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WELCOME Dr. Calvano

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REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS Dr. Osgood, Jr.

GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKERS

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MUSICAL INTERLUDE "Fairest of the Fair March"	West Chester University Brass and Percussion Ensemble
RESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	Dr. Calvano
CONFERRING OF DEGREES & ROTC COMM	MISSIONING* Dr. Osgood, Jr
GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIAT	ION WCU Alumni Association
CONCLUSION	Dr. Osgood, Jr

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ALMA MATER

(First Stanza)
West Chester, hail, all hail, noble and strong,
To thee with loyal hearts we raise our song,
Swelling to Heaven High, our praises ring,
West Chester, hail, all hail, of thee we sing.

ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL

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MAY 2024 CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTORATE DEGREE

EDUCATION

Kyle Brun

The Manifestation of Elementary Teachers' Mathematical Identities: An Explanatory Mixed Methods Study

Christine Cuozzo

The Interactive Read-Aloud: A Case Study on Children with Intellectual Disabilities

Paige Marie Dea

Educators' Experiences of Childhood Trauma Infiltrating the Classroom: A Mixed Methods Study

Brianna M. Donnelly

Waiting on the World (of Allied Healthcare) to Change: How Undergraduate Preparedness Curriculum Dis/Includes Ability

Suzanne Signora Fanelle

Differentiated Instruction: A Qualitative Study Focusing on the Voices of Elementary Teachers and Their Needs

Michelle E. Fisher

Using Case-based Learning for Trauma Informed Instruction: Pre-service Teachers' Learning Experiences and Perceived Self-Efficacy. Haley C. Fry

Understanding the Experiences of a First-Grade Class with Explicit Phonics Instruction: A Qualitative Case Study

Jessica Keogh

Amplifying Voices of Postsecondary Outcomes for Physically Disabled Students: a Qualitative Research Study

Julia Adeline Lennox

Understanding Students' Cognitive Processes While Evaluating Online Sources: A Mixed Methods Study

Erika N. Lucas

Applying Executive Function for the Sake of Mental Health: A Case Study of Gifted Middle School Students

Pam Margolis

Classrooms, Hallways, and Peleas: The Violence and the Education of Latino Students

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Dismantling Whiteness in Social Work Educational Spaces

Ashley O'Connor

Examining Student and Teacher Perceptions of the iLit Reading Program: A Qualitative Case Study Andre Richburg

Black Male Transfer Students and Their Journey to Success at Predominantly White Baccalaureate-Degree Granting Institutions

MaryEllen Thompson Stephens

Navigating Post-College Career Paths: Perspectives on Career Identity and Self-Efficacy from Autistic Alumni

Erica Michele Tate

Pennsylvania K-8 Teachers' Perceptions of Preparedness for the Inclusion of Students with Autism: A Mixed Methods Study

Nicole Marie Tinney

Individuals Who Experienced Early Reading Difficulty: How Teacher Connections and Educational Practices Shape Motivation

Samantha Barbara Weiss

To Be Tutored: Exploring How Female-Identifying Undergraduates Experience Tutoring

Aubree Pacifico Windish

Surviving Pandemic Practicum: Early Career Music Teachers' Perceived Self-Efficacy Following the Covid-19 Pandemic

Lisa M. Yannick

Institutional Factors Associated with Closing the Equity Gap in Six-Year Graduation Rates at Public Four-Year Universities

NURSING PRACTICE

Amy Elaine Haagen

Utilizing a structured music therapy program for adolescents with anxiety and depression

Erin Lopes

The Impact of Early Screening for Severe Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome on Delirium Tremens and Hospital Length of Stay

Wendy Mortimer

Enhancing Commercial Driver Safety: Screening for Obstructive Sleep Apnea Through Educational Intervention Megan Mustachio

Screening for Postpartum Depression in Mothers whose Newborns are Admitted to the NICU: A Quality Improvement Project

Kelly Pruden

Use of a Clinical Pathway in the Management of Magnet Ingestion in the Pediatric Population

Donna L. Rugh

Information Impact on Home Based Palliative Care Admissions Brittany Schugsta

Depression Screening in College Health

Kristen L. Talvacchia

Implementation of a Nonpharmacological Sleep Bundle in a Surgical Intensive Care Unit

