

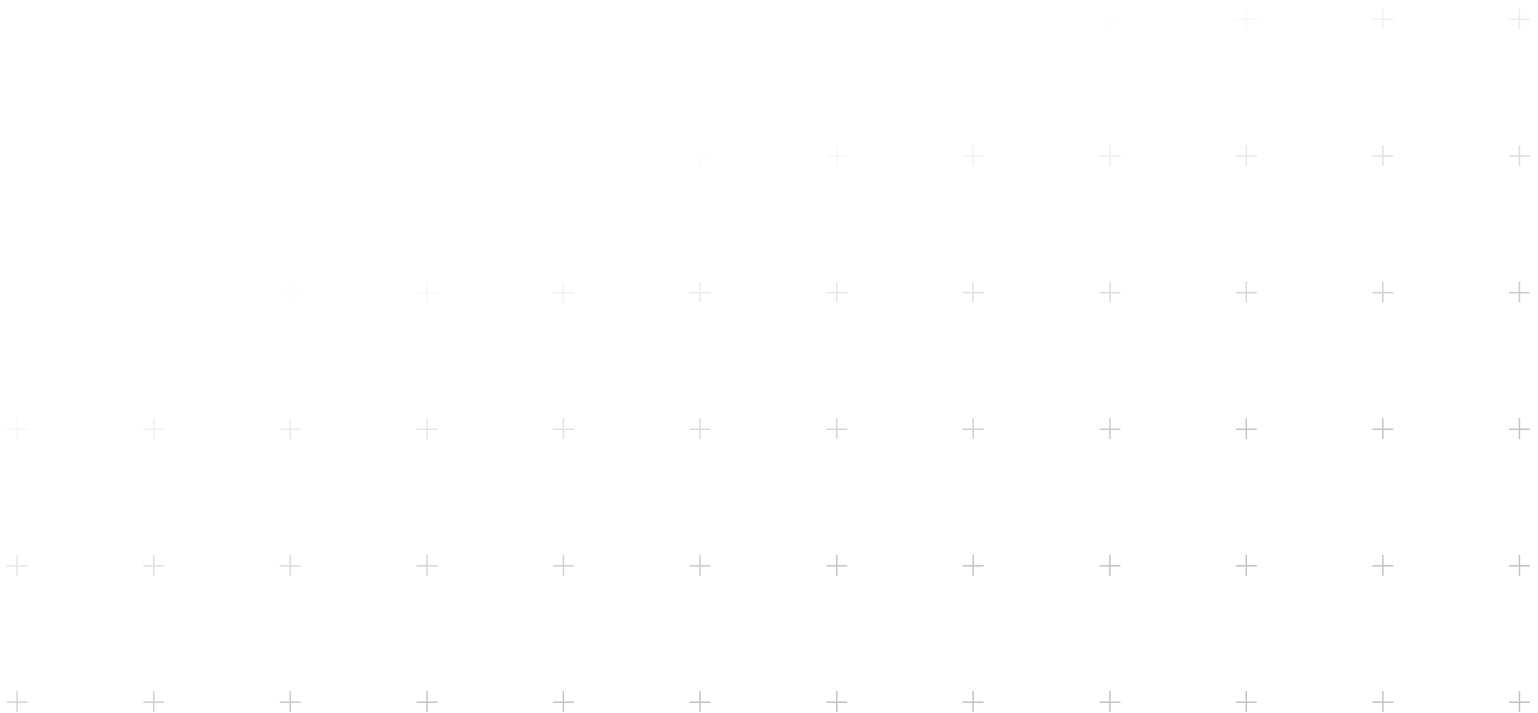


PennState
Berks

Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2024

Saturday, May 4, 2024
Santander Arena



Message from the Chancellor



On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration at Penn State Berks, it is my great honor to congratulate our 2024 Spring graduates.

The day you have been waiting for has finally arrived. Commencement is a significant milestone and a time of hope and excitement for the future. Take some time to celebrate your accomplishments with those who have believed in you and supported you along the way. Through determination and resilience, you have transformed and grown in many ways during your time at Penn State Berks. Now is the time to believe in yourself and have confidence in your knowledge and abilities.

