

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY
2021 COMMENCEMENT



VIRTUAL CEREMONY
FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021, 9:00 A.M.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations! Today is a very special day in your life, and one that you will remember forever—the day you graduate from college. You and your loved ones should be extremely proud of your accomplishment!

Your degree is a testament to your intellectual abilities, your desire to learn and expand your horizons, and your determination to complete a rigorous course of study. The grit and persistence you have exhibited throughout your time at William Paterson will serve you well in everything you do. You have proven that you have the background and training to make a real difference in your life and the lives of those you touch. The University has given you the foundation on which to build a successful career of your choosing.

I strongly encourage you to use your education to become an engaged leader in your community. Our state and country need strong leaders who will mold public policy to create opportunity and make life better for everyone. At William Paterson University, you have learned and grown in a very diverse and dynamic community of educators and scholars, and now you are prepared to take your place in the world.

You are limited only by your imagination. Dream big, live fully, and work hard...and take time to enjoy all of the experiences ahead of you. Be bold, be brave, be happy, and most importantly, be kind.

The entire William Paterson University community wishes you well in all of your endeavors. Your *alma mater* stands behind you and will always be your biggest fan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard J. Helldobler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD
President

ORDER OF CEREMONY

National Anthem

Lauren Rachel D'Imperio, Bachelor of Music Degree

Welcome

Joshua Powers, PhD, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Address by the Undergraduate Student Speaker

Paola N. Ruiz, Bachelor of Arts Degree, Communication

Address by the Graduate Student Speaker

John Penola '07, Master of Fine Arts Degree, Creative and Professional Writing

Congratulatory Remarks

Michael A. Seeve, Chair, William Paterson University Board of Trustees

Alumni Association Welcome

Domenico DiMaio '97, President, William Paterson University Alumni Association

Comment to the Class

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD, President of the University

Presentation of Degree Candidates

Joshua Powers, PhD, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferral of Degrees

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD, President of the University

Individualized Recognition of the Graduates

PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

STEPHEN BOLYAI

*Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance,
William Paterson University*



Stephen Bolyai, senior vice president for administration and finance, joined the University in 1988 as assistant vice president for business services. From 1990 to 1997, he served as associate vice president for finance and controller, and in 1997 he became vice president of administration and finance. He was named senior vice president for administration and finance in 2016.

During his tenure, Mr. Bolyai has been instrumental in transforming and expanding the campus through outstanding budget management, commitment to best financial practices, a strong sense of innovation, strategic property acquisitions, and a commitment to sustainability.

Driven by the desire to keep college costs affordable for William Paterson's students, he consistently focused on limiting tuition and fees while enhancing revenue through alternative sources and containing expenditures. He helped the institution grow its reserves and strategically invest in capital projects, innovative student academic and retention programs, and increased student scholarship offerings.

A visible example of Mr. Bolyai's support for sustainability is the University's 3.5-megawatt solar panel installation, featuring solar arrays covering numerous campus parking areas and photovoltaic cells on the roofs of University buildings. Ranked among the largest installations at U.S. higher education institutions, the installation was developed through a New Jersey public-private partnership and affords the University the ability to buy solar power at a reduced rate with no upfront costs. Under his leadership, William Paterson was the first university in New Jersey to use a public-private partnership for this type of initiative and other energy reduction projects. Since its inception in 2010, the project has saved the institution \$1.5 million while supplying 15 to 20 percent of its energy needs with clean, low-cost energy. The University has received numerous awards for this and other campus sustainability projects.

Mr. Bolyai also led an expansion of the campus to coincide with programmatic and student growth. During his tenure, the campus has grown from 346 to 407 acres and the square footage of campus buildings has doubled with the addition of major facilities, including the expanded Science Complex; the construction of University Hall, with facilities for the health professions; the purchase and transformation of corporate office buildings at 1600 and 1800 Valley Road to house the University's education, business, high school, and continuing and professional education programs and a forthcoming childcare center; several new residence halls; and a vibrant University Commons.

He has also been integrally involved in state policy issues that impact New Jersey public higher education. He drafted language and helped with revisions to the New Jersey State Colleges Contract Law, and was instrumental in organizing the North Jersey Public and Private Colleges Purchasing Collaborative. He served as chairperson of the New Jersey Public Colleges Business Officers Group and the New Jersey Public Colleges Vice Presidents for Administration and Finance Council, and on a working group for New Jersey's Plan for Higher Education under Governor Murphy's Task Force for Higher Education.

For more on the President's Medallion, please see page 35.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

PAOLA N. RUIZ

Communication

Paola N. Ruiz is a May 2021 graduate with a bachelor of arts degree in communication, with a concentration in media production. She has been actively involved on campus, including serving as an on-camera correspondent for WPTV Rumor Report; a member of the visual content team for the University's student-run radio station WPSC Brave New Radio; public relations chair of the Intersectional Queer Association; and a student representative from the College of the Arts and Communication to the Student Government Association. Ms. Ruiz also has served for nearly three years as a social media intern in the Department of Marketing and Public Relations, where she developed student-centered content for the University's student-to-student social media initiative, TwillyP, which is designed to increase University pride and build campus community. A member of the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program, Ms. Ruiz has been the recipient of the EOF Academic Excellence Award and was inducted in Chi Alpha Epsilon, the EOF honor society.



GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

JOHN PENOLA '07

Master of Fine Arts, Creative and Professional Writing

John Penola is a summer 2021 graduate with a master of fine arts degree in creative and professional writing. A 2007 graduate of William Paterson University with a bachelor of arts degree in English, *magna cum laude*, Mr. Penola also completed the University's Performing and Literary Arts Honors Track and received the Department of English Excellence in Writing Award for his poetry thesis, *The Spire*.

He has been teaching English and language arts in Kinnelon since 2007, first at Pearl R. Miller Middle School and, since 2011, at Kinnelon High School, where he developed the creative writing program and was named Kinnelon High School Teacher of the Year in 2017. He also holds a master of educational instruction from The College of New Jersey. For his MFA thesis, Mr. Penola has written a poetic memoir titled *Be Right Back*, in which he remixes and juxtaposes memories to find new meaning in them. In addition to teaching and writing, he composes ambient music and soundtracks under his own name and performs electronic rock under the moniker of Maybe Bomb.



FACULTY AWARDS

2021 Faculty Award for Excellence in Service

KATHERINE MAKAREC

Professor of Psychology

Since coming to William Paterson in 1997, Professor Katherine Makarec has produced a long and distinguished record of service to her department, college, and the University. A member of the Curriculum Committee for many years, including as chair; the Department of Psychology's Executive Committee, also as chair; the Developmental

Committee; and as faculty advisor to Psi Chi and the Psychology Club, Professor Makarec brings enthusiasm and commitment to her department. She has supervised more than 50 independent study projects for students and been a faculty mentor to the department's PsyD students as well. She chaired the Department of Psychology for a total of 15 years. In addition, she was her department's Faculty Senate representative for six years, an at-large Senate representative for several years, served as chair of the Faculty Senate, and has worked on promotion committees, search committees, and on the University Faculty Mentor Program. She also served as founding director of the Cognitive Science Track in the Honors College. In her field, she has served as a consultant on educational films, a judge for the Eastern Psychological Association Graduate Student Poster session, and on several editorial advisory boards including *Psychology Applications and Developments*, to name a few. Her commitment to the institution is clear in the many services she has rendered in her 24 years at William Paterson University.

A graduate of Laurentian University with a bachelor of arts degree with honors, Professor Makarec holds a doctoral degree in general experimental psychology from York University, and worked as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Toronto.



FACULTY AWARDS

2021 Faculty Award for Excellence
in Research, Scholarship,
and Creative Expression

EMMANUEL ONAIVI

Professor of Biology

Since his arrival at William Paterson University in 2000, Professor Emmanuel Onaivi has published 55 articles with his peers in the area of scientific research. He has edited and co-edited three books and co-authored the third edition of the University's laboratory manual for the Applied Anatomy and Physiology course, which he also coordinates. He is the recipient of numerous grants, including the recent National Institutes of Health (NIAAA)-funded project, "Neuroimmune behavioral effects of CB2 cannabinoid receptors," and prior to that, the National Institutes NIDA grant, "Behavioral effects of CB2 cannabinoid receptors." His breakthrough work with cannabis has earned him international attention. Professor Onaivi served as a Fulbright Scholar at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. He serves on several review boards and is a reviewer for journals such as the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, *Neuropsychopharmacology*, *Journal of Toxicology*, and *Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Review*. Significantly, he involves students in his research work, mentoring William Paterson students in the lab as well as international students and scholars. His supervision of University students in their scientific research is exemplary, having worked with 60 students since 2002.

Professor Onaivi earned a bachelor of science with honors from University of Benin in Nigeria, and a master of science in pharmacology and a doctoral degree in neuropharmacology from the University of Bradford in England.



FACULTY AWARDS

2021 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching

BRENDA MARSHALL

Professor of Nursing

Professor Brenda Marshall brought professional as well as academic experience to William Paterson University upon her arrival in 2010. She has put that experience to work teaching more than 20 different graduate and undergraduate nursing courses, both online and in person, and in working with students in empirical research and methodology. She is a

published researcher, involving students in her research. She has obtained numerous grants in the areas of mental health and nursing, such as a grant from the American Association of Nurse Practitioners for “Evaluating mental health first aid certification for NPs,” and support from the Citizen Diplomacy Action Fund: Skills for Success, U.S. Department of State, for “Increasing emotional resiliency in at-risk teens through MHFA [mental health first aid] training and increasing higher education literacy.” She contributes to the University in her service as director of the College of Science and Health’s Center for Research and as a member of the University’s Cannabis Research Institute. Professor Marshall serves on two editorial boards and is a peer reviewer for publications such as the *Journal of Psychiatric Nursing* and *Journal of the Study of Alcohol and Drugs*. She has won awards in her field, including selection as a Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and the National Excellence in Research Award from the American Psychiatric Nurses Association. Professor Marshall was a Fulbright Scholar Specialist in mental health/education in Malta.

A graduate of Eisenhower College, Professor Marshall holds three master’s degrees: a master of science in advanced management for clinicians from New York University; master of science in health education from Teachers College, Columbia University, and a master of science in nursing-psychiatric nurse practitioner from Rutgers University. She earned her doctor of education degree in behavior science/health education from Teacher’s College, Columbia University.



