



## MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY



# THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT The College of Graduate Studies and Adult Learning

MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

Friday, the Fifth of May Two Thousand Twenty-Three Six p.m.

Millersville University of Pennsylvania Millersville, Pennsylvania

In the interest of continued public safety, congratulatory handshakes will be omitted from today's ceremony. KINDLY SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND CELL PHONES DURING THE CEREMONY.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION "Pomp and Circumstance" Sir Edward Elgar

WELCOME

\*THE NATIONAL ANTHEM Words by Francis Scott Key Arranged by John Philip Sousa

INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM GUESTS

GREETINGS FROM FACULTY

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

SALUTATION

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

CONFERRING OF DOCTORAL DEGREES

## Order of Exercises

DANIEL A. WUBAH, PH.D., President Presiding

> MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE Joseph Cernuto, D.M.A., Conductor

GAIL E. GASPARICH, PH.D. Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

LED BY CHRISTINA FLORES '23

PROVOST GASPARICH

ROBYN DAVIS, PH.D. Associate Professor, History, President-Elect, APSCUF-MU

> TOMMY WAYNE HENLEY III Ed.D., Educational Leadership

DANIEL A. WUBAH, Ph.D. University President

RICHARD D. CLARK, PH.D. Professor of Meteorology Emeritus, Millersville University

> JAMES DELLE, PH.D. Dean, College of Graduate Studies and Adult Learning

PRESIDENT WUBAH

THE AUDIENCE WILL REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL AFTER THE SINGING OF THE ALMA MATER AND AFTER ALL GRADUATES HAVE RECESSED.

MACE BEARER: Len Litowitz, Ed.D. GONFALON BEARER: Tiffany Wright, Ed.D. GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS: Stacey Irwin, Ph.D.; Karen Rice, Ph.D.; Jason Baker, Ph.D.; Oliver Dreon, Ph.D. READER: Lowery Woodall III, Ph.D.

## CONFERRING OF MASTER'S DEGREES

PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S

DEGREE CANDIDATES

#### WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS

\*THE ALMA MATER Words by Esther E. Lenhardt, Class of 1910 and Sanders P. McComsey, Class of 1917 Music arranged by Melzer R. Porter

<sup>\*</sup>ACADEMIC RECESSION The Lords of Greenwich Robert Sheldon

PRESIDENT WUBAH

**JOYCE KING '83** President, Millersville University Alumni Association

PRESIDENT WUBAH

LED BY ELISE EGGLESTON '23 Millersville University Wind Ensemble

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE

> \*Audience will stand, participation is voluntary.

Graduates listed in the program were confirmed as of 4/14/2023

## CERTIFICATION, CERTIFICATES AND ENDORSEMENT CANDIDATES

#### Art

Anthony William Harp Amy Lee Hess Jennifer Schuck Joyce Williams

#### Biology

Tyler S. Bridgehouse Christina D. Clawson

#### Earth Sciences

Curtis Mark Silverwood

#### Elementary and Secondary School Counselor PreK-12

Virginia Bramley Lindsey Marie Eppler Caitlyn R. Flint Emily Grace Forry Natalie Alexis Hertzog Wayne David Hooper Kaitlin Mock Sara Danel Richardson Elizabeth Michelle Sanders Emily E. Schriver Meredith Kaitlin Sefcik Janeen Y. Selfridge Brendan John Staudt Jessica L. Zentner

#### English

Jesse Owen Rice Kathryn Lynn Shaffer

#### English as a Second Language

Georgia Elizabeth Emert Jessica Elizabeth Zielinski

## Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Latoya N. Bonk Elizabeth A. Groff Shirley Faye Herr

#### French

Lauren A. Eyler

#### German

Dana Ginder Sick

#### Gifted PreK-12

Ashlie Jean Crosson Bethany A. Eaton Roxanna Christine Everly Stacy Pierce Gasteiger Hannah Kaptur Angela L. Tena

#### **Online Instruction Program PreK-12**

Philip Joseph Haitz Katherine E. Krebs Nicole A. Long Rebecca Lynn Maryott Christine Claire Mattiko Cameron Tyler Murray Daniel Snyderman

#### PreK-4, Early Childhood Education

Shelby Borislow Madeline Lynette Bruno Lisa Buscav Kasey Nicole Dauterive Heidi A. Fiorill Peyton Maelynn Hebb Sara Nicole Herbst Alexander Gregory Jones Eloise E. Kappen Tristyn M. Keller Brittany Kortright Alina Latshaw Amber Lynne Lazer Matthew Ortiz Alvssa Nicole Perkins McKellah N. Potts Marguerite Rose Segich Megan E. Shaffer Lauren Alison Sheffy Lauren Renee Taylor Kristen Bennett Thomas Rachael Kathryn Thomas Kristin Marie Evans Titzell Sydney Nicole Wagner Ashley Weatherby

#### Principal K-12

Dawn L. Eby Patrick Corrigan Muench Amber J. Owen

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Isabella Maria Amity Emily Marie Arnold Kelli Anne Barron Victoria Taylor Diminick Keri L. Hess Lauren Elizabeth Hofer Tara Lynne Katerman Michelle Renee Machuzick Heidi L. Melleby Megan Elizabeth Murphy Ashleigh Linn Posch Jaclyn E. Staller