It has been our privilege to help educate and guide you in preparation for your next adventure, whether it's beginning your career journey, pursuing entrepreneurial opportunities, or continuing your education. For some of you, the future may seem uncertain. No matter what path you take, remember to pursue your passions and be open to new possibilities.

Now, as a new member of another Penn State community, you join more than 750,000 Penn State alumni around the state, nation, and world. I encourage you to remain connected to your Penn State Berks family in some way; we will be excited to hear from you, to welcome you back to the campus, and to learn about your accomplishments.

Thank you for the time you have spent as a member of the Penn State Berks community and for your contributions to the campus. Each and every one of you has made a lasting impression on the college.

As Penn State Berks alumni, you represent the future and you have the power to create a better, more sustainable world. We wish you continued success.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Radha Pyati". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and elegant.

Dr. Radha Pyati
Penn State Berks Chancellor

Commencement Program

PROCESSIONAL*	Dr. Randall Newnham, <i>College Marshal, Professor of Political Science, Alina Rodriguez, B.S. in Information Technology; Spring 2024 Student Marshal</i>
OPENING PROCLAMATION	Dr. Lorena Tribe, <i>Faculty Senate Chair, Associate Professor of Chemistry</i> <i>Stage Assembly (left to right): Kevin Tobias '86, President, Penn State Berks Alumni Society; Lucine Sihelnik, Commencement Speaker; Donald Cairns, Member, Board of Trustees; Dr. Radha Pyati, Chancellor; Dr. Lorena Tribe, Faculty Senate Chair; Dr. Pradip Bandyopadhyay, Science Division Head; Dr. Belén Rodríguez-Mourelo, Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Division Head; Dr. Janelle Larson, Engineering, Business and Computing Division Head; Dr. Todd Migliaccio, Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer.</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM*	Performed by Malinda Garcia, <i>Penn State Berks Sophomore</i>
PRESIDING AND GREETINGS	Dr. Radha Pyati, <i>Penn State Berks Chancellor</i>
“WHAT’S THE POINT?”	Alina Rodriguez, <i>Student Marshal</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Lucine Sihelnik, <i>President and CEO of the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance</i>
TRUSTEE REMARKS	Donald Cairns, <i>Board of Trustees</i>
CONFERRING DEGREES	Dr. Todd Migliaccio, <i>Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer</i>
AUTHORIZING CONFERRING DEGREES	Dr. Radha Pyati
PRESENTING DEGREE CANDIDATES	Dr. Michele Ramsey, <i>Associate Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences; Presenting Division of Humanities, Arts and Social Studies</i> Dr. Pauline Milwood, <i>Associate Professor of Hospitality Management; Presenting Division of Engineering, Business and Computing</i> Dr. César Martínez-Garza, <i>Associate Professor of Mathematics; Presenting Division of Science</i>
INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	Kevin Tobias, <i>President, Penn State Berks Alumni Society</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	Dr. Radha Pyati
ALMA MATER*	Performed by Malinda Garcia
RECESSIONAL*	Stage Assembly and Graduates

*Audience please stand.

Sign Language Interpreter:
Nancy Abreu, NIC
RID, Nationally Certified;
PA State Registered

Commencement Speaker

Lucine Sihelnik

President and CEO, Greater Reading Chamber Alliance

Lucine Sihelnik, President and CEO of the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance, is a leader in community and economic development and she has spent the last 20 years working to advocate for sustainability in Berks County.

Sihelnik and her husband, Balasios “Saki” Lahaniatis, founded the Great American Creamery, and their business utilizes sustainable practices. It also uses product supplied from Penn State’s Berkey Creamery.

Years ago, Sihelnik started her first small business – a small, organic vegetable farm near Bernville. Later, she led the revitalization and expansion of the Penn Street Market, and served as Food Systems Director to create the Regional Reading Food Policy and Action Council. The council coordinated a number of successful community initiatives under her leadership.

Later, while serving as Berks Agricultural Resource Network’s first female president, Sihelnik was elected to the District 1 seat on Reading’s City Council in 2019/2020. She served as Vice President for two years and most recently as Commissioner of Berks County.

