

**Spring 2012 Alternate Commencement Ceremony
Track and Field Graduates
Sunday, May 6, 2012
Tuscarora Room • Reisner Hall**

Good afternoon and thank you for being here today at a very special celebration. We are here to celebrate another wonderful season by the track and field teams and to celebrate the graduation of a group of outstanding seniors. Two events highlight the life of a university: new students moving on to campus and seniors graduating. In between are the experiences and the moments that will fill your memories forever.

Mahatma Gandhi said:

- Keep your thoughts positive — because your thoughts become your words.
- Keep your words positive — because your words become your behavior.
- Keep your behavior positive — because your behavior becomes your habits.
- Keep your habits positive — because your habits become your values.
- Keep your values positive — because your values become your destiny.

You have learned much at Ship. You have become individuals in whom your family and your *Alma Mater* take great pride. You are truly the best Ship has to offer, and for that we are deeply grateful.

Dr. Barbara Lyman, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, will present the candidates for baccalaureate degrees.

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Provost Lyman: Will the candidates for baccalaureate degrees please rise. I have the honor to present for graduation and for the degrees of:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Science in Education
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Social Work

Those students who have completed the requirements for these degrees and who have been recommended by the faculty to receive these degrees

President Ruud: By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors, and the Council of Trustees, as President of Shippensburg University, and upon recommendation of the faculty, I confer upon each of you who has successfully completed a curriculum in the arts and sciences, business, or education and human services, the degree of bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of science in education, bachelor of science in business administration or bachelor of social work with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto. At this time you may change your tassel.

Provost Lyman: Diplomas will be presented by Deans Dr. John Kooti, John L. Grove College of Business; Dr. James Johnson, College of Education and Human Services; and Dr. James Mike, College of Arts and Sciences. Will the degree recipients please come forward?

In a few short months, the class of 2016 will be here to begin its journey toward where you are now. Like you they will become part of the continuing legacy that symbolizes the Ship family. From this member of the family, thank you for making this a memorable day, and thank you for making Shippensburg University the wonderful place it is.