



ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THIRD
Commencement



MAY 18, 2019

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.

Alma Mater

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*



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

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WELCOME / FROM THE CLASS COMMITTEE

Congratulations to all and welcome to the 2019 Undergraduate Commencement. Today we celebrate our achievements and accomplishments, and are happy to share this moment with our family, friends, and classmates.

To our fellow classmates: As you approach the stage today, remember why you are here. Remember the dedication to your studies and gratification of each success. Remember who you were when you first started the journey, and the growth that has brought you to this point. Remember the lessons you learned and memories you will look fondly back on for a lifetime, and most importantly, remember those that helped you along the way with support and encouragement. For this celebration is not only for us, but it is also a day to celebrate the family, friends, faculty, and staff that provided guidance during moments of uncertainty and doubt.

After today we will go forward with our undergraduate degrees and the intention of making our own mark on the world. The time you have spent at Worcester State University has prepared you for this transition. Carry your experience here with pride wherever you are going next.

Congratulations to Worcester State's Class of 2019. Hold your head high as you walk across the stage.

Meaghan K. Dougherty
Chairperson

Julia Tinyszyn
Treasurer

Cora Gabrielle Marica
Member

Stephanie McFadries
Member

Lindsey Tarbox
Member



Order of Commencement

PROCESSIONAL

Fanfare: Jonathan B. Clark, Trumpeter

Faculty Marshal and Mace Bearer: Donald F. Bullens '69, M.Ed. '75, *Communication Department*

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Lois A. Wims, Ph.D., *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Soloist: Ian C. Simpson '19

ALMA MATER

Worcester State University Chorale

Director: Christie B. Nigro, Ph.D., *Visual and Performing Arts Department*

GREETINGS

The Hon. Harriette L. Chandler, D.P.A., h.c. '88, *Massachusetts Senate, 1st Worcester District*

Elena Quiroz-Livanis, *Chief of Staff and Director of Academic Policy & Student Success,*

Massachusetts Department of Higher Education

Craig L. Blais, *Chair, Board of Trustees*

Donald F. Bullens '69, M.Ed. '75, *President, Worcester Chapter, MSCA/MTA/NEA*

Meaghan K. Dougherty '19, *Chair, Class of 2019*

REMARKS

President Barry M. Maloney

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Renee (King) Diaz '12

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Presenter: Michael J. Mills '72, *Chair, Alumni Association's Advisory Board*

Recipient: Renee (King) Diaz '12

BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOGNITION

Presenter: President Barry M. Maloney

Recipient: Manasseh A. Konadu '20, *Student Trustee 2018-2019*

Recipient: Shirley A. Steele '59, M.Ed. '63, *Trustee 2009-2019*

CONFERRING OF CLASS OF 2019 DEGREES

Craig L. Blais, *Chair, Board of Trustees*

INTRODUCTION OF WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Linda S. Larrivee, Ph.D., *Dean, School of Education, Health, and Natural Sciences*

Russ Pottle, Ph.D., *Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences*

PASSING OF THE ALUMNI FLAG

Michael J. Mills '72, *President, Alumni Association's Advisory Board*

CLOSING REMARKS

Lois A. Wims, Ph.D., *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

RECESSIONAL

Lead

“

Life is going to take you where you are supposed to go. But in between, work hard, be prepared to sacrifice, and lead with your heart.

—*Renee (King) Diaz '12*



RENEE (KING) DIAZ '12 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Renee was born in Worcester, Mass., the youngest child of Barbara and Paul King, and raised in Millbury, Mass., with siblings Rob and Paul Jr. She attended Millbury High School, where she was a student athlete. After graduating in 2007, she attended Worcester State University, majoring in psychology with the goal of becoming a teacher. While in college, she took cues from cable TV baking shows and began making cupcakes, which she brought to events and gatherings of friends.

Settling into post-college life in 2012, Renee opened The Queen's Cups bakery in Millbury and proceeded to turn a small operation, which included posting pictures of new creations on social media, into a flourishing enterprise. With assistance from her parents, Renee taught herself commercial baking and other skills necessary to run a business. She soon added to the menu gourmet desserts, upscale themed cakes, and a catering operation.

