GRADUATE
COMMENCEMENT

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010
5:00 PM
RECREATION CENTER
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INTRODUCTION

Commencement at William Paterson University is an important event for you, your family and friends, as well as the faculty and staff. The ceremony brings together all involved to celebrate your achievements. As a graduating student, you are celebrating the successful conclusion of earning an advanced degree.

Commencement is a formal celebration of academic accomplishments. It is a ceremony steeped in academic ritual and the traditions of the University, complete with procession, academic regalia and other elements of pageantry.

The holding of a separate ceremony for graduate students has become a tradition at William Paterson. This ceremony was designed to provide you the individual distinction you have earned for this advanced degree. You will be led to the diploma platform by your Graduate Program Coordinator. The degree which you are earning will be read followed by the reading of your name and you will be hooded on stage by your College’s Dean and Associate Dean. The Dean of Graduate Studies will present you with your diploma cover.

As this is a ceremonial event, we ask that all members of the community conduct themselves befitting the occasion. Alcohol is expressly forbidden. Any student who fails to comply with the rules of commencement will be requested to leave the line of march and the ceremony.

Although family members will not be able to interact with graduates during the commencement ceremony, we invite all guests to join you, members of the faculty, and staff at a reception immediately following the ceremony outside the Recreation Center. Please remember that ADMITTANCE TICKETS are required. We look forward to joining with you and your fellow graduates at the commencement and the receptions.

Congratulations on your achievement!

Edward B. Weil, Ph.D.           John Martone, Ph.D.
Provost and Sr Vice President    Vice President
for Academic Affairs

Student Development
GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 5:00pm
Recreation Center

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE CEREMONY: (Instructions are also
posted at www.wpunj.edu/commencement).

ATTENDANCE
Your participation in the ceremony is voluntary. The
Recreation Center is located at the base of Parking Lot #6.
Parking for your guests is available in parking lot #6. We request
that family members and guests go immediately into the Rec
Center and do not congregate in the staging area where you will
be meeting prior to the ceremony. Doors to the Rec Center will
open at 4pm.

TICKETS
ADMITTANCE TICKETS are required for entrance into the Rec
Center. Please utilize the tickets previously requested on line and
provided to you at check in at the Graduate Finale. If tickets
have not yet been requested, please do so at
www.wpunj.edu/commencement and they will be mailed to
you.

If additional tickets have been requested, they will be distributed
after all graduates have been given the opportunity to request
and receive their initial allotment. It is anticipated the additional
tickets will be distributed after May 7th at the Office of the Vice
President for Student Development in Univ Commons Rm 117 or
they will be at the door of the Rec Center under your name the
day of the ceremony. Concerns and questions may be referred
to graduation@wpunj.edu.

COLEGE OF EDUCATION
Tent A
Interim Dean Ana Maria Schuhmann
Assoc Dean Dorothy Feola
Master of Education – Special Education
Master of Arts – Elementary Education
Master of Education – Early Childhood
Master of Education – Counseling
Master of Education – Educational Leadership
Master of Education – Elementary Education
Master of Education – Reading

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
DISABLED GUESTS ACCESS
If any of your guests are disabled, they may be dropped off
and picked up at the side of the Recreation Center. University
Police personnel will be stationed in several areas within the
parking lot to facilitate this process and provide parking
directions for all vehicles.

PHOTOGRAPHER
The Commencement photographers are from Chappell
Studios. Your proofs will be on-line at their web site within
5-7 days following the ceremony. You may place orders or
obtain answers to your questions at www.chappell.com or 1-
800-424-3686.

QUESTIONS
Questions pertaining to the ceremony can be directed to
graduation@wpunj.edu.

Congratulations!

