Commencement
SPRING SEMESTER 2022

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Saturday, May 7, 2022
Pegula Ice Arena
9:00 a.m.
National Anthem
by Francis Scott Key

O say, can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming;
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro’ the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof thro’ the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Alma Mater
by Fred Lewis Pattee

For the glory of old State,
For her founders, strong and great,
For the future that we wait,
Raise the song, raise the song,
Sing our love and loyalty,
Sing our hopes that, bright and free,
Rest, O Mother dear, with thee.
All with thee, all with thee.

When we stood at childhood’s gate,
Shapeless in the hands of fate,
Thou didst mold us, dear old State,
Dear old State, dear old State.

May no act of ours bring shame
To one heart that loves thy name,
May our lives but swell thy fame,
Dear old State, dear old State!
MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Congratulations! Earning your Penn State degree marks a wonderful milestone in your educational journey, and we join you and your loved ones in celebrating all that you’ve accomplished.

Commencement is a special occasion for the entire University community. It is a time for proud reflection on your success and hopeful enthusiasm for the opportunities that await. Most importantly, it is a joyous celebration to recognize all that you have achieved and the challenges you have overcome to get to today.

Your College of IST degree demonstrates that you are prepared to become a versatile leader for the Information Age —someone who is equipped with the technical knowledge and interpersonal skills that employers need and who is committed to affecting positive change. You’ve worked hard to earn this distinction, and as every sector of industry requires the skills of an IST graduate, you’ll soon find you are well positioned for success in any number of careers.

As you take your next steps, remember to stay connected with your peers, the College of IST, and Penn State. Alumni play a critical role in IST’s present and future, and we hope your connection to our college continues to grow. No matter where you go, we know you’ll go far.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and alumni in the College of IST —congratulations, best wishes, and stay in touch!

Andrew Sears, dean
College of Information Sciences and Technology
Academic Processional
Performed by Centre Bass

National Anthem
Led by Katrina Cole
College of Arts and Architecture
The audience is asked to join in the singing.

Presiding
Eric J. Barron, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.
President of The Pennsylvania State University
Andrew Sears, B.S., Ph.D.
Dean, College of Information Sciences and Technology

Commencement Address
Chandra McMahon, B.S., M.S.
Senior Vice President, Chief Information Security Officer
CVS Health

Authorization to Confer Degrees
Steven B. Wagman, B.S.
Penn State Board of Trustees

Recognition of Meritorious Achievement
Jeffrey Bardzell, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Undergraduate and Graduate Studies
College of Information Sciences and Technology

Recognition of Student Marshal
Jeffrey Bardzell

Recognition of Military Commissions
Commander John Kerr
Executive Officer Naval ROTC

Recognition of ROTC Student Marshal
Commander John Kerr

Conferral of Degrees
President Eric J. Barron

Induction into Alumni Association
Luke Simonetti, B.S.
President, IST Alumni Society

Penn State Alma Mater
Led by Katrina Cole
The audience is asked to join in the singing.

Recessional
The audience is asked to remain seated.

University Marshal-in-Charge
R. Allen Kimel, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.
College of Earth and Mineral Sciences

College Marshal-in-Charge
Rosalie J. Ocker, A.B., M.B.A., Ph.D.
Teaching Professor, College of Information Sciences and Technology

Nomenclator
Erica Fleming, B.A., M.A.
Assistant Director, Teaching and Learning
College of Information Sciences and Technology

DISTINCTION
Distinction is conferred on graduates who have completed the required number of credits at the University and who are in the top 12 percent of their graduating class in their college. The 12 percent is divided into:

2 percent “Summa Cum Laude (+++)”
4 percent “Magna Cum Laude (++)”
6 percent “Cum Laude (+)”

Additional distinctions noted in the program include:
Schreyer Scholar ($), Student Marshal (©), ROTC (‡)

PLEASE NOTE
This program contains the list of candidates for graduation as of March 21, 2022. Students who indicated their intent to graduate after that production date are not listed.

Subject to completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements.

If you have questions about your name, degree, or distinction listed in this program, please reach out to IST Advising Services (las151@psu.edu).
STUDENT MARSHALS

Kaitlyn Bridge

Representing the College of Information Sciences and Technology is student marshal Kaitlyn Bridge. She is from River Edge, New Jersey, and the daughter of Marie and James Bridge.

Kaitlyn is a Schreyer Honors Scholar graduating summa cum laude with dual bachelor’s degrees in information sciences and technology and communication arts and sciences.

She has won multiple awards during her time at Penn State, including the University Park Four-Year Provost Award, the President’s Freshman Award, the President Sparks Award, the Frymoyer Honors Scholarship, and the Evan Pugh Scholar Award. She was involved in numerous extracurricular activities, including the Association for Women in Computing, IST Diplomats, and THON; studied abroad in London and Dublin; and was involved in orientation and diversity, equity, and inclusion programs at Schreyer Honors College, and as a learning assistant at the College of IST.

