

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY
2026 COMMENCEMENT



UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026, 12:00 P.M.
PRUDENTIAL CENTER, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations! Today is a very special day in your life, 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. You have proven that you have the education and ability to make a real difference in your life and the lives of others. The University has given you the foundation on which to build a successful career of your choosing and a rewarding life.

I strongly encourage you to use your education to become a leader and an engaged community member. New Jersey and our nation need strong leaders who will shape public policy to make this country a better, more just union for all. At William Paterson University, you have learned and grown in a very diverse 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, work hard, and be sure to take time to enjoy all of the experiences ahead of you. Be bold, be brave, and choose kindness. Most importantly, be happy.

The entire William Paterson University community wishes you well in all of your endeavors. Your *alma mater* stands behind you, and will always welcome you back home to campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard J. Helldobler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "R".

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD
President

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to William Paterson University's 2026 Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony.

The audience is requested to stand for the National Anthem. Each candidate for a degree will be individually recognized during the ceremony. We ask that you hold your applause and other expressions of recognition during the degree presentations. The ceremony is expected to last up to three hours. A map of the Prudential Center, designating the seating sections for the graduates by academic college, can be found below. Family members will not be able to interact with the graduates on the arena floor.

Out of respect for all the graduates, we ask that you remain in your seats until the end of the ceremony. Commencement will officially conclude after conferral of the degrees, followed by the recessional. The President will lead the recessional, followed by the University Mace/Orb Bearer, platform party, dignitaries and University officials, the faculty, and, finally, the new graduates, who will exit from their seats on the floor and proceed to exit the building through the Citizens Bank Tower on Lafayette Street. Please arrange a mutually agreed-upon location to meet outside the Prudential Center following the ceremony.

Photographs: A professional photographer will photograph each graduate as they are greeted on stage. Proofs will be available online at gradimages.com within five to seven days following the ceremony.



ORDER OF CEREMONIES

Welcome

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

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 by Sir Edward Elgar
(Audience is requested to remain seated for the academic procession)

National Anthem

Kyra Alexandra Cioffi, vocalist, Bachelor of Music candidate

Introductions

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD, President

Undergraduate Student Speaker

Viola E. Smith, Bachelor of Science candidate, Accounting and
Financial Planning and Wealth Management

Faculty Excellence Awards

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

Conferral of President's Medallion

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD, President, presenting
Miki Cammarata, President's Medallion

President's Comment to the Class

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD, President

Conferral of Honorary Degree

Michael A. Seeve, Chair, William Paterson University Board of Trustees, presenting
Benjie E. Wimberly, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Commencement Address

Benjie E. Wimberly, New Jersey State Senator

Alumni Association Welcome

Domenico DiMaio '97, MBA '21, Member, William Paterson University Alumni Association

Presentation of Degree Candidates

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

Candidates will be recognized by the deans of their respective colleges,
members of the Board of Trustees, and President Richard J. Helldobler

Wartyna L. Davis, PhD, Dean, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Anthony Bowrin, PhD, Dean, Cotsakos College of Business

Amy Ginsberg, PhD, Dean, College of Education

Venkat Sharma, PhD, Dean, College of Science and Health

Conferral of Degrees

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD, President

Recessional

Suite No. 2 in F by Gustav Holst

(Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic procession has left)

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

BENJIE E. WIMBERLY

New Jersey State Senator

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters



Benjie E. Wimberly represents Legislative District 35 in the New Jersey State Senate. Elected through a special convention in January 2025, Senator Wimberly is the first African American to serve in the New Jersey Senate from Passaic County. He serves on the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee and the Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Previously, he served for six terms in the New Jersey Assembly, also representing the 35th District. During his tenure in the Assembly, he served as Speaker Pro Tempore from 2022 to 2025, and as Deputy Speaker from 2016 to 2021. He served as vice chair of the Budget Committee, with additional committee leadership and memberships including Housing, Transportation, the Joint Committee on the Public Schools, chair of the Joint Committee on Economic Justice and Equal Employment Opportunity, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, and the New Jersey State Employment and Training Commission.

Born and raised in Paterson, Senator Wimberly has served as director of recreation for the City of Paterson since 1998. Prior, he was a special education teacher and coach at Eastside High School. As head baseball coach at Eastside High School, he led the team to the Passaic County championship and Northern New Jersey Interscholastic League title in 1993. Two of his players signed Major League Baseball contracts: Carlton McKenzie (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Danny Singletary (Arizona Diamondbacks).

He also served as head football coach at Paterson Catholic from 1995-2009, where his teams won seven state championships and eight league titles, and he coached numerous players who joined the collegiate ranks and three NFL players: Victor Cruz (New York Giants),

TJ Clemmings (Minnesota Vikings), and Al-Quadin Muhammad (Tampa Bay Buccaneers). As head football coach at Hackensack High School from 2012 to 2020, he won three league championships.

Senator Wimberly's athletic awards include the 2012 Amateur Football Award from the Passaic County Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame; the 2020 New York Giants Lou Rettino Coach of the Year Award; and the 2022 Change Maker Award presented by the New York Jets. In 2024 he was inducted into the NJSIAA/NJCA Coaches Hall of Fame, and he has been inducted into the Passaic County Technical Institute-Vocational School Hall of Fame and the Paterson Old Timers Hall of Fame.

In 2024, Senator Wimberly founded the Paterson Recreation Girls Flag Football League. In addition, he serves as president of the New Jersey Minority Coaches Association, which fosters a more active role in recruitment of minority coaches.

A life member of *Omega Psi Phi* Fraternity Inc., he is a member of the Rev. Frank Napier, Jr. Scholarship Committee, and serves on numerous boards and commissions. Senator Wimberly has been recognized with more than 450 awards, citations, proclamations, and resolutions, including the Lifetime Achievement Award presented by President Barack Obama in 2017.

Senator Wimberly is a 1989 graduate of Virginia State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology. He holds a certificate as a teacher of students with disabilities from William Paterson University.

PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION RECIPIENT

MIKI CAMMARATA

Vice President for Student Development

Miki Cammarata, vice president for student development, joined William Paterson University in 2014. During her tenure, Dr. Cammarata has been committed to students and their well-being, engagement, and achievement and has been instrumental in establishing numerous programs that have led to significant gains in student success.

