



University of Pittsburgh
Winter 2025 Commencement Ceremony

A MESSAGE FROM CHANCELLOR JOAN GABEL

Thank you for joining us in celebrating the University of Pittsburgh's 2025 Winter Commencement and in recognizing our students' many accomplishments.

Today our students are set to cross the finish line because you have supported them along an extraordinary road traveled, challenging them and championing their every success.

This winter's graduates will soon join an even bigger Pitt community, one that includes nearly 359,000 alumni who are living proof that anything is possible with a Pitt education.

Pitt graduates, thank you for letting us take this journey with you. We couldn't be more honored, more proud and more humbled to be with you on your important day, and we look forward to seeing and hearing about all the incredible things you will do in the months and years ahead.

Hail to our graduates, Hail to Possible and Hail to Pitt!

COLORS DISTINCTIVE OF THE DISCIPLINES AND PROFESSIONS

Color is an important element of all academic ceremonies. Referred to as “faculty colors,” they are used to symbolize degrees earned and areas of study. The colors are based on tradition and are displayed on edgings of hoods, tassels on caps, and flags or banners that represent each school or college.

White: Arts

Dark Brown: Fine Arts

Yellow: Sciences

Orange: Engineering

Drab: Business

Light Blue: Education

Purple: Law

Lemon: Information Sciences

Royal Blue: Philosophy

Citron: Social Work

Peacock Blue: Public Affairs

Green: Medicine

Lilac: Dentistry

Olive Green: Pharmacy

Apricot: Nursing

Salmon: Public Health

Teal: Rehabilitation

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Oh! say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there;
Oh! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

ALMA MATER

Alma Mater, wise and glorious,
Child of Light and Bride of Truth,
Over fate and foe victorious,
Dower'd with eternal youth.
Crowned with love of son and daughter,
Thou shalt conquer as of yore.
Dear Old Pittsburgh, Alma Mater,
God preserve Thee evermore!

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UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE WINTER
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

DECEMBER 14, 2025

Presiding, Joan Gabel, JD
Chancellor of the University and Chief Executive Officer

PROGRAM

OPENING OF CEREMONY

Kristin Kanthak, PhD
*Chief University Marshal
President of the University Senate*

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Members of the University of
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of the Heinz Chapel Choir

WELCOME

Joan Gabel

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

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*Doctor of Public Service, Honoris Causa,
upon
The Honorable Deborah L. Wince-Smith, MA
President and Chief Executive Officer,
Council on Competitiveness*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Deborah L. Wince-Smith

GRADUATE STUDENT ADDRESS

Nidhi Girish
*Candidate for Bachelor of Science,
Kenneth P. Dietrich School
of Arts and Sciences
and David C. Frederick Honors College,
December 2025*

GRADUATE STUDENT ADDRESS

Larissa Catherine Allen, BSN
*Candidate for Doctor
of Philosophy Degree,
School of Nursing
December 2025*

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CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Joan Gabel

RECESSIONAL

(The audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional.)

DEBORAH L. WINCE-SMITH

The Honorable Deborah L. Wince-Smith is president and CEO of the Council on Competitiveness, a nonpartisan leadership coalition of CEOs, university presidents, labor union leaders and national laboratory directors, all committed to developing policy solutions and national initiatives to drive future productivity growth, prosperity for all Americans and the global success of American business. She has more than 20 years of experience as a senior U.S. government official, as the first U.S. Senate-confirmed assistant secretary for technology policy in the U.S. Department of Commerce in the administration of President George H.W. Bush and as the assistant director for international affairs in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy in President Ronald Reagan's administration. She served as a Senate-confirmed member of the Oversight Board of the Internal Revenue Service in the administrations of Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

As a globally recognized leader and practitioner in competitiveness strategy, innovation policy, technology commercialization and public-private partnerships, Wince-Smith has served on numerous national and global advisory boards and committees, as a university trustee and as a director on public and private corporate boards.

She has served on the University of California's President Council for the National Laboratories; the boards of Argonne National Laboratory, the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation, and the Smithsonian Institution; as a trustee of Lehigh University; as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, UNICEF, and the U.S. Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy; as chair of the U.S. Secretary of Commerce's Strengthening America's Communities initiative; and as a corporate director of Nasdaq, Inc.

