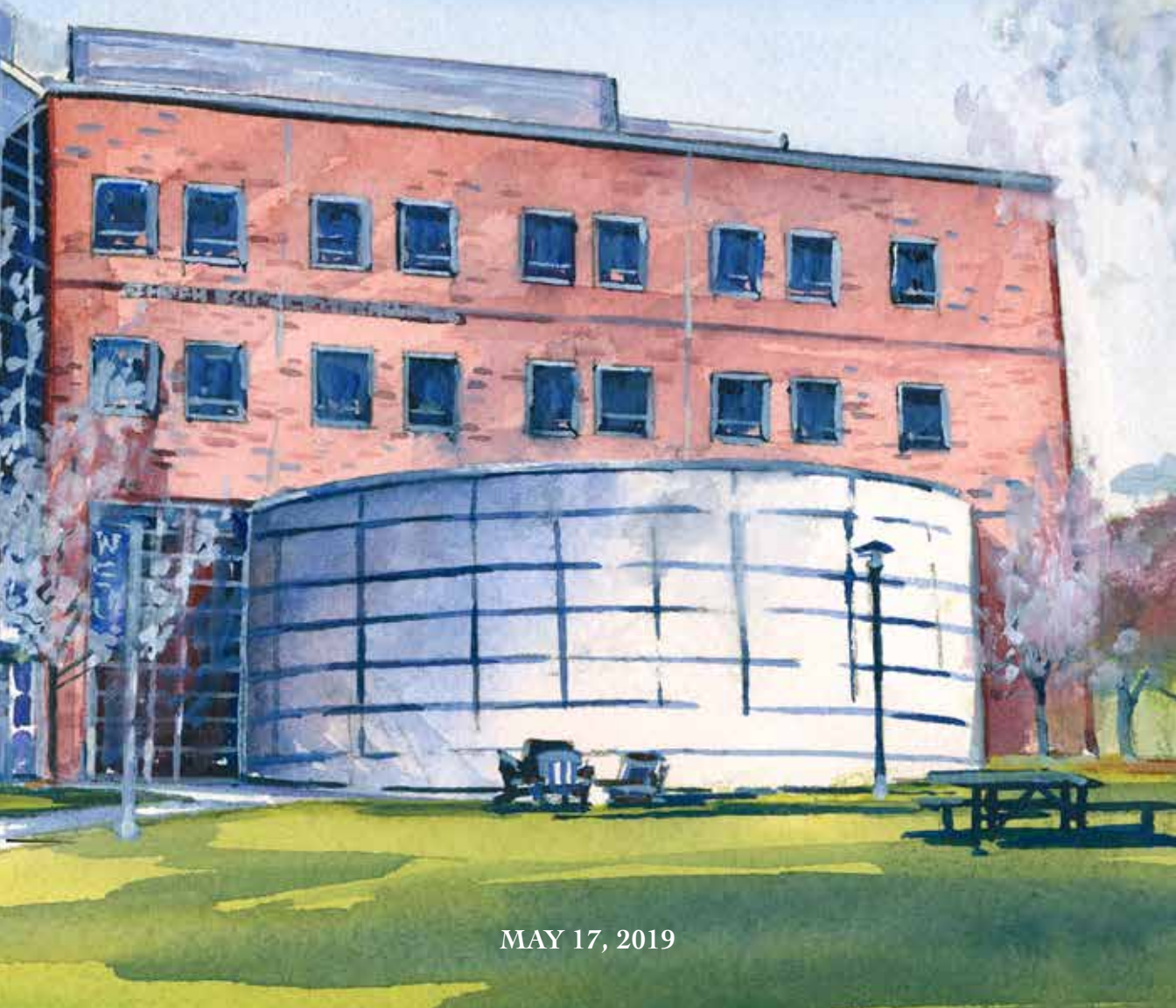




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GREETINGS / FROM PRESIDENT MALONEY



On behalf of the trustees, faculty, and staff of Worcester State University, I would like to congratulate you on your outstanding accomplishment. You are here today as a result of hard work and commitment to your studies, but also, for many of you, because of the support of your family, friends, and our dedicated educators. We are confident that you will use your remarkable talents wherever your path may take you.

We are also proud to recognize you as alumni of Worcester State University, a distinction that dates back to 1874 with our first incarnation as the Worcester Normal School for teachers. Though we have made significant and historical changes to our institution since the late 1800s, we anticipate that you, like the first graduating class, will maintain our time-honored traditions of rigorous academics and giving back to your community and the world.

