
Commencement Program

December 17, 2025





These Commencement proceedings are a celebration of the achievements of our students, faculty, and honorees—as well as a show of appreciation to the loved ones who have supported those achievements.

Out of respect for those we honor here, and those who have come to acknowledge and celebrate their good work, we ask that you do all you can to create a congenial atmosphere. Please silence cell phones and refrain from any behaviors that might interfere with or disrupt these proceedings.

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York College of Pennsylvania

York College of Pennsylvania is an independent, comprehensive, private college offering majors in the arts and sciences as well as professionally oriented programs of study. York is nationally recognized for its high-quality academic programs, friendly campus atmosphere, and affordable cost. Emphasis is placed upon a superior teaching faculty, the majority of whom hold doctorates. More than 3,500 undergraduate and graduate students represent some 35 states and 28 foreign countries. York offers over 70 baccalaureate majors, along with 30+ professional graduate degree and certificate programs. Deeply rooted in the liberal arts, York is recognized for excellence in its professional Business, Education, Engineering, and Nursing programs.

The history of York College is long and varied. In 1787, the York Academy was formed. It merged in 1929 with the York Collegiate Institute, which was founded in 1873. The York Collegiate Institute became York Junior College in 1941 and, in 1968, York College of Pennsylvania.

Alma Mater

Ralph Woolley

The Years shall pass, but we will not forget
Our alma mater dear.
Resound the hallowed halls with homage yet
Keeping faith without fear.
Consecrated to the truth and right,
Our pledge to thee, old green and white;
Let the chorus fill the air,
Let the song go everywhere,
Every heart sing bold and free,
Giving praise old York to thee
E'en to eternity.

The Program

10:15 a.m.

Dr. Ed Westen, Head Marshal and President, Academic Senate
Dr. James Kearns, Marshal, Academic Senate
Dr. Alison Kennicutt, Marshal, Academic Senate

Processional

Audience will stand during the Processional and remain standing through the Invocation.

Invocation Father Norbert Suresh
Catholic Priest

Welcome Dr. Thomas D. Burns
President

Graduating Student Remarks Olivia N. Schenk '25
Nursing Major

Greetings..... Sean Umbenhouer '91
Treasurer, York College Alumni Advisory Council

Faculty Speaker and
Presidential Award Recipient for
Teaching and Mentoring Excellence..... Dr. Paul J. Ackerman, Jr.
Associate Professor, Civil Engineering

Presidential Award for
Excellence in Scholarship and Professional Activity Dr. Thomas D. Burns

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees Dr. Joshua D. Landau
Dean, School of the Arts, Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences

Conferring of Degrees..... Dr. Thomas D. Burns

Presentation of Degrees Stephen Tansey
Chair, Board of Trustees

Alma Mater Juliana G. Quintilian '25
Psychology Major/Musical Theatre Minor

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Audience will rise and remain standing through the Benediction and Recessional.

Benediction..... Reverend Lisa B. Hair
Protestant Campus Chaplain

Recessional..... Class Song

Faculty Speaker *and* Recipient of the Presidential Award for Teaching and Mentoring Excellence

Dr. Paul J. Ackerman, Jr.



Dr. Paul J. Ackerman, Jr. is an Associate Professor in the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering. He received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Virginia Military Institute, an M.S. in Civil Engineering from West Virginia University, and his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech. A registered professional engineer, he has over 20 years of experience in engineering, consulting, and project management across a variety of state and federal projects. Prior to teaching, he was part of the engineering team that assisted the Virginia Military Institute with the design and execution of a \$500 million capital projects program. He has also had the opportunity to assist with the design and construction of civil engineering service projects in Uganda, Bolivia, and Guatemala. His technical research focuses on construction management, construction materials, and engineering methods to improve construction feasibility and remediate design issues identified during construction.