In recognition of Renee's culinary creativity, The Queen's Cups was named Best Bakery (2014) and Best Desserts (2014, 2015) by the *Millbury Sutton Chronicle*. Renee was named 2015 Outstanding Young Alumna, a Worcester State University's Distinguished Alumni Award, and in 2016 was named to the 40 Under 40 list by the *Worcester Business Journal*.

After moving to the Canal District to accommodate the business's expanding popularity, The Queen's Cups had enough

space for patrons to relax, grab a cozy table, and dine on decadent desserts, to the strains of live music on some nights.

Renee also coaches basketball for Millbury High School, which earned her the 2017 Massachusetts JV Basketball Coach of the Year award, and is a columnist for the *Worcester Business Journal*. In 2018, Renee was the recipient of the Silver Hammer Award from the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce and was named 2019 U.S. Small Business Administration's Young Entrepreneur of the Year for Massachusetts.

During a charity event, Renee met Clark University and Anna Maria College graduate Miguel Diaz. Six months after their initial encounter, Miguel, dressed in a suit, walked into The Queen's Cups with a question for the proprietor: Can we go out on a date? Three years later, Renee and Miguel asked their closest family and friends to join them at the location where they first met, Smokestack Urban BBQ in Worcester, to bear witness to their surprise wedding. Renee says of that day, she married her "best friend" and the one that "keeps her grounded."

While The Queen's Cups was also featured on "The Phantom Gourmet" and garnered multiple-year *Best Cupcakes* winner from the *Worcester Magazine*, Renee says her proudest moment was in 2018, when she became an aunt for the first time to twins Weston and Tatum.



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.

Dream

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Whatever dream it is that you have,
someone is going to live it.

Why not you?

—*Kara Emily Krantz '05*

Alumna Kara Emily Krantz '05, reflecting on her challenges and accomplishments at Worcester State University.



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

Experience

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Studying abroad has pushed me to do a lot of things on my own—travel alone, make decisions on my own, and be strong.

—Daniella Owusu, '17

Alumna Daniella Owusu '17, sharing memories of her study abroad experiences to Spain as a Worcester State University senior.

Baccalaureate Degree Recipients

AUGUST 2018

School of Education, Health, and Natural Sciences

Biology

Amanda L. Jacobson
Gloria A. Liseno
Samantha E. Scull-Lopez

Geography

Osman O. Abdelgadir
Robin Marie Chana
Victor A. Pellegrino

Public Health

Brittney Elise Diaz
Xhorxhina Naci†
Amanda L. Sierra-Gonzalez

Biotechnology

Gent Imeraj
Joshua M. Painter
Benjamin R. Phillips

Health Education

Kendall Martinelli Garvey
Connor Hogan

Computer Science

Dominique N. Gould†
Nnabugwu Onyirimba

Natural Science

Rachel J. Green

Nursing

Emily G. Johnson†
Fabiana DeMaria Long
Debora A. Rocha

Early Childhood Education

Kaprece Antionette Brown

AUGUST 2018

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Business Administration

Ryan D. Fors
Patrick D. Gargan
Marvin Gomez
Craig C. Martin
Samuel N. Nasrah
Raphael E. Nunez
Jack T. Quinlivan
Emily L. Spooner
Emily Rose Stomski
Judy Thao
Timothy Magee Thornquist
Randy J. Vanbeekom

Criminal Justice

Sam Z. Barclays
Vincent M. Calcasola
William J. Coupe Jr.††
Brandon Edward Fleming†
Javin D. Goodness
Angela M. Grasseschi
Alexander D. Lavallee
Danielle J. MacNeil
Thomas P. Nguyen†
Kevin M. O'Loughlin
Peter A. Rondon

Psychology

Alicia B. Anderson
Julia L. Blanchard
Monica L. Cotto
Spencer C. Delaney
Kayla Jean Hickey
Brandon Nicholas Llanos
Elliot Arnoldo Rivera
Joseph S. Walsh

Communication

Brayan A. Chavez Sierra†
Louisa Kathryn McKenzie
Gordon
Bethany R. Sandberg
Autumn Ling Wong

History

Timothy S. Bernard Jr.