As president of Worcester State University, I am honored to celebrate this milestone with you, and I sincerely hope that you will stay connected with us. We look forward to becoming a partner in your continuing professional and personal development, and we will always be here if you need us.

With warmest best wishes for your future,

Barry M. Maloney
President

POLIANA ALARCÓN BUSTOS / STUDENT SPEAKER



Since her childhood, her parents gave Poliana a deeply rooted love for learning and discovering new things. Growing up in Chile, her relationship with nature gave her a passion for new challenges and adventures. Having three siblings also played an essential role in her understanding of community. Poliana became particularly captivated with social issues at a young age and between her passion for teamwork and the arts, she decided to pursue a career as an actor.

The Theater and the Performing Arts Campus of Universidad Mayor became an engaging environment for those who wanted to communicate remarks and criticisms of the Chilean, Latin American, and modern societies. Theatrical technique acquisition was a learning process with a clear direction: taking observed social events and behaviors, using the body as a tool, and then representing those concerns in front of an active audience. Poliana graduated from Universidad Mayor, in Santiago de Chile in 2010, with a bachelors of arts degree in performing arts.

After this initial college experience, she decided to expand her horizons. She applied to teach in a public nonprofit foundation in order to intervene directly with low-income neighborhoods. Teaching theater, visual and fine arts became an exciting and constructive experience. She took an active role, engaging students in the academic and artistic fields and, as the coordinator of the art department, was tasked with defining pedagogical guidelines for the programs.

In 2015, wanting to broaden her perspective on the world, Poliana challenged herself by deciding to learn English. Attending the Intensive English Language Institute at Worcester State University opened the door to the next stage of her life. Being involved with a new community taught her to appreciate the variety of ways humans express themselves.

This new experience encouraged her to enroll in the master of arts program in Spanish at Worcester State. She could finally study, in depth, the relationship between politics and the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. The University, especially the World Languages Department, became a home for her with willing professors interested in supporting her academic process. Poliana was awarded a graduate assistantship within the department and worked in the Translation Center. As a graduate student, she also became interested in how the most significant economies control Latin American societies and how this structure drives poverty in the region.

Currently, Poliana is working at the Latino Education Institute (LEI), at Worcester State University, in the LASOS Program (Latina Achievers in Search Of Success). This program seeks to impact the life of sixth-grade Latina students from Worcester Public Schools, as well as their mothers and other significant women in their lives.

This fall, Poliana will begin a new adventure as she joins the Ph.D. program in Hispanic Language & Literatures at Boston University. She is excited about this next step in her journey to become an active citizen from the Southern Hemisphere exploring issues through different artistic expressions. She hopes to go back to South America to nourish the local culture and youth through her teaching and activism.

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Dr. Margarita Perez

M.Ed. Middle School, Dr. Sara Young

M.Ed. Moderate Disabilities,

Dr. Sue Fan Foo

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Dr. Stephan Mills

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Dr. Kelly Reinhart

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Dr. Diane Cooke

M.Ed./CAGS/Ed.S. Secondary Education,

Dr. Sara Young

CAGS/Ed.S. Curriculum and Instruction,

Dr. Sara Young

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M.Ed. Health Education, Dr. Andrew Piazza

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Dr. Patricia Donovan, *Chair*

Program Coordinator

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Dr. Cheryl Lucas

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M.A. Master of Arts

M.Ed. Master of Education

MOT Master of Occupational Therapy

M.S. Master of Science

M.S.N. Master of Science Nursing



ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

The academic procession begins with a trumpet fanfare. The Bearer of the Mace, our Faculty Marshal, leads the procession, beginning with students, then faculty and staff. Next, the Master of Ceremonies follows ahead of the President, the Commencement speaker, vice presidents, deans, and other University officials. The Mace is presented at the center of the stage, while those processing enter and take their places. Once the Mace is placed on the stand, the ceremony begins.

The Mace is used at all academic ceremonies. In medieval times, Maces were weapons of warfare, but today the Mace represents the President's authority as the chief academic and administrative officer and is present at all academic ceremonies of the University.

The official seal is present on the center stage podium and on the face of the Mace. It is representative of the following:

- The Palladian window links the past and the future. A distinguishing feature of the Helen G. Shaughnessy Administration Building, the oldest building on campus, the window symbolizes the educational ideals on which the University was founded.
- The globe represents the wide world beyond the campus, as well as the global impact of a Worcester State education.
- The rays of sunlight shining over the world reflect knowledge, enlightenment, hope, and the promise of new horizons.

