

# The Graduate Commencement Program

May 10, 2025

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## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

"Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1" ..... Sir Edward Elgar

## WELCOME

Dr. Calvano

## "STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

The Audience  
Joseph Galdi '25\*  
Braedon O'Hara '26^

## REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Osgood, Jr.

## GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKERS

Matheeha Majeeth '25\*  
Jasmine Rao '25^

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\*Denotes 3:00 pm ceremony  
^Denotes 6:00 pm ceremony



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## MAY 2025 CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTORATE DEGREE

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### EDUCATION

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| <p>Stephanie Marie Almodovar<br/><i>Looking Beyond the Blue: Exploring the Experiences of Black Female Police Officers During Training</i></p> <p>Mairead Kathleen Barrett<br/><i>Playing Hard Ball with Soft Money: A Qualitative Examination of K-12 Administrators' Experiences in the ESSER Era</i></p> <p>Shannon R. Brown<br/><i>The Impact of Leadership Curriculum on High School Students' Self-Efficacy</i></p> <p>Janeane Davis<br/><i>"We Love Our Kids Too": Black Parents Supporting the Academic Success of Their Children in Affluent, Predominantly White School Districts</i></p> <p>Cherie A. Fishbaugh<br/><i>Made For Me: Stories of Discovery Among Autistic Students Traveling Abroad</i></p> <p>Courtney Gohean<br/><i>Exploring Perceptions of Accommodations in OT Fieldwork: A Mixed Methods Study</i></p> <p>Tyler M. Goodwin<br/><i>Twice As Good To Get Half As Much: A Black Feminist Autoethnography on Urban Teacher Compensation</i></p> <p>Kristin Carroll Haggerty<br/><i>"What is Title IX? What's it mean?": An Instrumental Case Study in Today's Secondary Schools</i></p> <p>Stephen V. Hopson<br/><i>Whose Role is it Anyway: IFC and NPC new member educator's sense of agency</i></p> | <p>Brianna Horst<br/><i>Literacy Teachers' Self-Efficacy and Instructional Choice within a Structured Literacy Approach</i></p> <p>Kim D. Jackson<br/><i>"It's a Different Kind of Grit": The Lived Experiences of Identity and Sense of Belonging for Rural College-Going Students</i></p> <p>Briana N. Lafratte<br/><i>Perceptions of School Garden Programming and Their Communities: A Mixed-Methods Research Study</i></p> <p>Michael Lane, Jr.<br/><i>Principles of the Principal: Disciplining Adversely Affected Students; A Mixed Methods Study</i></p> <p>Matheeha Tunnesa Majeeth<br/><i>Uncertain Futures, Unfinished Journeys: The Complex Realities of Belonging among International College Women of Color in the U.S.</i></p> <p>Carlos A. Morales Ramirez<br/><i>Flags as Symbols of Place: Unpacking Geographic Meaning and Identity in Student Flag Designs</i></p> <p>Jake Olimpi<br/><i>Get Back to Where You Once Belonged: A homegrown teacher autoethnography</i></p> <p>Brittini Shanice Piercy<br/><i>From Theory to Practice: a Mixed Methods Study on K-8 Teachers' Experiences Transitioning into Urban Ed</i></p> | <p>Claudy Romnus<br/><i>Cultural Homecomings: HBCUs' Cultural Environments and the Journey for Black Students Who Consider Transferring from PWIs</i></p> <p>Emily Quinn Rooney<br/><i>"Just Understand It": Autistic Student Reflections on Accessibility to Education Abroad</i></p> <p>Jennifer Ruggiero-Patel<br/><i>"I'm Doing Good for Her": Stories Examining the Employment Experiences of Undergraduate Students with Pell-Eligibility</i></p> <p>Mason Smith<br/><i>Bridging Language Barriers: How Secondary Teachers Support English Language Learners in the Classroom</i></p> <p>Ryan Taylor<br/><i>Secondary Teachers' Perceptions of Social Emotional Learning: A Mixed Methods Study</i></p> <p>Grace Li M. Terramin<br/><i>An Exploration of K-1 Teachers' Experiences with Curriculum Change: It's All Too Much</i></p> <p>Emily Nichole Johanna Wisniewski<br/><i>Voices of High School Writers: Exploring Perceptions and Experiences in Secondary Writing Education</i></p> <p>Lauren Zahour<br/><i>Beyond the Annual Review: How Feedback Environments Shape Student Affairs and Student Service Employees' Feedback Receptivity</i></p> |
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### NURSING PRACTICE