At York College, Dr. Ackerman primarily teaches courses in construction and site design engineering. He enjoys introducing experiential learning in the classroom by utilizing actual construction projects and problems to increase student engagement and learning. Dr. Ackerman's pedagogical research includes collaborations with faculty and the civil engineering industry on several publications and presentations on evaluating student learning outcomes and improving student engagement. His most recent publication was a collaboration with senior civil engineering students to redesign the first-year civil engineering surveying lab based on current industry practices and the students' in-depth co-op experiences with site design companies. Dr. Ackerman enjoys mentoring and working with student organizations and is a faculty advisor for the College's student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Dr. Ackerman attended the ASCE Excellence in Civil Engineering Education (ExCEED) Teaching Workshop in 2021. He is currently serving as co-chair of ASCE's Pennsylvania Infrastructure Report Card Committee. The committee includes 60 engineers and professionals tasked with evaluating and reporting on the condition of Pennsylvania's infrastructure in a school report card format to inform the public and policymakers about the state of assets such as roads, bridges, and water systems. Dr. Ackerman is honored to be the 2025 recipient of the York College Presidential Award for Teaching and Mentoring Excellence.

Candidates for Graduate Degrees

Master of Accounting

Paul Cooper
Brayden J. Ross
Cameron David Wheeler

Accounting
Accounting
Accounting

Annville, PA
York, PA
Red Lion, PA

Master of Arts

Katherine Louise Cunningham
Danielle F. Makrias
Christopher Sean Miers
Kyle R. Rosen
Jared Paul Townsend
Logan Marie Ward

Strategic Leadership and Management
Strategic Leadership and Management
Strategic Leadership and Management
Strategic Leadership and Management
Strategic Leadership and Management
Strategic Leadership and Management

York, PA
York, PA
Centreville, VA
Dover, PA
Gettysburg, PA
Bel Air, MD

Master of Business Administration

Kyle Xavier Ettenhofer
Greta Reasbeck Huber
Rahad K. Khan
Dana Boedeker Larson
Loren Paige Troxell

Business Administration
Business Administration
Business Administration
Business Administration
Business Administration

Winchester, MA
Marietta, PA
York, PA
Henrico, VA
Fairfield, PA

Master of Education

Ndidi Nwanalor Ahaghotu
Trinady Monique Banks
Samantha Paige Barron
Haley Lynn Bieber
Samantha Cole Binck
Michael C. Cesarano
Catherine Elizabeth Cuerou
Angela Rose Decker
Dominique Ellis
Ashley Nicole Grove
Sarah J. Hartzell
Emily Sue Markey Heath
Sierra M. Hobbs
McKenzie Rae Krewson
Nathan M. Markey
Michelle J. McGlaufflin
Alexander Bear Messinger
Rebecca Lee Molnar Perry
Jennifer Quiñones
Mariah Richardson
Kirsten Naomi Riecke
Evan Michael Schlosser
Shelbi Iyanna Shaw
Adam Lee Smith
Olivia Grace Stemler
Courtney Evelyn Stone
Nashally Michelle Torres-Feliciano
Jennifer Mary Tuchscherer
Christina Maria Vendelis
Madalyn Danielle Wilson
Kimberly Suzanne Yoder
Alexa Rose Yokemick

Applied Behavior Analysis
Applied Behavior Analysis
Applied Behavior Analysis
Applied Behavior Analysis
Applied Behavior Analysis
Educational Technology (PK-12)
Effective Teaching
Diversity and Student Resilience
Applied Behavior Analysis
Applied Behavior Analysis
Diversity and Student Resilience
Reading Specialist (PK-12)
Reading Specialist (PK-12)
Effective Teaching
Reading Specialist (PK-12)
Educational Leadership (PK-12)
Applied Behavior Analysis
Learning Design and Innovation
Applied Behavior Analysis
Applied Behavior Analysis
Applied Behavior Analysis
Educational Leadership (PK-12)
Applied Behavior Analysis
Diversity and Student Resilience
Reading Specialist (PK-12)
Applied Behavior Analysis
Applied Behavior Analysis
Reading Specialist (PK-12)
Applied Behavior Analysis
Educational Leadership (PK-12)
Learning Design and Innovation
Effective Teaching

