

THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIRST
ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT



PEIRCE COLLEGE

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Sunday, May 17, 2026 | 2 p.m. | Mohegan Arena

Academic Procession.....	Tracey Thomas Grand Marshal
Master of Ceremonies.....	Brian Costanzo '98 Vice President for Government & Special Projects
The National Anthem	Alexis Cosgrove Soloist
Welcome	Jill Murray, Ph.D. President
Introduction of Student Speaker.....	Dr. Rita Toliver-Roberts Peirce College Provost
Student Speaker.....	Michael Baldwin Class of 2026
Introduction of Valedictorian.....	Erica Barone Pricci, Ph.D. Lackawanna College Provost
Valedictorian Address.....	Alisha Myers Class of 2026
Presentation of Seeley Award.....	Brian Costanzo
Presentation of Hamilton Award.....	Dr. Stephanie Donovan AVP, Online Education
Presentation of Student Awards.....	Dr. Shannon Begley Dean of Academic Advising and Registrar
Conferral of Degrees	Dr. Erica Barone Pricci Dr. Rita Toliver-Roberts President Murray
Peirce College Presentation of Diplomas & Certificates.....	Dr. Charlene Glenn Dean of Graduate Studies Dr. Stephanie Donovan
Lackawanna College Presentation of Diplomas & Certificates.....	Denise Larson AVP Enrollment Management and Student Success Adrienne Asbury Dean of Curriculum and Faculty Affairs
Alumni Society Induction.....	Rashean M. Ramsue '22, '23, President, Peirce College Alumni Association
Closing.....	Thomas McLaughlin '84, Member, Board of Trustees

IMPORTANT NOTE: We ask that you please remain seated throughout the procession and ceremony. Families may take photographs from the seating area. Professional photos will be made available on Flickr for free download.

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THE PEIRCE COLLEGE STORY

Peirce College was founded in 1865 to provide business education for returning Civil War veterans. This 161-year tradition of supporting nontraditional students remains at the core of Peirce's mission: to empower adult learners to improve their lives by achieving career goals through education aligned with evolving workforce needs.

Thomas May Peirce founded Peirce as Union Business College in September 1865. This first class included 68 women, making the school one of the first colleges in the nation to open its doors to women and integrate its programs.

Over the next century and a half, Peirce won numerous awards for high quality education and continually evolved to meet the needs of a changing workforce. World-renowned faculty and programs made the Peirce name a fixture in the business community at home and abroad. As technology began to transcend industries and demonstrate its importance, Peirce launched its first information technology-related programs in 1961.

Peirce began offering bachelor's degrees in July 1997 and officially became known as Peirce College to reflect the full portfolio of degrees and programs available for study. The College became one of the first in the country to offer full bachelor's degree programs online in 2000 and has continued to expand its online offerings. Paralegal degrees were added in the early 2000s, and healthcare programs were first offered in 2010, all in a response to the needs of local and national employers. In 2013, the College launched its first master's degree program and has since expanded its graduate portfolio to five master's programs.

Today, Peirce remains committed to expanding access and opportunity to higher education to adults. In 2024, the College announced its intent to merge with Lackawanna College based on the shared belief that both institutions are better and stronger together and aptly positioned to help more residents of Pennsylvania transform their lives. Once the regulatory process has been completed, the combined institution will be the largest private, nonprofit open enrollment institution in Pennsylvania at the undergraduate level, with an expanded geographic and programmatic presence to serve students in eight locations and online. The merger is on target to be finalized by June 30, 2026.

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RAYMOND L. PALZER '52 ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AWARD

Frances Legarreta

Erica Rubenstein

Shavar Simmons

MARGARET OBOZIAN EXCELLENCE IN WRITING AWARD

Adrian Pickney

ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR BUSINESS SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS (ACBSP) AWARD

Kelly Maloney

PATRICIA A. RUCKER GRADUATE STUDIES AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Chantae Figures

ROLL CALL OF CANDIDATES

GRADUATE DEGREES AND PROGRAMS

Business Administration, Master of Business Administration Degree

Healthcare Administration, Master of Science Degree

Higher Education Leadership, Master of Science Degree and Graduate Certificate

Nonprofit Management, Graduate Certificate

Organizational Leadership & Management, Master of Science Degree

Professional Studies, Master of Science Degree

ROLL CALL OF CANDIDATES

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES AND PROGRAMS

Accounting, Bachelor of Science

Business Administration, Bachelor of Science and Associate in Science

Client Services, Certificate of Proficiency

Cloud Computing, Certificate of Proficiency

Criminal Justice Studies, Bachelor of Science and Associate in Science

Cybersecurity, Certificate of Proficiency

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging, Certificate of Proficiency

