



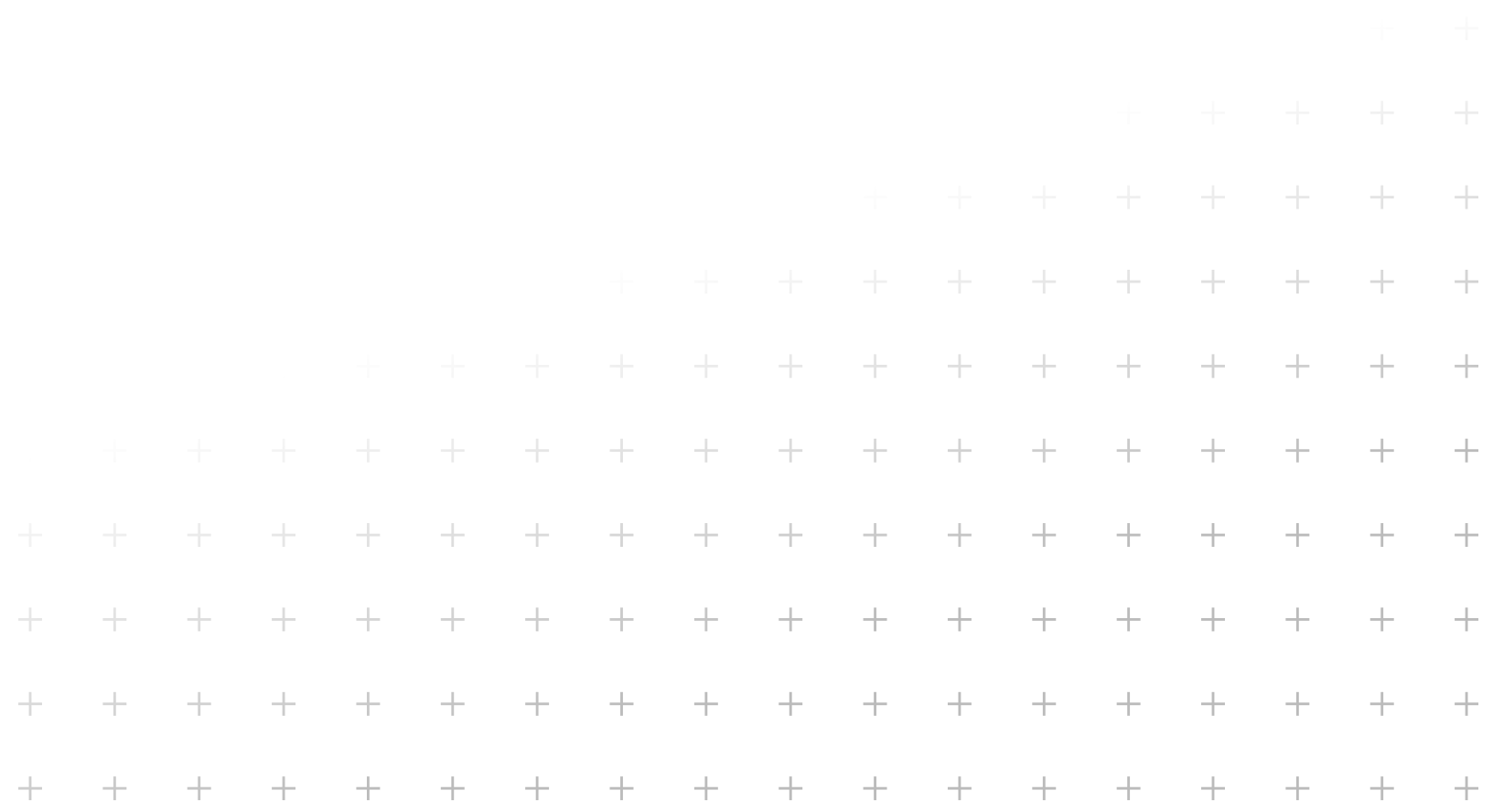
PennState
Berks

Commencement

Fall Semester 2025

Saturday, December 20, 2025

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 2025 Fall 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 nearly 800,000 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.