#### School Guidance

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#### School Nurse

Lisa M. Andrews Cortney Benton Sandra Lee Dunn Haley Jane Irvin Cerissa Anne Kleinfelter Jennifer Marie Mausser Christy Marie Nobile Jillian Seese

#### School Psychologist

Isabelle Baumgartner Katlyn Michelle Bennett Sabrina Eisele William J. Halko Georgia Saldana Jones Madisan J. Mark Kim Leigh Neptune Christina M. Powley Daniela J. Prisco Elizabeth G. Sager Carlos Henry Soto Alyssa Jory Sunday Danielle M. Taylor Gabrielle M. Vaxmonsky Sadie N. Wentland

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Morgan Lea Yoder

#### Social Studies

Helen Louise Devonshire Brandon Michael Gregor Ryan James Guidos Louis J. Vitale Robert Joseph Wildasin

#### Spanish

Waylon Brown Lauren A. Eyler Elizabeth M. Roderick

#### Special Education 7-12

Andre David Dyer Carrie Ann McGough Emily Wryk

#### **Special Education PreK-8**

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Special Education – Supervisory

Jessica Cunningham

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## CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

## COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

## ART

Maria Kirsten Anderson MED Art Education

Matthew Nelson Brewster MED Art Education

Daniel A. Clarke MED Art Education

Shawn Keebler MED Art Education

Elizabeth Ann Stepenaski MED Art Education

Cristina Marie Virmani MED Art Education

Bonnie Elizabeth Watts MED Art Education

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John Biles MA English

Wendy Ann Gensimore MA English

Eugene J. Kobielnik MA English

blue K. Guckert MA English

Luis J. Nieves-Figueroa MA English

Winonna Piazza MA English

Tanya R. Sepela MA English

Kara Elizabeth Travis MA English

Rachel Marie Wisnom MA English

## HISTORY

Joseph E. Blauberg MA History

Samantha Borry MA History

Melissa S. Bryson MA History

Shane M. Moran MA History

Kyle M. Thomas MA History

## LANGUAGES AND CULTURES\*

Kelly Roberts MED Languages and Cultures Spanish

\*Joint program with West Chester University since 2014.

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

## ASSESSMENT, CURRICULUM AND TEACHING

Emanuel Aponte MED Assessment, Curriculum and Teaching Certification

Stephanie Lynn Berardi MED Assessment, Curriculum and Teaching Online Instruction

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## CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Raegan E. Atha MS Clinical Psychology

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Kayla Brianna Bensch MS Clinical Psychology

Thresia Mae Casanova MS Clinical Psychology

Maria Detweiler MS Clinical Psychology

Dominique Desmond Ford MS Clinical Psychology

Kayla Mae Forrey MS Clinical Psychology

Mathilde Trudy Govers MS Clinical Psychology

Taylor Marie Grant MS Clinical Psychology

Elise Renee Klingaman MS Clinical Psychology

Kayla Mae Mesaric MS Clinical Psychology

Kelsey P. Munster MS Clinical Psychology

Shannon Nicole O'Loughlin MS Clinical Psychology

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Adam Allen MED Early Childhood and Elementary Education

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Matthew Gregory Ortiz MED Early Childhood and Elementary Education

Sean Michael Rhoads MED Early Childhood and Elementary Education

Alyssa Rowe MED Early Childhood and Elementary Education

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Molly C. VanLeuvan MED Early Childhood and Elementary Education

Sydney Wagner MED Early Childhood and Elementary Education

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Amy Becker Alvis MED Language and Literacy Education Reading Specialist

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Ezinne Enyosiobi MS School Psychology Abdaliz Miranda Garcia MS School Psychology

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Tonji Elizabeth-Bell Grissinger MS School Psychology

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Kyle M. Messaros MS School Psychology

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Katherine Walsh MS School Psychology

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## SOCIAL WORK\*\*

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Melissa A. Branham MSW Social Work

Brittany Kristine Diem MSW Social Work

Danielle Dietz MSW Social Work

Jenelle C. Eshleman MSW Social Work

Trevor J. Fink MSW Social Work

Jenna Foltz MSW Social Work

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Olivia Ariane Jones MSW Social Work

Brandon Kelly MSW Social Work

Collin Scott Kelly MSW Social Work

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Sarah E. Laursen Perales MSW Social Work

Kaitlyn N. Leh MSW Social Work

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Sarah Michelle Miller MSW Social Work

Shanta Mills MSW Social Work

Jessica L. Nusslein MSW Social Work

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Rebekah Faye Orlando MSW Social Work

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## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Kirstin Beaver MED Special Education

Amanda S. Hookway MED Special Education

Maggie M. Karstetter MED Special Education

Carrie Ann McGough MED Special Education

Alexa McLaughlin MED Special Education

## SPORT MANAGEMENT

Aaron Abraham MED Sport Management Athletic Management

Jerrell Blaine MED Sport Management Athletic Management

Thomas Randall Garner MED Sport Management Athletic Coaching

Emily Grube MED Sport Management Athletic Management

Kayla Marie Held MED Sport Management Athletic Management

Noelle Elizabeth Holmes MED Sport Management Athletic Management

Jeremy Joseph MED Sport Management Athletic Management

Farai Mazvita Kawode MED Sport Management Athletic Coaching

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Andrew Spencer Pawling MED Sport Management Athletic Management

