLER ATHLETIC COMPLEX
10:00 A.M.



PennState
Altoona

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Jerry Zolten



Dr. Jerry Zolten is a Penn State professor best known for his writing, producing, and film work. His publications cover a range of subjects from American roots music and comedy to the Beatles. His album productions with Grammy-winning artists and collaborations with cartoonist/satirist Robert Crumb remain notably in the public eye.

Zolten's most recent works include a second edition of his book *Great God A'Mighty!* about the legendary African American gospel group the Dixie

Hummingbirds, and the HBO MAX streaming film *How They Got Over: Gospel Quartets and the Road to Rock 'n' Roll* which he co-produced and in which he appears.

He can currently be seen in the *Ballad of the Dreadnought*, a documentary film from the iconic Pennsylvania-based Martin Guitar Company, and in *Gospel*, a PBS documentary series from Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

GRADUATION PHOTOS

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BACCALAUREATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Dr. Ron Darbeau
Chancellor and Dean of
Penn State Altoona
Presiding

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Prelude to Te Deum, Charpentier
Performed by Encore Brass

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Sung by Brandis Ajay
Penn State Altoona Class of 2020
*The audience is asked to join
in the singing.*

REMARKS

Chancellor and Dean Ron Darbeau

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Jerry Zolten

AUTHORIZATION TO CONFER DEGREES

Dr. Nicholas Rowland
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Board of Trustees

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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

Dr. Edward Levri
Interim Division Head, Business,
Engineering, and Information Sciences
and Technology
Division Head, Mathematics and
Natural Sciences

PRESENTATION OF SCHREYER HONORS MEDALS

Chancellor and Dean Ron Darbeau

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Presiding: Chancellor and Dean Ron
Darbeau
Assisting: Gina Baird, Registrar

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Penn State Altoona Alumni Society

ALMA MATER

Sung by Brandis Ajay
Penn State Altoona Class of 2020

RECESSIONAL

Allegro Maestoso, Handel
Performed by Encore Brass

PLEASE NOTE

The audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional.

STUDENT MARSHALS

Each of the five student marshals is an outstanding student chosen by their division head to represent their respective academic division. We are proud to publish the following personal narratives highlighting their experiences at Penn State Altoona.

DIVISION OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

AIDAN JACOB PELLEGRINO

Bachelor of Arts in English

Bachelor of Arts in History

Escorted by Dr. Sandy Petrulionis

I am honored to be chosen as the Division of Arts and Humanities Student Marshal for the spring 2024 graduation.

My first year at Penn State Altoona was filled with anxiety about COVID-19 and trying to thrive in a new environment. I will be a first-generation college graduate, but I couldn't have done it on my own. At Penn State Altoona, I learned how to read, write, and listen critically, but the experiences have shaped who I am. Without the support of my loving family, caring friends, and an amazing faculty that guided my every step, I wouldn't be where I am. It's terrifying to call this the end, but the future holds treasures that can't be found in the past. As my time concludes at Penn State Altoona, I find it important that we remind ourselves that ...

We are Penn State!

DIVISION OF BUSINESS, ENGINEERING, AND INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

JACKSON DARIUS BOYER

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

Bachelor of Science in Business

Escorted by Donna Bon

I am honored to serve as the Student Marshal for the Division of Business, Engineering, and Information Sciences and Technology during spring 2024 graduation.

Transferring to Penn State and subsequently deciding to stay at Penn State Altoona were the greatest decisions I made in my educational journey. At Penn State Altoona, I was met with a community of faculty and students that were willing to help me succeed. I had the privilege of being the president of the Sheetz Fellows Program, which allowed me to develop rich friendships and the competencies to be a leader. I thrived on the small class dynamic of Penn State Altoona; however, I was also able to make the most of the University's vast resources to build a thorough education. For this, I am thankful to my amazing academic adviser, Professor Hommer. Moreover, I could tell that my teachers wanted to invest in my success, and I am grateful for their endless support. I am very pleased with the life Penn State Altoona has allowed me to build, and I am grateful for all the people who helped me on this long journey. I have stood on the shoulders of tremendous professors and mentors, and for that I am thankful.

STUDENT MARSHALS

DIVISION OF EDUCATION, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

LAUREN YOUNG

Bachelor of Science in Elementary and
Early Childhood Education

Escorted by Lori Crownover

It is such a privilege to be the Student Marshal for the Division of Education, Human Development, and Social Sciences for the spring 2024 graduation!