Pamela Fueshko Francisco Diaz
Director of Telecommunications & Assistant Vice President
Commencement Coordinator for Campus Life
**STAGING LOCATION – TENTS OUTSIDE OF REC CENTER**

**COLLEGE OF THE ARTS & COMMUNICATION**

Tent B  
Dean Raymond Torres-Santos  
Interim Assoc Dean Imafidon Olaye

Master of Music – Music  
Master of Arts – Communication Arts  
Master of Arts – Media Studies  
Master of Arts – Visual Arts  
Master of Fine Arts – Art

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

Tent B  
Dean Sam Basu  
Assoc Dean Rajiv Kashyap

Master of Business Administration

**COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE**

Tent B  
Interim Dean Kara Rabbitt  
Interim Assoc Dean Andrew Barnes

Master of Arts – Sociology  
Master of Arts – English  
Master of Arts – History  
Master of Arts – Psychology  
Master of Arts – Public Policy & Int’l Affairs

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & HEALTH**

Tent B  
Dean Sandra DeYoung  
Assoc Dean Jean Fuller-Stanley

Master of Science – Communication Disorders  
Master of Science – Biology  
Master of Science – Bio-Technology  
Master of Science – Nursing

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**THERE IS NO REHEARSAL FOR COMMENCEMENT.**

**PROCESSIONAL PREPARATION**

Please report to the staging area assigned to your academic department found on pages 6 & 7 by 4:30pm.

- Please bring your cap, gown, hood, and tassel with you to the staging area.
- Please do not leave any valuables or personal items in the staging area.
- Wear your tassels on the right side of your caps. At the specified point in the ceremony when the President announces the conferment of the degrees, you will be directed to move them to the left side of your cap.
- Drape your hood over your arm and carry it into the Rec Center and to the diploma platform for the hooding process.
- You do not need to be in alphabetical order within your department/program.
- For your own safety, please do not throw your mortarboards.

**NAME CARD**

At the staging area, please make sure you receive a name card and pencil from your Program Coordinator or administrative line marshal. On this card write your name as you wish it to be pronounced during the diploma process. On the back of the same card is information to be provided to Chappell Studios who will be taking your photograph during this time. There are no extra cards in the arena, so please make sure you receive one and retain it until the appropriate time.
**Processional Process**

The procession will start from the tent staging area at **4:50pm** by department in the order indicated. The Program Graduate Coordinator from your department will be there to assist you with line up.

An administrative line marshal will escort your line into the Rec Center. It is important for you to listen to their directions and stay in single file during this processional. You will join the University’s Grand Marshal. The procession into the arena will be two lines abreast.

The Grand Marshall will lead the procession into the arena and down the center aisle. **Lines A** will proceed directly down the center aisle and fill in the seats on the left. **Line B** will proceed directly down the center aisle and fill in the seats on the right. The faculty and platform party will process behind the students and take their respective places on the staging.

**Order of Ceremony**

Commencement programs will be on your seats in the arena. The order of ceremony is as follows:

- Processional
- Introduction
- Singing of the National Anthem
- Introductions of Platform Guests
- Address by Graduate Student Speaker
- Address by Dr. Arnold Speert, President
- Awarding of Honorary Degree/President’s Medal
- Commencement Address
- Diploma Process
- Conferring of Degrees
- Recessional

**Diploma/Hooding Process**

At the designated time during the ceremony, your Program Graduate Coordinator will lead the candidates from your program to the main stage. Please have your “Hood” draped over the opposite arm with which you shake hands and have the reader card in your other hand. You will need to remove your mortarboard to facilitate the hooding process. You will walk up the ramp onto the platform and hand the name card to the faculty reader. Proceed to the Dean and Assoc Dean (center stage) of your college who will take your hood from you and place it over your head. At this point a photo will be taken. Put your mortarboard back on. Proceed across the stage to the Dean of Graduate Studies who will hand you your diploma cover and shake your hand. At this point a second photo will be taken. Walk past the Dean and down the ramp from the platform and proceed back to your seat as directed by the administrative marshals.

At the completion of the diploma procession, the President will confer all the degrees and you will be instructed to turn your tassels on your mortar boards.

Your diploma will be mailed to your home upon verification of completion of degree requirements and obligations.

**Recessional Process**

The recessional will follow led by the University Grand Marshal followed by the Platform Party and the Faculty first. The Graduates will follow after.

The ceremony should be over at approximately **6:30 pm**. Please make arrangements to meet your guests outside the Rec Center, so as not to impede the recessional.

A Reception will be held outside the Rec Center in the Tent Staging areas following the ceremony.