Commencement

Penn State Mont Alto
1903 – 2023

10 a.m.
Saturday, May 6, 2023
To Our Guests

Commencement, the solemn but joyful climax and recognition of the graduate’s years of study, is an important and meaningful occasion to the University, its faculty, staff, and students. The faculty and staff at Penn State Mont Alto are proud of our graduates and their families. The graduates will be honored today in the centuries-old tradition of a commencement ceremony. This ceremony is designed to be a formal, academic ceremony to honor the graduates for all their academic achievements at Penn State. Degrees are conferred by the Chancellor, the Chief Academic Officer, and the Director of Student Affairs.

We welcome you to take pictures as your graduate is receiving his or her diploma. You may walk up to the designated area in front of the stage. Please do not stand in the center aisle in the area where the graduates are seated or in the path marked for them to return to their seats.

We request your cooperation in maintaining appropriate decorum during this important event. Please refrain from talking, excessive cheering, using noisemakers, or any other activities that would distract from the academic nature of this ceremony.

When the processional begins, the audience should rise. They should remain standing until all members of the platform party have taken their places on the platform and during the singing of the national anthem and the alma mater.

- Refreshments will be served after the ceremony in the multipurpose room.
- A first-aid station is located in the training room in this building.
- Lost and found items will be taken to the training room in this building.
- The bookstore will be open from 9-10 a.m. today.

At our commencement ceremony today, students who have honorably served, are serving, or are commissioned to serve in the U.S. military are wearing red, white, and blue cords in recognition of their duty and sacrifice. The cords are given to eligible graduating students in the following groups: active duty, reserve and National Guard service members, veterans, and graduates receiving a commission through Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) and official U.S. Armed Forces recruiting programs. The cords are presented to the candidates and worn during the processional and throughout the ceremony in recognition of their achievement. We congratulate these candidates on their accomplishments. Faculty who served are also wearing red, white, and blue cords in recognition of their service.
Penn State Mont Alto
Commencement Program
Saturday, May 6, 2023

Presiding: Francis Achampong, Ph.D.
Chancellor

Academic Procession: The audience will please rise.
Vahid Ghomi, Ph.D.
Mont Alto Faculty Scholar Award Recipient

National Anthem: The audience is asked to join in the singing.
Bella Smith

Welcome: Benjamin Thomas Jr.
Penn State Mont Alto Advisory Board Vice Chair
Francis Achampong, Ph.D.

Speaker: Mike Ross
President and CFO
Franklin County Area Development Corporation

2023 Faculty Scholar Award: Michael Doncheski, Ph.D.
Chief Academic Officer

Presentation of Candidates: Academic Marshals

Conferring of Degrees: Francis Achampong, Ph.D.
Michael Doncheski, Ph.D.
Jay Arcuri
Director of Student Affairs

Charge to the Graduates: Francis Achampong, Ph.D.

Alumni Speaker: Staci McCoy ’99, ’18
Vice President, Mont Alto Alumni Society

Alma Mater: The audience is asked to join in the singing.
Bella Smith

RECESSION
Please remain seated until the platform party, faculty, graduates, and ADA section have recessed.
Academic Procession

Leading the procession are the University Marshal, the Chancellor, the speaker, and members of the faculty and staff who are appointed to conduct the commencement proceedings. They are followed by the candidates for the degrees. The mace, which symbolizes the President’s authority, is carried at the head of the academic procession by the University Marshal.

The Pageantry of Commencement

Much of the stirring pageantry of commencement comes from the traditional and significant use of caps, gowns, hoods, and colors which had their origins in twelfth century France and Italy. It was there that the custom of wearing a cap and gown to mark the admission of the licentiate or “graduate” to a group of master teachers is said to have first begun.

The custom had a practical side. The gowns were the outer garments worn by the masters to keep out the chill and dampness of the medieval buildings. Because most of the masters were clerics, our present gowns are outgrowths of the long, flowing robes worn at that time. The hood probably originated from the monk’s cowl, at first attached to the gown and then later detached when the wearing of a cap became popular. The mortarboard cap evolved from the skull cap of the scholars.

Caps and gowns have been used in this country from colonial times, but it was not until 1895 that the present American Intercollegiate Code was adopted.