I am so appreciative of my time at Penn State, and I have enjoyed growing as both a person and a future educator. I am thankful for my professors, classmates, and my family and friends who have made this journey possible and memorable. I have learned so much here, and while I am excited to start my new adventure, it is bittersweet to move on. I look forward to becoming a teacher and making a difference in the community. I am proud to say I am a part of the Penn State family, and I wish the best of luck to all of the other graduates!

We Are!

DIVISION OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES

ELLE KATHERINE MCGREGOR

Bachelor of Science in Biology

Escorted by Mary Kananen

I am honored to have been chosen as co-marshal for the Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. My time as a biology student at Penn State Altoona has been entirely gratifying. I am extremely grateful for the faculty who have made each day enjoyable and have ultimately guided me towards my long-term goals. Science and math courses are certainly challenging, but the community here was nothing but encouraging and supportive.

Outside of coursework, I had opportunities to present research with Dr. DePasquale. Our project utilized zebrafish to study Alzheimer disease behaviors. While participating in research indeed strengthened my scientific skills, it also feels very fulfilling to have contributed insight towards this prevalent disease. I also spent time volunteering in a healthcare setting, in which I directly communicated with patients regarding resources in the community. I am confident that these experiences, amongst others, have helped to prepare me for my next step in attending medical school this coming fall. Above all, my time with friends and family throughout these undergraduate years has been most memorable. I will fondly look back at my time spent at Penn State Altoona. Congratulations to my fellow classmates for graduating and beginning a new chapter of their lives!

STUDENT MARSHALS

DIVISION OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES

PHILIP MICHAEL CHAMBERLIN

Bachelor of Science in Math

Escorted by Juan Gil

I am honored to serve as a student marshal for the Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences.

Starting college in 2020 was ... nontraditional, to say the least. I planned to attend Penn State Altoona pursuing a degree in meteorology and moving to University Park to finish. When the time came to switch, I couldn't resist the charm of Penn State Altoona and decided to stay here all four years, becoming a mathematics major. This was one of the best decisions that I could have made. Altoona has been a place where I felt like I was truly a part of campus, serving as vice president of the Math Club for two years and being heavily involved in materials science research. Through the support of many people, I have learned more about myself and my subjects of interest than I could have ever learned at University Park. Our professors care about their students. They pushed me out of my comfort zone, forcing me to confront challenging problems, and shaping me into the mathematician and researcher that I am today.

I am grateful for this community, my family, and the professors that have made my college experience unique and unforgettable. Thank you for everything!

HONOR SOCIETIES

Alpha Phi Sigma

(National Criminal Justice Honor Society)

Blue and gold braided cords

Caitlin T Cowen
Emily E Coyne
Ziwei Lin
Jazzmine McCauley

Beta Beta Beta

(National Biological Honor Society)

Forest Green and red cords

Gracie Harlow
Haley A Hatch
Jennifer Kovach
† Elle Katherine McGregor
Hannah Marie Roesch
Rachel Erika Sleeth
Emily Mary Violette

Chi Alpha Sigma

(National College Athlete Honor Society)

Medallion with black ribbon

Cole Parker Brechbill
Mason Parker Bush
Brooke Alynn College
Caitlin T Cowen
Cameron Brody Dubbs
Connor William Ebersole
Avery James Farabaugh
Robert Michael Hicks
Jared Evan Kish
Camryn N Kurilla
Madison Blake Lucas
Chloe M Mazza
Alexander Grant McClellan
Nathaniel David McCourt

Engineering Scholar

Navy and Copper

Ethan Joseph Crates
Jacob Matthew Dicken
Brant Justin Kensing
Jared Evan Kish
Matthew Robert Mackereth
Thanatat Thanaravisara
Jason Lee Wiker

Kappa Delta Pi

(International Honor Society in Education)

Green and purple cords

Charley Elizabeth Hoffman
Stevie Jo Hoover
Madelynn A Kanouff
Isabella Renee Pettenati
Hannah Kylie Pfeffer
Jadakiss M Runk
Lauren Marie Young

Kappa Omicron Nu

(The Human Services Honor Society)

Double cream and burgundy cords

Emily Rose Hanes
Camryn N Kurilla
Pamela L Lantz

Lambda Pi Eta

(National Communication Association Honor Society)

Gold cords

Eve Ergler
Talon Cade McKendree
Jadie Lee Pensyl
McKenzie Nicole Quirin

HONOR SOCIETIES

Penn State Altoona Honors Program
Royal purple cords

† Jackson Darius Boyer
† Philip Michael Chamberlin
Maggie Lauren Erickson Boyer
Jacob Matthew Dicken
† Aidan Jacob Pellegrino
Abdul Rahman Rafie
Rachel Erika Sleeth

