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Some students met their requirements prior to December, but they had to wait until January to participate in this ceremony.

"I graduated in July, so I'm just here for the ceremony," Scott Mistysyn, Electrical Engineering Technology graduate, said.

For some non-traditional students, the road to graduation was a little bit longer than the standard four years.

"We're graduating and we're also Penn State employees," Marianne Dimatteo, education, training and development graduate, and Evelyn McClay, community psychology, said. "It seems like it took forever, but it feels good that we've got the support of the college and our families and coworkers."

Grandparents, aunts, uncles, children and spouses came to share the day with their relative who was graduating. All the family members expressed their pride.

"I think it's fantastic," Clara Murray, who was here to see her daughter, Cecilia Fuller, graduate. "She worked hard and she deserves it."

"I'm happy," Fuller's stepson, Richard, said. "I'm glad that she's graduating so I can spend more time with her."

"I'm thrilled," Jean Myers said of her daughter, Sherry Bartel, graduating.

"I'm very proud of her,"

Brian Martin said of his wife, Amy Martin.

Arlene Gladwell, who was happy to see her great nephew, Michael Brame, graduate, said "He worked so hard and I'm really proud of him."

The graduate who Dana King came to see was his mom, Louise King. "I didn't make it to her high school graduation," he said. "So I'm here and I'm impressed, very impressed."

Robert Crowell said, "I'm very happy to see my daughter Patricia Fleck graduating."

"I'm here to see my goddaughter, Lisa Brown, graduate," Karen Kneasel, said. "I'm very proud of her. She was determined to become a teacher and she did it."

Mary Conyers and her husband traveled quite a distance to see their daughter, Judith Elizabeth Conyers graduate. "We came up from Naples, Fla. to see our daughter be honored," she said. "We are very proud of her. She is the first one in the family to get her master's degree."

Conyers was not the only "first" at this graduation.

"We came to see my brother Robert Comine today," Vicki Comine said. "We feel great. He's the only one from our family who has graduated college."

The proud families snapped photos and some fought back tears as the graduates walked across the stage to be awarded their diplomas. After they became "official" college graduates, the excited students listened to Dr. Bruhn's special message.

Dr. Bruhn emphasized the significance of courage in the future of the graduates. "The key to success is

courage," he said. The following graduates

were in the top twelve percent of their graduating class: <u>Highest Distinction:</u>

- Donald S. Fegan
- Frank Holzel (4.0)
- Barbara A. Schaefer
- Carol A. Stamilio

High Distinction: -Julie F. DiDonna -Joseph H. Eberle III -Patricia R. Fleck -Jacob T. Gehman -Scott K. McIntyre -Stephanie Mihalcik -Tracey L. Oblinsky -Paul S. Petery -Wendy J. Schoke -Holly A. Shearer -Kellye A. Shultz -Suzanne G. Unger -Mary Louise Yanick

Distinction; -Bradley S. Canfield -Elizabeth L. Caralyus -Robert L. Clay -Jolynn E. Griffith -Allen D. Henn -Monica B. Klynoot -Denise A. Rowan -Sarah E. Sager -Theodore Smith -Tracy L. Swarr -Wendy C. Tomlinson -Randall O. Wenger

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