

# Commencement

FALL SEMESTER 2023



**PENN STATE ERIE, THE BEHREND COLLEGE**

Friday, December 15, 2023



**PennState**



## 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!

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**FALL 2023**



**PENN STATE BEHREND**  
**DECEMBER 15, 2023**



# To Our Guests

## **WE WELCOME YOU TO PENN STATE BEHREND'S FALL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY.**

Commencement, the solemn but joyful recognition of the graduates' years of study, is an important occasion to the college and its faculty, staff, students, and guests.

The ceremony will be streamed live at [behrend.psu.edu](http://behrend.psu.edu) so that graduates' family members and friends who are unable to join us at Junker Center today may be included in our celebration.

Please silence all mobile devices prior to the Presentation of Colors. When the Processional begins, we ask that you rise to welcome the Class of 2023. Remain standing until all the candidates have reached their seats and during the singing of the National Anthem.

To commemorate this milestone occasion, a professional photograph is taken of each graduate. This photo may be purchased online from LifeTouch using the PhotoDay platform. Text the ordering code 448511GY1223 to 90738 to receive notice when your commencement photos are available to review.

To avoid congestion and to maintain decorum in the ceremony, we ask that family members refrain from approaching the stage when taking pictures.

Commencement takes time and yet has special significance for each individual and family. Members of the audience are asked to remain in their seats throughout the ceremony so they do not disrupt the program or interfere with the special moments of others. Commencement is our most important occasion, and we ask you to respect its significance to the college community and to those who are being honored.

Everyone stands for the singing of the Alma Mater. Guests should remain seated throughout the Recessional to allow faculty, staff, and graduates to exit.

If needed, medical assistance is available at the back of the gymnasium.

Thank you for your cooperation. We hope that you will enjoy the ceremony and celebrate the achievements of our students.



# Program

**Presentation of Colors**..... Pride of Pennsylvania Army ROTC Battalion Color Guard

## **Academic Processional**

*Excerpts from Pomp and Circumstance*..... Edward Elgar

*March of the Priests*..... W.A. Mozart

*Hail the Conquering Hero*..... G.F. Handel

**National Anthem**..... The audience is asked to stand

**Greetings**..... Dr. Ralph M. Ford, Chancellor

**Welcome**..... Maxwell Limrick '23

**Faculty Address**..... Dr. Babajide Osatuyi, Associate Professor  
of Management Information Systems

**Greetings from the Council of Fellows**..... Ann Karmazon Scott '82, '99, Chair

**Commencement Address**..... Thomas C. Hoffman II '88, Attorney,  
Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett P.C.

## **Presentation of Candidates**

Schreyer Honors College..... Dr. Greg Filbeck '13, Interim Vice Chancellor  
and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

School of Science..... Dr. Martin Kociolek, Director

School of Humanities and Social Sciences..... Dr. Melanie Hetzel-Riggin, Director

School of Engineering..... Dr. Timothy Kurzweg '94, Director

Black School of Business..... Dr. Ozgun Demirag, Interim Director

## **Interlude**

*In the Bleak Midwinter*..... Gustav Holst

**Conferral of Degrees**..... Robert D. Metzgar '60, Penn State Trustee Emeritus

**Alumni Association Induction**..... Kimberly Kaercher '99, Penn State Behrend Alumni Society

**Alma Mater**..... Hannah Gullifer '25, Kayla Johnson '27  
The audience is asked to stand and join in the singing

**Farewell**..... Gabrielle Watson '23

## **Recessional**

Selections from *La Danserye*..... Tylman Susato

## **COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS**

### **The College Marshal**

Dr. Chuck Yeung, Professor of Physics

### **Faculty Marshals**

Dr. Michael Brown '02, Professor of Management

Dr. Charisse Nixon, Professor of Psychology

Dr. Thomas Noyes, Professor of Creative Writing and English

Dr. Pamela Silver, Professor of Biology

Dr. Elisa Wu, Professor of Mechanical Engineering

### **Student Marshals**

Thomas Anderson '23, School of Engineering

Madison Dambach '23, Black School of Business

Celine Gauge '23, School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Ramesh Komma '23, School of Science

### **Reader**

Dr. Kenneth Miller, Senior Director of Administration and Student Affairs

# Program Notes

## Academic Procession

The mace, which symbolizes the University President's authority, is carried at the head of the academic procession by the College Marshal. It was carved by a local artist from native fiddleback maple and is engraved with the University seal and Glenhill Farmhouse.