Doctoral Degree Recipients

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Jancy R. Tejada Acosta

Dissertation:

Evaluation of Antibiotic Stewardship Program and Education on Appropriate Use of Antibiotics in a Skilled Nursing Facility

Mary Ellen Levine

Dissertation:

Palliative Care Self-Competence: An Examination of the Registered Nurse in the Acute Care Hospital During the Covid-19 Pandemic

Norman R. Pangilinan

Dissertation:

Predictors of Nurse Engagement Among Registered Nurses in New Jersey

Doctor of Clinical Psychology

Marwa Ahmed

Dissertation:

The Association of an Interactive, Location-Based Mobile Game with Psychosocial and Physical Health

Michelle Krystle Feinberg

Dissertation:

Bullying and Sexual Victimization Change the Association between Viewing 13 Reasons Why and Suicide Ideation in College Students

Eleonora V. Gallagher

Dissertation:

Personality Profile of the Single Mindfulness Meditation Responders

Molly Elissa Kammen

Dissertation:

Bystanders' Risk Appraisal for Sexual Assault: Associations with Bystander Behavior and Intrapersonal Variables

Daniel Jared Roefaro

Dissertation:

Anxiety, Facial Affect Discrimination, and the Cerebellum: Connections with Motor Functioning

Samantha Jean Smith

Dissertation:

Childhood Abuse, Belief in a Just World, and Self-Esteem

Master's Degree Recipients

Master of Arts

APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

Nazli Askin
Frankie Dejesus Cruz
Catherine Eyzaguirre
Alea Hemming
Mariah E. Jenkins
Sha'la Padilla
Amanee Aki Pettway

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Elisheva Adler
Andrew James Anderson
Christopher Noel Astacio
Chana B. Becher
Nashel Nyommi Brantley
Nancy Bzadough
Erin Fitzsimmons
Alana Frederique
Alyson Taylor Harden
Liza Nicole Heyward
Sabrina Jackson
Matthew Johnson
Sarah Miller
Erlie Moise
Kynaisha Ortiz
Leslie Owens
Jordyn Arielle
Richardson-Norris
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Master of Arts in Teaching

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Master of Business Administration

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Master of Science

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Bachelor of Arts

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Magalene Nicole Brissett

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Aimee Bueno
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Raekwon Elijah Davis
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Destiny Duprey
Laryssa Hunter Durschlag
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John Benjamin Ferrante***
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Valentina Garrido Gonzlaez
Aliah Garvin
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Mikaela Gabriela Gongora
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Giuseppe Graziano***
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Andres Javier Gutierrez
Breanna Ciara Guyton

Arelis Estefania Guzman
Rachel Michelle Hari
Shamila Oluchi Herrera-Ubah
Jaylah Nicole Holmes
Connor John Horwath
Anne Marie Huber
Elizabeth F. Hunter
Christa Marie Iazzetta
Malcolm Cameron Ireland
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Shaffer Roderick
Adrian Johnston***
Spencer Johnston
Tyler D. Kearney
Adil Ali Khan*
Justin Klump
Robert Kotowski*
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Meenakshi Malhotra
Maria Augusta Marin
Thais Maia Markovicz*
Chenelle Nicole Martin-Barr
Sarah Lynn Mathew*
Arianna Rose Matter

Bachelor's Degree Recipients

Ashlee Ann McCabe
Ashley M. McCann
Elise Suzanne McLaughlin
Enrique Ricardo Melendez
Alejandra E. Merino
Viviane J. Midy
Rachel Ann Migliaccio
Arianna Mohamed*
Esther Montuma
Kelly Moran
Rachel Jean Moutis*
Sheila Marie Noonan*
Bridget Faith O'Hara**
Margaret Ann Obas
Tiffany C. Obiukwu*
Tiffany Christine Pacheco*
Alchemy L. Pampinella
Jonghee Park
Disha Devanshu Patel***
Nirav S. Patel
Maria Cristal Pena**
Gina Pi
Jerry Pierre

Kayla Cheyenne Powell*
Andrew Roy Proscia**
Justin Michael Quiles
Grace Quisido
Albiona Ramani*
Jefferson Hontoria Rangga
Brianna Nicole Rathfon
Alyzza Mae S. Recio
Ana Reljic
Daphne Ribot*
Colin S. Richardson
Gabriela Rodriguez
Lucianny Rodriguez*
Brandon Angelo Rojo**
Tyler James Russo
Huda Saleh*
Nancy Marie Santos
Nicole Marie Sanzari*
Alana Dorothea Schauer
Joseph John Schuck
Yookyeong Sim
Lori Lovelle Simmons
Meka A. Stephens

Lauren Nicole Sullivan***
Ivander Susanto
Saige Vincent Tabuzo
Varsha Ann Thottananiyi***
Anna Pang Mun Tom
Jason Y. Tom
Carly Ann Trent*
Jacquelyn Nicole Tselepis*
Humaira Uddin
Jasmin Alexandra Velez Cueto
Gillian Walsh
Megan Phyllis Walsh
Danielle Anne Williams**
Khalida B. Yaqoob***
Jhenni Jhoana Yascaribay*
Magy Mahmoud Yasin
Stephanie M. Zeron

Honors College Graduates

Biology Track

Jhamani Anise Ashcraft
Jannat Ara Begum
Joseph Anthony Croce
Jaimie Gisele Pasmino
Christal Juanita Rolling
Khizar Siddiqui

Business Track

Honacy Ismael Beco
Alexis Bianca Cardenas
Michael A. Creighton
Steven Michael Digirolamo
Bess Leah Heifetz-Licht
Craig Jackowski
Desiree Junko McCray-Clark
Pooja Patel
Evan Kyle Smith
Faisal Fawaz Souid

Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology Track

Victor R. Costantini
Catherine Elisabeth Mueller
Shane Perkins
Alyssa Verdes

Cognitive Science Track

Richard Donald Bach
Alexandra Pilar Bonner
Ashley Riley Callahan
Enrico Gabriel Cruz
Brooke Elliot
Nicole M. Evangelista Munante
Abryanna L. Hernandez
Cayleigh Rose Keenan
Jayde Onori
Tiffanie Sanjuan
Artemia Savva