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| <p>Jennifer L. Brosnan<br/><i>Reducing Colonoscopy Cancellations Saves Lives, A Quality Improvement Project</i></p> <p>Megan A. Carullo<br/><i>Reducing unnecessary antibiotics for the treatment of urinary tract infections</i></p> <p>Rebecca Goldberg<br/><i>Assessing the effect of increasing the frequency of COPD Assessment Test utilization on rehospitalization rates for home health patients</i></p> | <p>Victoria E. Grau<br/><i>The Effect of Structured Weekend Group Therapy on Restraints, Seclusion and Length of Stay for Inpatient Psychiatric Patients.</i></p> <p>Jean M. Herb<br/><i>Impact of Health Promotion Home Visits on Loneliness in an Older Adult Population</i></p> <p>Maria Angelina Marziano<br/><i>Identifying Female Undergraduate Collegiate Athletes at Risk for Relative Energy Deficiency in Sport (REDs) and the Female Athlete Triad: A Quality Improvement Project</i></p> | <p>Morley Elizabeth Mullins<br/><i>Decreasing Charting Errors on an Antepartum Testing Unit</i></p> <p>Carol A. Romano<br/><i>Utilizing a virtual discharge nurse to help decrease patient length of stay and improve earlier discharge times</i></p> <p>Courtney Sarah Ruck<br/><i>Cultivating Civility</i></p> <p>Sunilka Maria Thompson<br/><i>CUS+E: Creating a Culture of Safety Through Improved Communication Within Perioperative Services</i></p> |
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### PSYCHOLOGY

- Rosa L. Boniface  
*Personalized Therapy to Meet Individual Children's Needs and Improve Access: Identifying a "goldilocks" group therapy length for children with Post Traumatic Stress (PTS)*

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## PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Brittney Alise Brooks

*Adaptive Leadership in HBCUs: Navigating Hybrid Work Dynamics in a Post-Pandemic Era*

Kara R. Buckmaster

*Developing a Collaborative Governance Framework for Local Hazard Mitigation Project Management: a Grounded Theory Approach Using Social Network Analysis*

Holly M. Cirko

*Mentoring in Support of the Professional Development and Advancement of Women as Executives in the Public Sector: An Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis*

Gregory Colimon

*Black single men facing repeated eviction threats in East New York, Brooklyn: Is there a statistically significant correlation between repeated eviction and Black single men?*

Kelly Marie French

*Public Values of Higher Education*

Heather Getsay

*Providing public access to government information in university depository libraries: An evaluation of public service values within small to medium-sized public institutions*

Nicholas Ladish

*What Relationship Does Social Media Have to Political Participation and Voting Behavior in Adults Aged 18-25 in the State of Kansas?*

Ayesha Lampkins

*Infant Health Equity in Oklahoma: A Mixed-Methods Exploration of Personal, Organizational, Environmental, and Policy Factors Contributing to Black Infant Mortality*

Annie Martinez

*An Exploration of Neoliberalism, Colonialism, and Their Relationship to Rising American Inequality and Unhappiness*

Kenny Osorio

*Innovative Technology in Infrastructure*

Gerell R. Robinson

*From Policy to Practice: An Evaluation of Ethics Training and Codes of Conduct on Ethical Behavior in U.S. Federal Government Procurement*

Michael Rudolph Rosenthal

*Extended (Re)Producer Responsibility: Child Support, Birth Rates, and Global Sustainability*

Brian S. Schlosser, Jr.

Δ Natassia L. Tyler-Clidiere

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

Monica L. Wright

*Efficacy of Telehealth Service Delivery for Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Language Pathology*

Δ Dusty J. Zeyn

*Employee Turnover & Retention in Rural Pennsylvania: A Public vs. Private Sector Study*

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*A Spanish-Delivered Mindfulness Meditation Program: Exploring the Effects on Stress and Trauma Among Latina Immigrants*  
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*Changing the Narrative for University Students with a History of ACEs: Campus Assets and Student Well-Being*  
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*The Impact of Family Variables on the Mental Health of Gender Expansive Transitional Age Youth and Adults*  
 Shannon N. Hiscok  
*Psychosocial Associates of Self-Efficacy and Post-Traumatic Growth among Women Diagnosed with Breast Cancer*

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*Adverse parent-child relationships and relations to psychopathology in emerging adults: A multi-method examination*  
 Jamie Danielle Martin  
*Examining the link between food and alcohol disturbance and alcohol-related sexual behaviors: Does body esteem moderate the relationship?*  
 Mary R. Murphy  
*A Qualitative Understanding of Philadelphia's Healthy Start Behavioral Health Initiative: A Program Evaluation from the Voices of Program Recipients*

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*Effectiveness of a CBT-based Mental Skills Program Among Adolescent Girls' Soccer Players*  
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*Cortisol Relates to Executive Functioning Growth for Children Attending Head Start Preschool*  
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*The Role of Reward Probability and Dispositional Mindfulness on Substance Use in Trauma-Exposed Individuals*

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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 their 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.

### **Participation**

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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