## Academic Dress

Academic dress had its beginnings in the Middle Ages. When the English universities were taking form in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, the scholars were also clerics and adopted robes similar to those of their monastic orders. Caps were a necessity in the drafty buildings, and capes with hoods attached were needed for warmth. The use of academic costume in the United States has been continuous since colonial times. A uniform system was not widespread, however, until about 1895 when the well-defined code of the Intercollegiate Commission was adopted by nearly all institutions of higher learning.

The gown worn by those in the procession represents the degree held. The academic gown has pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degrees, short or regular sleeves for the master's degrees, and round, full sleeves for the doctorate. The bachelor's and master's gowns have no trimmings, but the doctoral gown is faced in front on the sleeves, usually with black velvet.

The standard academic cap is the mortarboard, usually the color of the gown. Undergraduates wear the tassel on the right side of the cap until the moment the degree is conferred.

## The Hood

Hoods are usually worn only for the master's degree or the doctorate, with the doctoral hood being the longer of the two and marked by distinguishing panels. Hoods are lined with the colors of the college or university in which the degree was granted. In tonight's ceremony, Dr. Alicyn Rhoades, Vice Chancellor and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, drapes hoods over the master's degree candidates.

## Schreyer Honors College

The Schreyer Scholars program is Penn State's University-wide Honors program. Students who have completed the requirements of the program, including an Honors thesis or comprehensive examination, receive an Honors degree. Scholars graduating with an Honors degree receive a bronze medal designed by John A. Cook, professor of art emeritus and noted medalist.

The medal, which bears the inscription "Intellectual Curiosity—Integrity of Purpose—Scholarly Achievement," is presented tonight by Dr. Greg Filbeck, Interim Vice Chancellor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Students graduating as Schreyer Scholars with an Honors degree are noted with a double dagger (\*\*).

## Evan Pugh Scholars

The Evan Pugh Scholars are students who were in the upper 0.5 percent of their respective classes. All have been full-time students for at least four semesters prior to selection. The award is named for Evan Pugh, Penn State's first president (1859–1864).

## Degrees

Advanced degrees granted by the University are of two types, academic and professional.

The baccalaureate degree is conferred after the satisfactory completion of a minimum of 120 credits in one of the four-year majors. The associate degree is conferred after the satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 credits in one of the two-year majors.

## Scholastic Distinction for Undergraduate Degree Candidates

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. Distinction candidates have completed the required number of credits at the University and 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, and 6 percent Cum Laude.



# About Penn State Behrend

Penn State Behrend, a four-year and graduate college of Penn State, offers students the resources and opportunities of a major research university in a welcoming student-centered learning environment. As part of Pennsylvania's land-grant university, the college also works to advance the economic, social, and intellectual welfare of our region through research and outreach.

Penn State Behrend—this year celebrating its 75th anniversary—was established in 1948 with Mary Behrend's gift of her 400-acre Glenhill Farm. Mrs. Behrend made the gift in memory of her husband, Ernst, co-founder with his father and brother of the Hammermill Paper Company, which later became part of International Paper.

From the first class of 146 students at what was then known as Behrend Center, enrollment in the college has grown to 4,500 undergraduate and graduate students learning on campus and online in nearly fifty degree programs at the associate, bachelor's, and master's degree levels. Behrend alumni now number 40,000.