Jessup, MD
Philadelphia, PA
Fort Howard, MD
Cape May, NJ
King of Prussia, PA
York, PA
Pipersville, PA
York, PA
East Chicago, IN
Seven Valleys, PA
York, PA
Glen Rock, PA
York, PA
York, PA
York, PA
Lancaster, PA
Durango, CO
Parsonsborg, MD
Hamburg, PA
Baltimore, MD
New Park, PA
York, PA
Omaha, NE
Hanover, PA
Jersey Shore, PA
Mountain Top, PA
Lancaster, PA
Mount Wolf, PA
Fallston, MD
Dover, PA
Wrightsville, PA
York, PA

Candidates for Graduate Degrees

Master of Public Policy and Administration

Mackenzie Marie Brooks
Tylin V. Colston
Alexandra Grace Goodrow
Nicole Lee Harman
Alyssa Marie Kutsch
Madison Rae Sharp
Jessica Arlene Zartman

Public Policy and Administration
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Dallastown, PA
Gilbertsville, PA
Clearfield, PA
York, PA
York, PA
Dallastown, PA
Glen Rock, PA

Master of Science

Daryl Joseph Basarab

Data Analytics

Lititz, PA

Master of Science in Nursing

Amanda Pauline Baldridge-Ford
Joshua Michael Beach
Heart Hettinger Benner
France Berthe Dareus
Kayla Rose Ehrnfeldt
Armela Ferhatovic
Elizabeth M. Hawkins
Neha Jasani
Chukwuka Joseph
Rana Zahid Khan
Ashley O. Phillips
Treonte Nicole Small
Rachael Elizabeth Sorgi
Brooke Michelle Wasser
Jahcinda Marina Why

Family (Individual Across the Lifespan) Nurse Practitioner
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Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
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Family (Individual Across the Lifespan) Nurse Practitioner

York, PA
Waynesboro, PA
Camp Hill, PA
Lancaster, PA
Dallastown, PA
Carlisle, PA
Pottstown, PA
Philadelphia, PA
Odenton, MD
York, PA
Hershey, PA
Glen Burnie, MD
Ardmore, PA
Perkasie, PA
Red Lion, PA

Post-Master's Certificate

The following students are being recognized in the program for completing their certificate requirements;
however, individual recognition at the ceremony is reserved for degree recipients.

Cassidy Lynn Keilholtz
Brianna Walters

Applied Behavior Analysis
Applied Behavior Analysis

Littlestown, PA
Red Lion, PA

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

The following students are being recognized in the program for completing their certificate requirements;
however, individual recognition at the ceremony is reserved for degree recipients.

Joy N. Ashley
Jordyn Beck
Sheldon E. Bertz Jr.
Aaron Douglas Gibson
Melissa Joan Gilbert

Urban Planning
Reading Specialist (PK-12)
Data Analytics
Educational Leadership (PK-12)
Educational Leadership (PK-12)

Ephrata, PA
York, PA
Kennett Square, PA
York, PA
Spring Grove, PA

Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees

The printing of this program was completed before certification of grades for the final semester; therefore, graduation honors indicated herein are tentative. Final honors for graduates will be determined after final grade point averages have been calculated. The diploma of the College and the official transcript provide certification of both honors and the conferring of a degree. Honors are based on graduates attaining a cumulative grade point average as indicated below.