Currently, Wince-Smith serves as a commissioner on the Council on Competitiveness' National Commission on Innovation and Competitiveness Frontiers, and the National Commission on the Theft of American Intellectual Property. She serves as a council member of Japan's Science and Technology in Society forum; and as a member of the global advisory committees of the Japan Science and Technology Agency, and the Delphi Economic Forum. She is vice chair of the board of trustees of the American College of Greece, a member of the board of trustees of College Year in Athens, and a member of the Strategic Research Advisory Board of the University of Arizona. She serves on the advisory committee of Queen's Business School, Queen's University Belfast. She serves as a director of private technology companies in medical lasers, cybersecurity and biotherapeutics, and is on the board of trustees of the Hevolution Foundation U.S.A.

Born in Akron, Ohio, Wince-Smith graduated valedictorian from Old Trail School. She graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Vassar College and earned a master's degree in classical archaeology from King's College, University of Cambridge. She has received honorary doctorates from Michigan State University, the University of Toledo, Queen's University Belfast, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the University of South Carolina, and the European University of Tirana in Albania.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

At this Commencement Convocation, degrees are conferred upon persons who completed requirements in May, June, August, and December 2025. Because candidates for December 2025 would not have completed degree requirements before the printing of this program, it was not possible to provide more than a tentative listing of candidates. The listing of a degree on a University academic transcript is the official testimony of degree conferral. This academic achievement is celebrated through the issuance of a University diploma.

KENNETH P. DIETRICH SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Adam Leibovich, BA, PhD, Bettye J. and Ralph E. Bailey
Dean of Arts and Sciences

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John Evans
Robert H. Evans
Oreoluwa Fawole
Jolie M. Feltz
Rachel Fener
Morgan Filar
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Dillyn Griffin
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 Mia Hanson
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 Laura McNevin
 Behrooz Moosavi
 Ramezanzadeh
 Taiwo Omoyegha Nelson
 Alejandra Victoria Placci
 Gaia Prunotto
 Daniel Turillo
 Hebah Uddin
 Zhiji Zha

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

December 2025

Megan Valley

MASTER OF SCIENCE

December 2025

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Rachel Kelly Forster
Hannah Grace Gizenski
Angela Griffio
Daniel Labrousse
Alaina McDonnell
Cayleigh Briane Pratt

Elijah Rice
Soumya Roy
Iris Simone

August 2025

Bobby
Girgis Falstin
Karen Rose Garn
Keerthana Govindaraj
Aria Hajikhani

Cory Benjamin Ives
Siddharth Jain
Ben Styer Jefferis
Maya Martinko
Xiaoxi Qi
Aswini Ramankutty
Mahdi Sedighi Jafari
Abigail Ruth Shell
Maddison Taylor

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

December 2025

Charles Agbavor
Dissertation: "Gram-positive Surface Chaperones: The Gatekeepers of Virulence Factor Activation and Function"

Savannah Albright
Dissertation: "Development of Chemical Tools for Studying Biological Interactions and Protein Modification"

Payal Arora
Dissertation: "Genetic Dissection of Transcription Start Site Selection by RNA Polymerase II in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*"

Steven Edward Caldwell
Dissertation: "Synthetic Immunology: Chemical Control of STING Activation and CAR T Cell Reprogramming"

Sara Zakhia Chedid
Dissertation: "Development of Small-molecule Inhibitors and Degraders Targeting Epigenetic and Metabolic Enzymes"

Conner Hunter Chee
Dissertation: "Exploring the Effects of Polymer Chemistry on the Properties of Polyelectrolyte Complex Coacervates Beyond the Binodal"

Christine Choi
Dissertation: "Reconfigurations of Trauma: Navigating Tensions and Contradictions of Multimodal Representations of Comfort Women Discourse"

James Connell Corcoran
Dissertation: "New C-C Bond-forming Cyclization Reactions of Alkynes"

Travis Anthony Court
Dissertation: "Modeling X-ray Emission from Type Ia Supernova Remnants in Different Circumstellar Environments"

Kevin Francis Dowling
Dissertation: "Transcriptome of Layer 3 Pyramidal Neurons in the Cortical Visuospatial Working Memory Network: Regional Variation and Alterations in Schizophrenia"

Erin Terese Duricy
Dissertation: "Investigating the Relationship between the Neural Basis of Math and Language Using the Lesion Method"

Motasem Mahmoud
Zein Elgamel
Dissertation: "Microbial Dynamics at the Cellular and Population Levels"

Darrelstan Fitzwarren Ferguson
Dissertation: "Redemptive Transgression: Afro-Cuban Theatre and the Politics of Race, Gender, Sexuality"