Kaitlyn will begin her professional career as a software developer with IBM Systems Z in Poughkeepsie, New York, after completing three internships with the company.

Gunnery Sergeant Charles Hickey

Representing Penn State’s Naval ROTC is U.S. Marine Corps. Gunnery Sergeant Charles Hickey, who is earning a degree in security and risk analysis.

Raised in Bedford, Pennsylvania, Hickey enlisted in the Marine Corps in May 2008 where he started his career with 3rd Battalion 6th Marines, deploying twice to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He served as a drill instructor training recruits, then completed two more deployments in Japan, Australia and South Korea.

In 2017, Hickey was selected to serve as the Assisted Marine Officer Instructor at Penn State. Midway through that assignment, he was selected for an enlisted to officer commissioning program, enabling him to focus on completing his degree full time.

Hickey’s personal military awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars in lieu of third award, and the Combat Action Ribbon. His academic awards include the Evan Pugh Scholar Award.

He is married to Denielle Hickey, and they have three children: Ella, Sawyer, and Miles.

The student marshals are selected on the basis of academic achievement, participation in strengthening the IST community, extracurricular activities, character and leadership, and future potential.
Associate and Baccalaureate Degree Recipients

**Associate of Science**  
**Information Sciences and Technology**

Mandie Argenziano  
Madison Clark  
Colleen Cunningham  
James Edgar  
Brahim Essaouabi  
Stephen Frey  
Gabriel Higbee  
Ryan Hogan  
Corey Keister  
Norma Martelli  
Rebecca Reyes  
Johnny Work Jr.  
Erik Zamperini

**Bachelor of Science**  
**Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations**

Jackson Ambrovich  
Mario Amitrano  
Campbell Baker  
Nirali Bakshi  
Camilla Beaderman  
Kendal Beaty  
Colin Bowers  
Jacob Braun  
Tanner Brooks  
Adler Brown  
Austin Brown  
Jacob Brown  
Nicholas Brusko  
Fabian Bryan  
Jack Bush  
Jared Butterfield  
Jordan Capuani  
Katie Cardella  
Brandon Carpenter  
Wesley Casey  
Cameron Cauble  
Nicholas Celeste  
Wei Chen  
Ryan Costello  
Alessandro Coto  
Akash Damle  
Richard Davis  
Brandon Dawkin  
Bhavya Devarsu  
Lucas Devine  
Michael Dimond  
Payton Dulong  
Rahul Emami  
Jennifer Foley  
Ryan Gillis  
Ethan Goldman  
Jennifer Gomez  
Ephraim Goree  
James Graham Jr.  
Devin Grelle  
Steven Guest  
Steven Hansen  
Alec Hockenberry  
Cydney Howard  
John Hughes  
Matthew Jablonski  
James Jardine  
Michael Jasper  
Rishab Katti  
Evon Kennedy  
Rian Khan  
Joshua Kopasko  
Nicholas Kutufaris  
Joshua Alden Lapitan  
Katherine Latter  
Max Lauffer  
Antonio Bernard Lazzaro  
Britani Lingafelt  
Ethan Liu  
Zachariah Malinch  
Michael Mandia  
Matthew Martino  
Chase Matthews  
Jose Mayor  
Michaela Mazis  
Jacob McCarthy  
Alec Mcconaughy  
Patrick McGonagle  
Jake McMahon  
Anastasia Mikropoulos  
Justin Milchak  
Wilson Miller  
Daniel Mitchell  
Michael Nyland  
Olivia Olchowoj  
Andrew Parker  
Nathan Parker  
Deep Patel  
Robert Phillips  
Eileen Pi  
Alec Prasinos  
Garrett Pumilia  
Clarissa Pun  
Matthew Rand  
Tanner Reed  
Jared Rubin  
Joshua Rupert  
Eugene Ryoo  
Gabriella Samra  
Olivia Saylor  
Connor Scholl  
Jonah Schriver  
Keith Shearer  
Owen Shields  
Jack Onandia Smith  
Caroline Sparrow  
Ian Sproat  
Jason Stanski  
Robert Stoffa Jr.  
Dalton Stone  
Austin Surratt  
Eric Talanca  
Nicholas Telles  
Alex Terody  
Andrew Theiller  
Justin Tovar  
Emily Treesh-Colon  
Timothy Truong  
Madison Ulrich  
Aaron Villegas  
Justin Wolf  
Austin Yeager  
Travis Younker  
Alexandra Yukish  
Zane Zellhart  
Jameswell Zhang

**Bachelor of Science**  
**Data Sciences**

Jason Abu  
David Aguiles  
Yichen An  
Rachel Bosko  
Jared Cao  
Nathaniel Carson  
Abigail Crilley  
Benjamin Cruciani  
Allison Dennenberg  
Vaishali Devarakonda  
Ismael Diaz Sandoval  
Jiarui Fan  
Michael Fanelli  
Weijia Fang  
Abhishek Ganta  
Douglas Gardener  
Vaibhav Gupta  
Josiah Guy  
Arwa Hararwala  
Nicholas Hatzenbeller  
Jiaru He  
Kingston Hu  
Lily Jakielaszek  
Nitin Jenson  
Pranav Keshav  
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Yue Lu  
Colby Petelinkar  
Sarah Petro  
Sean Rendar  
Adam Seiff  
Jessica Strait  
Jingyu Wang  
Haichen Wei  
Macklin Yarris  
Eric Zhu