Humanities Track

Matthew J. Alecci
Jizzar Fernando Alvarado Garcia
Jonah G. Balagtas
Edgar J. Coronel
Huda T. Qasem

Independent Track

Ina Sharma

Music Track

Kendra Victoria Chaiken
Alex De Lazzari
Anna Grace Hill
Peter Hunter
Alexander Barone Kerssen
Gwynne Minta Stevenson

Nursing Track

Chiamaka Ihuoma Anyanwu
Rica Baltazar
Kadesha Kimberly Bryan
Mark Ryan Bisbe Caguitla
Thomas James Drahuschak
Nitasha K. Garg
Amanda Lee Ivos
Alissa Rose Johnson
Gwynneth Mae Lacaba
Rachel Jean Moutis
Sheila Marie Noonan
Maria Cristal Pena
Lauren Nicole Sullivan
Varsha Ann Thottananiyil
Danielle Anne Williams

Performing and Literary Arts Track

Jonah Thomas Arnault
Ruby Moon Constantino
Paul Charles Cuffari
Matthew John De Martini
Timothy Alexander Derkas
Kristen Marie Ditucci
Taylor Jane Douglas
Tiernan Patrick Doyle
Jesse J. Norman
Jordan Thomas Pesola
Christian H. Sasso
Cassandra Marie Soto
Kyle John Villareal
Julian Michael Worden
Joseph Jon Arrotti Zazzara

Social Sciences Track

Nikita Makayla Duncan
Ema Joyce Jacketti
Lauren A. Kreutzer
Brittany Lynette Moore
Sarah N. Myers
Nicole Stroh
Melanie Marie Torre

This program does not constitute the official list of graduates. The students included in the program have applied to graduate as of April 23, 2021. Their degree and designation of Latin honors will be officially posted by the Office of Registration Services after their grades have been received and verified.

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

ACADEMIC AWARDS

COLLEGE OF THE ARTS AND COMMUNICATION

Dean's Award for Creative
Excellence
Gwynne Minta Stevenson

Dean's Graduate Award
Benjamin Forrest Kean

Department of Art

Graduate Award for Creative
Excellence in Visual Art
Jonte Essan Silver

Creative Excellence in Digital Art
and Design Award
Kaeli Rose Brady

Creative Excellence in
Fine Art Award
Matthew William Gonzalez
Kaitlynn J. McCoy

Scholarly Excellence in Art
History Award
Julia Nicole Kragiel

Department of Communication

Excellence in Scholarship
Graduate Award
Luzaidy Calderon

Excellence in Communication
Studies Award
Simone Sarah Goldmann

Excellence in Journalism Award
Tiernan Patrick Doyle

Excellence in Media (Radio, TV,
Film, or Theater) Award
Timothy Alexander Derkas

Excellence in Public Relations
Award
Zachary Hertz

Department of Music

Music Scholar Graduate Award
Gayeon (Karen) Heo

Music Scholar Award
Kendra Victoria Chaiken

Outstanding Musician Award
Anna Grace Hill

COTSAKOS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Dean's Graduate Award
Bingxin He

Dean's Award
Pooja Patel

Department of Accounting and Law

Outstanding Senior Accounting
Major Award
Jessica Alvarado
Rana Guzelsoy
Timothy Nathan Reisch

Department of Economics, Finance, and Global Business

Award for Outstanding
Graduating Master's Student in
Finance and Financial Services
(Finance Track)
Kujtime Lila
Vinjola Poro

Award for Outstanding Senior in
Economics
Armando Jose Ovalle

Award for Outstanding Senior in
Finance
Jordan M. Simone

Award for Outstanding Senior in
Financial Planning
Tatyana Williams

Award for Outstanding Senior in
Global Business
Giancarlo Jose Rodriguez

Department of Management, Marketing, and Professional Sales

Award for Outstanding
Graduating Master's Student in
Applied Business Analytics
Bingxin He

Award for Outstanding Senior in
Management
Nicole Mrowko

Award for Outstanding Senior in
Marketing
Pooja Patel

Award for Outstanding Senior in
Professional Sales
Patrick Kimler

Master of Business Administration Program

Outstanding MBA Graduate
Award with a Concentration in
Accounting
Ivona Ristovska

Outstanding MBA Graduate
Award with a Concentration in
Entrepreneurship
Zachary Robert Merring

Outstanding MBA Graduate
Award with a Concentration in
Finance
Matt Knepper

Outstanding MBA Graduate
Award with a Concentration in
Human Resource Management
Dunia A. Ali

Outstanding MBA Graduate
Award with a Concentration in
Marketing
Natasha Concessio

Outstanding MBA Graduate
Award with a Concentration in
Music Management
Michael Sidney Gelvan

Outstanding MBA Graduate
Award, General MBA
Marina Josifoski

Outstanding MBA Graduate
Award
Matt Knepper

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dean's Graduate Award
Alexa Nicole Trattou

Dean's Award
Artemis Maria Basile

Department of
Educational Leadership
and Professional Studies
Graduate Award for Academic
Excellence in Educational
Leadership (MEd in Educational
Leadership)
Sylvia Gonzalez

MEd in Literacy Award for
Excellence in Scholarship and
Research
Dana Lynn Hauck
Michaela Kessinger