Under her leadership, the Division of Student Development launched Student Success Teams, personalized teams of advisors and mentors, to assist students from their first day through graduation, along with the Navigate student success platform for management, data, and outreach to students, contributing to significant increases in retention and time to degree. She also established the Office of Parent and Family Relations, which provides comprehensive resources and programs for parents and families focused on understanding the university experience.

Other visible examples of Dr. Cammarata's leadership in support of students are the establishment of the Pioneer Pantry, which supports students struggling with food insecurity, and the Career Closet, which helps students in need of business casual and professional clothing for interviews, internships, and conferences. During her tenure, the University also designated a social worker for student support and resources to assist students experiencing challenging situations.

Dr. Cammarata championed the importance of student engagement, overseeing the launch of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, the Black Cultural Center, and the Center for Latinidad to provide programming and involvement opportunities for the institution's diverse student population. She also fostered the expansion of civic engagement and service opportunities both on campus and in local communities.

She also oversaw the development and launch



of a robust career development plan and offerings, leading to career outcomes for graduates that are consistently higher than the national average. Specific programs include the Pesce Family Mentoring Institute, now in its 11th year, which pairs successful alumni and business professionals with select undergraduate students, and a new Career Experience Program, required for all students beginning with the Class of 2028, that offers a variety of pathways for students to gain valuable hands-on experience and develop essential skills.

Dr. Cammarata also partnered with the Division of Academic Affairs and the Division of Enrollment Management to drive significant gains in retention and graduation rates.

During her tenure, the Division of Student Development successfully obtained numerous grants designed to provide critical support for students, including two U.S. Department of Education TRIO-Student Support Services grants totaling more than \$2.7 million, and a Mental Health in Higher Education: Community Provider Partnerships and Professional Development Grant from the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education of nearly \$500,000 to expand student mental health services on campus.

Dr. Cammarata served as co-chair of the University's Strategic Plan 2012-2022 Committee from 2017 to 2019 and as a member from 2014 to 2017, and as a member of the Strategic Planning and Branding and Identity Steering Group for the Strategic Plan 2022-2025.

Miki Cammarata *continued from previous page*

She is the recipient of multiple awards and commendations for leadership and student engagement work, including the Arnold Speert Students First Award, presented annually by the William Paterson Student Government Association (SGA) to faculty, staff, and administrators who have shown extraordinary service and commitment to the student body. In 2026, the SGA renamed the Benevolence Award to the Cammarata Benevolence Award in her honor; the award is presented annually to a student for overall dedication to creating positive change at the University.

Dr. Cammarata's long record of service to the community has included volunteer roles with a wide variety of local organizations.

Dr. Cammarata, whose career in student affairs spans more than 40 years, came to the University from Ramapo College, where she served for 28 years in numerous student development roles, including as associate vice president for student affairs from 2009 to 2014. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from The College of New Jersey, a master's degree in counseling, human development and educational leadership from Montclair State University, and a doctorate in educational leadership from Argosy University.



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

VIOLA E. SMITH

Bachelor of Science
in Accounting and Financial Planning and
Wealth Management

Summa Cum Laude

Viola E. Smith is a May 2026 graduate of William Paterson University with a bachelor of science degree in accounting and financial planning and wealth management, *summa cum laude*. She is the recipient of the Dean's Undergraduate Award from the Cotsakos College of Business, the Outstanding Senior in Accounting Award from the Department of Accounting and the Outstanding Senior in Financial Planning and Wealth Management from the Department of Economics, Finance, and Global Business. Ms. Smith has been an intern at Smolin, Lupin & Co. LLC, Wiss & Company LLP, and Sax, LLP.

On campus, she has served as a technology consultant for the Global Business and Finance Institute in the Cotsakos College of Business and a counselor for its Financial Planning Academy. Ms. Smith is the recipient of the New Jersey Society of CPAs Scholarship and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Scholarship and is a four-year Dean's List honoree. Ms. Smith is currently studying for the CPA exam and will begin working as a full-time staff accountant at Wiss & Company in December.



FACULTY AWARDS

2026 Faculty Award for Excellence in Service

BALMURLI NATRAJAN

Professor of Anthropology

Since joining the William Paterson University faculty in 2005, Professor Balmurli Natrajan has distinguished himself through his engagement and leadership in a wide range of service to the institution. As one colleague said, “Dr. Natrajan has shown passion, creativity and vision, time commitment, and an ability to work with diverse colleagues.” Currently serving a third term as chair of the Faculty Senate, he has engaged faculty representatives in a strategic analysis of key areas for development in support of the University’s strategic planning process. Professor Natrajan twice served as a department chair and took a leading role in the integration of the departments of anthropology, Africana-world studies, and women’s and gender studies into the new Department of Community and Social Justice Studies. The founding director of WP’s Ghandian Forum for Peace and Justice, he was also the inaugural director overseeing the launch of the University Core Curriculum (UCC) program in 2010. He again served as UCC director over the past two years to support the program’s revision, focusing on developing an innovative educational program for all University undergraduates that assures a strong

grounding in social justice. Professor Natrajan has been an active member of various University committees and councils, including the Council for Equity and Justice. He also has worked to develop innovative curricular programs in disciplines such as global Asian studies, community and social justice studies, leadership and professional studies, and anthropology. Active nationally in advancing inclusive scholarship and pedagogy, as well as research in his field of cultural anthropology, Professor Natrajan has collaborated on significant grant initiatives, including a Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad to advance international educational experiences for area teachers. He is an advisory member of the Impact Passaic Steering Committee focusing on youth empowerment. Professor Natrajan holds a bachelor of engineering degree from the Marine Engineering Research Institute, Kolkata, India; a master of arts degree in anthropology from Iowa State University; a master of science degree in computer science from Southern Polytechnic State University, Atlanta, Georgia; and a doctorate in anthropology from the University of Iowa.



