



PennState
Berks

Commencement

Fall Semester 2024

Saturday, December 21, 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 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Radha Pyati". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Dr. Radha Pyati
Penn State Berks Chancellor

Commencement Program

PROCESSIONAL*	Dr. Randall Newnham, <i>College Marshal, Professor of Political Science, Diana Stoltzfus, B.S. in Kinesiology; Fall 2024 Student Marshal</i>
OPENING PROCLAMATION	Dr. Colleen English, <i>Faculty Senate Chair, Associate Professor of Kinesiology</i> <i>Stage Assembly (left to right): James McCarty, Penn State Berks Alumni Society; Norman Bristol Colón, Commencement Speaker; Donald Cairns, Penn State Board of Trustees; Dr. Radha Pyati, Chancellor; Dr. Colleen English, Faculty Senate Chair; Dr. Belén Rodríguez-Mourelo, Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Division Head; Dr. Janelle Larson, Engineering, Business and Computing Division Head; Dr. Pradip Bandyopadhyay, Science Division Head; Dr. Todd Migliaccio, Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer.</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM*	Performed by Malinda Garcia, <i>Penn State Berks Student</i>
PRESIDING AND GREETINGS	Dr. Radha Pyati, <i>Penn State Berks Chancellor</i>
“THE POWER OF PERSEVERANCE.”	Diana Stoltzfus, <i>Student Marshal</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Norman Bristol Colón, <i>Chief Diversity Officer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Chairman and Founder, Pennsylvania Latino Coalition</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. Robert Zambinini, <i>Associate Teaching Professor; 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 ...	James McCarty, <i>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

Norman Bristol Colón

Commonwealth Chief Diversity Officer; Founder and Chairman, Pennsylvania Latino Convention

Norman Bristol Colón was appointed by Governor Josh Shapiro as Commonwealth Chief Diversity Officer on May 30, 2023. In this position, he is charged with leading diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs across Commonwealth agencies by partnering with senior leaders and employees across the Commonwealth to continue to build a capable, accessible, and diverse administration that represents all Pennsylvanians.

Previously, Bristol Colón was the first appointed Chief Diversity Officer for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. In this position, he was the principal architect of the agency's diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB) programs.

His extensive career in public service includes serving as Executive Director of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs, Director of Special Projects for the PA Department of State, Assistant to Secretary of State, Executive Director of the Governor's Census 2020 Complete Count Commission, and Special Assistant to Deputy Secretary for Community Affairs and Economic Development.

Born in Puerto Rico, Bristol Colón is the Founder and Chairman of the Pennsylvania Latino Convention, the most comprehensive initiative covering all aspects of Latino life, community, policy, and agenda in Pennsylvania. This convention is creating the statewide agenda for the more than 1 million Latinos in the state in areas such as business and entrepreneurship, education, health, housing, social justice, politics, the environment, civil rights, immigration, workforce training, and leadership/professional development.

In addition, Bristol Colón is an author and writer, strategist, international speaker, and coach.

Bristol Colón is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including Pennsylvania Person of the Year by Talk Magazine and Torch of Global Enlightenment Award by the World Affairs Council of Harrisburg, just to name a few.

In 2015, he was the recipient of an honorary doctoral degree in community service from the Colegio de Formación Teológica Ministerial for his outstanding professional commitment to the development of fair practices and equitable policies in the implementation of data-driven and research-based programs geared to serve disadvantaged communities, businesses, and individuals.

Bristol Colón is an alumnus of Penn State University, where he was the Junior Founding Father and President of Phi Delta Psi-H Hispanic Fraternity, the first Hispanic/Latino fraternity at Penn State.

FALL 2024 GRADUATES

Certificate Programs

PRACTICAL NURSING

Jennifer Galvan Zamudio
Alejandra Gomez
Betzaida Herrera
Jane Irizarry
Dana Miller
Lindsay Minich
Jasmine Ortiz
Lenasya Peaco-Gonzalez
Exenia Rios
Jamilex Roman
Lucy Sales
Jasmine Sanchez
Nilsa Starzmann

Associate Degrees

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING, BUSINESS, AND COMPUTING

Information Sciences and Technology, A.S.

