

WILKES UNIVERSITY'S SEVENTIETH ANNUAL

Spring Commencement

FOR THE CONFERRING OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Saturday, May Twentieth Two-thousand and seventeen • 3 p.m.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
Through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched,
Were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare,
The bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there.
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave?

Words by Francis Scott Key Arranged by John Philip Sousa Harmonized by Walter Damrosch

ALMA MATER

Wilkes, our Alma Mater, We pledge our hearts to thee, Honor, faith, and courage, Truth and loyalty, In our work and in our pleasure, Guide us as a friend; We shall always love thee, Loyal to the end. Thou shalt lead us onward In search of finer things. May we find the wisdom That thy spirit brings. May our deeds of love and service Ever swell thy fame — Wilkes, we stand to greet thee! Glory to thy name.

Words and Music by Eleanor C. Farley



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Order of Exercises

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WELCOME		
•	Senior Vice President and Provost	
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INVOCATION	Coordinator, Campus Interfaith	
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CASARA MARIE McCLEAF
Member of the Class of 2017

Order of Exercises

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE

JOHN J. PASSAN Doctor of Humane Letters

Music Provided By:

Wilkes University Commencement Band Dr. Philip G. Simon, Conductor

Wilkes University Commencement Choir Dr. Steven Thomas, Conductor

Ceremony Interpreted By:

Jamie Lynne Hill 360 Translations International, Inc.

HONORARY DEGREE

Because you were born and raised in Wilkes-Barre and have remained here, committed to our community's success; because you served your country honorably in the United States Navy and took advantage of the GI Bill to further your education; because your entrepreneurial spirit has resulted in successful business ventures for the past 65 years that contribute to the economic vitality of Northeastern Pennsylvania; because you are committed to providing opportunity for your employees to raise and educate their families, assuring that generations past, present and future are able to fulfill their hopes and dreams; because your personal benefactions, and that of the Passan Family Foundation, have resulted in gifts to education and health care that will positively impact long into the future this region's quality of life; and because you have built businesses from scratch and created resources that you openly share to sustain our community and better enable its members to prosper and live well, by the power vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I confer upon you, John J. Passan, the Doctor of Humane Letters degree, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.

AWARDS

THE MABLE SCOTT WANDELL AND STERLING LEROY WANDELL AWARDS JOSHUA WILLIAM REIGHTLER '17 ERIKA LYNN ZARFOSS '17

These awards are presented to the man and woman who have attained the highest academic average for the four years at Wilkes University.

Presentation by ANNE A. SKLEDER Senior Vice President and Provost

This annual prize recognizes an individual from the Wilkes community who by vote of a select committee, exemplifies moral courage, perseverance, formidable faith and a sense of unwavering optimism.

Presentation by PAUL S. ADAMS Vice President, Student Affairs

ALUMNI AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP......Casara Marie McCleaf '17

This award is given by the Wilkes University Alumni Association to the member of the graduating class considered to have made the strongest contributions to student life and the student activities program of the University.

Presentation by MICHAEL G. NOONE '97 Wilkes University Alumni Association

ARMED FORCES RESERVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE............ Matthew Tyler Augilar '17
Torrey Shimp '17
Matthew Anthony Winger '17

Presentation by JOHN J. BAUM IV Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force

The Passan School of Nursing

Dr. Deborah Zbegner, Dean

Thomas Lloyd Adams Kristi Allyn Bauer Carrie Ann Buchalski

²³ Kimberly Ann Cain, Cum Laude Jonathan Andrew Canfield

²³ Anthony A. Capozucca, Cum Laude Emilie Anne Chaparro Maria Rosa Chirico

⁵ Corie Lynn Cook Katelin Ann Coolbaugh Jennifer Marie Cuozzo Kyla Decker

Nicholas Jay Dopko, Cum Laude
 Kayla Marie Eaton, Cum Laude

Danielle Marie Eckert
Anya L. Edwards
Ronald Rafael Espinosa

²³ Grace Marie Fazzi Kyleigh Nickole Fiske Brianne Elizabeth Frascella

²³ Kenna Joy Gately

²³ Sarah Beth Gillette, Magna Cum Laude

²³ Kira Marie Graziano, Cum Laude

²³ Erika Marie Grula, Cum Laude Kathleen Grundowski Amy Victoria Heydt Nadine M. Jones Michele Karchner, Magna Cum Laude Mary Elizabeth Karis Genevieve Renea Konopinski