The Presidential Medallion, worn by the President, was designed by Mr. Dominic DiPasquale and symbolizes the union between the President and the University. This hand-tooled medallion of the original seal is passed on to succeeding presidents.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Ceremonial garments worn at academic functions take their meaning from the Church of the Middle Ages, the original center of Western learning. Distinctive markings on the gown and hood indicate the level and subject area of the degree earned as well as the institution granting the degree.

The hood offers the most information about its owner. The inner lining identifies the institution at which the degree was earned; the velvet trim indicates the major field of study. A final feature concerns the length and width of the hood. The length of the hood for the bachelor's degree is three feet and the velvet border is two inches; the master's is three and one-half feet in length with a three-inch-wide border; the certificate of advanced graduate study shield is three feet with a graduated border from three inches wide to six and one-half inches wide; and the doctoral level hood is four feet in length with a five-inch border.

The gown's cut signifies the level of degree attained, ranging from the relative simplicity of the bachelor's gown to the velvet panels and bell-shaped sleeves of the doctorate gown.

The cap or mortarboard has been adopted by institutions throughout the United States. It is black with black tassels for holders of bachelor's and master's degrees. Gold tassels are reserved for those with doctorate degrees and for governing officers of educational institutions.

At this ceremony, the colors of many universities and colleges may be seen. The designated colors for academic disciplines are as follows:

Agriculture	Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business, Commerce, Accountancy	Drab
Criminal Justice	Midnight Blue
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Fine Arts, Architecture	Brown
Forestry	Russet
Journalism.....	Crimson
Law	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Medicine	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing.....	Apricot
Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Public Administration.....	Peacock
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Science.....	Golden Yellow
Social Science.....	Cream
Social Work	Citron
Veterinary Science	Gray



Order of Commencement

PROCESSIONAL

Bagpiper: Mr. Gary Williams

Faculty Marshal: Mr. Donald F. Bullens, *Associate Professor, Communication Department*

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

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STUDENT SPEAKER

Ms. Poliana Alarcón Bustos, *Master of Arts in Spanish*

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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PRESENTATION OF DEGREES AND HOODS

President Barry M. Maloney

School Deans

Graduate Program Coordinators

RECESSIONAL

HONORS & AWARDS

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Biotechnology

Brittany J. Perley

Community and Public Health Nursing

Julie Anne Gallant

Early Childhood Education

Kristen Allen
Brandi Elizabeth Dewar

Education

Brad Francis Truman
Brothers

Elementary Education

Megan S. Knight

English

Anthony Marando

English as a Second Language

Sonela Demirazi

Health Care Administration

Kristine Melanie Stapelfeld**

History

Ahenebah Nez Lane
Katherine McGown

Leadership and Administration

Nicole R. McMahon**
Kristin Robertson
Nathaniel Francis Uttaro**
Laura J. White

Management

Matthew Tomas Larson*

Middle School Education

Sarah Elizabeth Salsman

Moderate Disabilities

Jennifer B. Frederick
Elizabeth Reilly

Nonprofit Management

Kyler Jesanis

Nurse Educator

Jenna L. Canale
Jennifer Stanley

Occupational Therapy

Kristi Ann Sarro

Reading

Holly Arel
Sarah Elizabeth Falvey*
Megan D. Fitzgerald
Shannon Rice*
Marissa Lyn Tenore

Secondary Education

Joshua J. Bir
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Rachael Erickson**
Benjamin Hitzfeld
Kaitlyn Marie Labbay
Hillary Roberge
Kerry Rose Keenan Stabelski

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Early Childhood Education

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Mackensy Bailey
Alyssa M. Caplan
Rebecca L. Cloutier
Cheryl M. Creighton
Rachelle Delongchamp
Brandi Elizabeth Dewar
Heather Dziembowski
Christine Grudoff
Theresa Sovanny Loch
Emily Malone
Elizabeth C. McLoughlin*
Brittany O'Neil
Jessica Marie Piascik
Anna Maria Seymour
Brianna Nell Spelman

Education

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Kristin Robertson
Felecia J. Rutigliano**
Elizabeth Scrivani**
Mary Elizabeth Lampron
Shepherd**
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Eliamonda Cacollari**
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Laura Caswell
Abby Donoghue**
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William A. Giron
Lindsay Marie Hunter**
Frederick K. Koba
Anjeza Konda**
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Matthew Tomas Larson*
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Tiana Raye Moreau
Khanh Nguyen
Julicia Robles
Grant Houghton Royek
Tyler Joseph Royek
Nicole St. Germain
Mariola Szablowska
Juan Sebastian Ramos
Torres