Sydney Shannon MED Sport Management Athletic Management

Spencer Philip Spencer MED Sport Management Athletic Coaching

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Patrick Sweda MED Sport Management Athletic Management

Peyton Elizabeth Thompson MED Sport Management Athletic Coaching

Elizabeth Wardwell MED Sport Management Athletic Management

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## COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

William Jason Burnett MS Emergency Management

Erin Buttitta MS Emergency Management

Joseph J. Carlin III MS Emergency Management

Justin D. Churma MS Emergency Management

Thomas J. Clark III MS Emergency Management

Kaitlyn Marie DeShavo MS Emergency Management

Jennifer Anna D'Iorio MS Emergency Management

Mary Caitlin Dorley MS Emergency Management

Madeline Est MS Emergency Management

Jeffrey M. Hunsicker MS Emergency Management

Megan Marie Jones MS Emergency Management Communication

Bryan Edward Knight MS Emergency Management

Ryan C. Knox MS Emergency Management

Jeffrey T. Ludwig MS Emergency Management

Michael J. McDermott MS Emergency Management

Sean William McFadden MS Emergency Management

Jennifer L. McKinney MS Emergency Management

Francis Miliano MS Emergency Management

Shontell Yvonne Moman MS Emergency Management

Breanna Malynn Rogers MS Emergency Management

Eryne Lianna Sheffield MS Emergency Management

Christopher T. Simpson MS Emergency Management

Nicole Marie Stolarski MS Emergency Management

Michael James Susko MS Emergency Management Logan Williams MS Emergency Management

Gillian Amanda Zimmerman MS Emergency Management

## INTEGRATED SCIENTIFIC APPLICATIONS

Amanda E. Bunn MS Integrated Scientific Applications Environmental Systems Management

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Lardeo MS Integrated Scientific Applications Weather Intelligence and Risk Management

Andrew Malmgren MS Integrated Scientific Applications Environmental Systems Management

Sheila-Ruth Api Ngu MS Integrated Scientific Applications Weather Intelligence and Risk Management

Abigail Valerio MS Integrated Scientific Applications Weather Intelligence and Risk Management

### MATHEMATICS

Laura Leigh Bitts MED Mathematics

Timothy J. Refi MED Mathematics

## NURSING

Linda Asomaning Akoto MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Porsha T. Barbosa MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Holly Carney MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Tobi L. Coen MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Annetta Czar MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Zhanna Vasiliyevna Demyantsev MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner Lauren Whitney Earnshaw MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Elizebeth Michelle Edmister MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Brianna Rae Ensor MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Stephanie L. Erb MSN Nursing School Nursing

Katie Marie Folkenroth MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Taylor W. Gainer MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Vincent Paul Grove MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Caitlyn Elizabeth Kristich MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Paige Lindsay MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Ana Marie Lynch MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Kimberly Jo Martin MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Paula Lou Mastroianni MSN Nursing Nursing Leadership

Shaughnessy Ann Migash MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Maliseni M. Mulenga MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Alexis Ann Phillips MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Elyse M. Potter MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

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Bailey Premo MSN Nursing Nursing Education

Bethany Nichole Schwartz MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Domonique Sade' Scott MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Rachel Lira Sensenig MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Mary Ellen Silveira Pelin MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Lindsey Patricia Smith MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Kristina Faith Thresher MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Christina Lynn Trees MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner Janelle Annette Wentzel MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Nathan Michael White MSN Nursing Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

## TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

Gasser Ali Samer Abousaif MS Technology and Innovation Enterprise Track

Lauren Katherine Coker MS Technology and Innovation Education Track

Henry Charles Franz Jr. MS Technology and Innovation Enterprise Track

Amber Trunfio George MS Technology and Innovation Education Track

Stacey Anne Lorah MS Technology and Innovation Education Track

Kristen Sweet MS Technology and Innovation Education Track

## EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Hailey M. Butler EDS School Psychology

Ariana Nicole Chuprinsky EDS School Psychology

Jacey Marie DiMaio EDS School Psychology

Alea Echterling EDS School Psychology

Rachel Fox EDS School Psychology

Kierstin Fry EDS School Psychology

Danielle Reese Gruber EDS School Psychology Christina Rose Harris EDS School Psychology

Miles C. Iati EDS School Psychology

Julia Elizabeth Kane EDS School Psychology

Emily Ruth Klick EDS School Psychology

Olivia Lambert EDS School Psychology

Hannah Linde EDS School Psychology

Kallie Elizabeth Lutz EDS School Psychology Jennifer Meghan Matthews EDS School Psychology

Jennifer R. Mendoza EDS School Psychology

Carlos R. Morla EDS School Psychology

Sydney Murphy EDS School Psychology

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## CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

## EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP\*

John Andrew Black Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership

Jill A. Freedman Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership

Tommy Wayne Henley III Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership

Camille Alanna Hopkins Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership

Chanda R. Telleen Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership

## NURSING

Naomi Owusu Acheampong Doctor of Nursing Practice

James Ndungu Doctor of Nursing Practice

Jocelyn Alexis Ramirez Harrell Doctor of Nursing Practice

Emily Eileen Elizabeth Serikstad Doctor of Nursing Practice

Julia F. Wauchope Doctor of Nursing Practice

Kelly Elizabeth Williams Doctor of Nursing Practice

## SOCIAL WORK\*\*

Aliesha Yvonne Clark Doctor of Social Work

Hilary Lynne Cobb Doctor of Social Work

Kelli S. Fox Doctor of Social Work

Michelle Sloane Palmieri Doctor of Social Work

Linda G. Timme Doctor of Social Work

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## MASTER'S THESES

WILLIAM NOLAN ARTZ, JR. M.Ed. English B.A. Wichita State University Thesis: "The Digitized Post-Secondary Transdisciplinary Humanities Classroom" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Amber Nicole Pfannenstiel

RAEGAN E. ATHA M.S. Clinical Psychology B.S. Penn State University Thesis: "Social Media and Well being" Thesis Advisor: Ms. Rachel MacIntyre

JOHN BILES M.A. English M.A. New York University B.F.A. Point Park College Thesis: "Troubling Gatekeeping by Star Wars Fandom Arises in Online Discourse Due to the Creator Being Both 'Alive' and 'Dead' in Serialized Storytelling" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Caleb A. Corkery

JOSEPH BLAUBERG M.A. History B.A. Millersville University Thesis: "Liberty from the Gutter" Thesis Advisor: Robyn L. Davis

DAVIS SAMANTHA BORRY M.A. History B.A. Millersville University Thesis: "From Sitting Rooms to Street Corners: Pittsburgh's Suffragists and the Transformation of Pennsylvania's Suffrage Movement into a Publicly Centered, Political Movement, 1869-1915" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Robyn Lily Davis

MELISSA S. BRYSON M.A. History B.A. Rutgers University Thesis: "The Battle After the War: How the Men of Virginia and Massachusetts Went from Allies to Political Adversaries While Forging a New Republic" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Robyn L. Davis

HENRY CHARLES FRANZ JR. M.S. Technology and Innovation B.A. La Salle University Thesis: "Glitched: Why School Districts Need to Cultivate Partnerships with Technology Leaders to Thrive in a Digital Education Environment" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Scott A. Warner

BLUE K. GUCKERTT M.A. English B.A. Millersville University Thesis: "Disability Studies Informed Creative Writing: Care no Cure" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Emily M. Baldys SHANE M. MORAN M.A. History B.A. Millersville University Thesis: "A Fleeting Alliance: Emperor Hirohito and the American Occupation of Japan" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Ronald B. Frankum

LUIS J. NIEVES-FIGUEROA M.A. English B.S.E. Millersville University Thesis: "Exploration of the Traditions of Magical Realism, Caribbean Literature, and the Effects of English Learner Placements in Public American Schools Through the Creative Lens of a Memoir" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Marco Antolin

SHANNON NICOLE O'LOUGHLIN M.S. Clinical Psychology B.A. Millersville University Thesis: "The Relationship Between Memory in Individuals with Post-Concussion Syndrome and Comorbid Anxiety and Depression Symptoms" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Shaun P. Cook

WINNONA PIAZZA M.A. English B.Hum. Penn State University Thesis: "Indigenous Persona: The Modern Native" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Caleb A. Corkery

TANYA R. SEPELA M.A. English B.A. University of Pittsburgh Thesis: "Frankenstein and Trauma-Informed Pedagogies in the Secondary Classroom" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Emily M. Baldys

KYLE M. THOMAS M.A. History B.A. Millersville University Thesis: "A Mild Form of War" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Clarence Maxwell

## **DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS**

JOHN ANDREW BLACK Doctorate in Education M.Ed. Millersville University B.S.E. Millersville University Dissertation: "Teaching During a Pandemic: A Phenomenological Study on the Self-Efficacy of Special Education Teachers in Providing Virtual Education to Students with Disabilities" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Rhonda Brunner

ALIESHA YVONNE CLARK Doctor of Social Work M.S.W. Millersville University B.A Millersville University Dissertation: "A Megaphone for Black Mothers" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Heather L. Girvin

(Shippensburg University)

HILARY LYNNE COBB Doctor of Social Work M.S.W. Boise State University B.S. University of Idaho Dissertation: "Creating Connections: Discussion Group Size and Social Connectedness in Online Community College Students" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Laura B. Granruth

KELLI S. FOX Doctor of Social Work M.S.W. University of New England B.A. Rutgers University Dissertation: "Playing Well With Others: Evaluating an Intervention to Prepare Students for Interprofessional Collaborative Learning" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Karen M. Rice

JILL FREEDMAN Doctorate in Education M.Ed. Penn State University B.S.E. Millersville University Dissertation: "Crisis Communication During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Case Study of a K-12 Public School District" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Oliver Dreon Jr.