The college ranks among the top public educational institutions in Pennsylvania for return on tuition investment, student-to-faculty ratio, SAT scores, first-year student retention rate, and graduation rate.

More than 1,200 of the college's students live on campus in traditional-style rooms or in suites or apartments. There are myriad activities for students to get involved in outside the classroom, including 140 student clubs and organizations, twenty-four NCAA Division III teams, and intramural sports.

The college has more than 750 full-time and part-time employees, including 350 faculty members in four academic schools. Today's 854-acre campus has fifty-three buildings, from the original Glenhill Farmhouse to the new Erie Hall. Knowledge Park, on the eastern edge of campus, gives companies housed there access to the college's strengths in applied research and technology transfer, while providing internship and job opportunities for students and graduates.

Research is a critical area of focus for the college's students and faculty. Annually, Penn State Behrend funds many undergraduate research opportunities, and faculty members participate in more than \$8 million of sponsored research. In outreach, the college has more than two dozen centers, programs, and initiatives serving business and industry, area youth, and the community. Each year, the college contributes more than \$175 million to the Commonwealth's economy.

## Vision of a Behrend Graduate

Penn State Behrend has a history and future of developing thinkers, creators, and innovators who build opportunities out of challenges, competence out of curiosity, and proficiency out of potential.

We produce graduates who are prepared for success in their professions, passionate about their work, and committed to lifelong learning; who are open to new experiences and diverse perspectives; and who possess interdisciplinary knowledge and a global and ethical outlook—all critical to thriving in an ever-changing world.

We empower our students through highly engaged instruction, research, and out-of-class opportunities, combined with a distinctive Open Laboratory model of learning and discovery that connects students to business, industry, alumni, and community partners—giving them real-world experiences while benefitting these partners.

With purpose, we develop graduates who are widely recognized for the contributions they make to their professions, their communities, and the world around them.

# Student Speakers



## **Maxwell Limrick, Welcome Address**

Maxwell Limrick, of Erie, is graduating with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Mathematics. He completed the Behrend Honors Program and served as a product design engineer in the college's James R. Meehl Innovation Commons, and was active in Lion Ambassadors, Soccer Club, and other groups. He will be starting the LEAD Engineering Program at Wabtec in January.



## **Gabrielle Watson, Farewell Address**

Gabrielle Watson, of Erie, is graduating with a degree in English and a minor in Communication Arts and Mass Media. While at Behrend, she received the Christopher M. Geitner Award for service, and was active in Lion Ambassadors, Lion Entertainment Board, German Club, Welcome Week, and Alternative Spring Break. After graduation, she will attend the Disney College Program and plans to work in DEI programming or event planning.

# Student Marshals



## **Thomas Anderson, School of Engineering**

Thomas Anderson is graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. A native of North East, Pennsylvania, he plans to take an engineering role in a manufacturing business and further his education with a master's degree in mechanical engineering. While at Behrend, he was a member of the Materials and Manufacturing Group, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the American Foundry Society.



## **Madison Dambach, Black School of Business**

Madison Dambach, of Fombell, Pennsylvania, is graduating with dual degrees in Marketing and Management Information Systems. She worked as a lab assistant in the Raimy Behavioral Lab, and her research with faculty was published and presented at an annual conference. She was also named Outstanding Marketing Student for 2022-23. After graduating, she will be working at Otis Elevator Company, with long-term goals of expanding her family's tree farm and starting a wedding venue.



## **Celine Gauge, School of Humanities and Social Sciences**

Celine Gauge, a native of Erie, is graduating with dual degrees in English and Creative Writing. A Schreyer Scholar, she was a recipient of the Perreault Fellowship, through which she completed an internship with a Ugandan nonprofit organization. She was also poetry editor for Behrend's Lake Effect international literary magazine. She plans to attend graduate school to pursue a master's degree in English.