Psi Chi
(International Honor Society in Psychology)
Navy and platinum cords

Anisa Danielle Miller
Maralee Ranae Caldana
Abigail Morgan Cole
Zoe M Eidet
Nicole A McCombie
Dean Scott Pacino
Kylee Marie Rishel

Schreyer Honors College Scholars
The Scholars Medal

† Jackson Darius Boyer
Abdul Rahman Rafie

Sheetz Fellows
Medallion with blue ribbon

Hailey Alwine
Kiera Jade Berkheimer
Geoffrey Brian Biddle
† Jackson Darius Boyer
Maggie Lauren Erickson Boyer
Katie J Cook
Dominic Michael Corrado
Case David Donaldson
Lainie Heuston
* Michael Patrick Jackson
Jadie Lee Pensyl
Blaise Alexander Pierce
Kyra Lynne Pittman

Sigma Beta Delta
**(International Honor Society for Business,
Management and Administration)**
Green and gold cords

† Jackson Darius Boyer
Maggie Lauren Erickson Boyer
Lainie Heuston
Matthew Allan Lenze
Abdul Rahman Rafie

Sigma Theta Tau
(Honor Society of Nursing)
Purple and white cords

Kylee Davis
Lydia Marie Ortman
Olivia Grace Sharrow

Theta Chi Chapter of Tri-Alpha
Honor Society
**(A National Honor Society for
First-Generation College Students)**
Blue and grey cords

Eve Ergler
Pamela L Lantz
McKenna Lyn Meyer
Anisa Danielle Miller
Jadie Lee Pensyl
McKenzie Nicole Quirin
Kylee Marie Rishel
Delaney Caroline Russell
Leah Starr Tippet
Lam Tung Vo

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

PLEASE NOTE

The information in this document was produced on April 26, 2024, 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.

Degrees officially will be conferred in May, pending successful completion of all degree requirements. Subject to completion of all degree requirements and satisfaction of minimum criteria, distinction may be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements.

DIVISION OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Bachelor of Arts
Communications
Altoona College

Jordan Chase Cookerly
Eve Ergler
Nicholas James Graziano
Talon Cade McKendree
* Sabrina Maria Nigro
Jadie Lee Pensyl
McKenzie Nicole Quirin

Bachelor of Arts
English
Altoona College

Brian Charles Burkhart
† Aidan Jacob Pellegrino,
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts
History
Altoona College

Skyler Dane McCaulley
† Aidan Jacob Pellegrino,
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts
Integrative Arts
Altoona College

Oluwakemisola Rebecca
Ebigbola

Bachelor of Arts
Political Science
Altoona College

Anaya Phillips

† Student Marshal

* Anticipated graduation date is August 2024.

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

DIVISION OF BUSINESS, ENGINEERING, AND INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Associate in Science
Business Administration
Altoona College

Eric Paul Jordan
Leah Marie Kratzer, *Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science
Accounting
Altoona College

Kiera Jade Berkheimer
† Jackson Darius Boyer, *Summa
Cum Laude*
Maggie Lauren Erickson Boyer,
Summa Cum Laude
Cameron Brody Dubbs
Connor Joseph Ferry
Mason Patrick Leen
Matthew Allan Lenze, *Cum Laude*
* Anna Lynn
Zachary Derman Mackiewicz
Abdul Rahman Rafie
Gage Ian Reid

Bachelor of Science
Business Administration
Altoona College

Hailey Alwine
Geoffrey Brian Biddle
Jackson Darius Boyer, *Summa
Cum Laude*

Cole Parker Brechbill
Elise McKenna Brooks
* Luis Armando Burgos Mercado
Mason Parker Bush
Andrew Austin Christoforou
Tyler Conigy
Katie J Cook
Dominic Michael Corrado
Case David Donaldson, *Magna
Cum Laude*
Connor William Ebersole
Darren A. Hall
Lainie Heuston, *Summa Cum
Laude*
* Michael Patrick Jackson
Isabella Anne Lear
* Anna Lynn
Alexander Grant McClellan
Michael Peter McElwain
Austin Thomas Muzzey
Max Pedone
Blaise Alexander Pierce
Kyra Lynne Pittman
Zachary Rudisill
* Tyler Joseph Smorto
* Dylan Treese

Bachelor of Science
Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations
Altoona College

