Ladies and gentlemen, as chancellor and chief academic officer of Penn State DuBois, it’s my distinct pleasure to welcome you to our 81st Annual Honors Convocation. Each year we take this opportunity to recognize and celebrate the achievements of our outstanding students. However, uniquely this year—due to the COVID-19 outbreak—we present these awards remotely to ensure that parents, spouses, children, friends, as well as our campus faculty and staff, have the opportunity to applaud the accomplishments of our outstanding students.

We are extremely proud to present several prestigious awards, both for distinguished academic accomplishment and for service to the campus and community. These awards recognize those students who consistently go the extra mile and push themselves to achieve more than they ever thought possible. These are the students who stand out for their successes and the noteworthy impact that they have had on others. We are proud to have this opportunity to honor them with distinction.
The 81st Annual Honors Convocation at Penn State DuBois
Presented by Delta Mu Sigma

Delta Mu Sigma, a scholastic honor society, was chartered in 1939. The sole chapter of this society is located at Penn State DuBois. Members of the society are from all colleges represented at the campus. Delta Mu Sigma is dedicated to enriching student life at Penn State DuBois by encouraging scholarship and involvement in campus and community activities. As stated in the Delta Mu Sigma constitution, membership in the society shall be based upon scholastic requirements, active participation, and service to the Penn State DuBois campus and community.

Membership into Delta Mu Sigma is open to full-time and part-time Penn State DuBois students who have completed 12 or more credits. Current members select the new members based on the scholarship and service requirements set forth in the constitution. Lifetime membership is granted to those students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and involvement in extracurricular activities both on campus and in the community. The society is responsible for organizing the Honors Convocation at the campus each spring.

Delta Mu Sigma Honor Society
Advisor: Mr. Antonio Vallone

Delta Mu Sigma Honor Society 2019-2020 Executive Board
Chair: Erika Sato
Co-Chair: Addeson McAninch

Fall 2019 Inductees:
Sarah Voris
Katy Mazur
Kiersten Wasicki
The President’s Freshman Award

This award is presented annually to undergraduate degree candidates and degree seeking provisional students who have earned a 4.00 (A) cumulative grade-point average based on at least 12 graded Penn State credits completed their first semester of admission. Candidates are eligible for this award if they have not exceeded 35 Penn State credits earned. (CEEB advanced placement credits, International Baccalaureate credits, and credits taken prior to High School graduation are not counted in the total credits earned for purposes of this award).

Ty Dustin Bender  
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Megan R McCain  
Zachary Vandervort

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Katie Jimenez  
Brice Paul Miller  
Abhishek Prasad Kittusamy  
Dylan T Treaster

The President’s Sparks Award

This award is presented annually to those undergraduate degree candidates who have earned a 4.00 (A) cumulative grade-point average based on at least 36 graded Penn State credits completed by the end of the fall semester of the academic year the award is given. Candidates are eligible for this award if they have not exceeded 59 total credits earned. (CEEB advanced placement credits, International Baccalaureate credits, and credits taken prior to High School graduation are not counted in the total credits earned for purposes of this award).

Brendan J. Allison

The Evan Pugh Scholar Award (Junior)

The Evan Pugh scholars are those juniors and seniors who are in the upper 0.5 percent of their respective classes and have completed at least 48 graded Penn State credits at the end of the fall semester of the academic year in which the award is given. Candidates are eligible if they have been full-time Penn State undergraduate students for at least four semesters prior to selection. The juniors this year have cumulative grade-point averages of 3.99 and above.

Dylan Fezell
Academic Honors and Awards

Human Development and Family Studies

Academic Excellence – Baccalaureate Awardee: Katelyn Long
Her nominator writes "From day one, Katelyn has been a bright light in the HDFS program due to her contagious passion for helping others and advocacy to end the stigma surrounding mental health. Katelyn exemplifies the HDFS spirit through her volunteerism, advocacy, and kindness towards others. Katelyn not only strives for academic excellence; she has remained significantly engaged on campus in various organizations and clubs which is a testament of her dedication to serving others. Katelyn is well deserving of the HDFS Academic Excellence Award and we are honored to present this to her."

Associate Degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant

Academic Excellence Awardee in OTA: Robert Pearce
His nominator writes “The OTA program faculty are honored to provide Robert with the OT Academic Excellence Award. This award is given to the graduate with the highest GPA over the 5-semester program. Based on his excellent classroom and clinical performance, Robert achieved this honor.”