## **Ramesh Komma, School of Science**

Ramesh Komma, a native of Hyderabad, India, is graduating with a degree in Environmental Science. A Schreyer Scholar, he worked with faculty on carbon capture research. He received the T. Reed Ferguson Award for leadership, and he was active in the Multi-Cultural Council, the International Student Organization, the South Asian Student Organization, and Cricket Club, among other groups. He plans to pursue a doctoral degree focused on developing polymers for carbon capture systems.



## **DR. BABAJIDE OSATUYI**

### **Associate Professor of Management Information Systems**

Dr. Babajide Osatuyi is an associate professor of Management Information Systems in Penn State Behrend's Black School of Business. His research explores behavioral, cognitive, and managerial questions, with implications across several information systems—including enterprise and social platforms.

His work uses a variety of approaches, including analysis, in-depth interviews, field and lab experiments, machine and deep learning, and natural language processing techniques to evaluate social media data—leading to research on a range of topics vital to understanding today's businesses, consumers, and society at large. His work has been published in leading academic journals, including the *Journal of Management Information Systems* and the *European Journal of Information Systems*, covering such subjects as the sharing of fake news on social media; the impact of social media influencers; addictive behaviors on social networks; and gamification.

He earned a doctorate in Information Systems from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He also holds bachelor's degrees in Computational Science and Computer Science, both from the State University of New York at Brockport.



## **THOMAS C. HOFFMAN II '88**

**Attorney, Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C.**

Attorney Thomas C. Hoffman II '88 has represented thousands of businesses and high net worth individuals during his career as a lawyer and CPA. In his work at Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C., he has helped plan hundreds of business successions for a diverse group of clients, including entrepreneurs engaged in manufacturing, oil and gas, timber, publishing, and other industries in more than fifteen states.

Hoffman started his college career at Penn State Behrend, graduating from Penn State with a degree in Accounting before earning his law degree at the University of Pittsburgh.

This fall, Hoffman was named a Penn State Alumni Fellow, the highest award given by the Penn State Alumni Association. Hoffman also serves on Penn State's Planned Giving Advisory Council, Behrend's Council of Fellows Board of Directors, and Behrend's Center for Family Business, which he was integral in establishing.

In the broader Erie community, Hoffman is a founding board member of Erie Center for Arts and Technology and of the Foundation for Sustainable Forests and is a past executive board member of the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership. He sits on the board of governors of the Hagen History Center and the board of the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania.

Hoffman and his wife, Paula '87, are life members of the Alumni Association. They live in Erie and have three adult children—all Penn State graduates.

## CLASS OF 2023 CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

# School of Science

### Baccalaureate Degrees

#### Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

##### Biology

Helen Ann Bremner  
Emily A. Collins<sup>SU</sup>  
Courtney KaShayla Cook  
Ashley Crothers<sup>SU</sup>  
Jillian Devies-Adams  
Jacob Todd Golab  
Katrell Hayman  
Gregory Lemke  
Peter Holmes Moorey Jr.  
Montana Jane Murphy  
Ashtin Petitt  
Tehya Vargas  
Sara Vodenichar

##### Environmental Science

Kenneth Baron<sup>SU</sup>  
Kenley Gardner  
Corbin Alexander Hockenbrock  
Ibrahim A. Kanbari  
Ramesh Babu Komma<sup>††</sup>  
Corryn Schmidt  
Emily Scott  
Jacob Uber<sup>SU</sup>

##### Mathematics

Yuhong Dai  
Riley Todd Perkowski  
John West

#### Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.)

##### Nursing

Faith Bishop  
Alyssa Fisher

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# School of Humanities and Social Sciences

### Baccalaureate Degrees

#### Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

##### Communication

Matthew Christian Cotner  
Katharine Mae Hendricks  
Izabelle Jewel Spires

##### Digital Media, Arts, and Technology

Geng Chen  
Samuel Cristian Deeter  
Jimin Kim  
Noah Stachera  
William Stiller  
Kayla Rosellen Witcher\*  
Min Wu

##### English

Riley Faith Boscaljon  
Celine Catherine Gauge\*\*\*  
Kaila Marie Heltzel  
Gabrielle Watson