²³ Emma C. Kraemer, Cum Laude Mariah Ann Kresefski Elizabeth T. Kroon Katelyn Ann Laskowski

^{1,23} Elizabeth Ann Lisiecki, Magna Cum Laude Patrick William Loube Melanie Rose Lumi Hailley Marie Malenovitch, Magna Cum Laude McKenzie A. McDonough Mark D. Misczenski, Jr.

²³ Matthew Ryan Moore Andrea Nicole Morgan Tiffany Chanel Morgan Madison Victoria Myers

5,23 Shana Noon, Cum Laude
 Tina Marie Olson
 Gabrielle Marie Osmanski
 Kelsey Anne Owen
 Rose Marie Polney, Cum Laude

²³ Angela Fabiana Quarno, Cum Laude

Larissa Elizabeth Ressler

5,23 Ciana Marie Rollman
 23 Gabriella Ann Scholes
 Donna Renée Sherman

* Rosemarie Sitch
Kayla Sokola
Lauren E. Spak
Heather Lynn Sterling
Amanda Lee Treiber
Kelly Nicole Trzaska
Marcos Ali Urbina

Ariel Velez

Marissa Lee Viglianti Ashley René Warren Donna Marie Wilde-Dawson

²³ Christopher Lee Yokimcus, Summa Cum Laude

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Dr. Paul T. Riggs, Dean

Communication Studies

 Sarah May Bedford, Summa Cum Laude Meghan A. Burns Jacob James Chielli
 William Storm Deemer
 Peter M. Feno, Magna Cum Laude Accounting, Second Degree
 Jennifer M. Flynn
 Gabrielle Glinski 5,10 Kimberly Ann Hein

¹⁰ Rachel Leandri, Summa Cum Laude Mark William Makowski, Jr. Lyndsey Marie Danielle Malarkey

1, 10, 18 Alyssa Mursch, Summa Cum Laude

¹⁰ Annelise Marie Przywara, Summa Cum Laude

10 Taylor Marie Ryan, Cum Laude

²² Zachary M. Smith

Criminology

² Brianna Nicole Baumunk Sociology, Second Major Cory Todd Fleming

² Tanner Geake Sociology, Second Major Jessica Marie Grable Sociology, Second Major

* Emily Grullon Sociology, Second Major Kevin David Klatt, Jr. Sociology, Second Major Kimberly Ann Koller

² Taylor Levitsky Sociology, Second Major Olivia Doreen Macdonald

² Jonathan M. Palochko Sociology, Second Major Ondre Tramell Roberts, Jr. Ammar Sabanovic Torrey Shimp Scott Douglas Vandine Sociology, Second Major

Digital Design and Media Art

David D. Graff, Magna Cum Laude
²² Nicole A. Kutos, Summa Cum Laude
English, Second Degree

James Musto, Summa Cum Laude William R. Richardson Israel Lee Rodriguez, Jr., Summa Cum Laude

English

John Carroll

 Mary Katherine Cordisco, Cum Laude Philosophy, Second Major
 Ryan J. Gallagher

*,22 Robert Hildenbrand

Nicole A. Kutos, Summa Cum Laude Digital Design and Media Art, Second Degree Jacob Mensinger
Philosophy, Second Major

²² Michael Louis Morrison

Madeline Powell, Cum Laude Tyler Stewart Richardson

²² Christopher Victor Santo, Cum Laude

²² Jocelyn Sickler, Summa Cum Laude

History

14,18 Harry M. Gothreau, Cum Laude
 Political Science, Second Major

 1,11,12,14 Melyssa Nicole Laureano, Magna Cum Laude
 Secondary Education, Second Major