MEd in Curriculum and Learning
Award for Excellence in
Scholarship: Early Childhood
Education
Michele DePalma

MEd in Curriculum and
Learning Award for Excellence
in Scholarship: School Library
Media Specialist
Christopher Paradiso

MEd in Curriculum and Learning
Award for Excellence in
Scholarship: STEAM
Marissa Lynne Cerullo

Master of Arts in Higher
Education Administration:
Leadership Studies Award
Joseph Gregory Rimi

Department of Special Education, Professional Counseling, and Disability Studies

Graduate Award in Special
Education (MEd Teacher of
Students with Disabilities)
Katherine Cofer

Graduate Award in Special
Education (MEd Learning
Disabilities-Teacher Consultant)
Danielle Aviles

Graduate Award in Professional
Counseling (MEd School
Counseling)
Kelly Ann Mabin

Graduate Award in Professional
Counseling (MEd Clinical Mental
Health Counseling)
Anton Steiger

Excellence in Teaching Award
Grace Lohr Dimodugno

Academic Excellence Award in
Disability Studies
Manuel Garcia

Department of Teacher Education: PreK-12

Master of Arts in Teaching Award
(Elementary Education)
Katherine Julianna Budinsky

Master of Arts in Teaching Award
(Secondary Education)
Matthew Pio Casey

Excellence in Teaching Award
Amanda Colette Gilbert (P-3)
Kelly Grace Dykman (K-6)
Brenda Lynn Robinson
(P-3 with Teacher of Students
with Disabilities)

Academic Achievement and
Excellence in Teaching Award
(K-12)
Janet Maureen Chirlo

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dean's Graduate Award
Molly Kammen

Dean's Award
Debra Alison Mourad
(Humanities)
Ariana Zeppetelli
(Social Sciences)

Department of Community and Social Justice Studies

Outstanding Academic
Achievement Award in Africana
World Studies
Jhamani Anise Ashcraft

Outstanding Academic
Achievement Award in
Anthropology
Erica Albino

Women's and Gender Studies
Norma Van Dyke Award
Ruby Moon Constantino

Department of English

The Helen and Philip Manno
Award
Kelly Elizabeth Sondermeyer

Department of History

Outstanding Graduating Senior
Award
Robert Ian Elfers

Patricia Ripmaster Award
Victoria Cecilia Lipari

Department of Languages and Cultures

Graduate Award for Excellence in
Bilingual/ESL Studies
Brittany Nicole Snyder

Award for Excellence in Spanish
Victor R. Costantini

Outstanding Academic
Achievement Award
Victor R. Constantini

ACADEMIC AWARDS continued

Department of Philosophy

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Lexis Marie Howard
Robert P. Michel

Department of Political Science, Legal, and Urban Studies

Academic Service Award in Political Science

Ema Joyce Jacketti

Outstanding Senior Award in Political Science

Lexis Marie Howard

Outstanding Senior Award in Legal Studies

Carmine Pelosi

Outstanding Senior Award in Geography

Ethan Richard Thomas

Outstanding Senior Award in Urban Studies

Tiffany D. Sanders

Department of Psychology

PsyD Excellence Award

Marwa Mohamed Fouad
Ahmed

Excellence in Graduate Studies Award

Jordyn Arielle Richardson-
Norris

Outstanding Academic Distinction

Alicia Rosales Chavez

Excellence in Academic Achievement

Melanie Marie Torre

Outstanding Academic Achievement and Research Award

Christopher Ian Stundon

Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

Graduate Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Frankie Dejesus Cruz

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Vanessa Renee Archibold
Jennifer Jayne Devincenzi
Kathy Ann Wood

Asian Studies Program

Distinguished Graduate in Asian Studies Award (East Asia Track)

Garry Paul Portugal

Distinguished Graduate in Asian Studies Award (Japanese Language)

Garry Paul Portugal

Outstanding Graduate in Asian Studies

Garry Paul Portugal

Latin American and Latino Studies Program

Catarina T. Feldman Award

Chantal Fuse
Ashley Merchant

Liberal Studies Program

Liberal Studies Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Mia Lennon
Brenda Lyn Robinson

Departments of History and Philosophy

Paul Vouras Humanities Award

Jacqueline Antonette Messina
Robert P. Michel

Departments of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Psychology, and Political Science, Legal, and Urban Studies

Paul P. Vouras Social Sciences Award

Jennifer Jayne Devincenzi
Kaitlin Grace Forsyth
Erica Grace Hickey

William Paterson University-Mercer County Community College Program

Academic Excellence Award

Savanna Juliet Gilmore

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH

Dean's Graduate Award
Emily Paige Ackerman

Dean's Award
Jannat Ara Begum
Paige Victoria Farley

Department of Biology

Monroe Spivak Graduate Award
Elika Z. Moallem

Outstanding Senior Award
Jannat Ara Begum
Anup Avanindra Patel

C. Kent Warner Award
Jannat Ara Begum

Outstanding Undergraduate
Research Award
Khizar Siddiqui

Department of Chemistry

Excellence in Materials Chemistry
Award
Leslie Katherine Trigoura

Excellence in Chemistry Award
Ian Morgan Hicks
Zakaria Kaykay
Alyssa Marie Lakatos

Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences

Andrya Raymer Award
Emily Paige Ackerman

Graduate Excellence Award
Paige Ellen Garlasco

Undergraduate Excellence Award
Tamara Crystal Rehawi

Department of Computer Science

Omicron Omega Award for
Excellence in Computer Science
Marina Abdalkarim

Omicron Omega Iota Tau Award
for Excellence in Computer
Information Technology
Kaori Suzuki