Financial Operations, Certificate of Proficiency

General Studies, Associate in Science

Health Information Administration, Bachelor of Science

Health Information Technology, Associate in Science

Healthcare Administration, Bachelor of Science

Human Resource Management, Bachelor of Science and Certificate of Proficiency

Human Services Leadership, Bachelor of Science

Information Technology, Bachelor of Science and Associate in Science

Leadership Development, Associate in Science

Liberal Studies, Bachelor of Science

Medical Billing, Certificate of Proficiency

Medical Coding, Certificate of Proficiency

Office Management and Supervision, Associate in Science

Organizational Leadership & Management, Bachelor of Science

Paralegal Studies, Bachelor of Science, Associate in Science and Certificate of Proficiency

Project Management Administration, Certificate of Proficiency

Public Health Administration, Bachelor of Science

Quality Service Management, Certificate of Proficiency

Technology Management, Bachelor of Science

PEIRCE COLLEGE

CLASS OF 2026

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Ikea Ashton-Trimmer	Brianna Morris
Chandell Craig-Cromwell	Olivia Nguyen
Mabelline Daniel	Modupe Oke
Latorris Diggins	Syrita Pannell
Lily Donkor-Quaynor	Fatima Raji
Weston Forbes	Ruth Rios
Lynnetta Gary	Erika Rooney
Jermaine Hawkins	Amina Smith
Karen Holmes	Chanta Taylor
Latoya Hunter	Amelia Velasco
Frances Legarreta	Melanie Woon
Olivia Moore	

MASTER OF SCIENCE

HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Brittany Chang	Rajan Green-Williams
Karenda Clark	Madelin Lopez Olivo
Genesis Clarke	Zofia Martinez
Patricia Dixon	Rasheedah Outlaw
Alkeena Ford	Danielle Porter
Lauren Furman-McCracken	

HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

Shaquine Ayers	Travis Sadler
Indira Graham	Shavar Simmons
Shekeita Johnson	Darryl Williams
Yenny Liriano Mercado	Nadine Woodberry
Vincent Rink	

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

Jennifer Alexander	Michele Johnson
Stacey Bolton	Jennifer Ladouceur
Shykee Brooks	Maria McCants
LaBriyah Catlett	Daniel Midouin
Tracey Credle-McKenzie	Tierre Moreno
Tiffany David	Denise Myers
Kathleen Edwards	Ramona Peralta
Sophia Evans	Elizabeth Reevey
Rageema Farley	Dominique Ward
Chantae Figures	Kiya Wint
Natae Jackson	Shanda Wright

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Michael Baldwin, Jr.
Demetria Clark
Denise Corrigan
Kaitlin Dugan-Murrell
Sunday Dyitt
Channel Evans Kearse
Toni Foster

Jamaal Francis
Faith Messado
Erik Narcisse
Charlene Nolan
Aaliyah Pabon
Chelsia Zetina

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

Travis Sadler

John Snoke

NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP

Michael Baldwin, Jr.
Kaitlin Dugan-Murrell

Toni Foster

BACHELOR OF ARTS

LIBERAL STUDIES

Anjola Adekanmbi
Shakeem Akiri
Oraray Allen
Danielle Banton
Savannah Beauplant
Nadia Bernard
Pamela Berry
Marcus Black
Annette Bookman
Kylee Brassell
Bradly Brito Dominguez
Kristen Callahan
Melissa Chateigne
Nicoline Chi
Cristina Cisneros
Kashauna Clipps
Jonathan Collins
David Cowans
Bintou Diarra
Michael Drake
Shamar Durham
Patrice Fife
Tiffany Frazier
Jose Gamez
Felicia Garcia
Shauntel Gathers
Maria Gurrera
Farai Gwekwerere
Tahira Harris
Jessica Hogan
Romain Houbart
Terrell Irby
Sheree Irvin
Alyssa Johnson
LaPorscha Jones

Elie-ann Joseph
Emmanuel Joseph
Latanya Knight
Jennifer Ladouceur
Raychall Lawrence
Sandy Magny
Cossett Maldonado
Mary Marshall
Yanick Mathieu
Zachary McGeary
Michelle Mosley
Nishal Nawbatt
Zasha Nelson
Tameka Norman
Nicole Nunez
Jackton Opiyo
Tawanna Pabon-Patterson
Samantha Pena
Valeria Penoth
Jeremy Ramirez
Andrea Rivera
Laurie Robinson
Stephanie Roche
Rose Rodriguez
Alexandria Rostvold
Deliana Santos de Triunfel
John Sarmiento
Tanya Shafer
Margaret Shay
Melissa Singer
Kim Smith
Natasha Smith
Tierea Stanback
Darrick Stoecker
Aisha Thompkins

Princess Torres
Cindy Toyloy
Genesis Vizcarrondo Garcia

Nikita Wilcox
Jonathan Williamson
Tyler Winslow

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

ACCOUNTING

Taneka Artis
Brianna Baker
Shakerra Hines
Atul Joshi
Katrina Le Blanc
Aniyah Morris