Individualized Studies

Vanessa Ann Serano, Cum Laude Marketing, Second Degree 1,11,12,14 Anthony A. Richards, Magna Cum Laude

Alpha Chi
 Alpha Kappa Delta
 Chi Alpha Epsilon
 Lambda Pi Eta
 Kappa Delta Pi
 Pennsylvania Teacher Certification
 Pi Alpha Theta
 Pi Sigma Alpha
 Sigma Tau Delta
 Tom Bigler Scholar
 Degree in Absentia

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences — Continued

Integrative Media

Zachary A. Berg Brian Finnerty * Jesse Grant Goble Willard Hauze III Kevin John Schiel, Summa Cum Laude

International Studies

Jillian Taylor Ehret
Political Science, Second Major

Neuroscience

¹⁹ Rachel Kathryn Egan, Cum Laude Loreal Lyback Aaron Robert Piavis, Summa Cum Laude Daniel Joseph Tomko Psychology, Second Degree

Political Science

Julia Baranov, Cum Laude

¹⁸ Whitley H. Culver, Cum Laude Emma Catherine Leach

¹⁸ Courtney Nichole Moyer, Magna Cum Laude Criminology, Second Major Sociology, Third Major 18,22 Christie M. O'Brien, Magna Cum Laude Mason James Schuler

¹⁸ Evan Patrick Sedor, Summa Cum Laude

Psychology

Kasaundra Barclav

¹⁹ Bryan Marcel Bilbao, Magna Cum Laude Nicholas J. Brady Shariece Brittingham Rachel Lynn Brozusky

¹⁹ Sydney Catherine Calkins Michael James Callagy Anthony Dominic Chielli Maria E. Chielli, Cum Laude Jessica Ella Congdon Caroline Connor

* Emily Coolbaugh

Danica M. DeMesa, Summa Cum Laude Callie E. Flowers Jonathan Bruce Gorlesky Megan A. Grabowski, Magna Cum Laude Jenna Graziano Criminology, Second Major 19 Taylor Sarah Hoffmann, Magna Cum Laude

14,19 Derek D. Jolley, Magna Cum Laude Timothy Joseph Lindner Criminology, Second Major Sociology, Third Major

¹⁹ Emily Elizabeth Maculloch, Cum Laude

1,19 Katharine Rose Marianacci, Summa Cum Laude

¹⁹ Lydia G. Marvin Brian Murray

¹⁹ Shelby Linn Petro, Summa Cum Laude Adrianna Lynann Stares Daniel Joseph Tomko Neuroscience, Second Degree Taylor P. oso Wright

Taylor Rose Wright

Makayla M.Yoder

* Yu Zhao Vanessa Zottoli

1 Alpha Chi

14 Phi Alpha Theta

¹⁸ Pi Sigma Alpha

19 Psi Chi

²² Sigma Tau Delta

*Degree in Absentia

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences — Continued

Sociology

Brooke Kubinski Breanna Marie Moughan Jacob Irvin Schannauer

Spanish

Gabrielle Leah Gardner, Cum Laude Criminology, Second Major Sociology, Third Major ²⁶ Nadine Oma Malik, Cum Laude