OT Student of the Year Award: Katy Mazur
Her nominator writes “Katy not only stands out academically as an OTA student - her actions and passion for the field of occupational therapy rise above most students that I have had the pleasure of working with in my 21 years at Penn State DuBois. Katy has worked diligently for two semesters as a tutor to assist students in learning Anatomy & Physiology, she is Vice President of the OT Club, she asked to have additional learning in OT courses by taking honor’s options for the courses, she volunteered and worked with faculty to present at a national OT conference (which, unfortunately, was cancelled), she is a team player with her cohort of OTA students, a mentor to freshmen OTA students, and the list goes on. There was no hesitation in faculty choosing Katy to be this year’s recipient of OT Student of the Year.”

Academic Excellence in Physical Therapist Assistant

Academic Excellence Awardee: Amanda Nosker
Her nominator writes “Amanda is receiving the Academic Excellence award because she has the highest GPA for 2nd year students in the PTA program.”

PTA Richard Serianni Memorial Awardee: Grace Neal
Her nominator writes “Grace is receiving the Richard Serianni memorial award because of her performance in Anatomy classes and her leadership as president of the PTA club.”
**Business Administration**

*Richard M Smith Outstanding Senior Awardee: Sarah Zwick*

Her nominator writes “Sarah is an excellent student who is also active in numerous campus and community groups. Her unique leadership skills are an asset to professors and students alike. Sarah is not afraid of a challenging assignment or project and meets each challenge with integrity and respect. It is a privilege to have such a responsible, ethical student attending PSU DuBois.”

**Outstanding Junior Awardee: Dylan Fezell**

His nominator writes “Dylan is an excellent student who is also active on campus as a peer tutor, peer mentor, and member of numerous student groups. He can carry a class discussion with authority of preparedness, facts, ethics, and consideration for his peers. It is a pleasure to have Dylan in class and watch as he brings his unique perspective of the business world to his courses.”

**Associate Degree in Wildlife Technology**

*Agricultural Alumni Outstanding Student Awardee: Eli DePaulis*

His nominator writes “Eli was an easy choice from the cohort of graduating wildlife students for Outstanding Wildlife Technology Student. His academic excellence, in addition to his commitment to our department, campus, and profession is unmatched. Whether he is spearheading the removal of invasive honeysuckle from our campus wetland, tutoring at the CUE, or proposing a tree nursery through the National Wildlife Turkey Foundation (NWTF) club, he is an unstoppable force for good in our program.”

**Academic Excellence Award in Administration of Justice**

*Academic Excellence Awardee: Jeremy Sawey*

His nominator writes “Each year the Administration of Justice program gives away its Academic Excellence Award to the program’s graduating senior with the highest GPA. Since arriving at Penn State DuBois Jeremy has been the epitome of academic excellence. Not only is Jeremy always present and involved in his coursework, he has excelled at every task, assignment, project, and exam assigned to him. It has been a pleasure to have Jeremy in class the past few years and I have no doubt he will have a great deal of success in his future endeavors.”

**Outstanding Achievement Awardee: Brandon Orsich**

His nominator writes “This award is given each year to a student who demonstrates excellence both inside and outside of the classroom. This description certainly fits Brandon well. Not only has Brandon done very well academically, he has also been a key member of the champion Penn State DuBois baseball team and currently serves as a lion ambassador. On top of these achievements Brandon is a joy to have in class and just a fun person to be around. Brandon will be greatly missed at Penn State DuBois and we know he will do well at anything he chooses after graduation.”
Academic Excellence Award in Mathematics

Academic Excellence in Mathematics Awardee: Scot Coble
His nominator writes “Scot is everything one could ever ask of a student: diligent, curious, hard-working, juggling the demands of school and family life to meet all expectations on time. He took two special topics courses to take advantage of the opportunity to learn more mathematics than required for his major. He may not grasp every topic immediately, but he is determined to understand and clearly willing to work as hard and as long as it takes to complete assignments and be well prepared for exams. His award for Excellence in Mathematics is well-deserved, and well-earned.”

Academic Excellence Award in English

Academic Excellence in English Awardee: Summer Storm Stephenson
Her nominator writes “Summer Storm Stephenson didn't rest on her laurels of having the coolest name ever. The work she produced in the English classes she took (many of them from me) during her stay here at Penn State DuBois was consistently superior, and helped transform her from the shy young woman I met just after she transferred to the confident student scholar she is today. I'm overjoyed to share that Summer already been accepted into IUP's graduate program in English. I have no doubt that someday, if she chooses, she'll be in front of a classroom, helping shape the interest and passion future Summers have for English.”

