



CLASS OF 2025

COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025



Commencement Exercises

Benjamin E. Rusiloski, Ph.D., President, Presiding

Please stand for the National Anthem.

PROCESSION	"Pomp and Circumstance" — Edward Elgar Delaware Valley University Symphonic Band
NATIONAL ANTHEM	"The Star-Spangled Banner" — Francis Scott Key Delaware Valley University Symphonic Band
WELCOME	Andrew G. Dougherty '00 Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Delaware Valley University
OPENING REMARKS	Benjamin E. Rusiloski, Ph.D. President, Delaware Valley University
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS	Marissa Webb, Class of 2025 School of Graduate and Professional Studies Xiomara Sotomayor, Class of 2025 School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Toluwanimi Adeaga, Class of 2025 School of Business, Arts and Sciences Gregory Gipe, Class of 2025 School of Business, Arts and Sciences
CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL, MASTER'S, BACCALAUREATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREES	Please defer applause until all degrees are conferred.
PRESENTATION	Benjamin E. Rusiloski, Ph.D. Gloria Oikelome, Ph.D., Ed.D. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Joseph H. Paris, Ed.D. Dean, School of Graduate and Professional Studies Dennis L. Riker, Ed.D. Director of Graduate Programs in Education Tanya K.H. Casas, Ph.D. Dean, School of Business, Arts and Sciences Broc A. Sandelin, Ph.D. Dean, School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
ALMA MATER	Class of 2025: Vincent Aloisio, Gregory Gipe, Rachel Mullin, Molly Neidig, Hope Stanton
RECESSIONAL	"Academic Festival Overture" — Johannes Brahms Delaware Valley University Symphonic Band

Commencement Speakers

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MARISSA WEBB

School of Graduate and Professional Studies

Marissa Webb will graduate with a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology. She earned a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus in Speech-Language Pathology from Coastal Carolina University in 2019. During her time at DelVal, Marissa served as President of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA) and is a member of the South Carolina Speech-Language and Hearing Association's membership committee. Her clinical experience includes placements in multiple pediatric outpatient clinics, an elementary school, and a medical outpatient rehabilitation center. Upon graduation, Marissa will return to the pediatric outpatient clinic where she completed her first internship, eager to continue making a positive impact on children and their families.

XIOMARA SOTOMAYOR

School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Xiomara Sotomayor will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture. As President of the Pi Alpha Xi Horticulture Honor Society, Xiomara has dedicated her academic career at Delaware Valley University to the advancement of agriculture. Discovering her passion for horticulture while at DelVal, she immersed herself in the field, notably spending significant time in the University's greenhouses. Following graduation, Xiomara intends to gain practical industry experience before pursuing a master's degree. Ultimately, she aims to apply her knowledge to enhance agricultural self-sufficiency in her home community.

TOLUWANIMI ADEAGA

School of Business, Arts and Sciences

Tolu Adeaga will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a specialization in Sports Management. During his time at Delaware Valley University, he was a member of the football team. Tolu has secured a job as a financial advisor that he will start soon, and he will continue his pursuit of an MBA at DelVal. Demonstrating his continued passion for football and his community, he will also serve as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Hamilton West High School, in Hamilton, New Jersey.

GREGORY GIPE

School of Business, Arts and Sciences

Gregory Thomas Riley Gipe, raised in the small rural town of Fairfield, Pa., will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in History, Policy and Society. He credits his loving mom and dad and his older brothers for his growing love of outdoor sports and the environment. During high school, Gregory was heavily involved in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and was eventually selected as Vice President of Pennsylvania State FFA. While at DelVal, he continued his work with FFA, working with the organization on a national level, while continuing his studies, working in the DelVal Athletics department and playing on the men's golf team where he served as team captain his senior year. Aspiring to effect change in the agricultural industry, Gregory will attend Vermont Law School in the fall to pursue a career as an Agriculture Lawyer. He hopes to leverage his diverse experiences and knowledge to support farmers and agriculture at all levels.