James J Davis
Logan Scott Dermont
Hans Emanuel Esteban
Anthony William Hammill
Zachary McKee
Steven John McKimm
Justin Thomas Moore, *Cum Laude*
Jessie Kay Pensyl

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Bachelor of Science
Electro-Mechanical Engineering
Altoona College

Kara Leah Bailen
Angela Theresa Bunk
Owen Campbell
Isaac A Chericco
Jacob Matthew Dicken
Avery James Farabaugh
Brant Justin Kensinger
Thaddeus Lee Kraucz
Matthew Robert Mackereth
Korey Robert Mirenda
James Murphy
Giovanni E Napolitano
Luke Pappa
Jacob L Price
Robert E Reed
Gage Roos
Thanatat Thanaravisara
Chase Walker
Trevor Mikal Whetstine
Nicolas Win Wilkins

Bachelor of Science
Rail Transportation Engineering
Altoona College

Joseph Charles Carter
Ethan Joseph Crates
Bryson Kirby Edwards
Asa Frantz
Rece Kasten
Jared Evan Kish, *Cum Laude*
* Henry Sherman
Jason Lee Wiker

Bachelor of Science
Security and Risk Analysis
Altoona College

Bradley Scott Kaufman, *Cum Laude*
Zebulun J Lego
* Luke M Murray

DIVISION OF EDUCATION, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Associate in Science
Criminal Justice
Altoona College

Jason Eric Barr II, *Magna Cum Laude*
Cole Michael Remsnyder

Bachelor of Arts
Criminal Justice
Altoona College

Justin Eli Harr
Khalil Jaheed Ward

Bachelor of Arts
Psychology
Altoona College

Brandon D Escala
Anisa Danielle Miller
Taylor Thompson
Lam Tung Vo

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Bachelor of Science
Criminal Justice
Altoona College

Hunter Thomas Barr
Brooke Alynn Colledge
Caitlin T Cowen
Emily E Coyne
Kia Doughlin
Ziwei Lin
Jazzmine McCauley, *Cum Laude*
Mckenna Lyn Meyer
Christopher S Piner
Marissa Chayse Williams
* Jake Yokobosky

Bachelor of Science
Elementary and Early Childhood Education
College of Education

Jesse Boyd Arnold
Elizabeth Ann Barrick
Charley Elizabeth Hoffman
Alyson Marie Hollingsworth
Stevie Jo Hoover, *Summa Cum Laude*
Madelynn A Kanouff
Gretta Elizabeth Levine
Nicolas Robert Light
Tyrel Stanton Merritts
Benjamin Murawski
Isabella Renee Pettenati
Hannah Kylie Pfeffer, *Cum Laude*
Jadakiss M Runk
Anna Kathleen Snook
Alexis Brittainne Williams
† Lauren Marie Young, *Summa Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science
Human Development and Family Studies
Altoona College

* Mickayla D Bennett
Stephanie Rae Dale
Anna Leeah Eileen Dick, *Cum Laude*
* Aneesa Estevez
* Cameryn G Feathers
Emily Rose Hanes
Camryn N Kurilla
Bailie Isabelle Mae Kyle
Pamela L Lantz, *Cum Laude*
* Hannah Mary Leary
Brandon Lawrence Maybush
* Taylor Paige Michelone
Austin Nadolsky
Maggie Ellen Park
Clair Rhodes
Vanessa E Riggie

Bachelor of Science
Kineisology
Altoona College

Audrianna Barnes
Robert Michael Hicks
* Camila Jaramillo
Lyric Koelle
Nathaniel David McCourt

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Bachelor of Science

Nursing

College of Nursing

Kylie Elizabeth Adams
Ashley M Albert
Caroline Baum
Skylar Harley Bradley
Stephen Burke
Alexis N Christoff
Noah Clapper
Delaney Crider
Kylee Davis, *Cum Laude*
Brooke Nicole Del Biondo
Tyler Jacob Dilling
Catherine Amelia Duncan
Jamie Renee Emerick, *Magna Cum Laude*
Taylor Michelle Fleming
Alexa Payton Gephart
Lily Kathryn Herrmann
Jalyn James
Sydney Mae Johnson
Zoey E Landeck
Kaitlyn Marie Lefebure
Icesis Leonard
Kaylee Jo Lingenfelter
Madison Blake Lucas
Kyler Jamison Maceno
Sydney Marie McAndrews
Sofia Michele McHugh
Logan Jane Murarik
Allison Lindsay Myers
Diana Nuritdinova
Madison Nichole ODonnell