TOMMY WAYNE HENLEY III Doctorate in Education M.A. Northeastern Illinois University B.A. Northeastern Illinois University Dissertation: "Breaking the Circumstance: Key Factors Influencing Latino Male Aspirations for a Four-Year College Degree" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Ann Gaudino

#### MICHELLE SLOANE PALMIERI Doctor of Social Work M.S.W. University of Pittsburgh B.A. Duquesne University Dissertation: "COVID-19 and Mental Health: Exploring the Impact of a Digital Application" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Karen M. Rice

LINDA G. TIMME Doctor of Social Work M.S.W. Temple University B.S. Federico Villarreal National University (Peru) Dissertation: "Social Workers' Perspectives of the Effectiveness of EMDR in Telehealth for PTSD Patients" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Karen M. Rice and Dr. Bertha Saldana De Jesus

## NURSING SCHOLARLY PROJECTS

#### DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

NAOMI OWUSU ACHEAMPONG Doctor of Nursing Practice M.S.N. Thomas Jefferson University B.S.N. Holy Family University Capstone Project: "The Effect of Telephone Follow-Up on Secondary Stroke Prevention" Project Advisor: Dr. Kelly Rotondo

JAMES NDUNGU Doctor of Nursing Practice M.S.N. Millersville University B.S.N. Indiana University of PA Capstone Project: "Improving Treatment Adherence Among Opioid Use Disorder Patients" Project Advisor: Dr. Michele Chronister

JOCELYN RAMIREZ HARRELL Doctor of Nursing Practice M.S.N. Millersville University B.S.N. Millersville University Capstone Project: "Improving Child Sex Trafficking Education in the Emergency Department" Project Advisor: Dr. Cayleigh M. Minter

#### EMILY SERIKSTAD

Doctor of Nursing Practice M.S.N. Millersville University B.S.N. Millersville University Capstone Project: "Heart Disease Prevention in the Fire Service" Project Advisor: Dr. Teresa M. Hartmann

JULIA WAUCHOPE Doctor of Nursing Practice M.S.N. Desales University B.S.N. Ohio University Capstone Project: "The Impact of Substance Use Disorder Education on Nurses' Knowledge and Attitudes" Project Advisor: Dr. Dawn M. Lambert

KELLY ELIZABETH WILLIAMS Doctor of Nursing Practice M.S.N. The University of Pennsylvania B.S.N. Penn State University Capstone Project: "Improving Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Caring for Patients with Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO)" Project Advisor: Dr. Susan M. Moyer

### M.S.N. FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL ACROSS THE LIFESPAN NURSE PRACTITIONER AND M.S.N. NURSING EDUCATION

LINDA ASOMANING - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Capstone Project: "Tools for Identifying Polypharmacy in the Geriatric Population: Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment Versus Other Screening Tools" Project Advisor: Justin McFail

PORSHA T. BARBOSA - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Eastern Mennonite University Capstone Project: "Interventions Aimed to Eliminate Advance Practitioners' Burnout in Clinical Practice: A Literature Synthesis Aimed to Improve Clinical Practice" Project Advisor: Dr. Cayleigh Minter

HOLLY CARNEY - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Millersville University Capstone Project: "Preventing Childhood Obesity Through Diet, Exercise, and BMI Monitoring Techniques: Family Practice Recommendations" Project Advisor: Dr. Dawn Lambert TOBI COEN - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Millersville University Capstone Project: "Caring for Patients with Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Implications for the Family Nurse Practitioner" Project Advisor: Dr. Dawn Lambert

ANNETTA CZAR - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Drexel University Capstone Project: "Understanding the Needs of Cancer Survivors Post-Treatment to Improve Quality of Life: Recommendations for Nurse Practitioners" Project Advisor: Dr. Cayleigh Minter

ZHANNA DEMYANTSEV - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Immaculata University Capstone Project: "Mediterranean Diet and Depressive Symptoms" Project Advisor: Dr. Dawn Lambert LAUREN EARNSHAW - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. The Penn State University Capstone Project: "Benefits of Spending Time Outdoors on Mental Health" Project Advisor: Justin McFail

ELIZEBETH M. EDMISTER - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. York College of Pennsylvania Capstone Project: "Access to Dental Health Care in Central Pennsylvania: A Formal Needs Assessment to Propose a Dental Residency at a 7-Hospital System" Project Advisor: Dr. Cayleigh Minter

BRIANNA RAE ENSOR - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Chamberlain University Capstone Project: "Human Trafficking and Reducing Healthcare Provider Disservice in Care and Recognition of Victims" Project Advisor: Dr. Cayleigh Minter

STEPHANIE L. ERB - M.S.N. School Nurse B.S.N. Chamberlain University College of Nursing Capstone Project: "Continuous Glucose Monitoring: Improvement in Autonomy and Reduction in Hypoglycemic Events in Adolescence" Project Advisor: Dr. Dawn Lambert

KATIE FOLKENROTH - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Millersville University Capstone Project: "Prescribing Considerations and Drug Availability for the Family Nurse Practitioner: Moderate to Severe Plaque Psoriasis" Project Advisor: Dr. Cayleigh Minter

TAYLOR W. GAINER - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Indiana University of Pennsylvania Capstone Project: "Familial Hypercholesterolemia Risk Identification and Intervention in Childhood: A Literature Synthesis and Practice Recommendations for the Family Nurse Practitioner" Project Advisor: Dr. Cayleigh Minter

VINCENT GROVE - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences Capstone Project: Medication Reduction Within the Geriatric Population: Implications for Family Nurse Practitioners Project Advisor: Dr. Dawn Lambert