FACULTY AWARDS

2026 Faculty Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Expression

CYRIL S. KU

Professor of Computer Science

Over the course of a career spanning academia and industry, Professor Cyril S. Ku has established an internationally respected research program in data science, natural language processing, artificial intelligence (AI), data mining, and software engineering. His scholarship consistently bridges theoretical innovation and practical applications, addressing societal challenges in healthcare analytics, public policy, and responsible AI. A member of the faculty since 2002, Professor Ku first gained scholarly recognition through pioneering work in deductive databases and intelligent information systems, including a landmark publication in *IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering*. Building on this foundation, his research has expanded to include publications that examine the application of text mining and AI in healthcare and criminal justice research, the integration of AI technologies into software engineering and education, and ethical frameworks for responsible AI development. His work has appeared in respected peer-reviewed journals, including *Information, Software, Theology and Science, Journal of Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics*, and the *Journal of Integrated Design and Process Science*. Professor Ku has served as principal investigator or co-principal investigator on multiple major

grants, including \$3.3 million in funding through National Science Foundation programs and projects funded through the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General. These initiatives have supported student scholarship, advanced innovative research in healthcare analytics and data science, and strengthened collaborations among universities and healthcare organizations. Through the Data Science Research Lab, which he founded and directs, Professor Ku has mentored numerous undergraduate researchers in AI, big data analytics, and machine learning, resulting in student publications, conference presentations, and meaningful research experiences. He has served as a keynote speaker, panelist, editorial board member, and program committee member for numerous international conferences. As one colleague notes, "His sustained record of scholarship, research leadership, and mentorship exemplifies the highest standards of academic excellence and strengthens the research mission of William Paterson University." A graduate of Utah State University with a bachelor's degree in computer science, he holds a master of science degree in computer science and applications from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a doctorate in computer science from Northwestern University.



FACULTY AWARDS

2026 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching

DANIELLE WALLACE

Associate Professor of Africana-World Studies

Professor Danielle Wallace has demonstrated consistent and transformative excellence in teaching, mentorship, curricular leadership, and University service since joining the William Paterson University faculty in 2012. “She challenges students intellectually while providing the structure and mentorship necessary for them to thrive,” says one colleague. Her excellence in teaching has received multiple campus honors, including the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award and the Roland Watts’ Outstanding Mentor Award presented by the Educational Opportunity Fund Program for her exceptional commitment to mentoring and advancing the success of first-generation and underrepresented students. Professor Wallace, who teaches a wide range of undergraduate courses in Africana-world studies and leadership and professional studies and serves as chair of the Department of Community and Social Justice Studies, also directs the Honors College Social Sciences Track, oversees undergraduate honors theses, and serves as a mentor for numerous doctoral students in the Doctor of Education in Leadership program.

Her courses—within and beyond the Honors College—are intentionally designed to cultivate analytical rigor, methodological competence, and civic awareness, and often include a focus on primary source analysis, reflective writing, and public presentations. Building on a strong sociological foundation, many of Professor Wallace’s scholarly publications and presentations focus on pedagogy and curricular innovation in Black Studies. As an Ubuntu Teaching Fellow with the Center for Teaching Excellence, Professor Wallace has further refined her expertise in inclusive, high-impact pedagogy. Her work, focused on expanding awareness of the need for inclusive excellence in higher education, is evident through her leadership on campus of the Social Justice Project, which provides faculty development for those who wish to better integrate issues of race and ethnicity, gender, class, and sexuality into their courses. A graduate of the State University of New York at New Paltz with a bachelor’s degree in Black studies, Professor Wallace holds a master of arts degree and a doctorate in African American studies from Temple University.

Bachelor's Degree Recipients

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

AFRICANA-WORLD STUDIES

Theodore Lockhart III*
Deyana Alyce Satenay
Jamie N. Sauer

ANTHROPOLOGY

Maddesen M. Bornheimer***
Yetunde Ojo

ART

Omer Faruk Avcioglu
Erin C. Barno
Maddesen M. Bornheimer***
Aiden Patrick Brenkert
Karina Diaz*
Nichole Elizabeth Garcia
Sharif Issah
Kyzir Rashon Johnson
Rachel Haesun Kim
Alberto Lezcano
Ashanti Onyae Lora
Nathaniel Raymond May
Zachary Menber
Marvellous Ogunseye
Ruth A. Prosser
Dayshaun Anthony Ricketts
Saajii Saarim-id-deen Saleem
Isabella Grace Semeraro**
Jahir Soriano
Kamberly M. Valle**
Ariel Natasha Vallejo**
John Dylan Wilson

COMMUNICATION

Dina Abdel-Aziz
Jennifer A. Agostini***
Emmanuel T. Ampofo
Mikyla Gerelle Morales Ansay**
Elizabeth Maite Aramburu
Daniel John Baldino
Ujintuul Batbayar
Enrico Bolognino
Carl D. Brown Jr.
Morgan Lynne Burke
Tatiana J. Camacho
Adam M. Cardenas***

Brynn Rene Casaleggio
Laura Leigh Ann Castellano
Mayra Estefania Cazares-Lara
Benjamin Cerrato**
Nihal Chowdhury
Tyler James Cooper*
Ryan Arthur Cormier
Kayla Corson***
Christopher M. Cugliari***
Jazmine Nicole Davis
Gavin Michael Deeken
Joseph Philip Degeorge
Michael Dominic Dibartolo
Christian Andres Dos Santos
Afrdita Dreaj*
Nicholas Philip Durso
Shannon Rose Elliott
Jenny Exantus
Amber Marie Frye
Braelyn Journey Fuller
Alex Michael Gallipoli*
Alex Gonzalez***
Jose Antonio Hernandez
Jake Robert Jerman*
Deja Monique Johnson
Dawn Marie Lauderbaugh-
Baker**
Laura Ashley Lexa
Keren Mairu
Sergio R. Majano
Baylee Marie Matthews**
Patrick Zhanat McEnerney
Diamond Leasia McKoy
Nicole Grace McLeod
Aliyah Medina
Ivie Medina
Diandra Robyn Moise***
Elizabeth Johamy Molina
Jillian Rose Monzo
Bishop Marcel Nichols
Victoria Margaret O'Neill**
Ashley Ann Ore
Kellie Ann Owens
Naya Mone't Pack
Michael Paone*
Sharon M. Prill
Bijan N. Pulley**
Christopher Joseph Quartuccio
Tiffany Tuhina Ramnarine*
Tamara Recalde Chelle***
Angelina Liana Reyes*
Celeste Searra Reyes
Noemi Robinson
Isabella Alexis Rocha Santiago*

Ian Ramon Rodriguez
Leanna Rubinetti
Evan C. Sanchez
Cynthia Shanti
Nadir Jahar Shoulars
Nathaniel James Simon
Michael Joseph Simone
Zi'Yion Simpson
John J. Sklavounos
Shelby Ann Stapel
Louis P. Thybulle
Bryce M. Tibbs
Raphael Trastoy**