Department of Environmental Science

Excellence in Environmental
Science Award
Tiffany D. Sanders
Morganne Harli Vogel
Matthew Kenneth Young

Department of Kinesiology

Distinugished Exercise and Sport
Studies Graduate Award
Thomas Galan
Timothy Joseph Stiroh

Athletic Training Education
Program Academic Award
Brittany Lynette Moore

Exercise Physiology Award
Shannon Marie Shears

Cindy Keller Award for
Physical Education
Connor David Brown

Distinguished Sport
Management Student Award
Kerianne Decker

Department of Mathematical Sciences

Academic Excellence Award in
Mathematics
Artemis Maria Basile

Academic Excellence and
Service Award in Mathematics
Anna Sand

Department of Nursing

Nursing Excellence Doctor of
Nursing Practice Award
Mary Ellen Levine

Nursing Excellence Graduate
Award (Adult-Gerontology Nurse
Practitioner Program)
Annamarie Marino

Nursing Excellence Graduate
Award (Family Nurse Practitioner
Program)
Mercedes Sue Safarpour

Nursing Excellence Award
(Accelerated Track)
Kaitlyn Ann Cestaro
Paige Victoria Farley

Nursing Excellence Award
(Generic Track)
Charlene Sarmiento Lanuza
Varsha Ann Thottananiyil

Nursing Excellence Award
(R.N. Students)
Changwon (David) Lee

Department of Public Health

Excellence in Health Education
Academic Award
Lamaa Beidas

Excellence in Public Health
Academic Award
Jessy Lopez Correa

ABOUT WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY



William Paterson University traces its roots to the city of Paterson, where it was founded in 1855. For more than a century, training teachers for New Jersey schools was its exclusive mission. In 1951, the University moved to the present campus in Wayne. Originally known as Ailsa Farms, this 300-acre site was purchased by the state of New Jersey in 1948 from the family of Garret A. Hobart, the 24th vice president of the United States. The original manor house, built in 1877, was the weekend retreat and summer residence of the Hobart family. Today the building is known as Hobart Manor and is the home of the Office of the President and the Office of Institutional Advancement. Hobart Manor was designated a national and state landmark in 1976.

The University changed its name to Paterson State Teachers College when it relocated from Paterson in 1951. In 1966, the

curriculum was expanded to include degree offerings other than those leading to a teaching career. In 1971, the institution was renamed The William Paterson College of New Jersey. The change of name honored William Paterson, the man who was the state's first senator, its second governor, and a United States Supreme Court Justice appointed by President George Washington; the name also reflected both the institution's proud beginnings in the city that also bears his name and the legislative mandate to move from a teachers college to a broad-based liberal arts institution. In another historic milestone, William Paterson was awarded university status by the Commission on Higher Education in June 1997.

The University has continued to evolve. Today, William Paterson University enrolls nearly 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students, including 2,600 residential students. The University's five colleges—Arts and Communication, Cotsakos College of Business, Education, Humanities and

Social Sciences, and Science and Health—support nearly 150 bachelor's degree, master's degree, and undergraduate and graduate certificate programs, and three doctoral programs—the doctor of nursing practice, added in

2011, the doctorate in clinical psychology, established in 2015, and the doctor of education in leadership, added in 2021. An Honors College provides academically gifted students with a rigorous curriculum.



The University's many accreditations include the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, Commission on the Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, National Association of Schools of Art and Design, National Association of Schools of Music, and National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, among others.

The institution's full-time

classrooms, laboratories, and studios, and throughout the campus, as well as at various off-campus locations, including the adjacent

High Mountain Park Preserve. It continues to expand its state-of-the-art facilities, including an expanded and renovated

Science Complex, dedicated in 2012, and an 80,000-square-foot \$40 million academic building, University Hall, which opened in 2016 and was funded in part by \$30 million

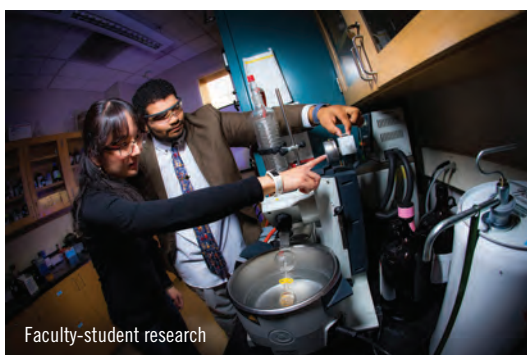
from New Jersey's "Building Our Future" Bond Act. An initiative to modernize the academic core of the campus has continued with the renovation of two academic buildings, Preakness Hall, formerly Hunziker Wing, which reopened in fall 2017, and Hunziker Hall, completed in 2018.

William Paterson is the third most diverse public university in New Jersey and 45 percent of its students are the first in their families to attend

college. In 2015, the University was designated as a Hispanic-serving institution with nearly 30 percent of its students claiming Hispanic heritage.

In 2011, the University became the first public New Jersey college or university to require new undergraduates to take a course on civic engagement. During the 2019-20 academic year, more than 1,200 students participated in at least one civic engagement activity.

The University is committed to sustainability and is a charter signatory of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment. Its solar panel installation, dedicated in 2010, ranks among the largest university installations in the United States.



Faculty-student research

faculty, who are widely respected for their teaching, research and scholarship, include 35 Fulbright scholars, two Guggenheim Fellows, and recipients of numerous other awards, grants, and fellowships. The University generated more than \$16.7 million in federal, state, and local government grants and contracts in support of academic research and educational initiatives during the 2019-20 academic year.