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Sarah Elizabeth Salsman
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Erin E. Messier
Jessica Morse
Kerry Marie Nugent
Gregory Przygoda**
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Cheryl A. Watson

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Kyler Jesanis

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Donna Desy
Cynthia D. Duggan
Kristine Foley
Diane Forgit
Julie Anne Gallant
Marycatherine Gauvin
Doris Bailey Kemp
Elizabeth Mancini
Gertrude N. Ng'ang'a
Heather L. O'Connell
Joshua O'Floinn
Fortune E. Okolo
Tina Marie Schwartz
Esther Cecelia Agatha Small
Jennifer Stanley
Kelly Ann Sudnick
Jodi L. Swenson
Simon Joel Torres
Anne Weaver

Occupational Therapy

Tess Catharine Arruda**
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Madison Euphemia Barron**
Jaclyn E. Becotte**
Samantha E. Clougherty**
Paulin Cule**
Maria Cecile D'Angelo**
Gayle Andrea Foley**
Jamie Rose Halloran
Beth Keltz
Brianna E. McCormack**
Christine McLean
Kelsey V. Miskis**
Alexandria Kate Moriarty**
Mary Edith O'Neil
Kaylyn Joyce O'Neill
Nicole Paul**
Meghan Elizabeth Powers**
Courtney N. Salisbury**
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Beth Diane Spinazzola**
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Philip E. Spellane**
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Vega*
Emily Kulik*
Kerry Moynihan
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HISTORY OF WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY

Worcester State University was founded as the Worcester Normal School in 1874, the fifth state-funded normal school in Massachusetts and one of dozens of teacher-training schools established during the 19th century.

In 1932, all the normal schools were renamed, and Worcester's became Worcester State Teachers College. That same year, the College moved to its present location on Chandler Street. A large, colonial-style building was constructed on the site of Willow Farm, owned by Worcester inventor and philanthropist George I. Rockwood.

In 1942, Rockwood donated an additional 35 acres, paving the way for campus expansion. The College's fifth president, Dr. Eugene A. Sullivan (1947-1970), oversaw a period of unprecedented growth, as enrollment grew from 150 students to nearly 2,800.

By 1963, the former teachers college had evolved into a liberal arts and sciences college, and thus the Board of Education renamed it Worcester State College. Under the leadership of Dr. Robert E. Leestamper (1970-1975), the College opened its first residence hall, Chandler Village, in 1973. Also during his tenure, a bachelor of science degrees in business administration and nursing were added. In 1974, the graduate school was established.

The growth period continued under the administration of President Joseph J. Orze (1975-1982). In 1979, the College added its second residence hall, Dowden Hall, named for Mrs. Vera M. (Dowden) Baldwin '34, M.Ed. '53, the school's first Dean of Students. Under the leadership of President Philip D. Vairo (1982-1991), the College expanded its programs to include the area's first master of science in

speech-language pathology and the first bachelor's degree in occupational therapy in the state college system.

During the presidency of Dr. Kalyan K. Ghosh (1992-2002), the College incorporated the widespread use of technology, from computer-based learning to a campus-wide network. In 2000, the College opened the 110,000-square-foot Kalyan K. Ghosh Center for Science and Technology, with instructional laboratories for 12 academic programs and a 196-seat multimedia lecture hall.

In 2002, the College welcomed its first female president, Dr. Janelle C. Ashley (2002-2011). Under her leadership, the student population grew as the campus undertook major renovations and building projects, including the construction of the award-winning residence hall named after philanthropist Phillip M. Wasylean II '63, which opened in 2004.

In 2010, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts granted university status to all nine Massachusetts state colleges.

Barry M. Maloney became the 11th president of the University in July 2011. Under his leadership, Worcester State University has increased its full-time faculty, increased fundraising, and improved student measures of success. Student opportunities for civic engagement and service learning and for student-exchange and study away have grown substantially. A new 400-bed residence hall, named for Lt. Col. James F. Sheehan '55, opened in the fall of 2014, and a new 101,000-square-foot Wellness Center, a state-of-the-art athletic and recreation facility, opened in 2016.

Worcester State, our noble college, we take pride in you,
As we gather gaining knowledge, we will e'er be true.
When we came to our dear campus, strangers all were we,
Forming bonds, we did with many, learning set us free.
Years do pass at Worcester State and as we travel on,
We'll recall the joys we had, our hearts will ne'er be gone.

Chorus:

Worcester State, listen!
Raise each voice, as we now sing your praise!
Memories we all will cherish of our college days!

—*Lyrics by Cynthia Talbert, '57, '76*

Alma Mater