Rebecca Ann Walsh

Safeguarding Sleep: A Comparative Analysis of a Non-pharmacological Sleep Protocol in the ICU to Prevent Delirium

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Cory S. Adams

One Union, Two Constitutions, Three Republics: A Comparative Analysis of Madisonianism and Post-Madisonianism

Xavier Boatright

The Role of Carbon Pricing in Facilitating Climate Justice for Black Communities and Reducing Climate Change in South Carolina

Liza A. Craig

Transformational Leadership for a Remote Work Environment - Post COVID-19 Pandemic Era

Carrissa A. Griffing

Impact on Abortion Rates: An Interrupted Time Series Analysis of Planned Parenthood's Refusal of Title X Family Planning Funding

Kari M. Harris

Using Involvement Theory to Understand Underemployment Among University Graduates Gwendolyn Ann Harter

Community Integration Experiences of Formerly Homeless Persons with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Housed in Washington DC using the Housing First Model

Shayla Holmes

Land Use Policy Impact on Health Equity in Rural America Counties

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Diagnosing Market Inefficiency: The Impact of Consolidation in the Private Health Insurance Market on Healthcare Costs in the United States

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Power To Elect: Voter Perception of Accessibility in North Carolina

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An Impact Analysis of the 10-Year Capital Program and Budget in the City of Philadelphia Annie Martinez

Deconstructing and Dismantling American Inequality: A Secondary Data Analysis of Equity Across Decolonized and Neo-Liberal Systems

Brett David Smith

Community Cultural Wealth and its Impact on Pandemic Relief Funding for Small Businesses

Dion Quinzel Stovall

Securing U.S. Critical Infrastructure: Evaluating the Function of a Cybersecurity Defense-in-Depth Strategy to Maintain the Security and Resilience of Energy Infrastructure Against Cyberattacks and Geopolitical Risks

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The Impact and Effectiveness of Welfare Programs in Reducing Poverty in South Asia

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Household Chaos Relates to Cortisol Levels for Children in Head Start Preschool

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Évaluating Change in Elementary Teacher Stress, Burnout, and Classroom Behavior in A School Implementing A New Mindfulness-Based Curriculum

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Resilience Capacity in Black and Multiracial Adolescents in High-Risk Communities Brooke Roseman

Exploring Perceptions of Self-Compassion in Individuals with Complex Trauma Symptomology: A Qualitative Approach

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The Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Inhibitory Control Among Emerging Adults

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Analyzing the Performance of Community-Oriented Policing by Assessing Justice Assistance Grants Issued in Pennsylvania: The Impact on Violent and Property Crimes

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An Evaluation of the Teacher Effectiveness Framework in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Its Perceptions from Pennsylvania Public-School Teachers and their Evaluators K-12

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Lessons Learned: Best Practices and Challenges in Sustaining Tuition-Free Higher Education

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Law Enforcement: Does Higher Education Impact the Frequency of Citizen Complaints?

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Program Notes

Academic Dress Today

Today's graduates wear one of three types of gowns. The bachelor's gown is black, untrimmed, with long, slightly pointed sleeves. It is always worn closed. Recipients of associate degrees also wear the bachelor's gown.

The master's gown is also black and untrimmed, but its sleeves are long and square at the bottom, except for a circular cut at the front just above the bottom. The sleeves are sewn shut with slits, either just above the wrists or above the elbow, through which the wearer's hands protrude. The master's gown may be worn open or closed.

The doctoral gown features full sleeves and velvet trim consisting of a strip down either side of the front closing and three narrow strips on each sleeve. The trim may be black or in the color that represents the subject in which the wearer received his or her doctorate. While the doctor's gown is usually black, graduates of some universities have brightly colored robes, such as those in "Yale" blue or those from Harvard or the University of Chicago, which are in different hues of red.

The traditional mortarboard hat is made of the same material as the gown and usually has a black tassel. Doctors' hats may be made of velvet and may have tassels of gold or in the color of the wearer's degree. Women graduates of some institutions wear soft caps, and some universities have special styles of hats for holders of their doctorates.

The colorful hoods designate the degree of the wearer, the subject in which the degree is held, and the institution that awarded the degree.