Sihelnik earned a master’s degree from Alvernia University, and currently serves on several boards and volunteers with many community initiatives. She believes that sustainability should and can be applied to every facet of people, planet, and profit.

SPRING 2024 GRADUATES

Associate Degrees

DIVISION OF SCIENCE

Occupational Therapy, A.S.

Madeline Smolin

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Multidisciplinary Studies, A.A.

Christopher Cohen

Colleen Klahr

Liliana Sharicata Hernandez

Nathaniel Smith

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING, BUSINESS, AND COMPUTING

Business Administration, A.S.

Al-Nure Karim +

David Meinhold +

Randy Terry III +

Raymond Torres +

Information Sciences and Technology, A.S.

Anthony Tai Vo

Baccalaureate Degrees

DIVISION OF SCIENCE

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, B.S.

Erick Astacio

Logan Henne

Alexis Link

Katie Lynch

Saul Sanchez

Mylin Snyder

Roman Voskoboynikov

Jason Wehr

Biology, B.S.

Sarah Haq

Fares Hassan

William Jackson

Matthew Kauffman ***

Alyssa Love

Julia Madsen

Tabitha Mill ***

Hayden Perrone ***

Aidee Santos Acosta

Brooke Turkowski *

Kaila Wojciechowsky

Baccalaureate Degrees

DIVISION OF SCIENCE

Kinesiology, B.S.

Arias Acosta
Alexis Buchmann
Ishmael Cadet
Alex Carvalho **
Brendan Fox
Ashley Gallina
Andrew Gossert
Samantha Hagenbush
Carson Jordan
Morgan Kline
Kolbie Reeser
Kyle Reinkemeyer
Genesis Rodriguez
Jose Rojas-Gomez
David Rudisill
Mina Yakoub

Science, B.S.

Union Brazzle
Natalia Echavarria
Elizabeth Geynovich
Steven Lecates ***
Samantha Kranis +
Juliana Mirena
Jayden Sweigart +

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Communication Arts and Sciences, B.A.

Mikayla Barilla
Rebecca Christman **
Hector Dixon
Jeffrey Johnson Jr.
Alejandra Leon-Vazquez
James Murray II

Criminal Justice, B.A.

Zaire Caraway
Aadithya Sreeprakash +

Criminal Justice, B.S.

Angela Bonopane *
Kyle Esterly
Jase Graybill
Benjamin Griffis ***
Jacob Sugrim +

Elementary and Early Childhood Education, B.S.

Luke Andes
Tara Anthony
Alexa Devitt
Ashlie Eveland *
Allison Freshley
Megan Hartz
Cara Haws
Abree Lewis *
Shannon McHugh
Hannah McNamee
Heather Mengel
Sophia Mumbauer
Stephen Paquette
Merinda Porter
Camry Slaybaugh
Lauren Stone
Evan Thrash

Global Studies, B.A.

Avery Rivera
Elizabeth Rivera

Baccalaureate Degrees

Organizational Leadership, B.S.

Paul Rhodes

Psychology, B.A.

Quinn Dry

Jocelyn Ewing +

Crystal Fondeur

Erna Hamzic +

Jennifer Honorat

Arianna Murataya +

Aadithya Sreepakash +

Yarali Villar

Emily Wang

Julia Winkler

Psychology, B.S.

Katryn-Dare DeCola

Sara Fowler

Alexander Torzone

Alexandra Weitzel

Rehabilitation and Human Services, B.S.

Brianna Broccardi

Gregory Capretti

Madison Fredericksen

Dominick Hutt

Peter Kotzo Jr.

Corrie Lescoe

John Slegowski

Writing and Digital Media, B.A.

Michael McLaughlin

Nigel Oglesby

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING, BUSINESS, AND COMPUTING

Accounting, B.S.

Mariah Bailey

Hau Cai **

Johdil Collado Vicente

Elvis Diaz

Luis Dutan

Giovanni Esquivel-Cruz *

Cheyenne Huey

Joshua Keeney

Hunter Leisey

Benjamin Rickards

Emily Smith

Azzurro Zimmerman-Cadmus

Business, B.S.