**Bachelor of Science**  
**Enterprise Technology Integration**

Christopher Dum Jr.  
Mia Park  
Bailey Rumford

**Bachelor of Science**  
**Human-Centered Design and Development**

Francesca Ansell  
Julia Barbosa Cardoso De Melo  
Joshua Canale  
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Noelle Fajt  
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**Information Sciences and Technology**

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Brooke Buehler  
Andrew Burger +  
Kathleen Byrd ++  
John Cherundolo  
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Avery Jones $\dagger$
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Bryanne Kelly $+$
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Christine Kinahan
James Krumm
Papa Kuranchie
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Kamil Midura $+$
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Ryan Ruppert $++$
Nicholas Russo
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Alexander Schmidt $\dagger$
Brian Schultz
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Jordan Scott
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Luke Sinn
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Rowan Smith
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Skip Star Jr. $++$
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Austin Thoet $\dagger$
Colleen Turano
Cameron Umbenhauer
Anthony Weyant $\dagger$
Christina Williamson $++$
Johnathan Wilson $\dagger$
Matt Wilson $\dagger$
Michal Wisniowski

Additional Participants
David Diga
Thomas Hoover
Michael McConeghy
Allea McFarlane
Ryan McGlynn
Sangil Nam
THE COLLEGE OF INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Planning for a new academic initiative in the information sciences was introduced in 1997, and the School of Information Sciences and Technology was approved by Penn State’s Board of Trustees soon after on September 11, 1998.

The school opened its doors at Penn State’s University Park campus on August 25, 1999, to 105 students and five full-time faculty members, who led 43 new courses. In total, 428 students enrolled in IST programs at 19 Penn State campuses across the state.

Today, the college is recognized as a leader in interdisciplinary education and research at the intersection of information, technology, and society.

The Creation of a Discipline
The school was created based on a need perceived by the University and advisers from government and industry to educate students in the emerging field of information sciences and technology. The goal was to extend beyond classic computer science, management information systems, and library science—programs that existed in various formats across higher education.

This new multidisciplinary approach would prepare students to meet challenges in the use of computers, networked systems, and other technologies for applications in fields such as business, health care, homeland security, finance, energy, environmental monitoring, and entertainment.

The school was charged with producing graduates who would have the technical knowledge of information technologies—such as computer programming, discrete mathematics, and database concepts—and an understanding of information system concepts. An emphasis was also placed on building strong communication skills and a collaborative, solutions-oriented approach. Ultimately, these graduates would understand how information technologies could be applied to real applications involving individuals, organizations, and national and global enterprises.

The Growth of a College
In 2000, IST offered its first online course and built a robust offering of online programs and courses in the following years. In the spring of 2003, IST awarded its first bachelor’s degrees to 300 graduates from across the state. That first group of alumni quickly formed the IST Alumni Society, ensuring that IST graduates would always remain connected to each other and to the school. Recognizing its impact on the University and leadership in the information school community, the school was renamed as the College of Information Sciences and Technology in 2006.

Since those early years, the college has stayed true to its founding mission while evolving to meet the rapidly changing needs of students and industry. Today, IST educates thousands of students in a variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs, both in residence and online. Faculty, graduate students, and visiting scholars conduct millions of dollars of externally funded research, collaborating across traditional disciplines to uncover new insights, trends, and experiences.

THE COLLEGE OF INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY ALUMNI SOCIETY

The College of Information Sciences and Technology Alumni Society wishes to congratulate Penn State’s newest IST alumni on their graduation! As an official group of the Penn State Alumni Association, the IST Alumni Society helps graduates stay connected with each other, the College of IST, and the Penn State community at large.

The Society works to celebrate the achievements of the College of IST’s alumni. We provide alumni with the opportunity to stay connected with the college through programming and events that promote lasting relationships among students, faculty, staff, and alumni. By joining the Penn State Alumni Association, you will automatically become a member of the IST Alumni Society. You will enjoy all the benefits that come with being a member of the Penn State Alumni Association and will receive invitations to exclusive IST Alumni Society member networking and fundraising events, gain access to employers and recruiters, and most importantly stay connected to your fellow alumni and the College of IST!

If you have any questions regarding the College of Information Sciences and Technology Alumni Society or the Penn State Alumni Association, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

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Members receive access to discounts including merchandise at Penn State Bookstore campus locations. They also receive access to discounted health, auto, renters, home, life, long-term care, and pet insurance.

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To access a full list of membership benefits and to find your local Penn State Alumni Association chapter, visit: alumni.psu.edu/newalumni
The publication is available in alternative media on request.

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