Sociology

Sarah A. Balthazar
Joseph Paul Cecchi††
Halley A. Cranston
Phyllis Nana Moore
Kelly Ann Wharton

Spanish

Nicole Jaclyn Putnam††

DECEMBER 2018

School of Education, Health, and Natural Sciences

Biology

Daniel M. Ahmed
Kelsey Aponte
Nicholas P. Belley†
Emily A. Bumpus†
Christian M. Cedullo††
Kerry E. Cote††
Kyle C. Griffin††
Delaney K. Kenny
Evan Percy Nelson†††
Susan Niroula
Mary E. Onstott
Taylor A. Orwig
Leslie J. Rodas
Heidi L. Roy-Choquette†††
Thaomy H. Truong
Polina Alekseevna
Zhdanova†

Biotechnology

Benjamin Appiah
Sunil Bhandari
Nam Y. Cho
Dominique A. Garceau
Joshua M. Place

Chemistry

Nathalie Khafaga
Zachary M. Martel

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Erin K. Breen†
Katlyn A. Brown†
Briana L. Chaponis
Erin P. Driscoll
Alicia M. Dryden
Charisa K. Ebert††
Ashley M. Gravelle
Jordan D. Green†
Aleah J. Hodge
Amanda M. Lambert†
Idalis Yulemne Nivar
Nicole E. Paquin†
Melanie Marie Pinto

Community Health

Kyla Lee Hatch

Computer Science

Ryan J. Marcelonis††
Oren R. Shoemaker†††

Early Childhood Education

Samantha J. Carlo
Stefanie Cole††
Lauren A. Dunphy†
Emily A. Graves††
Mystina M. Green
Kylie Marie LeGrow†
Vanessa Martinez††
Glorivee Medina††

Elementary Education

Rachel E. Cardogno††
Mariah Caroline Gomes†
McKayla Marie Hersom
Veronica Kimmens††
Erin Paige Macora
Cameron S. McCormack
Amanda S. Murphy††
Madison M. Peralta
Jaimie Alexandria Poske
Sarah Marie Shaughnessy
Carolynn Elisabeth Williams

Environmental Science

Alana J. Riggs

Geography

John D. Blombach

Health Education

Nicole Ackerley††
Gregorio E. Acosta
Morgan Heidi Lindsey†
Dean Gary Parsons Jr.
Joshua A. Ponce De Leon
Frank Stephenson

Mathematics

Matthew D. Dogali
Hanan Rakeen Ibraheim†
Omar A. Kurdi†
Russell W. Parker

Nursing

Stella D. Alege
Glauciene Barcelos
Tara A. Cortright
Kelly R. Croteau
Raquel A. Donaldson
Melinda A. Engel
Heather Greene
Donna M. Hamilton
Lynsea D. Lafond
Marta Szczubelek
Lixia Zhang

Public Health

George W. Blake
Jennifer Boakye Dankwah
Jaylen L. Creonte-Baird†
Aurelie Darah Flambert
Bianca H. Gallati
Emily Lillian Gould
Yu-Chieh Hung
Jessica K. Kania
Hieu M. Ly
Gerardo D. Martinez Torres
Brenda Pham
Maiya Rae Raggiani
Victoria Lee Richard†
Juliana R. Tambolleo

Baccalaureate Degree Recipients

DECEMBER 2018

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Business Administration

Philip M. Aloise††
Nyia Ameena Anderson
Christi Bango††
Brandon M. Barry
Jonathan Rollins Brown
Caitlin M. Cahill
Alyson S. Candela
Miguel A. Cazarreal-King
Taylor F. Clark
J. Daniel Dahlstrom†
Codie R. Dondi
Janusz A. Golemo
Lindsey Greenberg
Sean P. Hanley
Lindsey R. Jones-Bernier
Jaga N. Koirala
Brooke Kathryn Maxfield†
Patrick W. McDonald
Alexander Osei
Edona Osmani
Lauren T. Pinkham††
Hung Quach
Thomas J. Randell
Janine C. Spring
Alycia Elizabeth White
Alexander R. Wolfel
Karuna Yi