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

GRADUATES AND THEIR DISSERTATIONS

Tina Marie Antonello	Special education administrators and the impact of litigation on student programming in Pennsylvania
Angelo G. Berrios, III	The nexus of education and politics: a critical examination of how political movements have shaped the American public school system
Russell Paul Bigus	Analyzing the correlation of high school Algebra I scores to the scores on the accuplacer placement exam in a community college
Karen Bukoski	A mixed-methods study of Pennsylvania K-12 public school principals' preparedness and ability to advocate and lead for social justice for marginalized students in special education
Michelle Merna Burkholder	The kaleidoscope career model parameters evidenced in career decision-making process of female cabinet level administrators in Pennsylvania
Elizabeth A. Carpenter	Executive functioning, writing process, and academic achievement of college students with and without ADHD in a first-year writing course
Thomas Glenn Derhammer	Perspectives of the superintendent: cybersecurity culture in school districts
Karen Marie Doughton	To survive or to thrive: supporting experienced principals
Maria Ebert	Content teachers' perceptions of preparedness for teaching English learners using Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP)
Daniel I. Gilroy	Effects of school restructuring on students: teachers' perceptions of fifth graders' transition to intermediate school

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SCHOOL OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

GRADUATES AND THEIR DISSERTATIONS

Terrance Leon Hobson	The experience of black female leaders who mentor in business and education: a phenomenological research study
Andrew Michael Krohn	Building legacies of leadership: an exploratory study of educational leadership genealogies among retired and current Pennsylvania superintendents K-12
Marisol Mantilla	Understanding McKinney-Vento: teachers' perceptions and knowledge of roles and responsibilities
Julie Mazurek	Tpack components contributing to teachers' ethical use of AI for teaching and learning: a mixed-methods study
Michael Piercy	Check-in/check-out and indicators of academic success
Keri Ina Ramsay	K-12 principals as instructional leaders who define, design, implement, and assess effective professional development
Jacob Sholtis	The efficacy of restorative practices at a secondary level
Richard S. Spering, Jr.	A mixed-methods analysis of teacher self-efficacy and student performance
Robert Whartenby	Leading capital construction projects: the team, their voice, their contribution
Gennaro Zangardi	Pre-, during-, and post-COVID-19 pandemic online and in-person learning and elementary students' acadience, word count per minute oral reading fluency levels

MASTER DEGREES

AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT

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Olivia Eileen Epp
Brian King
John Michael Pfrommer

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Olivia Benn
John Braun
Wen Hua Chen
Jocelyn Lee Cribbs
Jonathan Edward Drews
Haley Marie Keenan
Dia King
Charles James Lafferty
Alvaro Lora
Dalton Lee Moore
Joseph Musa
Aidan Stephen Purcell
Shaina Lyn Roselle
Erik Michael Rutz
Anna Catherine Shafer
John D. Slover, III
Amy Catherine Slutter
Ellen L. Smith
Melanie Spratt
Megan Torrey
Stephanie Rose Trimarchi
Lawrence Weber
Deshawn Wiggins
Brianna Isabella Wood

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Bryce Dorsey
Kristen Kane
Alicia Kristine Kelly
Skylar Rose Knapp
Giannina Deanna Lebo
Vanessa Mackey
Christopher Ryan Maguire
Olivia Mangan
Aaron Mutterperl
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Carmen Paul Pavone
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Sydney Warner
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Tanika Nicole Stokes
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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Nikita K. Ahuja
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Julianna Doran
Jekeijra Adia Everson
Nina Kauffman
Arthur Lee
Shara Levine
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Amber Medina
Gurley Danielle Nicolas
Vishwa Patel
Samantha Potter
Margaret Richey
Nicole Dominique Roderos
Ivan B. Tanner
June N. Thai
Dehn Unterzuber