CAITLYN ELIZABETH KRISTICH - M.S.N. Family/ Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Millersville University Capstone Project: "Eating Disorder Screening Tools for Patients with Type 1 Diabetes: Recommendations for the Nurse Practitioner" Project Advisor: Justin McFail PAIGE LINDSAY - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Eastern University Capstone Project: "The Effectiveness of Psilocybin Treatment for Depression in the Adult Population" Project Advisor: Justin McFail

ANA MARIA LYNCH - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Immaculata University Capstone Project: "Healthcare Provider Weight Stigma, Impact on Patient Outcomes, and Interventions: A Literature Synthesis Aimed to Improve Clinical Practice in Primary Care and Beyond" Project Advisor: Dr. Cayleigh Minter

KIMBERLY JO MARTIN - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Eastern Mennonite University Capstone Project: "Effect of Music Therapy on Agitation in Older Adults with Cognitive Impairment: A Nonpharmacological Intervention for Family Nurse Practitioner Consideration" Project Advisor: Dr. Dawn Lambert

PAULA LOU MASTROIANNI - M.S.N. Family/ Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Millersville University Capstone Project: "The Impact of Service Learning on Leadership Competence and Cultural Competence in Undergraduate Nursing Students" Project Advisor: Dr. Dawn Lambert

SHAUGHNESSY MIGASH - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Marymount University Capstone Project: "Prostate Cancer and Early Screening: Recommendations for the Primary Care Provider" Project Advisor: Dr. Cayleigh Minter

MALISENI M. MULENGA - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Millersville University Capstone Project: "Use of a Whole Foods Plant-Based Diet in the Mitigation of Cardiovascular Disease and Risk Factors: Implications for Family Nurse Practitioners" Project Advisor: Dr. Dawn Lambert

ALEXIS ANN PHILLIPS - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Indiana University of Pennsylvania Capstone Project: "Probiotics and the Gut Brain Axis in Patients with Depression and Anxiety: Implications for the Family Nurse Practitioner" Project Advisor: Dr. Cayleigh Minter

ELYSE POTTER - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. The Penn State University Capstone Project: "Improving Quality of Life and Reducing Readmissions in the Adult Heart Failure Population: Implications for the Family Nurse Practitioner" Project Advisor: Dr. Cayleigh Minter BAILEY PREMO - M.S.N. Nurse Educator B.S.N. Millersville University Capstone Project: "Effectiveness of Gamification for Nursing Orientation" Project Advisor: Justin McFail

BETHANY SCHWARTZ - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences Capstone Project: "Understanding Cutaneous Manifestations of Gastrointestinal Conditions in the Family Practice Setting" Project Advisor: Dr. Cayleigh Minter

DOMONIQUE SCOTT - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Millersville University Capstone Project: "Telemedicine and Contraceptive Care: Identifying Safety Considerations and Overcoming Disparities" Project Advisor: Dr. Cayleigh Minter

RACHEL SENSENIG - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Millersville University Capstone Project: "Strategies for Primary Care Nurse Practitioners to Facilitate Early Detection of and Effective Treatment for Pediatric Anxiety" Project Advisor: Dr. Dawn Lambert

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LINDSEY PATRICIA SMITH - M.S.N. Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner B.S.N. Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences Capstone Project: "The Efficacy of Pulmonary Rehabilitation in Reducing the Risk of Readmission and Mortality in Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease" Project Advisor: Justin McFail

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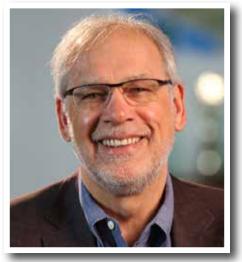
## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

## Richard D. Clark

Professor of Meteorology Emeritus at Millersville University

Richard D. Clark is Professor of Meteorology Emeritus at Millersville University, having recently retired after 35 years as a faculty member, including 20 years as chair of the Department of Earth Sciences. During his tenure at MU, he was the recipient of nearly \$3 million in funding for research and instrumentation primarily from the National Science Foundation, NASA, and the EPA. Much of this funding went into supporting over 200 undergraduate students in research and research training from Maryland to the Mojave Desert. Rich has been instrumental in arranging the privatepublic partnership that will result in the installation of an X-band weather radar at Millersville University this summer (2023).

Rich was the President of the American Meteorological Society (AMS) in 2022 and currently serves as immediate past-president and member of AMS Council and the Executive Committee. He is an AMS Fellow and served as a past member of AMS Council (2008-11). He served two terms as an elected member of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) Board of Trustees (2009-2015) and served on UCAR governance committees. Rich was responsible for the development of the M.S. in Integrated Scientific Applications program, which focuses on creating business-ready scientists, as well as the graduate certificate program in Space Weather and Environment: Science, Policy, and Communication. He is the recipient of the 2006 Russell L. DeSouza Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Unidata Community and the 2008 American Meteorological



Richard D. Clark

Society Teaching Excellence Award (currently the Lorenz Teaching Award).

His research interests span boundary layers and turbulence and air chemistry, with a special emphasis on field observations and instrumentation using airborne and balloon-borne platforms. He recently completed a collaborative effort with the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) and the UCAR COMET program to produce a 10-lesson interactive online course on atmospheric instrumentation and measurement that has been used by over 40,000 faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students worldwide, and has been translated to Spanish. Rich grew up near McKeesport, PA and attended Serra High School. Rich has a B.S. in chemistry and mathematics from Point Park University (formerly College in 1975) in Pittsburgh, PA and an M.S. (1985) and Ph.D. in atmospheric science from the University of Wyoming ('87) in Laramie, WY.

## GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

### Dear Graduate,

Today is a milestone moment that will forever resonate in your life. On behalf of the Millersville University Alumni Association, I congratulate you for the dedication and perseverance that advanced you to this day. I am honored to be the first to welcome you into this prestigious group of Marauders for Life.

The MU Alumni Association – founded in 1861 and 74,000 members strong – keeps alumni connected and engaged with their alma mater, no matter where in the world life takes them. I encourage you to bookmark the alumni website, villealumni.com, and follow our social media accounts to keep up with campus and alumni news. You will now have access to some great benefits and services created especially for MU alumni and can learn more about them on our website.

The Office of Alumni Engagement is proud to be your point of connection to the University going forward. Through the alumni network, you can access extended support from the University, tap into its vibrant alumni network and stay connected to your alma mater and one another through Homecoming and other special events and programs. Even long after graduation, your alma mater is here for you and invested in your lifelong growth. Please stay in touch and keep your contact information updated so we can let you know about all the great things happening with the MUAA! Let us know about your personal and professional accomplishments, including career advancements. We often feature these updates in our university magazine, the Millersville University *Review*.

We wish you, and your family and friends celebrating with you, sincere congratulations on this remarkable accomplishment.

Be a Marauder for Life!

Joyce Denelstede King

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## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

## A Brief History of Millersville

Millersville has the distinction of being Pennsylvania's first state-owned university, founded in 1855 as a normal school. In the mid-19th century, normal schools were developed throughout the East as a way to train teachers for the country's fast-growing new public schools. In Lancaster County, James P. Wickersham was in charge of the public schools and was convinced of the need for training programs for teachers. He held his own program, a teachers institute, in the little borough of Millersville. After its success, he then convinced the town fathers who had built the school to permit it to be used instead as a permanent normal school.

For the next 100 years, Millersville's purpose was to prepare teachers, and it did so with great success. Its reputation as an institution of excellence was established during the period when it was operating two-year and later four-year programs to prepare the individuals who taught the children of this Commonwealth.

Over the years, the school's name changed several times. Wickersham called it the Lancaster County Normal School. In 1859, when it was four years old, the school was officially recognized by the state legislature, and its name became The First Pennsylvania State Normal School. That lengthy title was gradually changed by usage to Millersville State Normal School. It was known by several other names before 1959, when the name was changed to Millersville State College, and soon to follow were a great many new four-year baccalaureate programs in the arts and sciences. Also added were master's degree programs, at first in teacher education and later in many other fields. On July 1, 1983, the college became Millersville University of Pennsylvania, and the 14 state-owned colleges became the State System of Higher Education.

## Millersville University Today

During Millersville's evolution from a normal school to a university, its reputation as a good training ground for teachers has not diminished. Teacher certification programs are available across all schools in Special Education, Elementary and Early Childhood Education, a wide selection of Secondary Education programs, Technology and Engineering Education, Art Education and Music Education.

The College of Education and Human Services is home to the following departments: Educational Foundations; Early, Middle and Exceptional Education; Psychology; and Wellness and Sport Sciences, as well as the School of Social Work.

The College of Science and Technology is comprised of the following departments: Applied Engineering, Safety & Technology; Biology; Chemistry; Computer Science; Earth Sciences; Geography; Mathematics; Wehrheim School of Nursing and Physics. Offerings in the health fields include Respiratory Therapy; Medical Technology; Nuclear Medicine Technology; Pre-Athletic Training; Pre-Med; Pre-Optometry; Pre-Pharmacy and Pre-Podiatry.

The College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences is the home of the liberal arts disciplines in humanities and social sciences, including the departments of Art and Design; Communication and Theatre; Criminology, Sociology and Anthropology; English and World Economics; Languages; Government, Policy and Law; History; Language and Culture Studies; and Philosophy, as well as the Tell School of Music. The College also offers interdisciplinary programs in African American Studies, Entrepreneurship, International Studies, Latina/o Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies.

Originally established in 2019, the Lombardo College of Business offers majors in Accounting, Business Administration, Finance, Management and Marketing. The College was officially named in 2020 in recognition of Dr. Samuel and Mrs. Dena Lombardo's generosity to both the College and University. This is the first named college in Millersville's 166-year history.

The College of Graduate Studies and Adult Learning was established in fall 2009 following 50 years of graduate program offerings. Today, Millersville offers more than 50 graduate degree and certification programs, and three doctoral programs that serve the needs of adult learners in our community and beyond. University College was established at the beginning of the 2022-2023 academic year and is comprised of Academic Advisement and Student Development, the Center for Public Scholarship and Social Change, the Center for Civic Responsibility and Leadership, Experiential Learning and Career Management (ELCM), the Francine G. McNairy Library and Learning Forum, Integrated Studies, Multidisciplinary Studies, the Office of Learning Services, Starfish, Success Coaching, the University Honors College and the Writing Center.