Communication

Ciera S. Cutton†
Morgan A. Donohue
Nicholas J. Ferrante
Tylor J. Genest
Terance Edward Jones
Erick B. Smith†
Samuel R. Webb†

Criminal Justice

Ian G. Baillie
Zachary F. Bradt
David M. Caron
Jay Casimir
Jordyn A. Chionchio†
Ethan Coskie
Christopher D. Dahrouj
Nicholas R. DeSantis
Danielle C. Dixon
Stephanie H. Dryden
Mitchell A. Dube
Peter John Ferrelli
Faramielis Garrido
Felicia T. Givins
Braxtyn T. Harris†
Jacob S. Jess
Alexis Grace Lanciani
Lena Theresa Llanos
John E. Maguire†
Jonathan L. Maisoh
Derek W. Mendes†
Juan N. Mieses
Alexandria Marie Morrissey
Grant E. Murtagh††
Quy T. Ngo
Emmanuel T. Nyerebo
Zachary M. Perro
Robert W. Soroka
Stephanie M. Vega
Ashley D. Wassel†

Economics

Cole Auger
Benjamin W. Bigelow†
Bryan D. Cullen
Brent Michael Filgerleski†††
Andrew Yujay Lee

English

Michaela J. Buckley
Luke Cheng Cai††
John J. Griffin IV
Nicholas James Lloyd†
Barry B. Sclar Jr.
Julie L. Wyman††

History

Amy E. Angell††
Nicholas W. Packard†
Timothy S. Schroeder†
Luke R. Sundstrom†
Elisabeth N.
Wichser-Krajcik†††

Liberal Studies

Joshua A. Bolduc
Owen D. Gibbons
Amanda L. Rocci-McGorty
Kelsi S. Whittemore

Psychology

Nicholas Abraham
Taif Aljobore
Ashley N. Almeida
Vida Ampofo†
Stephanie A. Bicknell
Kristin L. Blair
Lindsey Alice Chausse
Gregory W. Clifford
Mackenzie B. Corriveau
Abigail Elizabeth Crothers
Mary E. Doyle
Morgan E. Goozey††
Morgan A. Greaney
Sophia W. Karanja
Prince E. Kumah
Elizabeth D. Lewis
Samantha J. Lovely
Rebeca Wyolene McCann
Kathleen F. Monahan
Morgan A. Mucciarone
Rania Yaser Najjar
Kezia Owusu-Ansah
Aubrey Parsons
Gabrielle Caitlin Perry
Torie Ann Peters
Rebecca Susan Quinn
Mary E. Quist
Erin L. Slack
Amanda Leigh Spring
Teranie Tirado
Tiffany L. Townsend
Lindsay M. Urban
Rebecca R. Walsh
Allison P. Zeena††
Amanda M. Zoebisch

Sociology

Kristina M. Geer
Karoline Gildemeister††
Colin T. Houle†
Briana Pingitore†
Alysia D. Turner
Tea Xharja