Britta Peterson
Christina Salazar
Kristen Thomas
Marquita Tyler
Carter Wilhide

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

David Backers
Diego Calderon Mena
Milda Espinosa
Brandon Gonzalez
Latoya Gordon
Rachael Hanible

Faitimah Jennings
Brandee Nesmith
Shontee Richardson
Darla Sabella-Thomas
Bianka Sheldia
Emily Sullivan

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES

Amanda Belai
Kenneth Boyd
David Brotherton
Valerie Bush
Pedro Caraballo
Eric Catron
Cherrelle Cross-Jones
Ahmed Elkadousy
Stasia Freeman
Janelle Gaines

Keyanna Gilbert
Alex Kanneth
Schenley Layton
Nateesha Malcolm
Steven Mitchell
Maria Nolan
Eric Perry
Melissa Reed
Ashley Rizvi

HEALTH INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

Gail Griffin
Miracarla Jackson
Matthew McShane

Shayla Pitt
Josette Tyson

HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Danny Aguilar
Rashonna Black
Stephanie Braxton
Courtney Broomhead
Alexandra Connell
Ivanka Goshine

Gregory Mercado-Aguilar
Alicia Shelton
Jana Stevens
Teyanna Terry
Jada Wallace
Ajuanni Witcher

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Felix Carrasquillo
Christina Delgado-Sarr
Lyvonnia Fennell

Keila Olmo
Sabrea Woods
Teanaya Young

HUMAN SERVICES LEADERSHIP

Laquija Cromwell
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Danae Holman

Alyssa Raymond
Dametria Williams

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Tony Cheung
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Julia Falco
Timothy Finnerty
Dave Hernandez

Ivan Kovacevic
Shawn Oliver
Jennifer Postemus
Roman Proctor
Marco Segarra
Yao Watoussim

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

Tiffany Adams
Zendora Armstrong
Arrie Bateman
Jessica Conway
Saaylaa-Victori Crespo
Liam Edling

Mykera Haire
Jennifer LeBold
Kelly Maloney
Lisa Mcglothlen
Adrian Pinkney
Monica Wilkinson

PARALEGAL STUDIES

Cole Arnold
Beth Ascani
Vonnyea Bailey
Soribel Garcia
Fransheska Gonzalez Torres
Kimberly Hoxie
Melody Infantolino
Cathy Iverson

Samantha Mackin
Kimberly Moore
Lauren Murillo
Ashley O'Donnell
Martha Patino
Ryan Plummer
Erica Rubenstein
Maja Wilk

PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Vennesha Bailey

Tiffany Miller

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Clyde Halemano
Sardar Shahzeb Khan

Willie McFadden
Greg Sodjh

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

GENERAL STUDIES

Andrea Brewington
Monica Davis
Davida Fisher
Martina Godoy
Savannah Hutchins

Sha'Nay Jefferson
Cassandra Mikell
Beverly Reed
Carol Renderos
Alexis Soriano

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Nacoyia Bey
Megan Collman
Francis Justiniano

Pamela Lawson
Mildred Sawyer
Alberta Straughter
Marcus Wells

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Nikkia Williams
Selest Williams

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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OFFICE MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION

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Bree Green

Shelby Hollis
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Natalia Negron Torres

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

CLIENT SERVICES

Sefra Gibson-Hairston
Keyanna Gilbert

Cheryl Rodriguez
Leanna Turner

CLOUD COMPUTING

Nikkia Williams

CYBERSECURITY

Marlo Evans
Crystal Hunter-Jones
Jay London

KaDeem Lovelace
Leonard McCullough
Robert Merrigan

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, & BELONGING

Danielle Anthony

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Amariyon Hughes

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Anthony DiBelardino

Sharon Jones

Sharie Meekins

Martha Rogers

Joshua Thomas

Matrea Thomas

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Zakia Alkhatib

Shanise Allen

Stevie Berry

Fatima Blalock

Shamar Durham

Michelle Infante

Kaitlyn McKeithan

Jennifer Newcomb

Joy Reed

Alexandria Rettano

Jasmine Stephens

Josephine Taylor

Juliana Taylor

Danielle Wallace

Jamia Williams

MEDICAL CODING

Shanise Allen

Charlize Ballard

Katy Boyd

Stacy Campbell

Gwendolyn Church

Marcella DellaMonica

Keandra Dupree Hickson

Shamar Durham

Sarah Fisher

Karen Foster

Fretzalis Gonzalez Roman

Ana Gori

Yolanda Green

Likeisha Harris

Emilia Henry

Briana Holman

Michelle Infante

Amy Jones

Della Kirksey

Walter Klett

Linh La

Paige Lyons

Kaitlyn McKeithan

Rosita Melchor

Monica Morgan

Brittney Morris

Joy Reed

Alexandria Rettano

Deirdre Robinson

Cassandra Royal

Rashida Salahud-din

Alexis Scott

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