##### General Arts and Sciences

Audrey Lynn Knight

##### History

Justin Robert Cornelius#  
Michael Deutsch<sup>SU</sup>  
Christian R. Dombrowiak  
Abigail Elizabeth Linski  
Cole Charles Troutner\*  
Garrett Wertz

##### Political Science

Faith Nichole Coole<sup>SU</sup>  
Joshua Josef Heubel<sup>SU</sup>  
Ketara Nicole Hinman<sup>SU</sup>  
Loralei Adrianna Kenyon<sup>SU</sup>  
Alexandra Marie Kovacs<sup>SU</sup>  
Mason Milliard\*\*\*  
Marina Gabriella Novotnak<sup>SU</sup>

##### Psychology

Tamara Lynn Cavanaugh  
Jessie K. Dardaris  
Teresa Robinson<sup>SU</sup>  
Maria Ann Scarantino

#### Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.)

##### Creative Writing

Celine Catherine Gauge\*\*\*  
Kaila Marie Heltzel  
Carolyn Elizabeth Hogg

#### Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

##### Elementary and Early Childhood Education

Jason Maltese

##### Psychology

Jazlynn A. Burgos  
Michael S. Crane  
Norrie LaCastro<sup>SU</sup>  
Robert Sanford  
Kaylee E. Tatters

### Master's Degrees

#### Master of Applied Clinical Psychology (M.A.)

Marisa Berner<sup>SU</sup>  
Sarah Elizabeth Bohlander<sup>SU</sup>  
Sanjana Karnik<sup>SU</sup>  
Jonathan Gale Kinnear  
Makayla Lyew  
Farah Nazneen  
Boluwatife Idowu Owodunni<sup>SU</sup>  
Lerato Rosemary Rametse<sup>SU</sup>  
Haley Nicole Snyder

## CLASS OF 2023 CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

# School of Engineering

### Baccalaureate Degrees

#### Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

##### Computer Engineering

Hunter Matthew DiPadova<sup>SU</sup>  
Haotian Guan  
Max C. Piazza\*  
Wen Soong

##### Computer Science

Sherman Brizzi<sup>SU</sup>  
Kenneth M. Burt  
Yaoqi Dong<sup>SU</sup>  
William Gibson Hoce<sup>SU</sup>  
Christopher John Mamatas  
Bernhard David Pangels  
Ryan Joseph Pape  
Seth Stevenson<sup>SU</sup>  
Daniel Emory Stiller  
Jiayuan Wen<sup>SU</sup>

##### Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology

Anthony Panucci

##### Electrical Engineering

Devonte Jordan Cherry-Lish<sup>SU</sup>  
Nicholas Dane Hepler  
Alec Moran<sup>SU</sup>

##### Industrial Engineering

Savanna Lee Carr  
Bruno Castagneto  
Michael Robert Clamp  
Prannay Dutt<sup>SU</sup>  
Dongil Gweon  
Skylar Hutchins  
Aiden Patrick Morrow  
Brian Michael Schneider

### Mechanical Engineering

Thomas Michael Anderson\*\*\*  
Mason Reed Bender<sup>SU</sup>  
Justin Travis Brown  
Cole Davidson  
Alexander Matthew Edder  
Timothy Gardner<sup>SU</sup>  
Charles Robert Goodman<sup>SU</sup>  
Keagan Wallace Howard<sup>SU</sup>  
Ryan Joseph Kenney  
Forest Kern  
Maxwell Colin Limrick  
Hunter John Mott<sup>SU</sup>  
Maxwell Myers<sup>SU</sup>  
Ryan A. Sisitki  
Colin McCray Skinner<sup>SU</sup>  
Tyler Blaine Speraw