***Summa Cum Laude (3.9-4.0) **Magna Cum Laude (3.7-3.89) *Cum Laude (3.5-3.69)

Associate of Science

Nicole Marie Swam

Criminology and Criminal Justice

Hampstead, MD

Bachelor of Arts

Abigail Renae Balderson	Literary and Textual Studies	Red Lion, PA
Kenneth Gerard Bamrick III	Sport Media (Sport Communication Performance)	Waldwick, NJ
Andrew L. Bongiorno	Music Production and Entrepreneurship	Downingtown, PA
* Robert Michael Buchner	Sport Media (Sport Communication Performance)	Shoreham, NY
Grace Lucille Campo	Film and Media Arts	Woodbury, NJ
Aaron Samuel Fegely Jr.	Sport Media (Sport Communication Performance)	Seven Valleys, PA
** Gabriela M. Gonzalez Morales	Secondary Education - English	York, PA
Amya T. Guthridge	Environmental and Sustainability Studies	York, PA
Dana Lynn Harpster	Fine Art	Shrewsbury, PA
Ryley Sloane Hickey	Film and Media Arts	York, PA
*** Kane Jesse Howard	Literary and Textual Studies	Columbia, PA
*** Laiba Zahid Khan	Medical Humanities	York, PA
Rodney Eli Louis	Political Science	Stamford, CT
Angelina Concetta Merolle	Environmental and Sustainability Studies	Latham, NY
Tennison Maxwell Metz	Sport Media (Sport Communication Performance)	York, PA
Sarah M. Mortimer	Medical Humanities	York, PA
Kevin Thomas Parker	Sport Media (Sport Communication Performance)	East Windsor, NJ
Robert Pastelak	Mass Communications	Dover, PA
Hunter Edward Pepo	Intelligence Analysis	Dallastown, PA
Shane Curtis Robinson	Creative Industries and Entrepreneurship	Stewartstown, PA
* Joseph John Schultheis	Sport Media (Sport Communication Performance)	York, PA
*** Joseph T. Snyder	Film and Media Arts	York, PA
* Stephen Christopher Torregrossa Jr.	History	Glen Rock, PA
Brayden William Vaught	Healthcare Administration	York, PA
** Ashley Velez	Film and Media Arts	Jersey City, NJ
Jesenia Ruby Zavala	Professional Writing	Rockville, MD

Bachelor of Business Administration

*** Olivia Ann Buckley-Uzmed	Human Resource Management	Broque, PA
*** Gabrielle S. Irizarry	Human Resource Management	Burlington, NJ

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Quinn Barbara Himmelberger	Graphic Design	Reading, PA
Natassia Musette Irizarry	Graphic Design	Dover, PA
*** Morgan Ashlee Nolte	Graphic Design	Townsend, DE
** Kylee S. Robinson	Graphic Design	Dover, PA
* Blake Andrew Tingley	Graphic Design	Stewartstown, PA
Deanna Gabrielle White	Graphic Design	York, PA

