

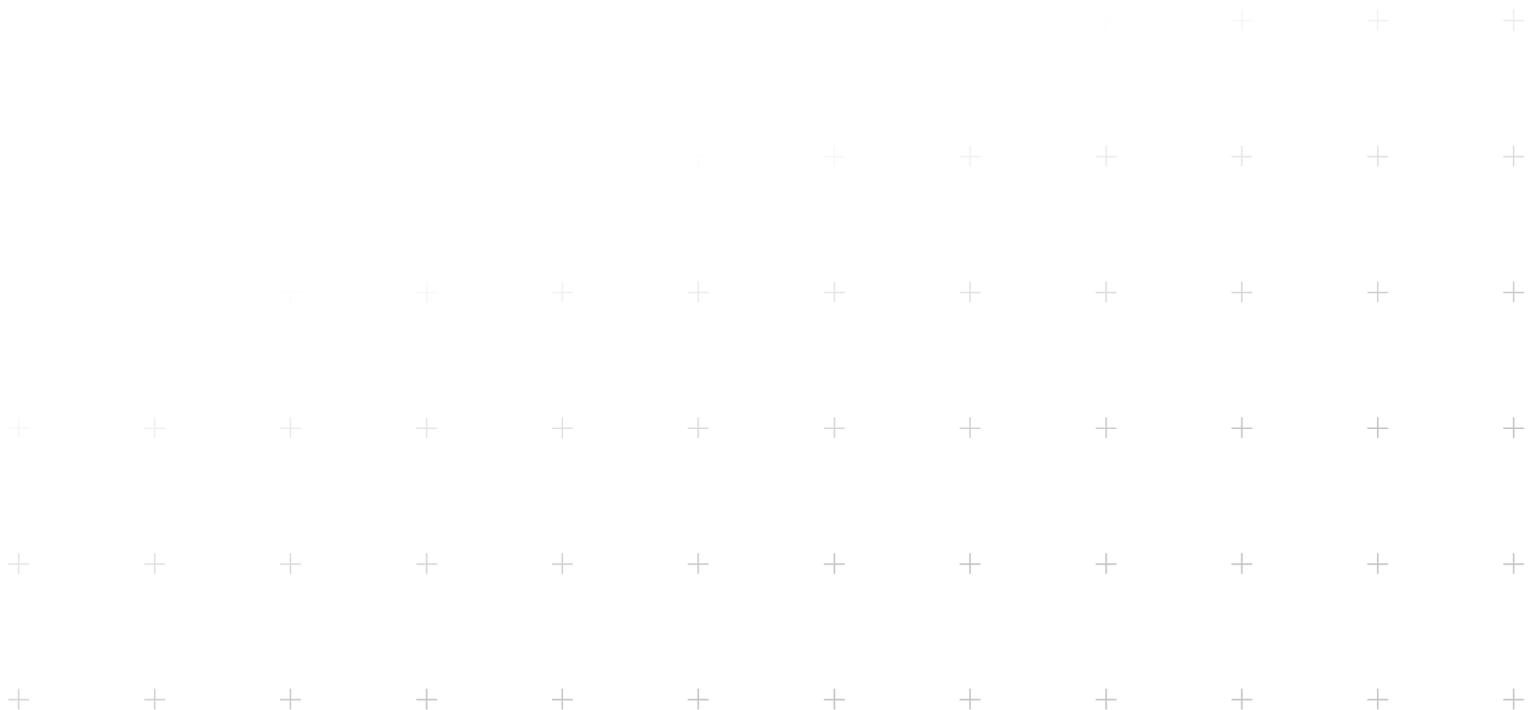


**PennState**  
Berks

# 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 signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Dr. Radha Pyati  
Penn State Berks Chancellor

# Commencement Program

<b>PROCESSIONAL*</b> .....	Dr. Randall Newnham, <i>College Marshal, Professor of Political Science, Alina Rodriguez, B.S. in Information Technology; Spring 2024 Student Marshal</i>
<b>OPENING PROCLAMATION</b> .....	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>	
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM*</b> .....	Performed by Malinda Garcia, <i>Penn State Berks Sophomore</i>
<b>PRESIDING AND GREETINGS</b> .....	Dr. Radha Pyati, <i>Penn State Berks Chancellor</i>
<b>“WHAT’S THE POINT?”</b> .....	Alina Rodriguez, <i>Student Marshal</i>
<b>COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS</b> .....	Lucine Sihelnik, <i>President and CEO of the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance</i>
<b>TRUSTEE REMARKS</b> .....	Donald Cairns, <i>Board of Trustees</i>
<b>CONFERRING DEGREES</b> .....	Dr. Todd Migliaccio, <i>Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer</i>
<b>AUTHORIZING CONFERRING DEGREES</b> .....	Dr. Radha Pyati
<b>PRESENTING DEGREE CANDIDATES</b> .....	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>
<b>INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION</b> ...	Kevin Tobias, <i>President, Penn State Berks Alumni Society</i>
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b> .....	Dr. Radha Pyati
<b>ALMA MATER*</b> .....	Performed by Malinda Garcia
<b>RECESSIONAL*</b> .....	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 Miiller  
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](mailto: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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