Urban Studies

Joseph Mills-Lamprey
Michele Wade

Visual and Performing Arts

Allison R. Confrey
Grace E. Cook

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MAY 2019

School of Education, Health, and Natural Sciences

Biology

Zakaria Amellal
Jeanne M. Andrews
Elizabeth Ann Armstrong
Alyssia E. Bonacquisti
Samantha Ellen Collins
Jorge L. Concepcion-Cruz†
Julia L. Cormier
Alanna Coughlin
Julianne M. D'Amico
Adrianna Nicole Dereskiewicz
Arind Dervishaj
Navdeep Singh Dhanjal
Halie M. Dixon
Hollie E. Donovan
Simone R. Dufresne
Alyssa K. Edmonds
Nicole M. Eliason
Madeline N. Forget
Sophia E. Foster
Emmanuel G. Freeman
Eftiona Golloshi
Razeen Fatima Haider†
Emma G. Howe
Karen Huu
Jacqueline M. Kaminst†
Paul F. Koffi
Matthew A. Kupersmith
Lisa S. Laliberty
Brianna M. Langlois
Stephanie C. McFadries††
Redi Metali†††
James K. Muchiri
Alba Muharremi
Carlos A. Nieves III†
Mackenzie B. Novick
Emily Nyarko-Dufie
Thy X. Pham
Jailene Ramos
Priscilla M. Rojas††
Joanna R. Rosa††
Emma L. Ryan
Kevin Sekuj
Lori A. Shettlesworth

Ambar Silva Batista
Ryan J. Tarpey
Jennifer N. Tran†
Kyle Robert Vartanian
Miranda T. Watkins††

Biotechnology

Dawid R. Cwalinski
Monika M. Czubaj
Jonathan Dones
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Janeisa R. Givins†
Madeleine M. Green
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Emilia Manelska
Roy S. Murillo††
Matthew C. Nguyen
Brian M. Njuguna
Adrian D. Novas
Michaila Marie Parent†††
Vrushali N. Patel
Molica Kim Pen†
Danielle W. Phebus
Sonializ Rosario
Mirinda L. Rossetti
Silas Akere Tamufor
Gisella M. White

Chemistry

Renata Clara Rodrigues De Lima
Samer M. Hammoodi††
Christopher A. Jackson†††
Huda Kayal
Julia H. McCarthy
Kim Anh Vu††

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Thayna A. Aguiar
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Katherine A. Baker
Simone A. Baptiste
Jennifer M. Cates†
Sierra R. Chauncey††
Allison Beth Coelho
Emily E. Davio

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Kate Drabato††
Jessica P. Fama†
Rachel M. Green†
Brittany M. Herring
Melissa L. Higginson†††
Emily A. Ijams†††
Emily Anne Lamica†
Elise E. Lemieux††
Shannon McIsaac
Hannah Marie O'Connor
Jacquelyn Nicolle Pack
Lisa Rina Petrowski
Olivia M. Ribeiro†
Sarah J. Salvado††
Cassandra N. Shea†
Valerie A. Tocco
Brooke Lindsey Walker

Community Health

Craig P. Marshall

Computer Science

Amir A. Adelinia
Jacob J. Aguiard
Jarid T. Aker
Benjamin L. Anderson†
Jeremiah W. Atiswini
James W. Blash
Stephen T. Burke††
Dexter E. Canton
Nicholas R. Couto
Ren Dutczak
Dexter Ekeh
Laura Renée Guertin
Gulshan Kumar
Kyle N. LaPointe†
Kathleen Marie Law†
Timothy J. Mesite
Timothy J. Montague
Harry Nguyen
James M. Njangi
Andy T. Pham†
Kristi Pina††
Nathan D. Postero
Jake G. Price†

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Daniel P. Ryder††
Zachary J. Stevens
Jarrett S. Stone
Johnny To
Samantha K. Tran†
Thanh Q. Truong††
Nhat Truong Le
Renz Carlo Villegas
Damjana Zyberaj†

Early Childhood Education

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Moiria Ann Caron
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Elizabeth Marie Roman
Emily Rachel Rowell
Carly J. Saccoccio
Ariana M. Savluk
Ashley M. Schwartz
MaggieAnne Scott†
Amanda R. Slarve
Taylor M. Swenson
Abigail Elizabeth Thurlow

Elementary Education

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Kelsey M. Bedard††
Jonathan P. Benker
Bridget E. Braun
Sara E. Cohen†
Sean M. Corcoran†

Cara M. Delaney†
Amanda Ann Gaines
Mystique D. Hall†
Nicole E. Hennessy†
Ashley N. Jennette
Jamie M. Jurgiel†††
Makayla D. McShane††
Brandon T. Meece††
Jasmine E. Morales
Emily Rose Murphy†
Briana M. Postale
Madison T. Robbins
Tessa M. Ryan†††
Katelyn Ann Salsgiver†††
Laura Marie Sullivan†