Bachelor of Science

Sydney Paige Adams	Criminology and Criminal Justice	Pilesgrove, NJ
Hamzah Ibrahim Bair	Information Technology Management	Dallastown, PA
Hannah Jean Bancroft	Health Sciences	Gilbertsville, PA
Akira Barnes	Criminology and Criminal Justice	Red Lion, PA
** Jacob Dale Bateman	Business Administration	Hanover, PA
Logan Arturo Bermejo	Psychology	New Oxford, PA
** Jesse Livingston Bitzer V	Cybersecurity Management	Hanover, PA
William M. Boyer	Biology	York, PA
Patrick Joseph Bresnan	Accounting	York, PA
Marcus John Burnett	Cybersecurity Management	Knoxville, MD
** Roger Luis Casado Sánchez	Psychology	York, PA
Brett T. Catone	Business Administration	Stewartstown, PA
Michael T. Cosenza	Supply Chain Operations Management	Haddon Twp, NJ
* Emily J. Culp	Computer Science	Bellefonte, PA
*** Raven Alexa Davies	Biochemistry	Raleigh, NC
Tucker C. Davis	Computer Science	Dover, PA
Karen De Alva	Computer Science	York, PA
Maria Soledad De Jesus Morales	Biology	Hampton Bays, NY
Kerri Olivia-Marie DeCarlo	Criminology and Criminal Justice	Nottingham, MD
James B. Devine	Mechanical Engineering	La Plata, MD
Madison Sulma Diehl	Early Elementary Education	York, PA
Mykenzie A. Ditch	Health Sciences	York, PA
Emma Annette Elwell	Psychology	Nobleboro, ME
*** Mackenzie Rae Emig	Middle Level Education	Dover, PA
Heather Estrella	Criminology and Criminal Justice	Allentown, PA
Deia Sky Evert	Psychology	Port Angeles, WA
Kyle William Fankhauser	Mechanical Engineering	Farmingdale, NJ
Matthew William Gauker	Sociology and Equity Studies	York, PA
*** Evan Michael Gibbs	Mathematics	Dover, PA
* Alianetxiss Michelle Pizarro González	Criminology and Criminal Justice	Lebanon, PA
Navneet Chaitra Satyanarayana Gowda	Mathematics	Hassan, Karnataka
** Hannah Michele Haring	Criminology and Criminal Justice	Macungie, PA
** Devin Lee Hartlaub	Business Administration	Hanover, PA
** Erin Sophia Homan	Early Elementary Education	Hanover, PA
Brianna Marie Horne	Secondary Education - Mathematics	Massapequa, NY
Heather Nicole Justice	Psychology	New Oxford, PA
Mihail I. Katsarov	Mathematics	Dover, PA
Lucian Cley Kenyon	Psychology	York, PA
Colleen Marie Kincaid	Health Sciences	Silver Spring, MD
Meaghan Elizabeth Kincaid	Finance	Silver Spring, MD
Elizabeth Marilyn Leganza	Health Sciences	Pine Grove, PA
Melissa Marte Londono	Criminal Justice	Capitol Heights, MD
Carson Allen Mack	Computer Science	Chester, MD
Alexa Lorraine Maschi	Criminology and Criminal Justice	Barnegat, NJ
Courtney Autumn Masucci	Criminology and Criminal Justice	Manchester, PA
Allie Hayes McKee	Early Elementary Education	Downingtown, PA
** Keirsten Denise Miller	Finance	Shrewsbury, PA
Jaylen Emmanuel Mills	Cybersecurity Management	Norfolk, VA
Arlette Paola Morales Paredes	Criminology and Criminal Justice	York, PA
Hayden Grant Musser	Supply Chain Operations Management	Elizabethtown, PA
Bria Nicole Neiderer	Health Sciences	Hanover, PA
* Autumn Rae NyeSmith	Recreation Leadership (Recreational Therapy Concentration)	Elizabethtown, PA
Lauren Elizabeth Perlish	Middle Level Education	Downingtown, PA
** Neisha Pierre	Cybersecurity Management	York, PA
Juliana G. Quintilian	Psychology	Glen Rock, PA
David A. Reiner	Business Administration	Littlestown, PA
Christopher William Robinson	Mechanical Engineering	Port Deposit, MD
*** Jacob Daniel Rohrbaugh	Computer Science Mathematics	Hanover, PA
David Salinas-Trejo	Music (Music Industry and Recording Technology)	York, PA
Autumn Brooke Schmidt	Secondary Education - Biology	New Freedom, PA
* Ceili Marie Schuster	Human Services	Annapolis, MD
** Grace Elizabeth Seebold	Sociology	York, PA

Bachelor of Science

*** Brooke Noel Shaffer	Business Analytics	Thomasville, PA
Alexis Nicole Shaw	Early Elementary Education	Massapequa, NY
*** Michael Scott Shirey	Finance	York, PA
* Taylor Jean Simpson	Supply Chain Operations Management	Essex, MD
Caroline Elizabeth Smith	Business Administration	York, PA
Nadiyah Makaylah Smith	Criminology and Criminal Justice	Cockeysville, MD
Sean Douglas Smith	Environmental Science	Spring Grove, PA
Rachel M. Stanley	Early Elementary Education	New Freedom, PA
Cole Christian Suwyn	Sport Management	Hockessin, DE
Robert Stephen Thomson	Accounting	York, PA
Devin Zachary Weiner	Hospitality Management	Arlington, VA
*** Natalie E. Wentz	Early Elementary Education	Shrewsbury, PA
** Victoria Leann Whitehead	Supply Chain Operations Management	York, PA
Kendra Leigh Winkleblech	Exercise Science	Greensburg, PA
** Paige Lauren Wirt	Computer Science	Bel Air, MD
*** Reagan Gail Wolford	Accounting	Bristow, VA
*** Weslee Ellen Zieber	Human Services	Red Lion, PA