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Tiarra Ashley Mobley

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Argia C. Puzo***
Jamie N. Sauer

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Omar Medhat Abdelhady
Abanoub George Abdelmesih
Alex Maurice Adkins Jr.
Caroline Olivia Juana Aiuto*
Joseph B. Alfonso
Ghazi Alharayzeh
Ryan Thomas Alvarez
Shawna Alyssa Applegate
Karen Alexa Arevalo
Martha Elizabeth Argandona
Samari Arroyo
Jasmine June Avent
Katheryn Michelle Baez
Matthew E. Bagley
Matthew James Barbieri
Aliyah Raquel Bashir
Malcolm Jerome Belvin**
Adel Bisharrah
Shana A. Blathers
Christopher Stephen
Braikovich**
Jordan Brown
Kyasia Janaya Bryant
Joanna Yamile Calderon
Anthony Calixto
Jayden Aby Calixto
Lia Callahan
Ashlynn Marie Calzada*
Jamaal Campbell

Bachelor's Degree Recipients

Samantha Campiglia
Yaniris Vanessa Candelaria**
Anthony Chalhoub
Yarissa Chavez
Erin Elizabeth Clark
Sherida Ramona Clarke
Robert Carl Colaneri*
Tyanna Ciemone Collins
Jeremy Connelly
Justin Christopher Cooper
Matthew Jeffrey Cooper
Nijana Cooper
Erika Cuzco
Matthew D'Angiolillo
Riley Daunton
Dominique Davis
Paul Scott Davis*
Edward Manuel De Los Santos
Sarante
Ashley Delgado***
Gabriella Maria Delvalle
Hailey Antonia DeMoss
Chasaty Alizaa Diaz
Kevin John Diehl
Thomas Dinzik
Ahmet Ozkan Ekiz
Cody J. Eldridge
Wagner Javier Figuereo
Daniel Scott Finch**
Tyler Christian Flynn
Nolan Foley*
Leurys Francisco
Rachele Gaisie
Kevin Alexander Galarza
Villalonga
Dante Martino Garcia*
Jeliza Keyla Garcia
Crismaldi Garcia Gomez
Amira Kassyah George*
Tim Gjonballa
Beslan Gokeh*
Maria Isabella Gomez
Heidi Gonzales***
Natalia Marie Gonzalez
Walwyn A. Gordon
Alistair Hall
Jeffrey Scott Hanna
Safa M. Hassan
Daniel Paul Hemenway***
Chase Angelo Hemming
Joshua Schachener Hilas
Paulette Marie Holland
Tiffanie Imani Hooker
Jacqueline Ann Hulahan**

Hyunjong Im
Giovanni Vincent Ingui
Charles John Insel
Ashanee Jackson
Collen Jackson
Daniel Janosek***
Elvis Antonio Jimenez
George Louiz Jimenez Polanco*
Tyrese Lee Jones
Ja'nae Sandrise Jordan
Camila Bianca Jovel
Owen Michael Joyce*
Pelin Kahraman**
Timothy James Kealy***
Nevin Subryan Kodare
Hanniel Leon
Sheena Hydia Lewis***
Frederick Angelo Liller**
Kristen Loda
Eytan Lugassy*
Anthony Michael Macera
Briana Magro**
Mia N. Malzone
Sarah Margarita Mantilla*
Michell Judith Maravi
Sean C. Marro
Joseph Leonard Martin*
Jennifer Martinez Carino***
Erica A. Mason-Capalla
Brian P. McMahon
Nicholas Thomas Mega**
Atreu Kylies Melville**
Yosslint J. Mendez
Cynthia Alexandra Menendez
Ian Neal Metzger
Ian Christopher Moskal
Uffessa Joann Mosley**
Kyle M. Moyle
Eustace John Mutsoli
Abu Nahian
Jessica Ji Hyun Nam
Deana Rose Neisa
Joshua Earl Okken
Reese Olivares
Ibukunoluwa Samuel Oluwatola
Jamie R. Orgen
Shantelle A. Outlaw
Ava Nicole Padwelka**
Jakub Paszczyk*
Nayelis Payano**
Natalie E. Perez
Shawn Petlinowski
Elvin Jose Polanco
Jonathan Lamison Pope

Sara Ramirez
Aziza Ramsay
Brian E. Remache
Christian Jose Reyes
Sebastian Rincon
John Rivera
Waseem Ali Rizwan*
Jaylin Rodriguez
Linus Oscar Rodriguez
Franklyn Rodriguez-Medina
Anyah Irelis Rosario
Carla Rymer
Stephanie Joanna Sandoval
Vanessa Santiago*
Nicholas Garvin Savary
Christopher M. Scheper
Jessica Scotti
Tyre Ricardo Sharpe
Savanna Grace Shea***
Andrew Shin
Mikayla Roselyn Noemi Sierra
Amara Brooke Skerry
Samara Abigail Smith***
Tyion Marcel Smith
Vincent Joseph Snee
Maurice Soliman
Dylan Sousa
Kiara T. Spivey**
James Thomas Stanton
Aricia Stefanakys***
Kristopher Ryan Stefanic
Janet Stokes
Jordan Glenn Struble
Nathaniel Orval Thompson***
Samantha Nicole Turi
Daniela Maria Urena
Christian D. Valdez***
Joseph Nicholas Vilca
Martin Viray
Shadeen A. Watson
Natasha Victoria Wilson
Phillis Christle-chandrika
Wilson
Edeline Wong

ENGLISH

Sara Ajam
Deborah Baratto
Nicolas Sean Belcaro
Evan Blake Casaleggio***
Ajanaye Fakhia Chery
Tajae Chevannes
Tiffany M. Coppolino
Kyle J. Cunningham***

Bachelor's Degree Recipients

Aaliyah Madison Douglas**
Sabrina Nabil El Ballat
Diana Leiras Frazao
Gloria Dayana Garcia**
Maxine Beverley Hammett
Carly Elizabeth Horn**
Alexa Jarvis
Lauryn G. Lupino
Christopher Miley Lutz
Arvin Jay Mercado
Mangalindan
Jeremy A. Maya***
Faith D. Morrison
Giulia Ann Nichols**
Ammy Shinelle Pena
Jennifer Ramos
Janine Aurelia Simon**
Tiffany Stevenson**
Meghan Lynn Stone
Jasmine Nicole Sullivan
Gabrielle Nichole Tollinchi***
Nicole Elizabeth Vecchia***