The colors of the lining identify the institution. For example, bachelor and master graduates of West Chester wear a hood that has a purple lining with a gold chevron while those earning doctoral degrees wear a hood that has a yellow lining with a purple chevron.

The length of the hood and the width and color of its velvet border show the degree held. Bachelors' hoods are 3 feet long and have trim 2 inches wide. Masters' hoods are 3 ½ feet long and have trim 3 inches wide. Doctors' hoods are 4 feet long and have trim 5 inches wide.

Seals

The seal of the University plays an important part in today's ceremony. Seals have been used since ancient times to authenticate documents. The diplomas to be received by today's graduates will bear the University seal. The chain of office worn by the president and the medallion worn by the provost are inscribed with the seal.

The West Chester University seal, like those of most Pennsylvania state system universities, consists of the seal of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania surrounded by the name of the institution and its founding date. A copy of the seal is stamped on the front of today's program.

West Chester University Mace

The mace has a history as a symbol of authority in civil and academic processions. Now ceremonial, the mace was originally a formidable weapon held ready to protect the dignitary in a procession. The position of macebearer for the University is given to a senior faculty member or one who is being honored by the Council of Trustees and/or the University's senior administration. The macebearer always precedes the president in the procession.

The West Chester University mace is 37 inches long. It is made of sterling silver with gold plate details, purple acrylic, and purpleheart wood.

Recessed into the top is the gold-plated engraved seal of the University. Below the seal is an inverted purple acrylic cone bearing six monograms, "WCU," in gold-plated sterling. Below the acrylic

cone is an incised inscription, "WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY 1871."

The main part of the mace head is divided into 13 pentagonal fields each displaying a scene depicting one of 13 academic disciplines representative of the many fields of study offered at West Chester University. These are education, physical education, business administration, accounting, public administration, sociology and anthropology, dental and medical technology, health and nursing, liberal arts, performing arts, fine arts, mathematics and computer science, and natural sciences.

The shaft of the mace is made of purpleheart wood. The lower end, made of sterling silver, bears the engraved inscription, "PRESENTED TO WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY IN 1986."

The Chain of Office

Collars or chains of office historically have been worn by many academic officials including chancellors, rectors, and presidents of universities.

The West Chester University chain of office is 48 inches long. It is made of sterling silver with gold-plate details. The chain supports a medallion made of purple acrylic in a sterling silver frame. The center of the medallion carries the engraved, gold-plated sterling silver seal of the University. The frame of the medallion is engraved with "WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY." It has a keystone incised with the University's founding date "1871." The keystone is flanked with a design of horses and mushrooms symbolizing Chester County's agricultural heritage.

The chain itself consists of 12 arched frames, each with one of the scenes representative of the academic disciplines used on the mace. The 12 frame links alternate with monogram links corresponding to those on the purple cone of the mace head.

Both the mace and the chain of office were designed and made by

internationally known silversmith Kurt Matzdorf. They are gifts of the West Chester University Alumni Association.

Provost's Medallion

The provost wears a medallion and chain presented to West Chester University by the Class of 1938. The design of the medallion matches the centerpiece of the president's chain of office.

The medallion frame is engraved "Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost." The chain is made of links alternating between the West Chester University monogram and a symbolic open book. It was executed in sterling by Kurt Matzdorf. The medallion was given by the Class of 1938 in anticipation of its 50th Anniversary celebration.

Graduate Dean's Medallion

The graduate dean wears a medallion and chain at commencement. The medallion frame is engraved "Graduate Dean." The medallion was presented to the Graduate Dean, Dr. Jeffery L. Osgood, Jr., in spring 2016 by the Graduate Student Association.

Batons

The grand marshals leading today's academic procession carry batons presented by the Class of 1961. The marshals are responsible for directing members of the procession to their proper places, and the batons serve as the symbol of their authority. Made of highly polished wood, the batons are decorated with ribbons of purple and gold, the West Chester University colors.

International Flags

The flags behind the platform today represent the countries of graduating international students and the countries in which West Chester University students have studied.

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Participation in Commencement does not necessarily indicate or guarantee degree completion. Publication of this program is completed prior to the end of the semester. Official records are kept in the Office of the Registrar.

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