NCPA LaunchBox/Entrepreneur Award

This award is presented to an upper class (sophomore or above) student for commitment to academic achievement, leadership in the classroom and has demonstrated the “entrepreneurial spirit” within the north central region through business development activities to assist in growing the regional economy.

LaunchBox Entrepreneur Awardee: Sarah Zwick
Her nominator writes “Sarah is well deserving of this award for as she has demonstrated academic success and leadership in the classroom throughout her time at Penn State DuBois. Sarah has also taken what she has learned in the classroom and utilized it within the regional business community through the work she has done with entrepreneurs and existing businesses in an effort to help grow and enhance the economy. The North Central PA LaunchBox is proud to present this award to Sarah for her outstanding success in making our region a better place to live, work and play.”
Scholastic Achievement Awards for DuBois Campus
Scholastic Achievement Awards are given annually to the full-time freshman Baccalaureate and Associate Degree students who have the highest cumulative average after one semester, the full-time sophomore Baccalaureate student who have the highest cumulative average after three semesters, and the upper-class Baccalaureate student who has the highest cumulative average after four or more consecutive semesters.

Scholastic Achievement Awardee – Associate Freshman
Tyler Yough

Scholastic Achievement Awardees – Baccalaureate Freshman
Brice Miller  Abhishek Kittusamy  Megan McCain
Nicholas Hansel  Dylan Treaster  Dylan Ishman

Scholastic Achievement Awardees – Baccalaureate Sophomore
Shawnelle Miller  Walter Mock

Scholastic Achievement Awardees – Baccalaureate Upperclassman
Dylan Fezell  Brendan Allison
Honors Program Students

**Honors Scholar Program**
The Penn State DuBois Honors Scholars include some of the finest students on campus. These students are committed to challenging themselves in Honors courses, engaging in undergraduate research projects, expanding their world view through international travel, and showing leadership both on and off campus.

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**Honors Program**
Members of the Penn State DuBois Honors Program represent the top tier of students with regards to academics. They have demonstrated academic success and are committed to maintaining that success while taking Honors courses and participating in other Honors activities such as the annual international experience.

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Special Awards

Students’ Choice Service Award
Students select a faculty or staff member who has courteously provided superior service to them.

Students’ Choice Service Awardee: Chris Satterlee
His nominator writes “Chris is always here to provide words of encouragement and support to all students. Every person he sees, he makes sure to greet and ask them how their day was. If any student seemed sad, he'd ask if there was anything he could do to help or support them. He would even reach out to students such as myself to see if we had enough support, especially when it came to the time coming up to THON weekend. Words cannot quite describe how helpful and kind he is, and I can assure you he has definitely made life better for us students and his kind words and encouragement have gotten me through my roughest days working in the office.”

Terry Hartman Community Service Award
Presented to the individual or group that best exemplifies role-modeling behavior to others in the area of community service.

Terry Hartman Community Service Awardee: Katelyn Long
Her nominator writes “The year’s winner is well known on campus for the diligent work and countless hours that she put in to lead her THON organization to breaking a record and raising over $34,000. Katelyn's motivation to help others improve quality of life, heal from past trauma, and flourish are intrinsically motivated as she truly cares about others and believes that people are innately good. Katelyn does not serve others for recognition or accolades; she is simply trying to make her corner of the world a healthier, better place. Katelyn has made quite the positive impact on Penn State DuBois through her leadership as THON Chair, a Certified Peer Educator, and an Orientation Leader, her membership in Human Development and Family Studies Club, and Delta Mu Sigma, as well as her work in the Center for Undergraduate Excellence. Katelyn consistently serves as a helping hand and an incredible role model for younger students. Congratulations, Katelyn Long.”
Student Affairs Award
This award is presented to an upper-class student for consistent concern for fellow students and support of the Student Affairs Mission, which is to engage students in the out of class experience.