University President Richard J. Helldobler joined the institution in 2018 following the retirement of President Kathleen Waldron, who served as president since 2010.

William Paterson provides learning opportunities in its



Known for civic engagement opportunities



Rigorous high-quality academic programs

UNIVERSITY TRADITIONS

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL

The academic processional begins with the entrance of the gonfalon, or University banner, carried by the Salutatorian, who is followed by the graduates. After the graduates have taken their places, the University Marshal, carrying the University mace, leads the faculty to their places. The University Marshal then leads the platform party, which includes the president, the Board of Trustees, vice presidents, deans, and other University officials, to the stage. The mace is presented at the center of the stage while those processing enter and take their places. Once the mace is placed on the stand, it signals the beginning of the ceremony.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the recessional order is reversed; the last to have entered are the first to recess. The University Marshal leads the platform party, headed by the University president, followed by other dignitaries and University officials, the faculty, and, finally, the graduates. The audience is requested to remain seated until the recessional is concluded.

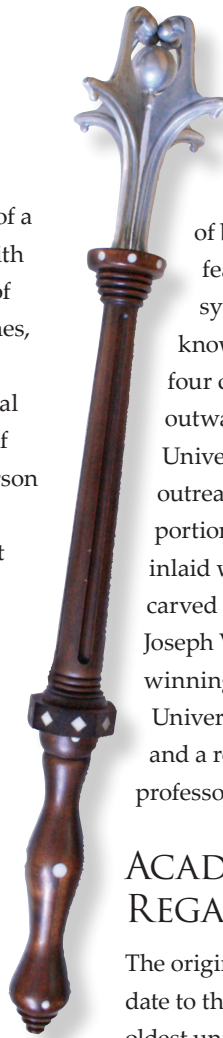
MACE

The mace—in the form of a staff topped by a ball with spikes—was a weapon of warfare in medieval times, but in the 14th century it evolved into a ceremonial object that is a symbol of authority. William Paterson University, like most colleges, has a mace that is used at all academic ceremonies. Carried by a senior University faculty member who is designated as the University Marshal, the mace is the emblem and symbol of the president's authority to administer the University. At Commencement, after the graduates have taken their places, the University Marshal carrying the mace leads the faculty to their places and then leads in the president, the Board of Trustees, vice presidents, deans, and other University officials. The mace is presented at the center of the stage while those processing enter and take their places. Once the mace is placed on the stand, it signals the beginning of the ceremony.

This mace was first used in the 153rd Commencement ceremony in 1987 and was designed and crafted by Ming Fay, a retired

professor of art.

The top piece, cast of brushed aluminum, features a center ball symbolizing universal knowledge, surrounded by four curved fins radiating outward, representing the University's community outreach. The bottom portion, made of teak and inlaid with faux ivory, was carved with the assistance of Joseph Van Putten, an award-winning graduate of the University's Art Department and a retired assistant professor of art.



ACADEMIC REGALIA

The origins of academic dress date to the founding of the oldest universities in Europe in the Middle Ages. With few exceptions, medieval scholars had taken religious vows, and were obliged to wear long gowns and caps at all times, which also may have been necessary for warmth in unheated buildings. In the days of King Henry VIII of England, Cambridge and Oxford universities began prescribing a definite academic dress.

The practice of wearing academic regalia in the United States dates to the establishment of the original colonial colleges and was heavily influenced by

European practices and styles. Students of most colonial colleges were required to wear the gowns at most times, a practice that lasted until the eve of the Civil War in many institutions of higher learning. Today, academic regalia is worn primarily for Commencement and other academic ceremonies.

Though some universities in the United States and abroad have other colors, the usual color for gowns in America is black. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. The gown for the master's degree gowns has oblong sleeves that are open at the wrist. Doctoral degree gowns have sleeves that are bell-shaped and the front is faced with black velvet. Three bars of velvet are placed across the sleeves; these bars may be of velvet of the color distinctive of the faculty or subject to which the degree pertains.

Hoods are lined with the official color of the college or university that conferred the degree. The velvet edging color represents the appropriate degree as follows: bachelor of arts—white; bachelor of fine arts—light brown; bachelor of music—pink; bachelor of science—golden yellow. Mortarboards (caps) are usually black. The gown and hood of the University Marshal and the president were made especially for William Paterson University ceremonies in the official colors of orange and black.

CEREMONIAL BANNERS

William Paterson University's ceremonial banners include the University gonfalon in the institution's colors of orange and black and featuring the University seal in silver. Other banners signify graduate studies and the Honors College. Additional banners identify the University's five colleges, in colors representative of the degrees they confer. They are:

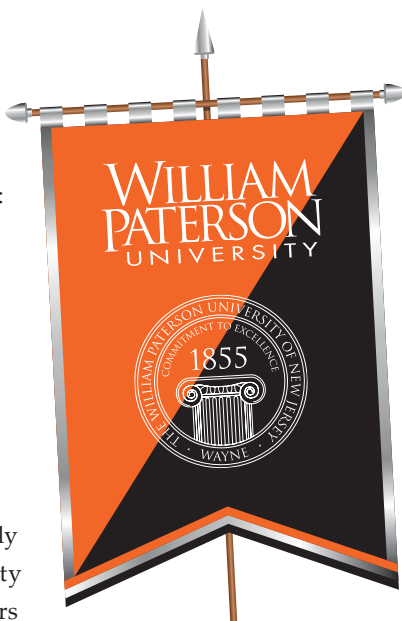
College of the Arts and Communication:
Black and purple