Dr. Radha Pyati
Penn State Berks Chancellor and Dean

Commencement Program

PROCESSIONAL* **Dr. Randall Newnham**, *College Marshal, Professor of Political Science*
Emma Pehote, *Fall 2025 Student Marshal, B.S. in Integrative Science*

OPENING PROCLAMATION **Dr. Colleen English**, *Faculty Senate Chair, Associate Professor of Kinesiology*

Stage Assembly (left to right): Dr. Colleen English, Faculty Senate Chair; Adam Krick '06, Representative, Penn State Berks Alumni; Patrick J. Dolan, Chairperson of the Penn State Berks Advisory Board, Commencement Speaker; Donald Cairns, Member, Board of Trustees; Dr. Radha Pyati, Chancellor and Dean; Dr. Tami Mysliwiec, 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.

NATIONAL ANTHEM* **Performed by Malinda Garcia**, *Penn State Student*

PRESIDING AND GREETINGS **Dr. Radha Pyati**, *Penn State Berks Chancellor and Dean*

"LIFE IS NOT LINEAR" **Emma Pehote**, *Student Marshal*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS **Patrick J. Dolan**, *Chairperson, Penn State Berks Advisory Board*

TRUSTEE REMARKS **Donald Cairns**, *Board of Trustees*

CONFERRING DEGREES **Dr. Todd Migliaccio**, *Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer*

AUTHORIZING CONFERRING DEGREES **Dr. Radha Pyati**

PRESENTING DEGREE CANDIDATES..... **Dr. César Martínez-Garza**, *Associate Professor of Mathematics; Presenting Division of Science*
Dr. Robert Zambanini, Jr., *Associate Teaching Professor of Computer Science; Presenting Division of Engineering, Business, and Computing*
Dawn Pfeifer Reitz, *Associate Teaching Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences; Presenting Division of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences*

INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION **Adam Krick '06**, *Representative, Penn State Berks Alumni*

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

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PA State Registered

Commencement Speaker

Patrick J. Dolan

President, Dolan Construction, Inc.

Patrick J. Dolan is president of Dolan Construction Inc., a respected and long-standing leader in the regional construction industry based in Berks County, Pennsylvania. As a licensed architect and seasoned executive, Dolan blends technical expertise with a deep commitment to integrity, teamwork, and community growth — values that have guided Dolan Construction for nearly five decades.

A graduate of Carnegie Mellon University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in architecture, Dolan began his professional career with Gensler, one of the world's leading architecture and design firms. During his tenure in Gensler's Washington, D.C. and Denver, Colorado offices, he contributed to a wide range of projects that strengthened his understanding of how design excellence and collaboration can shape thriving communities.

Building on that foundation, Dolan has devoted his career to translating design vision into lasting impact. Under his leadership, Dolan Construction continues to deliver projects that enrich the region — from health care and education to commercial and industrial facilities — while maintaining a steadfast focus on quality, partnership, and craftsmanship. Dolan holds architectural licenses in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, and Colorado. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. He is also a LEED Accredited Professional, a Certified Health Care Constructor (CHC), and a nationally certified disaster responder through the American Institute of Architects.

Beyond his professional achievements, Dolan is deeply engaged in community service and leadership. He serves as chair of the Penn State Berks Advisory Board, treasurer of Berks Encore, and a board member of Maddie's Miracles of Berks County. He also serves on the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry's UCC Accessibility Advisory Board, helping advance standards for accessibility and inclusion across the Commonwealth.

Dolan's dedication to community partnership has been recognized with several honors, including the Big Brothers Big Sisters Community Partner of the Year Award and the Berks Encore Leadership by Example Award — both celebrating his commitment to making a meaningful difference beyond the workplace.

Rooted in his belief that leadership is built on service, Dolan continues to mentor others and foster opportunities for growth in the construction profession and the wider community.

FALL 2025 GRADUATES

Certificate Programs

PRACTICAL NURSING

Nicholas Arthur
Courtney L. Downes
Haley N. Franklin
Jeralyn Freeman
Adamary Fuentes
Ashley Galindo
Alyssa Katherine Harris
Ayla Hernandez Cruz
Marie C. Massillon
Talisa Peterson
Elisabeth Reyes-Avila
Robert K. Robinson Jr.
Teresa L. Rodriguez
Bianca Watt
Ashley Wentzel
Brian Woodson

Associate Degrees

DIVISION OF SCIENCE

Occupational Therapy, A.S.

Marissa Crumlich
Eryn Halladay *
Emma Hocking
Emma Huber
Caitlin Kopchak *
Alice Neikam
Lisa Panczner
Katherine Phillips
Ivy Tharouniatis
Lauren Trimble
Skylar Zaleski

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING, BUSINESS, AND COMPUTING

Business Administration, A.S.