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Pierre Ricardo Alexis	Nursing	Lebanon, PA
Deborah Bonita Alston	Nursing	Bel Air, MD
Maria Eugenia Araya	Nursing	Bethlehem, PA
Ashley Nicole Bassani	Nursing	York Springs, PA
Andrea Noel Bergmann	Nursing	York Springs, PA
Tara Leann Bonner	Nursing	Lehigh, PA
Olivia Neavling Brunson	Nursing	Camp Hill, PA
Jacquelin Ashley Campbell	Nursing	Walnutport, PA
Jing Chen	Nursing	Red Lion, PA
*** Morgan Slate Clayton	Nursing	York, PA
Kinsey Leigh Cook	Accelerated Nursing	Aspers, PA
Maria Eugenia Cruz	Nursing	York, PA
Bernadette Simone Cherie Dacosta	Nursing	Macungie, PA
* Sumitra Dahal	Nursing	York, PA
Magdalyn Marie Danner	Nursing	Littlestown, PA
Tiffany Renee Duncan	Nursing	Abbottstown, PA
* Noah Benjamin Eberly	Nursing	Dallastown, PA
Brianna Elizabeth Eure	Nursing	Locust Grove, GA
* Jordyn E. Evans	Nursing	Elizabethtown, PA
Tara Lynn Exley	Nursing	Monroeville, NJ
Ashley Sade Fera	Nursing	Brookhaven, PA
Jordan Breanne Fleck	Nursing	Spring Grove, PA
Jordan Robert Gay	Nursing	Red Lion, PA
Cody Ryan Gingrich	Nursing	Danville, PA
Nariya Kapri Goff	Accelerated Nursing	Lemoyne, PA
Cameron Alexis Goldsborough	Nursing	Forest Hill, MD
Sarah Kathryn Goss	Accelerated Nursing	York, PA
Michael Austin Greek	Nursing	Windsor, PA
Jinda Helen Guidinger	Accelerated Nursing	York, PA
Ahna Ashley Hackler	Nursing	Hampstead, MD
Briana Alexis Haines	Nursing	Spring Grove, PA
Madison Antoinette Hamilton	Nursing	Pepperell, MA
Chaisley Nichole Healy	Nursing	Royersford, PA
Emma Arkell Hoak	Nursing	York, PA
Alianna Hoover	Nursing	York, PA
* Kayla M. Horting	Nursing	Middletown, PA
Marion Elaine Marie Howell	Nursing	Glen Rock, PA
Georgianna Maureen Kahley	Accelerated Nursing	York, PA
Kaylie Larie Kessler	Nursing	Carlisle, PA
Sophie Elaina Kitzig	Nursing	Boiling Springs, PA
Stephanie Sophia Koch	Nursing	Downingtown, PA