FILM, TELEVISION, AND AUDIO

Jeremiah Capers
Dyan Espitia
David Aaron Gordon**
Welben Gerard James
Tyler R. Thomas*

GLOBAL ASIA

Zehra Bibi Hemadzada

HISTORY

Nour Aldaghestani
Nicholas Michael Allocca*
Benjamin Amaya
Joanna Baniszewska
Daniel James Burke**
James Nicholas Burke**
Noah Louis Caballero
Adam Bernard Carlen
Daniel Cornelius Curtin
Michael Joseph Dolce***
Scott Ross Eber
Briana N. Gaffney**
Eoin James Michael Glynn**
Thomas Loporto**
Brandon Thomas Malloy***
Michael Matsakis
William Joseph Miller IV
Dania Sharif Mustafa***
Nathan Michael Paster**
Taylor James Quimby*

Ian Vincent Raybeck*
Kenneth Patrick Sang**
Austin Alexander Teats

JOURNALISM

Thomas Eugene Sherwood*

LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES

Ashley Delgado***
Bianca R. Serrano**

LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Daniel Richard Anzivino
Imani A. Banks
Rooswald Bens Baptiste
Jodi-ann Kamille Bingham
Raymond John Brandmahl
Alex Garrett Brastad
Terik Sheldon Bridgeman
Ian C. Brundage
Maureen Marie Cacciabeve
Adnan Shahid Chaudhry*
Carla Melissa Curcio
Essence Shantae' Daniels
Bridget Nicole De Lande
Chemarva Melody Dew
Derrick Eatman
Michael Thomas Emma***
Judith Sara Felner
Robert Michael Fernandez
Allysa Joy Fried
Maima Nicole Gorgla**
Markia T. Haughton
Sandra Heintz*
Shareen Nicole Hill
Schuyler Konrad Knutsen
Jennifer B. Leifken
Katherine Elizabeth Malwitz**
Nicholas Joseph Margiotta
Naimah Latoi Marshall**
Diane M. McGhie-Kitchin
Andrew John Meeks
Atreu Kylies Melville**
Charles Messina*
Robert Mikulski
Isis M. Montesino-Dix
Jessica Moya
Audwin D. Newell
Nicole Edna Palumbo
Leah D. Phillip
Kirby Randolphe
Adalys Ivette Rodriguez
Nicholas Michael Shraga

Deanna R. Siano
Robert Joseph Sickler***
Taylor Skwara
Rylee Elizabeth Smaldone
Admir Tonuzi
David Trexler
Bianca Maria Vadell
Nicole Brynn Van Harken
Juan A. Velasquez
Thomas Alexander Vogel
Kimberly Melita Walker

LEGAL STUDIES

Ashley Asuzena Agudelo
Samiha Ahmed
Kevin Steve Bueno
Keyla Darlene Esteves**
Kaylee Rose Hovan*
Daniel Joseph Maichin*
Joshua Mbuyi Mputu

LIBERAL STUDIES

Irojemi Banks
Mary Emma Bassett
Kelly Amanda Blake
Susan S. Boch
Daynee Nicole Canales
Peter Cicarelli
Melanie N. Clayton**
Kerry Patrick Connors
Solangy Cuevas Perez*
Ameny Daif
Jayni Diaz
Jonathan Alexander Dodyk*
Jordan Dreyer
Samantha Christian Gaudio
Johnny Guzman
Diamond Lache Holloman
Aya Jaber**
Monique Latrice Jones
Deandra E. Lee**
Carly Alisyn Liranzo
Nashaly Lopez***
Diyana Lowery**
Celina Sophia Maldonado**
Melissa Kathleen Martin**
Cory Tavon Arnell McLeod**
Gabriela M. Meza Valdez**
Jazmin Munoz
Victoria Margaret O'Neill**
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Kezia Oluwatosin Oshuporu***	Amber Richardson	Samantha Theresa Sheng
Fabienne Oukessou	Andrea Paula Rios-Orellana	Sarah Wuraoluwa Shogelola**
Aishat O. Owonla*		Julia Lauren Shor

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Susannah Morgan Slaughter
Aliyah J. Smith
Andrene Smith
Jahne Smith
Nicole A. Smith
Katarzyna Ewelina Socha-
Klucha
Megan Denise Sodano
Alison Lori Squires**
Jenna E. Stambouljian
Christine N. Strachan
Danielle Maureen Sullivan
Rebecca Jean Sullivan
Jamie H. Suquitana
Natali Sutuj-Idrovo**
Geraldine Grace Tandoc
Jaiden Cabillo Tanseco
Holly Tarwacki
Walda Taveras
Mauricio Teles Corte
Ashley Thomas
Ja'ondra Shakira Thomas
Justin Tindal
Brooklyn Alexandra Toldt

Amelia Celina Kasilag
Tolentino*
Maria B. Toppin
Ashley Torres
Bobbi Michelle Torres
Emily Julissa Torres
Ava Victoria Travis**
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Dahlia Tsay
Parker S. Tubman
Noe Arturo Ulloa
Olivia C. Uzoeshi
Melissa I. Valverde
Eileen Vasquez
Caroline Venegas
Priscilla Verdugo
Jenny Vergara
Julian C. Vernon-Coke
Farah E. Verty
Nicholas Vianna
Victoria Rose Vieira
Abigail Villa
Jennifer Viola
Arlene R. Viruel
Stephanie Patrice Von Stetten

Daniel Vreeland
Melissa Vudragovic
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Britney Welsh
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Lola Rita Williams
Maidahweh Williams
Stacy-Ann La Toya Williams
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Ilona Zbroinska Bregisz
Paul Octavian Zdrite
Meagan Elizabeth Zimberg
Katarina Zonic

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*Cum Laude **Magna Cum Laude ***Summa Cum Laude ◆ Posthumous

Honors College Graduates

Biology Track

Jordan Patricia David
Janah Marie Lopez Divinagracia
Seif Y. Osman
Ruma Parvin
Francisco Perez Ramos
Adon Christopher Roy
Jameson Snyder
Jakia Uddin