### Mechanical Engineering Technology

Matthew Paul Bellina  
Brian Nicholas Egan<sup>SU</sup>  
Jacob Charles Fancella  
Jacob Lee Fisher<sup>SU</sup>  
Nola Hessom  
Thomas F. Kosinski  
Evan Michael Lang  
Logan Mitchel Notarianni  
Anthony Perini  
Adam Vincent Podlaszewski<sup>SU</sup>  
Donald Evans Russell Jr<sup>SU</sup>  
Gregory R. Schriener<sup>SU</sup>  
Cameron Charles Shaw  
Zachary Ryan Tingley<sup>SU</sup>

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# School of Engineering

### **Plastics Engineering Technology**

Cameron Elizabeth Bennick  
Ian Matthew Boyd  
Antonio G. Caloiero  
Benjamin Daniel Dobson  
Lauren Paige Donnelly  
Jared Robert Golias  
Alexander McHale  
Madison Lynn McMaster  
Jordan James Pezzuti  
Joseph Potwora  
Evan Quinn  
Megan Rohde  
Jonah W. Shafer  
Shane Slipko  
Connor Zik

### **Software Engineering**

Cory Joseph Drangel  
Benjamin Matthew Karabin<sup>SU</sup>  
Elizabeth Ann Kelly<sup>SU</sup>  
Esteban Londono Kerguelen<sup>SU</sup>  
Brandon Lupole  
Kevin Muirhead  
Akash Patel<sup>SU</sup>  
Noah Christopher Spott  
Jared David Therrien  
Clayton James Wasenius<sup>SU‡</sup>  
Douglas R. Wendelin Jr.  
Mark Westerlund Jr.

### **Master's Degrees**

#### **Master of Manufacturing Management (M.M.M.)**

#### **Quality and Manufacturing Management**

Sean Thomas Abraham  
Von Anthony Gushka<sup>SU</sup>

## CLASS OF 2023 CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

# Black School of Business

### Associate Degrees

#### Associate in Science (A.S.)

##### Business Administration (University College)

Jessica Lynn Bajek  
Ana Marie Cesar

### Baccalaureate Degrees

#### Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

##### Accounting

Alexander Duguid\*  
Brandan Michael Kapp<sup>SU</sup>  
Keara Mollenauer  
Khang T. Nguyen  
Christian Rosenberg<sup>SU</sup>

##### Business Economics

Josh M. Gildea<sup>SU</sup>  
Husain Kapadia  
Trevor Matthew Schlater  
Mesay Sisay Shekour<sup>SU</sup>  
Noah S. Sorrell  
Mitchell Alan Wahlster<sup>††</sup>

##### Finance

Rebecca Maureen Abramo<sup>SU</sup>  
Aaron Paul Anderson  
Victoria Arapakos  
Patrick David Banze<sup>SU</sup>  
Julian Rafael Bargas  
James Dylan Baxter  
Stewart William Biro\*  
James Chester Bloomfield Jr.  
Peter Ward Carosi<sup>SU</sup>  
James Samuel Cartright  
Joseph Anthony Cerar III  
Riley Thomas Cooley\*  
Yan Cui<sup>SU\*\*\*</sup>

Kadin Danch  
Tien Le Dinh<sup>SU</sup>  
Alexander Duguid\*  
Christopher Clay Falkner  
Douglas Flessner<sup>SU\*</sup>  
Sebastian Kenneth Gehrig<sup>SU</sup>  
Shay Hagerman\*  
Braeden Italiani  
Cindy Jiang  
Kevin Kaiser<sup>SU</sup>  
Casey Marie Kuhel  
Zachary William Lehman  
Skylar Marie Mahaffey  
Christopher Marchionda  
Kaitlyn Mongrella<sup>SU</sup>  
Nicholas Richard Ohline<sup>SU</sup>  
Dounia Ouaritini  
Kristoffer Preble<sup>SU</sup>  
Fabrice Alain Marcel Prevost Jr.  
Riley Purcell  
Richard James Quinn  
Cody M. Ritter<sup>SU</sup>  
Salvador D. Sanchez  
Trevor Matthew Schlater  
Christopher Scotto Dicesare  
Dustin Daniel Smith  
Katherine Stojakovic\*\*  
Sean M. Strain<sup>SU</sup>  
Katherine Leonida Sychuk  
Aldrin Lee Tiu Tiongco<sup>SU</sup>  
Evan Tucker  
Zachary Timothy Ulrich  
Melina Vasil  
Kristin Noelle Waring<sup>SU</sup>  
Michele D. Whitmon<sup>SU</sup>  
Thomas Richard Wolek  
Michal Dane Worth<sup>SU</sup>  
Mahmoud Yakout