Environmental Science

Jameson R. Bastarache†
Nicole E. Daury†††
Andrew H. Etheridge††
Brianna Marie Germain††
Lindsay E. Lapan
Nnachi Johnson Opie
Kay C. Paradis††
Jillian N. Smith
Jackie Philisia
Tsanga Mbindza

Geography

Pierre F. Aubin
Douglas E. Dillon

Health Education

Dexter J. Andrews-Delk
Haley E. Bacigalupo
Megan A. Belanger
Monique D. Bisnette†
Alexa J. Brown†
Chaneade Darko
Kylie J. Farrell
Tess C. Froio
Luis A. Gonzalez Jr.
Derrick Oduro
Shannon Mary Tarpey†
Michael A. Weston††
Morgan Donovan Zeller

Mathematics

Emily Eloise Bernadette
Carens†
Stephen Donkor-Boadu
Meaghan K. Dougherty††
Andrew D. Koullis
Eric J. Landry
Joseph L. Lindenmayer
Molly V. O'Brien††
Michael A. Rose††
Sean O. Thomson
Nicholas P. Veat†††

Nursing

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The values expressed at Worcester State continue and deepen our commitment to inclusiveness, multiculturalism, mutual respect, and appreciation of one another. We see all these flourishing in our environment of self-exploration, intellectual curiosity, and creativity.

—*Professor Michael Hachey, Visual and Performing Arts*

Professor Michael Hachey, Visual and Performing Arts, reflecting on a recent student-led public art project located on the Worcester State University campus.



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Students graduating with honors must attain the following cumulative GPA based on a minimum of 48 credits earned at Worcester State University.

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Community Service Award

RENEE (KING) DIAZ '12

Entrepreneur **Renee (King) Diaz '12** has discovered that running a business is just as rewarding as the charitable contributions she makes to her community.

Renee's business, The Queen's Cups, creates dozens of desserts and made-to-order baked goods daily. Items not sold are donated to a variety of nursing homes and shelters in Worcester County, and a birthday cake is donated each month to Simon Says Give, a local charity that supplies birthday cakes to needy children. Discounts are offered to military members, law enforcement, and first responders. In honor and appreciation of her mother (a breast cancer survivor), Renee gives a complimentary cupcake—and a hug—to survivors of breast cancer. Daily tips from patrons are pooled and donated to local charities. This effort has raised close to \$8,000 since launching in January 2019.

Renee is also a former athlete who carves out time to coach for her alma mater, Millbury High School. Her record over the past 11 years as assistant varsity basketball coach helped the Woolies garner 10 SWCL championships, four District championships and three undefeated seasons for the junior varsity team. Renee sponsors Millbury's Girls Youth Basketball teams and regularly commands the attention of grade school through college students through storytelling of her achievements, offering this wise guidance: Above all, be passionate in everything you choose to do.

Renee has won several awards and has been featured on podcasts and local television shows, and featured as a guest speaker at events. She is a regular columnist for the *Worcester Business Journal*, giving advice as a young entrepreneur.

Renee supports local charities, such as the Worcester Animal Rescue League and Be Like Brit as well as those that touch a larger community of people, such as the Ronald Tarentino Gala Fund in Auburn.

Renee sees a need and fills it. She discovers an opportunity and steps up to offer support.

Therefore, in recognition of your service to our community, guidance, and leadership to others, and the countless individuals and organizations that you and The Queen's Cups serve, Worcester State University is proud to bestow upon you, **Renee (King) Diaz '12**, the 2019 Community Service Award.



GEORGE I. ALDEN EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

This, the University's highest teaching honor, is given to two faculty members who exemplify excellence in teaching, advising, and mentoring.

The awardees serve as an inspiration to their students and enhance their lives by expanding their knowledge and by providing mentorship and guidance.



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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.