Alejandro Fernandez

DIVISION OF SCIENCE

Occupational Therapy, A.S.

Madison Anslow
Morgan Barnes
Madelyn Hawley
Kathryn Kundrat **
Tatiana Martin
Ariella McNally *
Mikayla Ramsey
Mary Reichley
Autumn Steiner
Brynn Voshell
Aysia Weiler
Lauren Wright **
Alexa Zimmerman *

Baccalaureate Degrees

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Communication Arts and Sciences, B.A.

John Chaffier
Emily Jones
Alexandria O'Neill

Criminal Justice, B.S.

Ashley Ortiz Felix

Global Studies, B.A.

Samantha Acker ***
Mahwish Ahmed
Lislienid Melendez-Rodriguez
Majd Zreika

Organizational Leadership, B.S.

Shawn Raup-Konsavage ***

Psychology, B.A.

Travis Mauger **

Psychology, B.S.

Jacob Charsky *
Erin Morris

Rehabilitation and Human Services, B.S.

Thomas Paolini

Writing and Digital Media, B.A.

Ty Fulmer
Michael McLaughlin

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING, BUSINESS, AND COMPUTING

Accounting, B.S.

Molly Ballou
Madison Kachel
Tyler Strous
Brynne Watterson

Business, B.S.

Phraya Chaleunsouk
Mark Doerries
LeighAnn Gesicki
John Harrison
Evan Johns
Justin Keel
Jacob Lavigna
Stephen Neidert
Lucas Rupp
Caleb Smiley
Tyler Spitko
Vincenzo Tarquini
Ethan Walstrum

Baccalaureate Degrees

Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations, B.S.

Roger Asquith
Stephen Gale
Matthew Kerridge
Janay Lewis
Jayvian Pettit

Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology, B.S.

Rhys Fenstermaker
Hayden Forbush
Kushal Joshi
August Kannenberg +
Charles Madary
Joash Omondi Luckio
Justin Parks

Hospitality Management, B.S.

Darrel Boateng
Ellinor Condit
Taylor Yanczak

Information Technology, B.S.

Tyler Hain
Eric Nguyen
Adam Polli

Security and Risk Analysis, B.S.

Michael Sciecinski

DIVISION OF SCIENCE

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, B.S.

Eduardo Contin Pimentel
Ali Jabini
Gwynneth Stoudt
Charles Wickenheiser III

Biology, B.S.

Caleb Fatkin
Reshat Halim
Marjaan Khan **
Alexandru Popescu
Brenna Robinson **

Integrative Science, B.S.

Tunveen Bhandal
Dalton Boyle
Jacob Charsky *
Natalie Dietrich
Nicholas Goldson
Jymey Lara Herrera
Gabrielle Knowles
Amy Najarro Bojorquez
Gabrielle Remaly
Haidy Younes

Kinesiology, B.S.

Sydney Bankert ***
Joshua Fabian
Briar Riegel
Diana Stoltzfus ***
Savannah Wilson

Other Campus Candidates

Biology, B.S.

Schuylkill Campus

Aimen Mir

Psychology, B.A.

Lehigh Valley Campus

Janiece Nunez

Business Administration, A.S.

World Campus

Kyle Yensan

Psychology, B.A.

World Campus

Charina Chalas Naranjo

Business, B.S.

World Campus

Elaina Koller

Telecommunications, B.A.

University Park Campus

Jhoan Martinez Rodriguez

Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations, B.S.

Schuylkill Campus

Gavin Evitts

CANDIDATES FOR DISTINCTION: Pre-Distinction was determined as of October 10, 2024.

* Candidates for Cum Laude

** Candidates for Magna Cum Laude

*** Candidates for Summa Cum Laude

+ Candidates walking in commencement ceremony but graduating in spring.

Program Notes

Dear Graduates: Congratulations on your achievements!

The information in this document was compiled on October 10, 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 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 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

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



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