Cotsakos College of Business:
Black and gold

College of Education:
Black and blue

College of Humanities and Social Sciences: Black and red

College of Science and Health:
Black and green



PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

The President's Medal worn by President Richard Helldobler features a medallion of the University seal. One side of the chain lists the previous names of the University, the other lists the University's colleges. The President's Medallion was first presented in 1978 by President Seymour Hyman and was redesigned in 1997 when William Paterson was awarded university status. The medallion is awarded periodically to individuals who have made outstanding contributions of service to the University community, to academe, or to society as a whole. It has been presented to those who have given time, talent, or funds to the University; who have enhanced cultural, scientific, or artistic awareness in New Jersey; who provide a positive role model in personal achievement and/or outstanding service to others; and who have strengthened higher education locally or nationally.

LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Dear Class of 2021,

Congratulations! After all your hard work and dedication, you have earned your degree from William Paterson University. This Commencement is particularly exciting for me, as I too am a member of the graduating Class of 2021. I am proud to earn my second William Paterson University degree, an MBA with a concentration in accounting. I am honored to celebrate this very special occasion with you. On behalf of the entire William Paterson alumni community, we applaud you for achieving this important milestone, especially while dealing with the added challenge of a worldwide pandemic.

As a graduate of William Paterson University, you join a network of more than 80,000 proud Pioneers throughout New Jersey, the nation, and the world who are using their William Paterson degrees and experiences as a springboard to professional accomplishment and personal growth. They are leaders in every profession, and their achievements reflect the University's mission and commitment to preparing graduates for success in their careers, communities, and lives. Many alumni have been demonstrating their Will. Power. helping to navigate the pandemic. I would like to extend a special thank you to all our alumni front line workers and first responders for keeping us safe and truly exhibiting their Pioneer spirit.

Alumni play an important role in the past, present, and future of William Paterson. As a graduate, you are now a member of the William Paterson University Alumni Association, our official alumni organization. We encourage you to take advantage of the many exciting opportunities available to you, such as networking events, social gatherings, learning opportunities, career development programs, exclusive benefits, and volunteer opportunities. While we're not able to come together in person at this time, we're pleased to provide many ways for you to stay connected to William Paterson and your alumni community in online and virtual formats, and look forward to the day when we're able to gather in person once again.

We have a wide variety of activities and services tailored especially for new and recent alumni, and as a member you will also receive frequent communications, including *WP Magazine*. We also invite you to become an active participant in the many events we host each year. You can also stay connected to William Paterson through our official alumni website, wpunj.edu/alumni and our Facebook page, facebook.com/wpunj, and can make professional connections through our LinkedIn group, wpunj.edu/linkedin. Or, follow us on twitter at twitter.com/WPUNJ_Alumni and Instagram at Instagram.com/wpunj_alumni.

Again, congratulations, and we look forward to sharing the next stage of your William Paterson life with you! Our very best wishes as as you begin your journey as William Paterson alumni.

Sincerely,



Domenico DiMaio '97

President

William Paterson University Alumni Association



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College of Science and Health

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OUR MISSION

William Paterson University of New Jersey is a public institution that offers an outstanding and affordable education to a diverse traditional and nontraditional student body through baccalaureate, graduate, and continuing education programs. The University's distinguished teachers, scholars, and professionals actively challenge students to high levels of intellectual and professional accomplishment and personal growth in preparation for careers, advanced studies, and productive citizenship. Faculty and staff use innovative approaches to research, learning, and student support to expand students' awareness of what they can accomplish. The University's graduates embody a profound sense of responsibility to their communities, commitment to a sustainable environment, and active involvement in a multicultural world.

VISION: THE UNIVERSITY IN 2022

William Paterson University will be widely recognized as the model of outstanding and affordable public higher education characterized by rigorous academic preparation and a wide array of experiential, cocurricular, and extracurricular opportunities. The University will be distinctive for nationally recognized programs that prepare its students for the careers of today and tomorrow and known for its support of the personal growth and academic success of a highly diverse student body. It will be an institution of first choice for students committed to transforming their lives and making a difference.

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CORE VALUES

At the core of everything the University does, the following five values define its ethos and fundamental beliefs:

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE As individuals and as an institution, we seek to model and to impart to our students the highest standards of knowledge, inquiry, preparation, academic freedom, and integrity, as well as an expanded sense of what an individual can accomplish.

CREATING KNOWLEDGE We strive to expand the boundaries of knowledge and creative expression in and outside of our classrooms. We help students think imaginatively and critically and encourage innovative solutions to social issues, the challenges of ecological sustainability and economic growth, and ethical dilemmas confronting our communities, regions, nation, and world.

STUDENT SUCCESS Students are our reason for being. We judge our effectiveness, progress, and success in terms of how well we provide a platform for their personal, intellectual, and professional development, enabling them to transform their lives and become civically engaged.

DIVERSITY We value and promote the expression of all aspects of diversity. We maintain a campus culture that welcomes diversity of personal circumstances and experiences and prepares students to become effective citizens in an increasingly diverse, interdependent, and pluralistic society.

CITIZENSHIP We challenge our students, faculty, staff, and alumni to recognize their responsibility to improve the world around them, starting locally and expanding globally. We offer critical expertise to New Jersey and our region, while our scholarship and public engagement address pressing community needs in the region and beyond in keeping with our public mission.

