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WELCOME

PRESIDENT HARVEY G. STENGER, THE BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, FACULTY, ALUMNI AND STUDENTS OF BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, ARE HONORED BY YOUR PRESENCE AT SPRING 2021 COMMENCEMENT.

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MESSAGE FROM THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT



G **RADUATES, PARENTS AND FRIENDS:** Commencement is always the highlight of the academic year, especially for

the students we are honoring, but also for their friends and family who supported them on their educational path. Faculty and staff, too, share in the excitement that Commencement inspires.

But this Commencement is especially sweet because it is the inaugural Commencement for the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. And what a milestone it is!

This Class of 2021 enrolled in a brand-new school that did not yet have its own home until one year later when students, faculty and staff moved into an ultramodern building in Johnson City. And, for the last three semesters, this class had a college experience virtually unparalleled in the University's history. COVID-19 interrupted the rhythms and rituals of the academic year, sending students home and requiring the mastery of new remote learning skills. The members of the Class of 2021 proved resilient and capable and have reached the culmination of their academic career at Binghamton, stronger for the obstacles they have had to overcome.

Our graduates have gained the experiences and knowledge that their careers and future engagements will demand of them. Ours is a University where students learn by doing, and our graduates have already proven themselves — winning competitions and scholarships; serving as leaders in local, state and national organizations; publishing papers that have gained acclaim from scientists and scholars; and bettering their communities through hands-on internships and practicums.

Our graduates have learned the practical, technical and professional skills that will enable success throughout their careers.

We saw this most clearly over the past year, as the Class of 2021 stepped up to the challenges posed by a world-wide pandemic, and their response will serve as an example for future classes — diving into the challenges of remote learning and volunteering for COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites. Throughout, the Class of 2021 has risen to the moment.

So let's applaud the achievements of a remarkable group of students and recognize the many faculty and staff who helped guide, mentor and challenge them. And most of all, we celebrate the families and friends whose support was crucial in this most challenging year.

Again, I want to congratulate our graduates. As scholars and engaged citizens, they are now ready to apply their talents “in the real world.” I know that whatever the future holds for them, they leave Binghamton with a strong foundation for success.

It has been a pleasure to witness the achievements of this inaugural Doctor of Pharmacy Class of 2021. Graduates, thank you for choosing Binghamton University and I hope that you will remain engaged with your alma mater.

Sincerely,

Harvey G. Stenger

President

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021, 10 A.M.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Leigh Briscoe-Dwyer

PHARMD, BCPS, FASHP



Leigh Briscoe-Dwyer currently serves as system director of pharmacy for the UHS Health System in Johnson City, NY. During her career of more than 30 years, she has worked in many leadership roles including as interim pharmacy leader for Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Mich.; vice president of network pharmacy for the Westchester County Medical Center Health System in Valhalla, NY.; vice president of clinical affairs at PharMEDium Services, a division of AmerisourceBergen; and chief pharmacy and medication safety officer for the North Shore – LIJ Health System.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Albany College of Pharmacy and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from St. John’s University. She maintains adjunct clinical faculty positions at the Binghamton University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, as well as at Albany College of Pharmacy and St. John’s University. She was a member of the New York State Board of Pharmacy for 10 years and served in several capacities, including as chair of the executive committee.

Briscoe-Dwyer is a past president of both the Long Island Society of Health-system Pharmacists and New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists, and has been named a Fellow of the American Society of Health-system Pharmacists. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Society of Health-system Pharmacists.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

CEREMONY OPENING

Grand Marshal Jill Dixon

NATIONAL ANTHEM

“The Star-Spangled Banner,” John Stafford Smith,
arr. Daniel Fabricius
John Isenberg, pianist
Kelsey Watts, vocalist

DEAN’S WELCOME AND REMARKS

Gloria E. Meredith

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Harvey G. Stenger

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Sarah Spinler

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Leigh Briscoe-Dwyer

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER

Rachael Perry

STUDENT SPEAKER’S REMARKS

Oluwafemi Popoola

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR AND CONFERRING OF DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREES

Dean Meredith
President Stenger

HOODING FACULTY

Sarah Lynch
William Eggleston

OATH OF A PHARMACIST

Gail B. Rattinger

ALMA MATER

“In the Rolling Hills of Binghamton,” words by Xin Engel,
music by David Engel ’86, arr. Daniel Fabricius
(*lyrics on back cover*)

John Isenberg, pianist
Kelsey Watts, vocalist

CEREMONY CLOSING

Grand Marshal Dixon

RECESSIONAL

Selections from “Water Music,” by G. F. Handel (1685-1759),
arr. Josiah Pitman

John Isenberg, pianist

PLATFORM PARTY

Harvey G. Stenger, President

Gloria E. Meredith, Founding Dean, Distinguished Professor,
Pharmaceutical Sciences

Leigh Briscoe-Dwyer, System Director of Pharmacy, UHS Health
System, Keynote Speaker

Jill Dixon, Grand Marshal, Associate University Librarian for
Public Services & Collections, Chair, Faculty Senate