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# Black School of Business

### **Interdisciplinary Business with Engineering Studies**

Alexandra DeRusha  
Timothy Joseph Johnston<sup>SU</sup>  
Alen Kalabic<sup>SU</sup>  
Colin James Kelly<sup>SU</sup>  
Joshua Lewis  
Gabriel Scott MacWilliams  
Lauren Joanna Sheldon  
Sean M. Strain<sup>SU</sup>  
Zachary Timothy Ulrich

### **International Business**

Christopher Marchionda

### **Management Information Systems**

Madison Marie Dambach\*  
Josh M. Gildea<sup>SU</sup>  
Breanna Golab  
Samantha L. Jenkins  
Keara Mollenauer  
Kaitlyn Nicole O’Kresik  
John Michael Piroch  
Christopher John James Slawson<sup>SU</sup>  
Katherine Leonida Sychuk

### **Marketing**

Madison Marie Dambach\*  
Joshua Thomas Necastro  
Almin Pehlic  
Zachary T. Schwarzel  
Robert Andrew Shemony  
Julianna Vargas  
Alexa Winkler

### **Marketing (Capital College)**

Andrew Willis

### **Project and Supply Chain Management**

Dante Colorito  
Ella M. Cuccaro  
Sydney Anne Guthrie  
Connor Johns<sup>SU</sup>  
Alen Kalabic<sup>SU</sup>  
Joshua Lewis  
Gabriel Scott MacWilliams  
Carolyn Victoria Magee  
Nicole Ann Pierce  
Alexander Pomarico  
James P. Quirk<sup>SU</sup>  
Ali Abdulkadir Salah  
Zachary Bryce Wittebort

### **Business (Intercollege)**

Margaret J. Rogers  
Thomas Cortlandt Schuyler IV

## CLASS OF 2023 CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

# Black School of Business

### Master's Degrees

#### Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Samuel Andrew<sup>SU</sup>  
Katherine Bagdon<sup>SU</sup>  
Andrew Phillip Baldwin<sup>SU</sup>  
Connor Bryan<sup>SU</sup>  
Islam N. Daghestani<sup>SU</sup>  
Wendy Jazmine Enriquez Molina  
Drew Allan Feiock  
Kyra Kathleen Hughes  
Erica M. Koenig  
Matthew S. Mahouski<sup>SU</sup>  
Andrew T. Mastovich<sup>SU</sup>  
Austin R. Rock  
Srikanth Seshadri  
Antonio J. Stello<sup>SU</sup>  
Kurt D. Wagner  
Samuel Nielsen Woodell

#### Master of Project Management (M.P.M.)

Megan Noelle Blanck  
Joseph Robert Bromley  
Christopher R. Cantrell  
Andrew Michael Carlo  
Clarence Christie Jr.  
Glendya Starr Clark<sup>SU</sup>  
Casey James Cockrell<sup>SU</sup>  
Dominic Joseph Cordova  
Derek Michael Crockett  
Jeffrey Cummings  
Julia Dalpezzo<sup>SU</sup>  
Carlos B. Dasilva<sup>SU</sup>  
Tammy L. Demm<sup>SU</sup>  
Monica Eliason<sup>SU</sup>  
Samantha Alexandra Elliott

Sarah Mauney Evans  
George Edward Fill Jr.<sup>SU</sup>  
Janice Mary Hartkorn  
Caitlyn Hugendubler  
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