Gowns worn by those in the procession vary according to the degree held. Although the gown is most frequently black for academic degrees, certain universities have authorized the use of colored gowns. There are no trimmings on the associate, 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 or, in some cases, the color of the velvet relates to the field in which the degree is granted: blue (philosophy); light blue (education); brown (fine arts, architecture); copper (economics); drab (business administration); golden yellow (science); green (medicine); sage green (physical education); orange (engineering); pink (music); russet (forestry); and white (arts, letters, humanities). Hoods usually are not worn by the recipients of the associate or bachelor’s degrees. The doctor’s hood is longer than the master’s hood and has distinguishing panels. Hoods are lined with the colors of the school which granted the degree, and the velvet border of the hood indicates the field in which the degree was granted.

The standard cap is the mortarboard, usually the color of the gown, and the standard tassel is black, except that the doctor’s mortarboard has a gold tassel. Undergraduates wear the tassel on the right side of the cap until the moment the degree is conferred by the Chancellor.

Degrees

The Pennsylvania State University awards a variety of academic degrees: doctoral, master’s, bachelor’s, and associate. The Mont Alto campus awards bachelor’s and associate degrees.
Commencement Marshals

University Marshal
Vahid Ghomi, Ph.D.

Academic Marshals – Baccalaureate Degrees

University College – Business
Hanafiai Harvey, Ph.D.

University College – Health Policy and Administration
Karen Buhr, Ph.D.

University College – Human Development and Family Studies
Jackie Schwab, Ph.D.

University College – Information Sciences and Technology
John Henry, M.B.A.

University College – Information Technology
Elizabeth Denlea, M.S.

University College – Multidisciplinary Studies
Lauraine K. Hawkins, Ph.D.

Ross and Carol Nese College of – Nursing
Stephanie Unger, Ph.D.

University College – Psychology
Nikolette Lipsey, Ph.D.

College of Liberal Arts – Labor and Human Resources
Jennifer Reilly, Ph.D.

Eberly College of Science – Physics
Kimberly Herrmann, Ph.D.

Academic Marshals – Associate Degrees

University College – Business Administration
Thomas Kramer, Ph.D.

College of Agricultural Sciences – Forest Technology
Kimberly Bohn, Ph.D.

University College – Multidisciplinary Studies
Kendra Wolgast, M.B.A.

University College – Occupational Therapy
Melanie Wheeler, OTD

University College – Physical Therapist Assistant
Renee Borromeo, DPT
2023 Associate Degree Candidates

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

*These candidates graduated in summer or fall 2022.  
**These candidates are being recognized prior to their semester of graduation.

University College – Associate in Science  
Business Administration  
The candidates will be presented by Thomas Kramer, Ph.D.

Brady A. Cauffman  
Julia L. Coulston *  
Darian D. Mort *  
Thomas G. Oberholzer *  
Erica A. Paylor  
Adam Peters

College of Agricultural Sciences – Associate in Science  
Forest Technology  
The candidates will be presented by Kimberly Bohn, Ph.D.

Gabriel M. Brandt Candidate for Summa Cum Laude  
Dashiell R. Fitzgerald Candidate for Magna Cum Laude  
Alexander J. Gable  
AnneMarie Hoyt  
Benjamin D. Keller  
Christopher A. Knode  
Thomas R. Lane  
Seth R. Laudermilch  
Luke W. Michaels  
Justin A. Musselman  
Justin J. Nichol Candidate for Magna Cum Laude  
Emily H. Saltzer  
Kaleb M. Slimm  
Zoe Zentz

University College – Associate in Science  
Multidisciplinary Studies  
The candidates will be presented by Kendra Wolgast, M.B.A.

Jordan A. Heffner Candidate Cum Laude  
Trenton James *
University College – Associate in Science
Occupational Therapy
The candidates will be presented by Melanie Wheeler, OTD
The Occupational Therapy program requires 16 weeks of clinical education in addition to the two years of class and lab work. This means that our students cannot graduate in the spring when we hold our commencement ceremony. Their degrees, and in some cases, distinctions, are awarded in the fall. Therefore, it is our custom to extend recognition to them at this ceremony, with the full expectation that they will successfully complete their clinicals during the summer and fall at the various hospitals, clinics, and institutions to which they will be assigned and complete their degree work.
(The following candidates are being recognized prior to their semester of graduation.)