William Eggleston, Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice

Sarah Lynch, Director, Skills Education, Clinical Assistant
Professor, Pharmacy Practice

Kathryn Grant Madigan, Esq., Chair, Binghamton University
Council

Pamela Mischen, Platform Party Marshal, Associate Professor,
Public Administration, Faculty Advisor to the President

Rachael Perry, Assistant Dean, Enrollment Management and
Student Affairs

Oluwafemi Popoola, Student Speaker

Gail B. Rattinger, Vice Dean, Professor and Chair, Health
Outcomes and Administrative Sciences

Sarah Spinler, Professor and Chair, Pharmacy Practice

FACULTY IN ATTENDANCE

Mohammad Ali, Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences

Aaron Beedle, Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences

Karenbeth Bohan, Professor, Pharmacy Practice

Tracy Brooks, Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences,
Menner Family Endowed Faculty Fellow

Anthony Di Pasqua, Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences

Bennett Doughty, Clinical Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice

Yerrib Hathout, Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences

Emily Leppien, Clinical Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice

Amanda Mogul, Clinical Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice

Kanneboyina Nagaraju, Professor and Founding Chair,
Pharmaceutical Sciences

Erin Pauling, Clinical Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice

Nathan Tumey, Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences

STUDENT REMARKS

Oluwafemi Popoola

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY



To the esteemed faculty, friends, family and graduates: Good morning. It is an honor to stand before you, my fellow classmates, graduates of Binghamton University's School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences' Inaugural Class of 2021. Congratulations! We did it — the 'Inaugural Class'!

You see a lot of people use that phrase and say it often, but I truly believe that for the rest of this school's history, no one will really know what it was like to be part of the inaugural class in those first semesters. So, before anything else, I'd like to take a moment to remind us, in case we've forgotten.

I know most of us can recall Dr. Hathout teaching our first lecture. I feel like I see that picture once a semester, but do you remember having to find Lecture Hall 9 on the main campus that first day, and then maneuvering through a sea of squeaky chairs that had no outlets? Or moving to G007, which I admit did have outlets but brought us a lot closer together than any of us could have ever imagined — literally? Do you remember trying to find a study space to study on campus while competing with the rest of the Binghamton University student body, especially during finals, until we experienced the joy of having a building that was ours? A space that was ours. And while that building remains our legacy for future classes to inherit, the inaugural title and subsequent story, Class of 2021, is ours forever.

I stand here before you, looking back on our four years together. Looking back on the trials turned triumphs, the obstacles turned opportunities, the setbacks turned successes, knowing that in each and every single one of us lies a story deserving of this podium. We did this. Against all odds, we did this. This is our moment. But now what? What next? What becomes of the inaugural class? It's a scary thought.

Whenever I think about the journey that lies ahead, I am reminded of post-market surveillance. To the non-graduates in the audience, it is the idea that even after rigorous testing, extensive quality control and countless hours put toward creating a safe and effective drug, there is still more information to be learned about the medication and its potential side effects that may be unforeseeable until fully introduced into the public. Now *that's* a scary thought.

But much like those drugs, even after completing a structured curricula to ensure we meet a standard of qualification to obtain our degree, there is still uncertainty as to how we will do as healthcare providers until we actually start doing it. So here are a few thoughts I've been trying keep in mind as we proceed:

1. "Rome wasn't built in a day, but it burned in one." The task at hand is a slow grind and does not take well to big mistakes. So, in patience, move slowly and cautiously.
2. "Anything worth doing, is worth doing right." This is a piece of advice I received from my mother, who never failed to let me know when she felt I could do better. There may not be a grade attached to our work, but it doesn't mean it's not important.

And this last piece should be highlighted in red (if you know, you know).

3. "Failure isn't the absence of success, it is the neglect of trying." You have to at least try. And if you try, genuinely, nothing can be considered a failure.

So get up, gear up and show up! We will be fine. We made it through that toughest semester — the first semester of our P2 year, and once again, if you know, you know!

To my parents, thank you for making me who I am today and for always being a shining beacon for where hard work, determination and a bit of love gets you. To the faculty, thank you for teaching, listening and encouraging even when the situations were difficult. To you, my classmates, thank you for learning with me, laughing with me and even teaching me. I am forever grateful to each and every one of you. And I hope you keep your clickers, because participation counts from here on out!

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREES

Mavis Adu-Bonsu
Umar Ahmed
Essam Aldoais
Christina Anderson
Tina Babu
Helen Benjamin
Jasmeen Bhangu
Caitlyn Brown
Cinthia Chang
Austin Cheung
Stephanie Chiu
Gloria Choy
Matthew Cocharo
Jessica Corbett
Lambert Egbuchulam
Shabeli Farooq
Katherine Felix
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Tristan Guillen
Mohammed Hossain
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Fatima Iqbal
Kimia Javadi
Romina Javadi
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Raisa Nishat
Ashley Oshiro
Oluwafemi Popoola
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Adolphus Tubianosa
Yvonne Xu
Jesslyn Zhang



ABOUT BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

Binghamton University opened its doors as Triple Cities College in 1946 to serve the needs of local veterans returning from service in World War II. Originally located in Endicott, five miles west of the present campus, the fledgling school was a branch of Syracuse University. Four years later, when the college was incorporated into the State University of New York, it was renamed Harpur College in honor of Robert Harpur, a Colonial teacher, patriot and pioneer who devoted his later years to settling the area around Binghamton.