Business Track

Hailey Marie Backo
Shannon Nicole Burke
Roberto Cacaci
Alauna Alize Cockett
Sophia Hélène Delannoy
Kristian Leila Glenn
Luna Sky Kirby
Aiden Antonio Montero
Aliza Nanku
Mia D. Quezada-Rios
Badrul Alam Ruhin
Kasai Imani Sanchez
Digvijay Subba
Janmajay Subba

Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology Track

Kylie Elizabeth Anthony
Matthew Thomas DiGirolamo
Carissa Nichole Ostolaza
Colleen Angelita Susanto
Sandra Guadalupe Toledo

Cognitive Science Track

Leila Lee Gil
Prince Gurung
Abigail Hayth
Raunak Khadka
Abhash Niroula
Alisha Pokharel
Joseph Thomas Quimby

Global Public Health Track

Nino Funicello
Taylor Marie Hartung
Camila Bianca Jovel
Breyan Bobby Mathews
Thays Paiva-Dealmeida

Humanities Track

Daniel James Burke
Morgan Lynne Burke
Tyler James Cooper
Sean J. Creamer
Aaliyah Madison Douglas
Luke Millevoi Fournier
Mia Lynn Herrera
Azer Jalahej
Daniel Joseph Maichin
Joshua M. McCollum
Dania Sharif Mustafa
Eyitomioluwa Valentina
Okanlawon
Simone Ramilo
Patricia M. Walsh

Independent Track

Daniel Frank Pantoliano
Rohit Kumar Rauniyar

Music Track

Stephen Isaiah Borrás
Andres M. Guerra Morales
Maria Kolesnik
Timothy Robin Leonard
Niamh Arama Morrison
Anders Gyldenvalde Pedersen
Owen Michael Walter

Nursing Track

On'Yae Shaniyah Barker
Ah'Jahnae Gahnnyah Barker
Jessica Anne Colegio Blaza
Gabriella Lucia Cardona
Daniel Bondoc Coloso
Rianne Francine Lobite Dagoro
Brandi Lynn Dziekonski
Sydney Chiazor Ekwe
Avery Marie Kasbarian
Denzel Tamoy Locquiao
Faith Renee MacArthur
Angela Lynne Marcucilli
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Tanisha F. Nunez
Oribiiwarisote Ogbeba-Harry
Theresa Ugochinyere Onugha
Kezia Oluwatosin Oshuporu
Aishat O. Owonla
Madeline Ainsley Schwartz
Natali Sutuj-Idrovo
Amelia Celina Kasilag Tolentino
Ava Victoria Travis

Performing and Literary Arts Track

Evan Blake Casaleggio
Dylan Alexander Childs
Kyra Alexandra Cioffi
Christopher M. Cugliari
King Nathan Rosalin Fernando
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Abigail Annette Herring
Sydney J. Mecca
Niko Juhani Nyman
Mikayla Grace Reimer
Angelina Liana Reyes
Thomas Eugene Sherwood
Killian Clarke Winn
Evan James Wohlrabe
Aiden Kairon Woods

Social Sciences Track

James Nicholas Burke
Frederick Angelo Liller
Kendrick Paul Lopez
Ahamefule Nnodi Nwafor
Ava Nicole Padwelka

ACADEMIC AWARDS

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dean's Award

Christine Marie Gonzalez

Dean's Award for Creative Excellence

Luke Andrew Milem
Aiden Kairon Woods

Department of Art

Creative Excellence in Applied Art Award

John Dylan Wilson

Creative Excellence in Digital Art and Design Award

Isabella Grace Tedesco

Department of Communication

Excellence in Communication Award

Alex Gonzalez

Excellence in Film Award

Tyler R. Thomas

Excellence in Television Award

Baylee Marie Matthews

Excellence in Audio Award

Welben Gerard James

Excellence in Public Relations Award

Aliza Nanku

Department of Community and Social Justice Studies

Catarina T. Feldman Award

Ashley Delgado

Franz Boas Award

Maddesen M. Bornheimer

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in Leadership and Professional Studies

Diane M. McGhie-Kitchin

W.E.B. DuBois Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in Africana-World Studies

Theodore Lockhart III

Grace Lee Boggs Award for Community Empowerment

Argia C. Puzo

Department of History, Philosophy, and Liberal Studies

Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in History

Joanna Baniszewska

Michael Joseph Dolce

Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in Liberal Studies

Francheska Marie Perez

Gabriela M. Meza Valdez

Patricia Ripmaster Award

Nashaly Lopez

Brandon Thomas Malloy

Paul Vouras Humanities Award

Dania Sharif Mustafa

Department of Language, Literature, Culture, and Writing

Excellence in Writing Award

Jeremy A. Maya

Helen and Philip Manno Award

Nicole Elizabeth Vecchia

Award for Excellence in Language, Linguistics, or Cultural Studies

Janine Aurelia Simon

Award for Excellence in Spanish

Joani E. Campusano

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Giovana Miluska Chunga-
Bahamonde