Lydia Marie Ortman
Sasha Pierre
Katey Mae Powell
Delaney Caroline Russell
Samantha Russo
Olivia Sharrow
Riley Mae Sipe
Ava Gabriella Snyder
Danielle Marie Stuckwisch
Madisyn Paige Sunderland
Claire Helena Tunnell
Olivia Elizabeth Watson
Sydney Madison Weyandt
Campbell Yates

Bachelor of Science

Psychology

Altoona College

Maralee Ranae Caldana, *Cum Laude*
Abigail Morgan Cole
Zoe M Eidet
Marguerite Elise Greenland
* Hannah Harlacher
Ariel Jade Icenhour
Marissa Johannides
Elise D Longo, *Cum Laude*
Janine Marie Maxwell
Nicole A McCombie, *Cum Laude*
Dean Scott Pacino
Kylee Marie Rishel, *Cum Laude*
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Abigail Jean Williams

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

DIVISION OF MATH AND NATURAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts
Environmental Studies
Altoona College

Kelcey Renea Beightol
Lillian Sophia Guyer-Wright
Carrington Denae Steele
Ryan Patrick Szpala

Bachelor of Science
Biology
Altoona College

Gracie Harlow, *Cum Laude*
Dylan Robert Hartmann
Haley A Hatch
Jennifer Kovach
Chloe M Mazza
† Elle Katherine McGregor,
Summa Cum Laude
Mackenzie Kaitlin Parthemore
Hannah Marie Roesch
* Casidy Gail Shade
Rachel Erika Sleeth
Emily Mary Violette

Bachelor of Science
Environmental Studies
Altoona College

Hannah Limardo

Bachelor of Science
Mathematics
Altoona College

† Philip Michael Chamberlin,
Summa Cum Laude
Abdul Rahman Rafie
Brandon Ryan Shaffer, *Cum Laude*

ALL OTHER DEGREES

Doctor of Philosophy
Major in American Studies
School of Humanities - Penn State Harrisburg

Jared T. Frederick

† Student Marshal

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Nomenclator

William J White
*Associate Professor of
Communication Arts
and Sciences*

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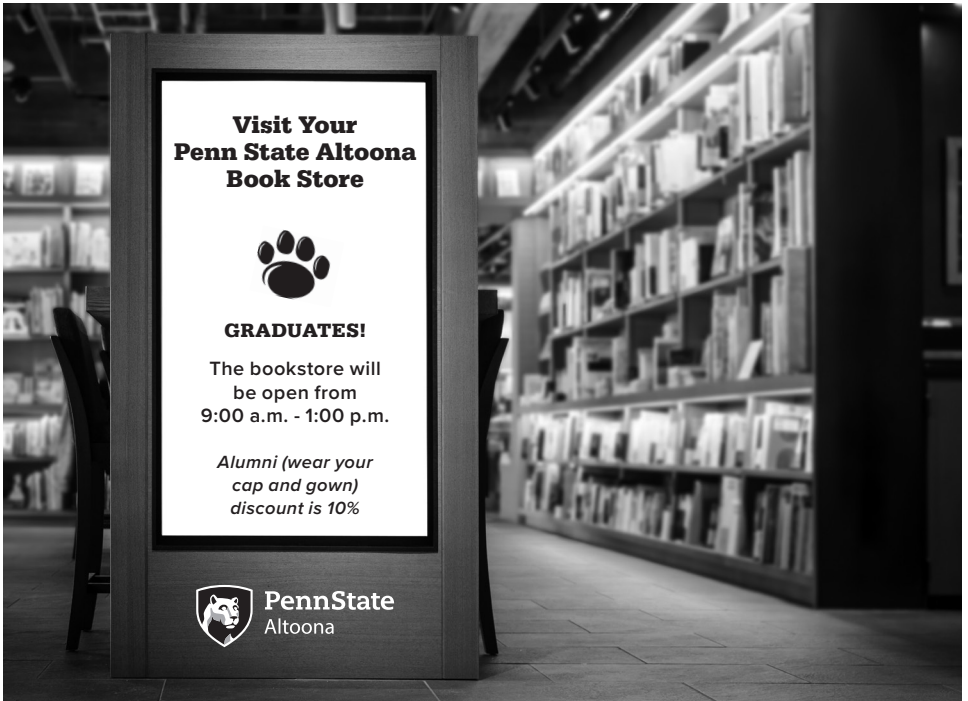
Commencement Marshals

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Nathan Kruis

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Laura K Palmer



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cap and gown)
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Altoona

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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