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Caitlin Rae Kuhn	Nursing	Nottingham, MD
Tolulope Kuteyi	Nursing	Virginia Beach, VA
Sontino Joseph Latorre	Nursing	Jefferson Hills, PA
Thuy Kim Le	Nursing	Lancaster, PA
* Alexis Jasmine Lehman	Nursing	Mount Wolf, PA
Amanda C. McLean Listopad	Nursing	Lehighton, PA
Mindy A. Lynch	Nursing	Mechanicsburg, PA
Irene Efesso Mbilinyi	Nursing	Penn Valley, CA
Tiffany Nicole McMeans	Nursing	York, PA
Kahley Elizabeth Mease	Nursing	York, PA
Sarah Mendizabal	Nursing	York, PA
Diandra Stephanie Molion	Nursing	Belvidere, NJ
Ibrahim Morris-Togans	Nursing	Harrisburg, PA
Alyssa S. Mott	Nursing	Wernersville, PA
Hannah Julia Murray	Accelerated Nursing	Lititz, PA
*** Ashley T. Olimpo	Nursing	Danielsville, PA
Riyana A. Owens	Accelerated Nursing	Red Lion, PA
Kathleen Marie Pasta	Nursing	New Park, PA
Kristen Anna Lee Perillo	Nursing	Levittown, PA
Tyler W. Pittman	Nursing	Fort Loudon, PA
Mattison R. Quinn	Nursing	York, PA
Jessica Lynn Reed	Nursing	Hanover, PA
Madison Rae Riffin	Nursing	York, PA
** Madison Elizabeth Rollins	Nursing	Hanover, PA
Zarina R. Salmorbekova	Nursing	Southwick, MA
Christelle Sanon	Nursing	Lebanon, PA
Brooke Erin Sargen	Accelerated Nursing	York, PA
Olivia Nicole Schenk	Nursing	Wexford, PA
Michael David Sears	Accelerated Nursing	Etters, PA
* Haley Madison Shuck	Nursing	York, PA
Danielle Renee Slaughter	Nursing	Hummelstown, PA
* Allison Anne Smith	Nursing	Dallastown, PA
Kaylyn Alexis Smith	Nursing	Etters, PA
** Lindsey Joy Smith	Nursing	Ellicott City, MD
* TaMia Shanea Smith	Nursing	Spartanburg, SC
Victoria Oreoluwa Sodipe	Nursing	Glen Burnie, MD
*** Caitlin Nicole Springer	Nursing	York, PA
Nafessa Shalynn Sudler	Nursing	Elkton, MD
Phoebe E. Thoman	Nursing	Felton, PA
Megan Elizabeth Thomas	Accelerated Nursing	York, PA
* Sarai Judith Trout	Nursing	York, PA
Talehia Shante Leona Turner	Nursing	Warminster, PA
*** Trevor Jacob Weible	Nursing	Hummelstown, PA
Swinita Harris Welch	Nursing	Adamstown, MD
Rachel Anne Wert	Accelerated Nursing	Mechanicsburg, PA
Invictus F. Williams	Accelerated Nursing	York, PA
Kayla Laine Wisnom	Accelerated Nursing	Stewartstown, PA
Dakota Marie Woodard	Nursing	Orwigsburg, PA