Department of Music

Music Scholar Award

Owen Michael Walter

Outstanding Musician Award

Anneliese Johnson

Outstanding Senior in Classical Performance

Julian G. Figueroa

Outstanding Senior in Jazz Performance

Kyra Alexandra Cioffi

Outstanding Senior in Music Education

Gloria Falcon-Gaytan

Niamh Arama Morrison

Outstanding Senior in Music and Entertainment Industries

Isabella Larissa DiPisa

Outstanding Senior in Popular Music Studies

Isabella Emily Basile

Outstanding Senior in Sound Engineering Arts

Timothy Robin Leonard

ACADEMIC AWARDS continued

Department of Political Science, Legal, and Urban Studies

Academic Excellence and Service Award

Daniel Joseph Maichin

Outstanding Senior Award in Legal Studies

Keyla Darlene Esteves

Outstanding Senior Award in Political Science

Issac Joel Portillo

Outstanding Senior Award in Pre-Law

Kaylee Rose Hovan

Paul P. Vouras Social Sciences Award

Bianca R. Serrano

Department of Psychology

Academic Excellence Award

Shabnam Mobarez

Excellence in Academic Achievement

Nicole R. Valdez-Bejarano

Excellence in Academic Research Award

Susan Leach

Outstanding Academic Distinction

Argia C. Puzo

Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice Academic Award

Heidi Gonzales

Outstanding Student in Criminal Justice Award

Natalie E. Perez

Social Work Academic Award

Christine Marie Gonzalez
Azza Kamnaksh

Outstanding Student in Social Work Award

Elianna C. Ashendorf

Outstanding Student in Sociology Award

Jennifer Martinez Carino
Monica Lee Barnes

Paul P. Vouras Award in Sociology

Krenare Shaqiri

COTSAKOS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Dean's Award

Heidi Gonzales

Viola E. Smith

Department of Accounting and Law

Award for Outstanding Senior in Accounting

Roy A. Barrantes

Viola E. Smith

Shanae Latrice Thomas

Department of Economics, Finance, and Global Business

Award for Outstanding Senior in Finance

Heidi Gonzales

Award for Outstanding Senior in Financial Planning and Wealth Management

Viola E. Smith

Award for Outstanding Senior in Global Business

Ashley Garcia

Department of Management, Marketing, and Professional Sales

Award for Outstanding Senior in Applied Business Analytics

Saeda H. Alaydi

Award for Outstanding Senior in Business Administration

Valerie Laurie Crique

Award for Outstanding Senior in Management

Vanessa Zambrano

Award for Outstanding Senior in Marketing

Skyler Nicole Krassner-Schott

Professional Sales Award

Sophia Hélène Delannoy

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dean's Award
Nashaly Lopez

New Jersey Department of
Education Distinguished Clinical
Intern Award

Patrick T. Biernat
Lendy Karina Lopez
Niamh Arama Morrison

Department of Special
Education, Professional
Counseling, and Disability
Studies

Undergraduate Award for
Excellence in Teaching of
Students with Disabilities
Amanda Rose Mackin

Undergraduate Award for
Excellence in Disability Studies
Margaret Mary Hurley

Department of Teacher
Education: PreK-12

Undergraduate Award for
Excellence in Early Childhood
Education
Genely Massiel De La Cruz

Undergraduate Award for
Excellence in Early Childhood
Education-Paraprofessional
Concentration
Indea' Savonne Drakeford-
McCoy

Undergraduate Award for
Excellence in Elementary
Education
Haruka L. Ikeda

Undergraduate Award for
Excellence in Teaching Secondary
Education-Subject Specialization
Brandon Thomas Malloy

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH

Dean's Award
Lisa Marzocco

Department of Biology

Outstanding Senior Award
Adon Christopher Roy

C. Kent Warner Award
Francisco Perez Ramos

Outstanding Undergraduate
Research Award
Cindy Mariel Garcia Fernandez

Department of Chemistry
and Environmental Science

Excellence in Chemistry Award
Derrick Cudia

Excellence in Medicinal
Chemistry Award
Jakia Uddin

Excellence in Environmental
Science Award
William Gerard Ricci

Department of
Computer Science

Omicron Omega Award for
Excellence in Computer Science
Edward De-Graft Quansah
Rohit Kumar Rauniyar

Omicron Omega Iota Tau Award
for Excellence in Information
Technology
Lisa Marzocco

Department of Kinesiology

Dr. James Manning Excellence in
Exercise Physiology Award
Aishwarya Mehta

Cindy Keller Award for
Physical Education
Patrick T. Biernat

Sport Management Academic
Excellence Award
Zoey Shea Hagan

Sports Medicine Academic
Award
Carissa Nichole Ostolaza

Department of
Mathematical Sciences

Academic Excellence Award in
Mathematics

Kyle Thomas Papis

Academic Excellence and
Service Award in Mathematics
Janmajay Subba

Department of Nursing

Nursing Excellence Award
(Accelerated Track)
Ama Nehia Boakye

Nursing Excellence Award
(Generic Track)
Tyler Katherine Williams

Nursing Excellence Award
(RN to BSN Track)
Maria Kristine Soltura Alvero
Andy Dieudonne

Department of Public
Health

Excellence in Public Health
Academic Award

Jennifer Alexandra Rodriguez
Moreno

Public Health Academic Award
Alyssa D. X. Garner

Department of Speech-
Language Pathology

Undergraduate Academic
Excellence Award
Lindsey M. Tarsitano

Undergraduate Clinical
Excellence Award
Ania Mylan McDonald

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



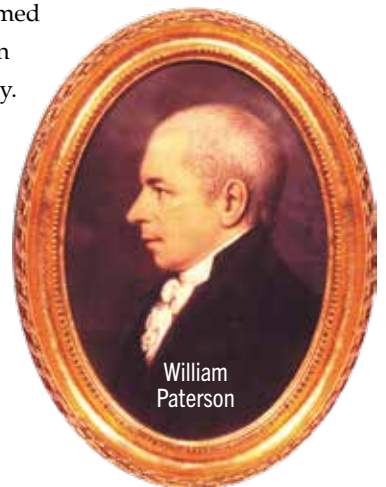
as Hobart Manor and is the home of the Office of the President and the Office of Institutional Advancement. Hobart Manor was designated a national and state landmark in 1976.

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.



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Rigorous high-quality academic programs

The University has continued to evolve. Today, William Paterson University enrolls more than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students, including 1,800 residential students. The University's four colleges—Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Cotsakos College of Business, Education, and Science and Health—support more than 150 bachelor's degree, master's degree, and undergraduate and graduate certificate programs, and three doctoral degree 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 motivated students with a rigorous curriculum. In 2020, the University launched WP Online, a platform now offering 57 fully online degree programs. A School of Nursing, established in 2023, reflects the growth and impact of its nursing program. Nursing enrollment is currently the largest in the northern half of New Jersey, on a single New Jersey campus, and among the state's public regional universities. In addition, the University is the largest producer of MBA

graduates in the state. A College of Adult and Professional Studies was established in 2024 to meet the needs of adult learners.

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 the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation, among others.



The institution's full-time faculty, who are widely respected for their teaching, research, and scholarship, include Fulbright Scholars, Guggenheim Fellows, and recipients of numerous other awards, grants, and fellowships. The University generated \$13 million in funding from federal, state, and local government sponsors in support of academic research and educational initiatives during the 2024-25 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 classrooms, laboratories, and studios, and throughout the campus, as well as at various off-campus locations, including the adjacent High Mountain Park Preserve. Its state-of-the-art facilities include 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



Known for civic engagement opportunities

Future" Bond Act. An initiative to modernize the academic core of the campus has continued with the renovation of two academic buildings, Barbara M. Grant Hall, formerly Preakness Hall, which reopened in fall 2017, and Hunziker Hall, which reopened in 2018. A \$40 million, state-funded Recreation and Health Sciences Center, currently under construction, will expand student facilities for recreation and wellness and create a new academic hub for students pursuing diverse allied health professions. The facility is scheduled for completion in 2027.