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Ashton Samone Alexander
Alexis Balauskys
Ashley Cuddeback Blackburn
Ellen Elizabeth Blair
Kristen Moore Bolick

Skylar Brenner
Amy Bristow
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Maggie Jean Elbon
Adrienne M. Gaines
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Tiara Bond
Isabelle D. Brady+
Jordan Marie Cannon
Grace Alexandra Coulbourne **
Sydney Crivellaro
Connor Joseph Cryan
Alexis Marie Dressnandt ***
Nahlea Arielle Fennen
Brooke Haley Gillenwater
Jennifer Renee Healey **+
Grace Ann Kane ♦
Hailey Dominique Kovacs ***+
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Melissa Christine Lettieri
Cindy Maria Maldonado *
James Domenic Marinelli ♦
Joshua William Mayerski
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Melia J. Patterson *+
Kendra Renee Peterman
Cindy Portugal *

Elizabeth Lilian Rees
Victoria Elizabeth Richards *
Kaitlyn Michelle Rommens **
Alaina Nicole Runt
Cheyanne Sample
Bernadette Marie Sheehan ♦
Siara Monique Soto
Kassondra Abigail Stockmal
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Karissa Turk ***
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ZOO SCIENCE

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Marianna Rose Colosimo
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Madison Nicole Dove
Smith Jennings Easton ***+
Leilani Noel Eckert+
Maximo Forte
Caroline Grace Honsel
Katelyn Mae Johns
Nicholas Joseph Lienhard *+
Ryan Thomas Lindberg
Rob London ***
Aidan Isaac Maloney

Abigail Lynn McCoy
Eleanor Shelby Moore
Honor Elizabeth Reed ***+
Kayla Michelle Rhinesmith ^
Carla Gabrielle Rivera
Kyra Schwarz
Timothy Ward

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Kimberly Ann David
Rebekah Ann Meadows
Cecelia Dawn Warkentin

Because the interim between the submission of semester grades and the printing of this program is short, this list of graduates may not be accurate. Some students may not be listed because they completed their degree requirements later than anticipated and missed the printing deadline. Although their names do not appear in this program, they will be announced with their classmates. The degrees and the declaration of related honors will be confirmed and validated via official transcript, which will include all grades for courses. In all cases, the actual awarding of a degree by the University is subject to verification by the Registrar. Therefore, these exercises and this program booklet are to be considered as ceremonial only.

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Academic Regalia

The origin of the academic gown or “regalia” dates back to the Middle Ages, when people dressed according to their social class. The clergy were the literate class, so academic dress followed that of the church. The long gown and full hood were originally necessary to fend off the chill of unheated halls. Today, however, the scholar’s gown is a symbol of academic distinction.

The standard for ceremonial academic dress in the United States was first set in 1865. Revised several times, the 1959 code is now nationally accepted. This code provides a method to determine, from the design of the gown, the size of the hood and the colors on the hood, exactly what degree was last earned, from which institution and in which field of study.

Gowns vary as follows:

- The bachelor’s gown is green, has full and draping pointed sleeves.
- The master’s gown is black, and is identified by sleeves which drape freely to the wrist. They are crescent shaped in the back and extend below the knee.
- The doctoral gown is distinguished by full, bell-shaped sleeves and velvet facing down the front. These panels and three velvet sleeve bars may be either black or in the color that represents the field of study in which the degree was earned.

Hoods are made of the same fabric as the gown. The hoods are lined with the official color(s) of the college or university that conferred the degree.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Green and gold	Delaware Valley University
Maroon and orange	Virginia Polytechnic Institute/ Virginia Tech
Blue and gold	University of Delaware
Brown and white	Lehigh University
Blue and white	Penn State University
Red and blue	University of Pennsylvania
Scarlet	Rutgers University
Crimson	Harvard University

The hoods are edged in velvet in varying widths. The official color of this edging identifies the subject to which the degree pertains.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Maize	Agriculture
Light blue	Education
White	Arts, Letters and Humanities
Gold yellow	Science
Dark blue	Philosophy

Caps are the traditional mortarboard shape or the soft, square-topped style.