Departmental Recognition

Department of Accounting, Finance and Business Analytics

Keirsten D. Baker-Miller
Brooke N. Shaffer

Michael S. Shirey
Reagan G. Wolford

Department of Chemistry

Raven A. Davies

Department of Communication and Writing

Kane J. Howard

Joseph T. Snyder

Department of Education

Mackenzie R. Emig

Natalie E. Wentz

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Computer Science

Emily J. Culp

Karen De Alva

Department of Health Professions

Autumn R. NyeSmith

Brayden W. Vaught

Department of History and Political Science

Laiba Z. Khan

Stephen C. Torregrossa

Departmental Recognition

Department of Management, Marketing and Entrepreneurship

Angel I. Cartagena-Luna

Department of Mathematics and Applied Sciences

Emily J. Culp
Evan M. Gibbs

Mihail I. Katsarov
Jacob D. Rohrbaugh

Department of Nursing

Noah B. Eberly
Jinda H. Guidinger

Olivia N. Schenk

Sarai J. Trout
Rachel A. Wert

Department of Operations and Information Technology

Megan T. Holtzinger
Sara G. Kolta
Jonathan Muller
Neisha Pierre

Nicholas W. Rizzo
Taylor J. Simpson
Panagiotis D. Tomboris

Kate B. Walsh
Victoria L. Whitehead
Mikaela G. Wovna
Kyle J. Zelonis

Department of Psychology

Emma A. Elwell
Heather N. Justice

Ceili M. Schuster
Weslee E. Zieber

Department of Visual and Performing Arts

Dana L. Harpster

Morgan A. Nolte

Kylee S. Robinson

Academic Regalia

The medieval scholar wore a clerical robe so all would know his station in society. The clerical-type robe was appropriate, since all students were expected to become part of the clergy. Distinctions have always been made among the academic grades. Thus, the robe of the doctor is more elaborate than that of the master, and the master's is different than the undergraduate student.

Academic regalia has always consisted of three parts—the gown, the hood, and the cap. There is considerable variation in European universities. In 1893, a system was adopted in the United States so that one could tell at a glance the university where the degree was earned, the field of study in which the degree was earned, and the level of the earned degree.

Most robes are black, although occasionally a particular university may adopt a robe of another color, such as Harvard in adopting the crimson as its own. Doctoral robes are longer, fuller, and more richly trimmed, with bands of velvet down the front and on the sleeves. These can be black or symbolize a field of study. The master's gown has sleeves usually cut above the elbow and the bachelor's gown is a simple pleated robe.

The cap of most American universities is typically the stiff, square, black traditional mortarboard with black tassel. The doctoral cap may have a gold tassel, with the tassel worn on the left. Many European universities favor the soft beret-type cap, and a few American institutions use this type.

The hood is the most interesting and colorful part of the regalia. The largest hood is the doctor's, while the smallest is the bachelor's. The color, or colors, of the hood's lining, arranged in chevrons, symbolizes the colors of the college or university that granted the degree. Thus, York College of Pennsylvania has chevrons of green and white. The velvet trim, visible at the neck, indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned. Some frequently seen hood colors and the fields of study are as follows:

Golden yellow | Science
White | Arts and Letters
Light blue | Education

Pink | Music
Drab | Business
Apricot | Nursing

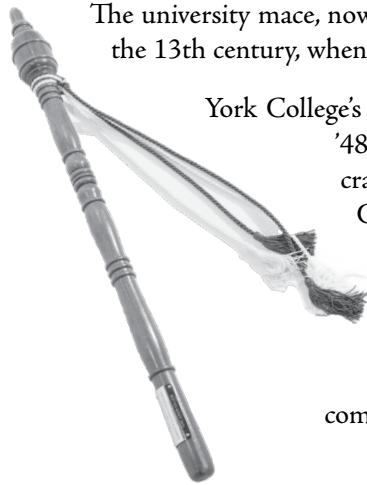
Scarlet | Theology
Dark blue | Philosophy
Lemon | Library Science

Seal



The York College seal was first shared on the cover of the March 1970 issue of *The York Scene*, the alumni publication at the time. That issue also offered an explanation of the seal's meaning: "The open book suggests the basic reason for the existence of York College—that the institution holds as its purpose the primacy of a good education. The green and white colors which make up the seal are variously reversed in contiguous areas. The motto, 'servire est vivere,' is translated as 'To serve is to live.' It states a basic axiom of that which the nobleman seeks. Certainly, service to mankind is that ideal to which society should attain, and without which society becomes self-seeking and individualistic and in effect, 'dies.' "

Mace



The university mace, now used during commencement and convocation ceremonies, traces its origins to the 13th century, when it was held by the protector of a sovereign at official meetings.

York College's official mace, carried by the Head Marshal, was created by Edward Glatfelter '48 and presented in 1961 to York Junior College President Dr. Ray Miller. It is crafted from two pieces of wood believed to have come from the buildings of the College's earliest predecessor institutions: York County Academy (founded in 1787) and York Collegiate Institute (founded in 1871).

The smaller black maces, carried by other Marshals during the procession, are the earliest versions of the College's academic mace and were first used during the 1959 commencement exercises. The tradition of leading the commencement procession with the College's mace has continued for over 50 years.

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