**Student Affairs Awardee: Dylan Fezell**
His nominator writes “This year’s award winner has held leadership positions in both CAB and SGA, will be returning for a second year as Orientation Leader this year, participated in the Summer Leadership Conference in 2019, served as a first year seminar peer mentor and most recently chose to spend his spring break on the Alternative Spring Break trip focusing on service-learning at the Navajo Nation in Arizona. Additionally, Dylan has maintained a respectable GPA and is continuously assisting students academically as a Math, Accounting, Statistics, and Effective Speech tutor in the Center for Undergraduate Excellence (CUE) on campus. Dylan’s level of commitment to both student involvement and academic studies is hard to manage as a college student, and the way he has balanced it is extremely impressive. His dedication, balance, and positive attitude have made him a stand-out student on campus, and a role model for younger students. Congratulations, Dylan Fezell!”

Student Athlete Leader Award
This award is given to a student athlete that best exemplifies academic achievement and role modeling behavior. This student demonstrates excellence in the areas of leadership, ethical behavior, involvement in the out-of-class experience and good sportsmanship.

**Student Affairs Awardee: Brandon Orsich**
His nominators write “Brandon is an excellent role model and a true leader. He plays on the baseball team is a Certified Peer Educator, Orientation Leader and serves as a Lion Ambassador. I have been fortunate to have Brandon in several of my classes and can attest to his commitment to academic integrity and achievement. Brandon is a positive role model within the classroom and asking questions to deepen his own understanding and supporting his fellow peers in class discussions. Brandon’s positive attitude, humor and altruism are contagious to those around him and we are a stronger campus because of students like him.”
Laurel Award
This award is presented to an upper-class student who best represents our campus through academic achievement, contributions in student engagement activities and service to the campus.

Laurel Awardee: Nikol Chew
Her nominator writes “From my first encounter with Nikol, she left an impression on me as someone with a deep sense of commitment and intelligence for helping others. Nikol is active as a Lion Ambassador, active in the Human Development and Family Studies Club and member of Delta Mu Sigma Honor Society and she has also participated in events like Take Back the Night Event, the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes and was a part of our alternative spring break service trip to work on poverty and homelessness. It is clear to see Nikol’s dedication to social change. In addition, Nikol has done well academically as she balances her role as a student, working and maintaining her involvement in all her out of class activities.”

Eric A. and Josephine S. Walker Award
Presented annually in recognition of outstanding qualities of character, scholarship, leadership, and citizenship directed into programs and services that have contributed to the prestige and reputation of the University.

Walker Awardee: Heather Witherow
Her nominator writes “As a person, Heather is very passionate about affecting change and helping others”; has a “heart of service”; and “demonstrates an unquenchable thirst for affecting change”, as well as that she is “not just busy, she made a difference in every interaction” in the extensive list of clubs in which she was involved. Heather leaves a “lasting imprint with her peers, our local community, and our campus” and is very deserving of this award.
Delta Mu Sigma Special Awards

What most people know about Spartan culture is that culture comes from the 2007 movie 300, the true story of 300 Spartan men fighting to the death attempting to hold off a massive Persian army. But Spartan women were impressive in their own right: They were formally educated, independently minded, and possessed unprecedented freedoms and power. The same could be said for this year’s small group of Spartans, the winners of the Mansion Memorial Award, the Delta Mu Sigma Award, and the Delta Mu Sigma Scholarship.

Mansion Memorial Award
Presented to the Delta Mu Sigma members who has become an outstanding role model for other students and who has contributed significantly, responsibly, and consistently to Delta Mu Sigma for a minimum of one academic year.

Erika Sato  Addeson McAninch

Delta Mu Sigma Award
Presented to the Delta Mu Sigma member who has demonstrated the greatest promise and ability to become an outstanding leader and role model for other Delta Mu Sigma members.

Haley McAninch

Delta Mu Sigma Scholarship
Presented to an exemplary Delta Mu Sigma member, selected on the basis of outstanding service to Delta Mu Sigma and at least one other organization.

Haley McAninch

Honorary Delta Mu Sigma Membership
Presented to a member of the Greater DuBois community who exhibits the spirit of service embodied by Delta Mu Sigma.

Emma Roy
For “exhibiting the spirit of service embodied by Delta Mu Sigma” in her selfless and generous acts of sponsoring a fund-raising dinner and then auctioning her hair to help the Penn State DuBois students surpass their 2020 goal amount.

Susanne Waitkus Faculty Award
Delta Mu Sigma voting members select the faculty member(s) who has achieved the highest standards of academic excellent in his/her teaching.

All Spring 2020 faculty

Delta Mu Sigma Staff Award
This award is given to staff member(s) who has achieved the highest level of service to Delta Mu Sigma and the DuBois Campus community.

All Spring 2020 staff