Jin Chen

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Multidisciplinary Studies, A.A.

Tomas Aguilar
Megan Cooper
Skylar Zaleski

Baccalaureate Degrees

DIVISION OF SCIENCE

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, B.S.

Madison Michalski

Biology, B.S.

Sophia Donahue **
Lawretto Miguel Masa
Trinity Rhode
Kendall Rohrbach
Chyna Walls
Johanna Wolbach

Integrative Science, B.S.

Kaitelynn Beely ***
Noah Bender
Michelle Brown *
Mallory Duff
Amy Fahler
Raymond Pedraza Jr.
Emma Pehote ***
Karissa Peters ^
Olivia Rice **
Anne Setenet

Kinesiology, B.S.

Ethan Brazier
Ashley Jocham
Adriana Lepera
Brooklyn Nagle
Anthony Pecoraio
Joshua Ruiz
Luisa Suero
Abigayle White

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING, BUSINESS, AND COMPUTING

Accounting, B.S.

Chad Benz
Brycen Eisenbrown
Braeden Faus
Gregory Fuchs
Grayson Kelts
Kyle Mamula

Business, B.S.

Isaiah Baskerville ^
Dylan Fick
Erik McLaughlin
Rohit Medishetty
David Meinhold
Mayson Minnich
Nicholas Puleo-Rupelli
Brandon Shaub
Nicholas Urquijo
Hunter Zohn *

Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations, B.S.

Julian Albright
Jonathan Keim
Nolan Miller
Nicholas Shore
Nick Thomas +

Hospitality Management, B.S.

Maya Dolan
Rocco Giannangeli
Jessica Herr

Baccalaureate Degrees

Information Technology, B.S.

Alexander Christie ^
Thomas John
Gabriel Kiene
Ethan McAfee
Christopher Tennant

Mechanical Engineering B.S.

Kelsey DeAcosta
Jonathan Haraschak

Security and Risk Analysis, B.S.

Matthew Burns
Mitchell Rollins

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Communication Arts and Sciences, B.A.

Nyalima Gaojia
Kimberly Nicholas
Chanyel Pittman

Criminal Justice, B.A.

Alexis Daniels *
Niko Miranda

Criminal Justice, B.S.

Hanna Mohn
Natalie Orihuela Valdez **

Psychology, B.A.

Aviana Armstead-Collado
Alexis Daniels *
Cameryn Derecho
Mary Elizondo
Kimberly Nicholas

Writing and Digital Media, B.A.

Bryce Musser
Rebecca Shubinsky *
Lauren Ziegler

Other Campus Candidates

Business, B.S.

Penn State World Campus

Lisbett Santos
Alisha Taveras

Computer Science, B.S.

Penn State Abington

Jack Geng Zhu

Health Policy and Administration, B.S.

Penn State World Campus

Joana Taka

Human Development and Family Studies, B.S.

Penn State World Campus

Mallory Clements

Information Sciences and Technology, B.S.

Penn State World Campus

William Perez

Psychology, B.A.

Penn State Lehigh Valley

Ximena Perez Romero

Strategic Communications, B.A.

Penn State World Campus

Rachel Azzaam

Program Notes

Dear Graduates: Congratulations on your achievements!

The information in this document was compiled on September 16, 2025, 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 questions about your name, degree, or distinction listed in this program, please reach out to the Penn State Berks Registrar's Office at bk-registrar@psu.edu.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: The associate degrees granted by the University emphasize a liberal, professional, or scientific education and are conferred upon satisfactory completion of four semesters of study.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE: The baccalaureate degrees granted by the University emphasize a liberal, professional, or scientific education and are conferred upon satisfactory completion of eight semesters of study.

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 six months after graduation), and other contact information. Photo proofs will be available to graduates within three to five 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

For those who would like a digital copy of the commencement program, please scan the QR code below.



CANDIDATES FOR DISTINCTION: Pre-Distinction was determined as of October 15, 2025.

- * Candidates for Cum Laude
- ** Candidates for Magna Cum Laude
- *** Candidates for Summa Cum Laude
- + Candidates walking in commencement ceremony but graduating in spring.
- ^ Student who graduated in previous semester participating in current ceremony.

DISTINCTION CORD INDICATORS

White Cord – Cum Laude

Blue Cord – Magna Cum Laude

White and Blue Cord – Summa Cum Laude

Red, White, and Blue Cord – Military Veteran, Active Service Member, or newly-commissioned Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC).



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