Until 1953, Harpur College was one of only two public liberal arts colleges in the state. In 1961, the campus was moved across the Susquehanna River to Vestal. Growing enrollment and a reputation for excellence soon led to the selection of Harpur College as one of four doctorate-granting university centers in the state system. In 1965, the campus was formally designated the State University of New York at Binghamton. Binghamton University was adopted as its informal name in 1992.

Today, Binghamton University is known for the excellence of its students, faculty, staff and programs, and enrolls more than 18,000 students in programs leading to bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. More than 14,200 students are undergraduates and more than 3,700 are graduate students. Its curriculum, founded on the liberal arts, has expanded to include selected professional and graduate programs, including the new Doctor

of Pharmacy (PharmD) program launched in fall 2017, which is graduating its inaugural cohort this year.

The University offers more than 100 major degree programs across its academic divisions and is recognized as the most selective and prestigious university in the SUNY system. College guides such as the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* have dubbed Binghamton a “premier public university in the Northeast.” Students actively take part in internships, education-abroad programs, honors programs, Division I athletics and many of the 450+ student organizations on campus. They enjoy attractive, comfortable living-and-learning residences, and they give faculty high marks for being approachable and inspirational.

Binghamton's faculty and students come from more than 100 countries, bringing with them many different cultures and backgrounds and representing a wealth of ideas. It has an excellent research library, outstanding computer facilities, a superb performing arts center, a teaching greenhouse, a 190-acre Nature Preserve, an Events Center and more.

Binghamton is a highly regarded research university, yet, at the same time, is as accessible as a smaller school. Retention is well above national averages, and more undergraduates are admitted into nationally ranked, rigorous graduate programs than is the norm nationally for public research universities.

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GUEST INFORMATION

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Remain at least 6 feet apart from others at all times. Do not remove your mask while in the Anderson Center or on campus.

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

If you or someone in your party is in need of accessibility services, ask any volunteer in a Red Coat for assistance.

CEREMONY LENGTH

This ceremony should last approximately 60–90 minutes.

EMERGENCIES

Police and emergency medical staff are on site. If you need assistance, contact the closest usher. (Ushers can be identified by their Red Coat or volunteer name badges.) In the event of a fire alarm, the building's emergency horns will be activated. Guests should carefully exit the building through the nearest exit. Be aware that the closest exit may not be through the same doors through which you entered the building. Ushers will assist in the orderly evacuation of the building.

LISTING OF GRADUATES

Inclusion in the program does not constitute evidence of completion of degree. Candidates who filed a spring 2021 Graduate Application for Degree with the University's Student Records Office by March 27 are guaranteed to be in the program. Those filed after the deadline may or may not appear, depending on the date of submission.

PHONES

Guests are asked to silence cell phones for the duration of the ceremony. Your cooperation is appreciated.

PHOTOGRAPHY

So that all may enjoy the majesty and joy of the occasion, we ask guests to refrain from approaching the stage to take pictures during the ceremony. Photographers from GradImages will be photographing our graduates as they cross the stage. For information on how to order prints, visit gradimages.com.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located on the north side and the lower level west side of the Osterhout Concert Theater.

SEATING

Guests may remain seated during the processional. Stand to sing the national anthem. For purposes of decorum and the safety of all guests, we ask that the aisles remain clear during the ceremony. Guests are asked to remain seated until the platform party, faculty and graduates have recessed. Your cooperation is appreciated. There is handicap-accessible seating reserved throughout the theater and at the top of the theater. The stage is reserved for the platform party, senior administrators and faculty.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

Sign language interpreters will be visible on stage.

SOCIAL MEDIA

For pictures and ceremony information, follow Binghamton University on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat.

OATH OF A PHARMACIST

I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

- I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.
- I will apply my knowledge, experience and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.
- I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.
- I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.
- I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct.
- I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.
- I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

The revised Oath was adopted by the AACP House of Delegates in July 2007, and has been approved by the American Pharmacists Association.

The White Coat Ceremony is a significant and meaningful tradition that symbolizes students' commitment to the profession of pharmacy, and the professionalism that is expected of students within the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and in their eventual practice. Professionalism means to practice with excellence and accountability, and to always act with respect, honor and integrity.



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ALMA MATER

IN THE ROLLING HILLS OF BINGHAMTON

*Words by Xin Engel, music by David Engel '86,
arrangement by Daniel Fabricius*

In the rolling hills of Binghamton
'Neath everchanging skies
Where two gently flowing rivers meet,
We form our cherished ties.

Together we spend these years,
United in our aim.
Through our bold pursuit of excellence,
We proudly bear your name.

Chorus:

O Binghamton, we carry thee
With us for all our time
And through us individually
Forever may you shine.

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