



*Undergraduate  
Academic  
Convocation*

*2022*

# CONVOCAATION PROGRAM

## PROCESSIONAL

*Dr. Lori Dawson  
Professor, Department of Psychology*

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

*Dr. Lois Wims  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

## ALMA MATER

*Caitlyn Costello '13*

## WELCOME

*President Barry M. Maloney*

## BIENVENIDOS

*Dr. Maria Juncos-Gautier  
Executive Director, Latino Education Institute*

## INTRODUCTION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

*Dr. Lois Wims  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

## SALUTATIONS

*Erica Hanlon  
President, Student Government Association, Class of 2023*

## CONVOCAATION SPEAKER

*Seth A. Pitts '10*

## FACULTY SPEAKER

*Dr. Erika Briesacher  
Associate Professor, Department of History and Political Science*

## CLOSING REMARKS

*Dr. Lois Wims  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

***Reception immediately following in the Competition Gym.***

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# ACADEMIC CONVOCATION

Academic Convocation is designed to welcome you, WSU's new students, into our academic community and is meant to instill a sense of belonging as you transition into university life.



## ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Ceremonial garments are worn at academic functions. Distinctive markings on the gown and hood indicate the level and subject area of the degree earned as well as the institution granting the degree. The hood's inner lining identifies the institution at which the degree was earned; the velvet trim indicates the major field of study. The gown's cut signifies the level of degree attained, ranging from the simplicity of the bachelor's degree to the velvet panels and bell shaped sleeves of the doctorate gown. The cap or mortarboard is black with black tassels for holders of bachelor's and master's degrees. Gold tassels are reserved for those with doctoral degrees and for governing officers of educational institutions.



## ALMA MATER

Worcester State, our noble college, we take pride in you,  
As we gather gaining knowledge, we will e'er be true.  
When we came to our dear campus, strangers all were we,  
Forming bonds, we did with many, learning set us free.  
Years do pass at Worcester State and as we travel on,  
We'll recall the joys we had, our hearts will ne'er be gone.

Chorus:

Worcester State, listen!

Raise each voice, as we now sing your praise!  
Memories we all will cherish of our college days!

—Lyrics by Cynthia Talbert '57, M.Ed. '76



Special thanks go to the many WSU employees  
who organized the 2022 Academic Convocation.