The mace originates from the 11th to the 16th century, and was a short wooden club called a masse used in hand-to-hand combat. Medieval monarchs were often protected by loyal officials who carried such clubs. The masse evolved into the mace, which became a royal ceremonial symbol. The mace, continuing today in its symbolic role, represents the sovereignty of the institution.

Students graduating with the following GPA will be wearing the following cords:

- Summa cum laude (3.9-4.0 GPA)
Maize and forest green cord
- Magna cum laude (3.7-3.89 GPA)
Maize and white cord
- Cum laude (3.5-3.69 GPA)
Forest green and white cord

In addition to the Latin Honors cords, graduates wearing approved regalia include:

- Alpha Lambda Delta
Gold, burgundy, and white cord (intertwined)
- Alpha Phi Sigma
Blue and gold cord
- Alpha Sigma Lambda Adult Honor Society
Burgundy and gold tassel
- Chi Alpha Sigma
Black and gold cord
- Delta Alpha Pi
Blue and gold cord
- Delta Tau Alpha Honor Society
Green and gold cord (intertwined)
- Honors Program
Purple and gold cord
- Kappa Delta Pi
Green and purple cord
- Order of Omega Honor Society
Ivory and gold cord
- Pi Alpha
Cerulean blue and green cord
- Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society
Green and gold cord
- Tau Sigma Honor Society
Gold and burgundy cord (intertwined)

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About Delaware Valley University

The National Farm School was founded in 1896 by Rabbi Dr. Joseph Krauskopf with a mission to provide struggling immigrants with the scientific and practical education needed to make a living in agriculture. This type of experiential education, which is common today in higher education internship programs, was over 125 years ago, and it is believed that Rabbi Krauskopf was one of the first to establish this practical approach to education.

Rabbi Krauskopf was an early leader in reform Judaism and passionate about social justice, writing and speaking extensively on these subjects during his lifetime. His commitment to fight for the rights of all people, regardless of color or religious belief, for the rights of women, and for the environment, are just as important to our institution today and live in our commitment to creating an inclusive culture.

Under the leadership of Dr. James Work, a 1913 graduate and president of the National Farm School, the school expanded programming and became a junior college. In 1948, the school became the National Agricultural College with programs added in biology, business administration, chemistry and food science. Dr. Work oversaw significant physical improvements to the facilities and in 1960 the institution became Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture. The name was abbreviated to Delaware Valley College in 1989 and became a university on April 8, 2015.

Today, Delaware Valley University occupies more than 1,100 acres across three locations, and is a four-year, multi-disciplinary university with more than 2,700 undergraduate, graduate and professional studies students. We offer rich programs in business, humanities, agriculture and the sciences, 27 undergraduate majors, 12 master's programs, a doctoral program, and a variety of complementary adult education courses. Our founding principle, science with practice, is fully realized today in DelVal's award-winning Experience360 program. Experiential learning is embedded in our curriculum from day one of our students' first year, and 100% of our students graduate with real-world experience. E360 is much more than an internship program. Students have the opportunity for leadership experiences, research, study abroad, community service, and internships. This is why DelVal was named the 2019 Outstanding Experiential Education Program by the National Society for Experiential Education.

Alma Mater

By the winding banks of Neshaminy,
Stands our Alma Mater dear.
We look o'er your fields we love,
Cherished year by year.
All hail your colors, Green and Gold,
As they proudly wave on high.
Treasured mem'ries fond and true
In our hearts will lie.

With your inspiration great,
Ever forward we will go,
Fearless of the tasks ahead,
Conquering each foe.
To you, our college, let us sing
Praises of your honored name.
Courage, strength and unity,
Build an endless fame.



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