William Paterson is among the most diverse public universities in New Jersey and is designated



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as a Hispanic-Serving and Minority-Serving Institution. Approximately 40 percent of its students are the first in their families to attend college. The University is ranked no. 55 of nearly 1,400 institutions in the country in the 2025 Social Mobility Index. Created by CollegeNet, the index measures the extent to which a college or university educates more economically disadvantaged students at lower tuition and graduates them into good-paying jobs.

In 2011, the University became the first public New Jersey college or university to require new undergraduates to take a course on civic engagement. William Paterson is an active leader in civic engagement through the American Democracy Project and Engage NJ. The University is committed to sustainability and is a charter signatory of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. Its solar panel installation, dedicated in 2010, ranks among the largest university installations in the United States.



Barbara M. Grant Hall

UNIVERSITY TRADITIONS

In 2023, William Paterson University celebrated its 200th Commencement ceremony. Founded as Paterson Normal School in 1855, the institution held its original ceremonies in conjunction with the Paterson high school exercises. In 1890, the commencement exercises were, for the first time, held separately from those of the high school. Bachelor's degrees were first conferred in 1937 when Paterson State Normal School became the New Jersey State Teachers College at Paterson. Throughout the years, commencement ceremonies have been held at various times; today, the University holds separate ceremonies to recognize undergraduate students and graduate students.

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL

The academic processional begins with the entrance of the gonfalon, or University banner, carried by a high-achieving University student, who is followed by the faculty and professional staff and the graduates. After the graduates have taken their places, alumni will process, followed by the platform party, which includes the president, the Board of Trustees, vice presidents, deans, and other University officials, as well as the University Mace/Orb Bearer. The mace is presented at the center of the stage in front of the University orb 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 President will lead the recessional, followed by the University Mace/Orb Bearer, this time carrying the orb; the platform party; other dignitaries and University officials, the faculty, and, finally, the graduates. The audience is requested to remain seated until the recessional is concluded.

UNIVERSITY ORB

The orb is a symbol of authority and stewardship vested in the President by the Board of Trustees. William Paterson's orb is a modern version of medieval orbs, which were symbolic renditions of real maps used by scholars of that time to understand the world. In the Middle Ages, the orb and scepter (mace) were carried at the time of coronation to symbolize the king's and/or queen's authority and stewardship. The orb symbolized the ruler's responsibility to care for the world they governed. It, too, symbolizes that the Board of Trustees entrusts the President with the care of the members of the University community as well as with the responsible stewardship of the University's resources. It is to be carried before the President during any official processional or recessional.

As part of an intentional strategy to create a more inclusive environment, the decision was made to move away from the traditional University mace, an historic instrument of war, power, and authority, to the orb, which represents the community



entrusted to the president's care. The newly commissioned orb, a gift from the William Paterson University Foundation to the University, is being presented to the institution's eighth president, Richard J. Helldobler, and carried in the academic recessional for the first time at the May 2026 Commencement ceremonies.

The orb was designed by Bob Verbeek of the Department of Marketing and Public Relations and fabricated by Cristaux International. The 8.5-inch diameter metallic orb has a silver finish with the official University seal affixed to the front and the iconic orange WP graphic affixed to the back. The names of those who have served as presidents and principals of the institution are etched onto the orb's surface. Additional names of future leaders will be added upon their inauguration.

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 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 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 the Honors College, as well as the University's four colleges, in colors representative of the degrees they confer. They are:

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences:
Black and purple

Cotsakos College of Business:
Black and gold

College of Education:
Black and blue

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 2026,

Congratulations! After all your hard work and dedication, you have earned your degree from William Paterson University. On behalf of the entire William Paterson alumni community, I applaud you for achieving this important milestone.



As a graduate of William Paterson University, you join a network of 92,000 proud Pioneers throughout New Jersey, the nation, and the world who are using their William Paterson degrees and experiences as a springboard to professional accomplishments 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.

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, both virtually and in person, such as networking events, social gatherings, lifelong learning opportunities, professional development programs, exclusive benefits, and volunteer opportunities.

We offer a wide variety of activities and services tailored especially for new and recent alumni, and as a member you will also receive frequent communications. We also invite you to become an active participant in the many events we host each year. I encourage you to scan the QR code to find out how to stay connected to William Paterson, learn about upcoming alumni events, and follow the alumni channels on social media.

Again, congratulations! Our very best wishes as you begin your journey as William Paterson alumni.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Nafin Elias'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

Nafin Elias '20, MA '22

President

William Paterson University Alumni Association

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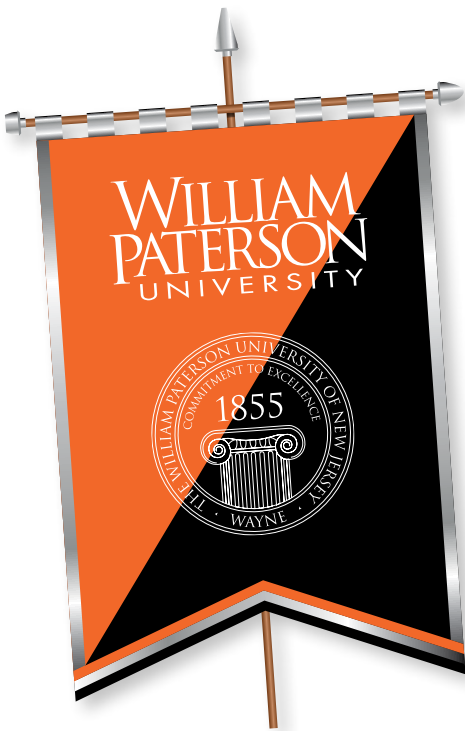
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OUR MISSION

William Paterson University as a proud diverse community, designated as a public Hispanic- and Minority-Serving Institution, creates transformative academic and extracurricular experiences leading to meaningful careers, and promotes economic and social mobility. We empower our students through intentional and holistic support systems within flexible, innovative, and inclusive environments. Our graduates will power the New Jersey economy and beyond, thriving professionally and personally through a commitment to community engagement and social justice.

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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.

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