Caroline E. Blickley
Jordan A. Heffner Candidate Cum Laude
Makena C. Jacobs
Asyn E. Keetch
Acadia K. Lankford
Brooke N. Latterner Candidate for Summa Cum Laude
Alex Miller
Cheyenne V. Proctor Candidate for Cum Laude
Madison Proctor Candidate for Magna Cum Laude
Kasey A. Smith

University College – Associate in Science
Physical Therapist Assistant
The candidates will be presented by Renee Borromeo, DPT
The Physical Therapist Assistant program requires a 12-week practicum in addition to the two years of class and lab work. This means that our students cannot graduate in the spring, when we hold our commencement ceremony. Their degrees, and in some cases, distinctions, are awarded in the summer or fall. Therefore, it is our custom to extend recognition to them at this ceremony, with the full expectation that they will have successful practice during the summer at the various hospitals, clinics, and institutions to which they will be assigned and complete their degree work.
(The following candidates are being recognized prior to their semester of graduation except as noted.)

Jeriah A. Blanks
Elizabeth B. Cofrancesco
Casey D. Hammond Candidate for Magna Cum Laude
Kailyn A. Jones
Stephanie K. Lewis
Audrey J. Miller Candidate for Magna Cum Laude
Jacob S. Peck
Taylor L. Ramsey
Brittany A. Riley
Jordan A.C. Taylor
Samantha L. Williams Candidate for Magna Cum Laude
2023 Baccalaureate Degree Candidates

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

*These candidates graduated in summer or fall 2022.
**These candidates are being recognized prior to their semester of graduation.
***These candidates are registered nurses completing their Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
H This candidate completed the Campus Honors Program.
S Schreyer’s Honors College

University College – Bachelor of Science Business
The candidates will be presented by Hanafiah Harvey, Ph.D.

Brianna M. Barnes
Mariah N. Bingaman **
Saige M. Eckard *
Nevaes Gordon
Triston R. Horn *
Trystan G. Housman **
Matthew Huston *
Nickolas D. Kostyak
Luke D. Lardarello **
Brittany E. Morrow
Ashly C. Perez **
Holly J. Smith
Scott A. Stanko Jr. *
Payton L. Watkins

Holly Smith is a candidate for a minor in Psychology

University College – Bachelor of Science Health Policy and Administration
The candidates will be presented by Karen Buhr, Ph.D.

Taylor M. Jones *
Violeta Montoya **
Taylor A. Norris
Canisha K. Robinson
Chloe M. Schur
Tristan D. Talhelm
Jocelyn N. Tovar
Colton B. Yentzer

Wendy W. Yu * Graduated Cum Laude

Chloe Schur is a candidate for a minor in Information Science Technology in Health Policy and Administration

Colton Yentzer is a candidate for a minor in Human Development and Family Studies
University College - Bachelor of Science
Human Development and Family Studies
The candidates will be presented by Jackie Schwab, Ph.D.

LeMar Best
Kara A. Cook * Candidate for Cum Laude
Raylee C. Gibbons
Veronica A. Herrera
Grace H. Re **
Kayla N. Reifsteck Candidate for Magna Cum Laude
Derek O. Rotz *
Colette P. Salyers
Abigail L. Stine * Graduated Cum Laude
Shrysthaley Velasquez
Dominik J. Wiesniewski

Abigail Stine earned a minor in Child Maltreatment and Advocacy Studies
LeMar Best is a candidate for a minor in Civic and Community Engagement
Kara Cook is a candidate for minors in Criminal Justice and Women’s Studies
Kayla Reifsteck and Shrysthaley Velasquez are candidates for a minor in Psychology

University College – Bachelor of Science
Information Sciences and Technology
The candidates will be presented by John Henry, M.B.A.

Joseph T. Giuliano
Kyah L. A. Rucker

Kyah Rucker is a candidate for a minor in Security and Risk Analysis

University College – Bachelor of Science
Information Technology
The candidates will be presented by Elizabeth Denlea, M.S.