The University's curriculum is continuously studied and adjusted to allow for the development of programs to meet the needs of students. Millersville University's **Multidisciplinary Studies** (**MDST**) major is an innovative and flexible program of study that allows students to tailor studies to meet their academic strengths and career goals with careful advisement.

**Integrated Studies** is an individualized postsecondary education course of study for individuals with intellectual disability that leads to social and professional networks, careers and bright futures. Students receive support from trained personnel, including coaches, mentors, faculty and staff.

Millersville's excellent reputation extends beyond the classroom as well. It has outstanding athletic, intramural and recreational programs. It offers a wide range of cultural activities for both educational and entertainment purposes. The Winter Visual and Performing Arts Center houses the Tell School of Music and state-of-theart facilities, including performance and recital halls, recording suites and piano labs. The Ware Center in downtown Lancaster offers space for academic studies as well as elegant performance areas and cultural events programs.

The 250-acre main campus is well-tended, and the park-like area around the campus pond is regarded as a special place by students where they can sit and enjoy the outdoors and watch the swans, Miller and S'Ville.

All of these factors contribute to a good deal of pride at Millersville University – pride that parents and friends of graduates rightfully share.

## ACADEMIC SYMBOLISM

Academic ceremonies are steeped in centuriesold ritual. The elaborate trappings contribute to the pageantry and dignity of the occasion, and convey the continuity of academic tradition from medieval times to the present. Incorporating these traditions unites Millersville University with the community of scholars and institutions of higher learning.

### THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The academic procession that begins and ends most academic ceremonies is a descendant of the clerical procession. Millersville University's procession, formed in ranks of two, is led by one of the most senior faculty carrying the University mace, followed by the candidates for degrees, the University faculty, the Council of Trustees and platform party, and the University president and guest speaker.

### THE MACE

The staff carried at the front of the academic procession is called a mace and represents the authority of the Office of the President.

### THE UNIVERSITY SEAL

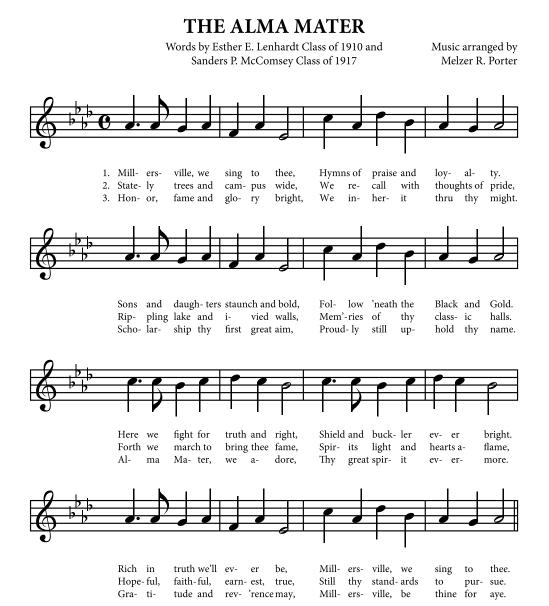
Millersville University's seal, a gift of the Class of 1916, is worn on a gold chain by the University president.

## ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The academic regalia has always consisted of three parts: the gown, the hood and the cap. It has traditionally been worn at academic ceremonies as a record of the academic achievement of the participants. Its use originated in the Middle Ages, when all undergraduates were required to wear clerical robes, since students were expected to enter the ranks of the clergy. In this country, a color system was adopted in 1893 to identify the academic discipline in which the degree was earned. Some of the most frequently seen hood colors, and the field of learning represented by each, are white, arts and letters; light blue, education; dark blue, philosophy; golden yellow, science; copper, economics; scarlet, theology; and pink, music. The tassels for bachelor's and master's degrees are usually black, while the tassel of the doctorate cap is usually gold.

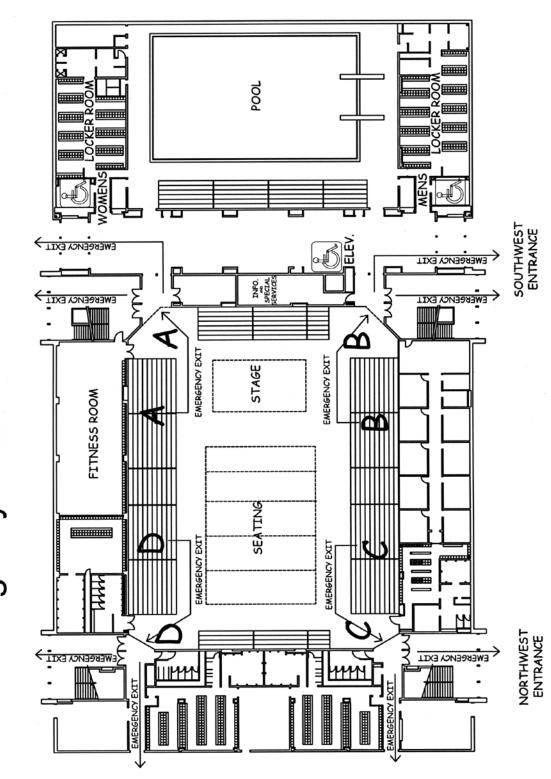
## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

O 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. O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



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## GYMNASIUM EVACUATION MAP



Pucillo Gymnasium Emergency Exits

Millersville University