Matthew Baker

Dylan Beerman

Nicholas Bergeman

Connor Borkey +

Phraya Chaleunsouk +

Carson Dautrich *

Martina Dobbs

Jacob Donahue

Maggie Duncan

Alexander Everett

Javier Garcia Jr.

Kaylinne Aimee Hernandez

Jared Hill

Allison Howe

Ashley Kling

Calvin Lovelace II

Matthew McGrogan

Carter Middlecamp +

Zachary Parznik +

Prit Patel

Abigail Schaeffer

Baccalaureate Degrees

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING, BUSINESS, AND COMPUTING

Business, B.S.

Cole Schwartz
Monsserath Sosa Caballero
Ahmed Tarek Taher
Rylee Tineri
Orlando Torres
Devin Warbeck

Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations, B.S.

Matthew Blake
Mason Fontana
Pranav Gowtam *
Justin Lusk
Colin Templin
Brandon Walzl
Omar Youssef +

Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology, B.S.

Escarline Abad De Ortiz +
Mathew Avila
Nicholas Beers
Alexander Chavez +
Garrett Derr
Brandon Diehl
Rogelio Flores
Rocco Hirshman
Brian Khuu
Michael Mancini ***
Edmund Mayer
Christopher Moya
Mozammel Mukhtarzada
John Nguyen

Ryan Reitz
Michael Spitler
Luke Taylor
Austin Witinski **

Hospitality Management, B.S.

Chaslyn Christman
Grace Fischer
Adara Otero +
Thomas Scott Jr.
Heather Szymborski-Pratt ***
Joshua Tanis

Information Sciences and Technology, B.S.

Erich Lutz

Information Technology, B.S.

Nicholas Ferrero
Parker Hahn
Vidda Jimenez
Aaron Lewis
Corey Livinghouse
Zackary Moyer
Sebastian Mule
Cameron Reifinger
Alina Rodriguez ***
Josiah Rodriguez +
Hunter Smith

Baccalaureate Degrees

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING, BUSINESS, AND COMPUTING

Mechanical Engineering, B.S.

Christopher Adams
Armin Bahojb Almasi *
Zachary Christman
Michael Cotter
Jake Danko
Jacob English
Samuel Eshleman
Daniel George
Caleb Hooper
Jakob Kopf *
Ryan Light
Ethan Link
Morgan Lusch
Joshua Miller
Bogdan Nazaryan
Patrick O'Donnell
Andrew Omelczenko
Pedro Rodriguez III
Dominick Shortridge

Security and Risk Analysis, B.S.

Jamaal Bokhari
Logan Clay
Brandon Frantz

CANDIDATES FOR DISTINCTION: Pre-Distinction was determined as of February 21, 2024.

* Candidates for Cum Laude
** Candidates for Magna Cum Laude
*** Candidates for Summa Cum Laude

Other Campus Candidates

Accounting, B.S.

World Campus

Timothy Crowley

Business, B.S.

World Campus

Thomas Fries Jr.

Human Development and Family Studies, B.S.

World Campus

Ana Vega

Mechanical Engineering Technology, B.S.

Harrisburg

Elijah Padulese

Organizational Leadership, B.S.

World Campus

Cathleen Phillips +
Nathan Hermus-Washburn

Psychology, B.A.

World Campus

Nilsa Montano
Sarah Batista

Master of Supply Chain Management in Supply Chain Management

World Campus

Sophie Adams

Program Notes

Dear Graduates: Congratulations on your achievements!

The information in this document was produced on February 21, 2024, as an unofficial list of students who indicated intent to graduate for the spring semester. Students who indicated their intent to graduate after that date are not listed on the printed program, however will be found on the digital copy through the QR code below.

If you have question about your name, degree, or distinction listed in this program, please reach out to the Penn State Berks Registrar Office at bk-registrar@psu.edu.

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“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.”

Photography

GradImages, a professional photographer of college and high school graduations, will be present at the ceremony. They will take photos of each graduate as they cross the stage. Students will be asked to complete a GradImages information card with their names, Penn State email addresses (valid for 6 months after graduation), and other contact information. Photo proofs will be available to graduates within 3-5 days following the ceremony. GradImages will send the proofs via USPS, email, and/or text based on the contact information they have received from each graduate.

Digital Program

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