Austin M. Noll
Jared W. Pine
Jacob A. Schaub *

Austin Noll is a candidate for a minor in Security and Risk Analysis
Austin Noll and Jared Pine are candidates for a minor in Business
University College – Bachelor of Arts

Multidisciplinary Studies

The candidates will be presented by Lauraine K. Hawkins, Ph.D.

Grace Banfe **
Danielle A. Barnhart H
Madison E. Bishop *
Lacey E. Daum
Donald T. Grier *
Connor M. Houston
Ronald T. Schilpp III

Danielle Barnhart is a candidate for a minor in Human Development and Family Studies

Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing

Nursing

The candidates will be presented by Stephanie Unger, Ph.D.

Maegan I. Aleshire H
Layken S. Barrows
Amanda S. Bingham
Drew M. Faust
Serena A. Feese
Camille K. Flack
Kylee R. Gooding Candidate for Cum Laude
Maria S. Gouker
Kathryn M. Herr
Payton M. Ilgen
Erica R. Johnson Candidate for Magna Cum Laude
Abigail L. Keiser
Hannah N. Kertes
MaKenzie K. Llewellyn
Courtney A. Matthews *
Kaitlyn M. McCollum
Tyler C. Moreland
Taylor N. Peachey
Allyson E. Ruth
Summer R. Sellers
Katelyn S. Smith
Meagan R. Smith
Hope E. Sprecher
Skye M. Strayer
Laikayn A. Wagner

Allyson Ruth is a candidate for a minor in Deafness and Hearing Studies

Payton Ilgen, Kaitlyn McCollum, Kayla Reifsteck, and Meagan Smith are candidates for a minor in Psychology

Payton Ilgen is a candidate for a minor in Human Development and Family Studies
University College – Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

Psychology
The candidates will be presented by Nikolette Lipsey, Ph.D.

Anthony E. Davis III **
Alexander Martinez *
Taylor C. Mentzer *
Melissa A. Metcalfe
Sofia Perez-Espinosa
Cristian A. Rogers Jr.
Alexis P. Stamets **
Alexis M. Talpas *

Alexis Talpas earned a minor in Human Development and Family Studies

College of Liberal Arts – Bachelor of Arts

Labor and Human Resources
The candidate will be presented by Jennifer Reilly, Ph.D.

Jade B. Gable

Eberly College of Science – Bachelor of Science

Physics
The candidate will be presented by Kimberly Herrmann, Ph.D.

Konnor L. Koons
Graduation with Distinction

Distinctions are noted in the program as follows:

*Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude*

Students who are candidates for Summa Cum Laude are wearing a blue and white cord, students who are candidates for Magna Cum Laude are wearing a blue cord, and students who are candidates for Cum Laude are wearing a white cord.

All Associate Degrees
(Fall 2022, Spring 2023, and Summer 2023)

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Distinction is awarded to baccalaureate degree candidates with at least 60 credits (30 credits for associate degree candidates) earned at Penn State who have a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative grade-point average and are in the top 12 percent of a college’s graduating class. The distinction table is created in September for the coming fall, spring, and summer semesters based on the grade-point average information of previous graduates.

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Campus Honors Program

The Honors Program at Mont Alto is part of the Penn State honors tradition that includes Schreyer Honors College. Honors students participate in an honors seminar each semester and do additional honors work in many of their other classes. They are excited about learning, value academic excellence, and challenge themselves to become citizens of the world. Students graduating with honors from Mont Alto have been active members of our campus Honors Program every semester that they have been here. Mont Alto Honors Program students wear a gold cord.
The Pennsylvania State University

Neeli Bendapudi, president

Penn State Mont Alto
Francis Achampong, chancellor

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Anne Copenhaver, M.S. ............................................................. Chemistry
Joseph Cunningham, M.B.A. ..................................................... Accounting
J. Frederick Davison, D.M.A. ..................................................... Music
Cheryl Deal, M.S. ................................................................. Occupational Therapy
Steven Evanhec, M.S. .............................................................. Accounting
Patricia Fridgen, M.S. ............................................................. Communication
M. Kathryn Geesaman, M.Ed. .................................................. Mathematics
Julie Guistwite, Ph.D. .............................................................. Sociology
Bruce Hartman, M.S. .............................................................. Computer Science
Karen Johnston, M.S. ............................................................. Human Development and Family Studies
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Julianna McCracken, M.S. ......................................................... Physical Therapy
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Rose Ray ............................................................................................................... Custodial
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Kurt Schaich ......................................................................................................... Maintenance
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Loretta Gates ........................................................................................................ Food Service
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Faculty Awards