Danielle Shannon Fox
Dissertation: "Space and Place: Examining Relations among Parents' and Children's Spatial Skills and the Home Spatial Environment"

Frances Kathryn Erin Friason
Dissertation: "Inhibitory Synaptic Plasticity and Ensemble Formation in Piriform Cortex"

- Corentin Florian Roland Fricard
Dissertation: "Corps Raccords: Perception de Modalites Visuelles d'Expression Trans* dans la Culture Visuelle Francophone Contemporaine"
- Louis Gonzalez
Dissertation: "On the Physics of Cell Sensing in Complex Microenvironments"
- Melissa Griffore
Dissertation: "Mercury Dynamics in Permafrost-affected Watersheds from MIS 3 to the Holocene: Insights from Alaskan Lake Sediment Records"
- Kathryn Elizabeth Hinkelman
Dissertation: "Degradation of Oncogenic and Epigenetic Proteins by Novel Proteolysis Targeting Chimeras (PROTACs) and Exploration of Non-histone Substrates of KDM4A"
- Daniesha Hunter-Rue
Dissertation: "Evaluating a Racially Conscious Restorative Model in Schools: A Quantitative Analysis"
- Donald Janda
Dissertation: "Ultrafast Hydrogen Electrocatalysis of Spherical Single Crystal Platinum Electrodes"
- Taylor Bryce Koles
Dissertation: "Collective Harm and the Natural Duties of Justice"
- Rachael Dawn Kramp
Dissertation: "More than Skin Deep: The Microbiome Influences Ectoparasitic Infection and Host Behavior in Trinidadian Guppies"
- Keren Won Lee
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ACADEMIC HERALDRY: THE SYMBOLS OF LEARNING

The college or university commencement procession today, in this country and abroad, is a pageant, alive and bright with the dress and ceremony inherited from the medieval universities of the 11th and 12th centuries.

Academic life as we know it today began in the Middle Ages—with Bologna and Paris; Oxford and Cambridge; Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Louvain—first in the church, then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the Guild of the Master of Arts, where the bachelor was the apprentice of the master and the dress was the outward sign of privilege and responsibility. The dress made visible, in color and pattern, the unity of men of like purpose. Twelfth-century records of the University of Oxford carry this justification for academic dress: “It is honourable and in accordance with reason that clerks to whom God has given an advantage of the lay folk in their adornments within, should likewise differ from the lay folk outwardly in dress.”

Their design and heraldry were the outward indications of the bringing together of students and privileged persons under the same disciplines. In later centuries, to preserve their dignity and meaning, it became necessary for universities to set rules for academic dress. American universities agreed on a definite system in 1895 and set up a suitable code of academic dress for the colleges and universities of the United States. In 1932, the American Council on Education presented a revised code, which for the most part governs the style of academic dress today. The principal features of academic dress are three: the gown, the cap, and the hood.

The Gown. The flowing gown comes from the 12th century. Many think it was worn in olden times as protection against the cold of unheated buildings. It has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it completely covers any dress of rank or social standing underneath. It is black for all degrees, with pointed sleeves for the bachelor’s degree; long closed sleeves for the master’s degree, with a slit for the arm; and round open sleeves for the doctoral degree. The gown worn for the bachelor’s or master’s degree has no trimmings. The gown for the doctoral degree is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves, in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains. The official colors of the college may now appear in the gown or its decorations. (The trustees and administrative officers of the University of Pittsburgh wear gowns trimmed in blue velvet edged in gold faille.)

The Cap. The freed slave in ancient Rome won the privilege of wearing a cap, and so the academic cap is a sign of the freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as square to symbolize the book, although some authorities claim that the mortarboard is the symbol of the masons, a privileged guild. The color of the tassel on the cap denotes the discipline.

The Hood. Heraldically, the hood is an inverted shield with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the ground of the primary color of the college. The color of the facing of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining of the hood designates the university or college from which the degree was granted.

The Mace. A ceremonial staff is carried by the chief University marshal, who is the president of the University Senate. The chief University marshal opens and closes all academic convocations, such as Honors Convocation and Commencement Convocation. A Pittsburgh artist designed the mace for the University of Pittsburgh. The design was created from an existing bronze seal representing the Office of the Chancellor. The seal is surrounded by concentric rims that are supported by four contemporary shapes. The hand-turned shaft is made of native Pennsylvania walnut.

