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Spring 1996 Student Government President Duane E. Brooks addressed his fellow graduates and spoke to them about the great academic traditions of Penn State Harrisburg that have grown since the college was founded 30 years ago.

"I am proud to be standing here today," said Brooks, "and I wish you the best of luck in your future."

Brooks concluded his speech by congratulating the candidates and reminding them to "always be Penn State proud."

Gerald K. Morrison, chair of the Penn State Harrisburg Board of Advisors, offered a message to students at both ceremonies.

Morrison told the graduates that they will be "building the foundation" for the rest of their lives in the next few years. He admonished them to do so with "industry and integrity."

He advised them to develop balance in their lives by saving time for their loved ones, but also taking the time to develop relationships with the colleagues and

associates that they will meet in their new careers.

Morrison closed his speech by telling the graduates, "I encourage you to use the education which you have achieved and, to quote one of the great philosophers of our time, Michael Jordan, 'JUST DO IT!'"

President of the Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Society Sharon K. Cole, officially inducted the graduates, PSH's newest alumni, into the Penn State Alumni Association and the Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Society. For every PSH graduate, there is no cost for the first year membership, which has full rights and privileges.

"Penn Staters are found in almost every walk of life," Cole said. "Statistically speaking, one in every 700 Americans holds a Penn State degree. Physically speaking, your are never far from a strong network of friends willing to help you be your best. Emotionally speaking, Hail Alma Mater, with your white and blue!"

Cole congratulated the graduates and told them to "Go forward now, carrying the flame of knowledge 'For the Glory of Old State'."

Following the alumni message, the undergraduate candidates were presented, the baccalaureate degrees were conferred, and diplomas awarded. The graduate candidates' were then presented, had their degrees conferred, and received their diplomas.

Provost Bruhn then offered a message to the graduates. For each commencement ceremony, morning and afternoon, he offered separate thoughts and closing remarks. For both, he spoke of dreams.

In the morning ceremony, Bruhn talked about determination and persistence. He told the graduates that a college degree is the "mechanism to begin to shape your life" that requires the application of "common sense, curiosity and a determination to succeed."

"Decide what it is you want in your life," he said. "Imagine it vividly. Then act on your desires. There are no impossible dreams." "You, too, can become anything you

want to through the magic of believing. You can do anything if you focus on how to do it rather than on why you can't," Bruhn said. He concluded his morning remarks with, "Follow your dreams. Embrace what you love and never give up."

In the provost's afternoon remarks he talked about setting and reaching goals by visualizing dreams coming true.

Bruhn closed his speech by advising the afternoon graduates to, "Decide what your next goal is and go after it. Live your life from your hopes, not from your memories and you will experience more celebrations like this one."

Penn State Harrisburg will celebrate its next commencement on December 14, 1996. This will also be a split ceremony with the Behavioral Sciences and Education, Humanities, and Public Affairs exercises starting at 9:00 a.m. At 12:00 p.m., the Business, and Science, Engineering and Technology students will graduate.

Spring Commencement will be May 18, 1997 with ceremonies at 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Penn State Harrisburg Spring 1996 Graduating Class Honors Group

Highest Distinction

Pamela L. Ellsesser (4.00)
Sandra M. Haverstra
Ruth Ann Neubold
Glenn W. Shultz
Lisa R. Sloane (4.00)
Julia L. Tilley
Virginia T. Walters
Karen R. Wilson (4.00)

Information Systems
American Studies
Humanities/Business
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Public Policy
Applied Behavioral Science
Elementary Education
Public Policy

High Distinction

Helen M. Alliston
Keith A. Bair
Michael A. Battista
Kevin M. Burkholder
J. Patrick Byrne
Frank J. Divonzo
Scott A. Duttera
Wendy J. Farver
Gina M. Fogarty
Laura A. French
Beth A. Griffiths
Tara R. Handling
Kori J. Helser
Allen D. Henn
Ruth C. Hodge
Brigitte E. Parvin
Nina M. Pennock
Mary C. Richart
David M. Rubando
Mark A. Stanton
Coleen M. Terry
Eric B. Thomas
Henrietta L. Tidwell
Barbara G. Zserai

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Environmental Engineering Technology
Psychology
Elementary Education
Elementary Education
Public Policy
Information Systems
Public Policy
Elementary Education
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Science
Science
Elementary Education
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Applied Behavioral Science
Elementary Education
Nursing
General Humanities
Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology
Elementary Education
Public Policy
Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology
Business Administration
Professional Accountancy

Distinction

Brian D. Balcom
Kerry C. Betz
John B. Childress
William T. Consugar
Staci M. Danner
Michelle Derr
Taryn N. Dixon
Mary E. Dunsleth
Jennifer L. Hoke
Andrea M. Julian
Lisa D. Lavendar
Julia M. Lobur
Dennis L. Nace
Sarah A. Neis
Nathan H. Oleweiler
Eugene M. Onacko
John J. Plomblino
Roger A. Reimold

Michael B. Stayman

Management
Electrical Engineering Technology
Professional Accountancy
Professional Accountancy
Elementary Education
Management
Public Policy
Nursing
Computer Science
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