2023 Martha A. Fisher Award for Excellence in Teaching Full-Time ........ Dr. Deborah Wilson
2023 Martha A. Fisher Award for Excellence in Teaching Part-Time .................. Mr. Jeff Rock
2023 Mont Alto Faculty Scholar Award ......................................................... Dr. Vahid Ghomi
2023 SGA Award for Excellence in Advising .................................................. Dr. Peter Dendle

History

Nestled among the trees at the edge of the Michaux State Forest stands an institution that has educated students for over a century. The Pennsylvania State Forest Academy was founded in 1903 and is known today as Penn State Mont Alto.

The governor of Pennsylvania established the Pennsylvania State Forest Academy at Mont Alto. It was the third forestry school in the nation after Yale University and Biltmore, respectively. Dr. Joseph T. Rothrock, M.D., an arctic explorer, botanist, and medical doctor led the early Academy to train men for service in the state forests. The curriculum was patterned after university curricula in Germany, a leader in reforestation. Currently, Penn State Mont Alto educates America’s foresters along with students in many other academic programs.

In 1929, the Commonwealth decided the Academy had trained enough foresters. The Pennsylvania State College also offered forestry, so the Academy was merged with the college and the Mont Alto campus was born.

By 1963, Penn State Mont Alto became a Commonwealth Campus, offering the first two years of most Penn State majors. This was the first time that the campus was considered “co-educational.”

Today, Mont Alto offers nine baccalaureate degrees and seven associate degrees. Adult students seeking degree completion as well as professional development are served through the Continuing Education unit on campus as well as at other sites throughout the region. The campus is part of the University College, the largest academic college located within Penn State.

Penn State Mont Alto has more than 15,000 alumni who began their university education here and now work throughout the world and in many fields of service.

In 2003-04, Penn State Mont Alto celebrated its 100th anniversary of the founding of this campus. The theme selected for the centennial year, “From Forest Academy to University,” reflects Mont Alto’s history as a progressive educational institution. As alumni of Penn State Mont Alto, you are joining a distinguished group of individuals who are carrying on the legacy and the heritage of this important and special institution.
Mike Ross
President and CFO
Franklin County Area Development Corporation
Commencement Speaker

Mike Ross has been President of the Franklin County Area Development Corporation (Chambersburg, Pennsylvania) since its start-up in 1986. Under Mike's direction, the FCADC has facilitated more than 1,000 projects throughout the county. The projects have resulted in more than $2.2 billion of new investments. The FCADC has been able to support the projects with more than $345 million of economic development resources. Most importantly, the projects have impacted more than 53,600 employment positions (created/retained). For its accomplishments, the FCADC is a past recipient of the Small Agency of the Year and the Large Agency of the Year awards by the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association. (The FCADC is the only agency to have received the award in each category.) In addition, the FCADC was the recipient of the President’s Award for Overall Economic Impact and the Program of the Year Award from the Northeastern Economic Development Association (NEDA).

Mike is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including:

- Commissioner, PA Military Communities Enhancement Commission
- Commissioner, PA Early Learning Investment Commission
- Pennsylvania Association Council of Trustees - Board of Directors, 1st Vice President; Advocacy Committee
- Penn State University-Mont Alto - Advisory Board, Policy & Planning Committee, Entrepreneur Adv. Council
- Team Letterkenny - Chair
- Southcentral Workforce Investment Board (SCPa Works) - Vice-Chair-Board of Directors
- Franklin County Visitors Bureau - Board of Directors, Property Committee-Chair
- Franklin County CareerTech - General Advisory Board
- United Way of Franklin County - Board of Directors (2015 Campaign Chair)
- Past President of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Assoc; and Northeastern Economic Developers Assoc.

Mike has a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Slippery Rock University; is a graduate of the Economic Development Institute, Oklahoma University; and a 2014 graduate of Commandant’s National Security Program, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle.

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