



GOVERNOR JOSH SHAPIRO

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Penn State University
University Park, Pennsylvania

Greetings:

It is my pleasure to honor and recognize Penn State University as it confers its one millionth degree.

The one millionth degree is a testament to the 170-year partnership of Pennsylvania State University and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Penn State was founded in 1855 as the Farmers' High School of Pennsylvania. Today, one out of every nine Pennsylvanians with a college degree is a Penn State graduate—a clear demonstration of Penn State's impact across generations and communities. The conferring of the one millionth degree reinforces Penn State's commitment to provide accessible, world-class education that prepares students to reach their full potential and contribute to Pennsylvania's workforce and economy. I am immensely proud of everything Penn State's students have accomplished and appreciate the administrators, staff, families, and friends who have supported their achievements. As we celebrate the graduates who have carried the Penn State mission forward, I am certain that the work of this institution will continue to have a positive impact on the Commonwealth and play an integral role in developing thoughtful, visionary leaders for many years to come.

As Governor, and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I am thrilled to recognize Penn State University as it confers its one-millionth degree. Please accept my best wishes for continued success.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this fifteenth day of August two thousand twenty-six, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred fifty-first.

Governor Josh Shapiro