Guesseppe Rea Tyler Scott Shobert

Bachelor of Arts

Jonathan Robert Ratchko
Posthumously

Biology, Second Degree

The School of Education

Dr. Rhonda M. Rabbitt, Dean

Elementary & Early Childhood Education

11,12 Alissa B. Cimakosky, Magna Cum Laude

5,11,12 Karissa Rose Hensel, Cum Laude

11,12 Sarah Rose Kennedy

11,12 Marissa Oertner, Cum Laude

12 Alexandra Picaboo Paskas, Summa Cum Laude

11,12 Kristen Ann Santey, Magna Cum Laude

11,12 Jennifer Marie Schlegel, Magna Cum Laude

11,12 Lennae Jane Thompson, Cum Laude

11,12 Amy Trathen, Summa Cum Laude

¹² Anthony Dante Trotta, Cum Laude

Middle Level Education

12,22 Andrea Justine Circelli

¹² Jessica Lynn Sims

Secondary Education

^{4,11,12} Jason Marshall Walker, Summa Cum Laude Biology, Second Degree

⁴ Beta Beta Beta

⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon
 ²² Sigma Tau Delta

11 Kappa Delta Pi

12 Pennsylvania Teacher Certification

²⁶ Pre-Medical Scholar * Degree in Absentia

The College of Science and Engineering

Dr. William B. Hudson, Dean

Applied Engineering Sciences

Rebecca K. Kilkenny

Robert Slusher

Biology

- ⁴ Brittany Rose DeArmitt, Magna Cum Laude Austin Bryan Ford
- 4,26 Eric Edward Hammond, Cum Laude
- ⁴ Andrew Daniel Hasuga, Magna Cum Laude
- ^{4,26} Matthew K. Kaster, Magna Cum Laude Devon Elisabeth Kriebel, Cum Laude
- ²⁶ Nadine Oma Malik, Cum Laude Spanish, Second Degree
- ^{4,7} Abigail Rose Mikolon, Magna Cum Laude Neuroscience, Second Major
- ⁴ Chloe Beth Musselman, Magna Cum Laude
- * Jared M. Nicholoff
- ^{4,7} Dominic Jan Parfianowicz, Summa Cum Laude Jacob Fabian Parfianowicz, Cum Laude Yesha Patel

- ^{4,7} David Florin Pupaza, Summa Cum Laude Roberto Ramirez Evan Morgan Rider Madison Chelsea Salmon
- 1,4,7,26 Amanda Schall, Summa Cum Laude
 - 4,7 Christina Bonnie Shonk, Summa Cum Laude Brianna Rose Smarkusky Posthumously
- ^{4,7,26} Sergey Svintozelskiy, Summa Cum Laude
 - ⁴ Christa Noelle Talpash Santana Velez
- ^{4,11,12} Jason Marshall Walker, Summa Cum Laude Secondary Education, Second Degree
 - 4,7 Matthew P.Yatison, Summa Cum Laude
 - ⁴ Michael L. Yucha, Ir., Cum Laude

Biochemistry

Sarah Caitlin Hankey David Scott Hontz, Cum Laude Jared Luchetta, Cum Laude

* Travis Allen Weaver

Chemistry

Jarret S. Colvin, Cum Laude Emily E.I. Gruver Rachael E. Hohol, Cum Laude

Computer Information Systems

Muteb Abdulaziz Alolayan Jeremy Labatch Jesse McDermott

Computer Science

Daniel Jacob Martin, Cum Laude Mathematics, Second Major Joseph E. Ruiz Corey Smithmyer, Magna Cum Laude

Earth and Environmental Sciences

Nathaniel Bowman Zackary Milton Chiasson Kayla Creedon ^{11,12} Allen Rundquist, *Magna Cum Laude* Jenna Margaret Youkoski

¹ Alpha Chi ⁴ Beta Beta Beta ¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification Honors in Biology
 Pre-Medical Scholar

¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi * Degree in Absentia

The College of Science and Engineering - Continued

Electrical Engineering

Matthew Tyler Aguilar, Cum Laude
Mohammed Farhan Alanazi
Fahad Abdullah Alsabr
Wessam Radi Alshakal
Paul M. Altavilla, Cum Laude
Shane Bleicher Otto
Joshua C. Brown, Cum Laude
Physics, Second Degree
Kayla Lynn Gradwohl, Cum Laude
Cameron Thomas Kazokas, Magna Cum Laude

Michael Kosik

⁹ Jared T. Kukosky, Cum Laude Mechanical Engineering, Second Degree Awad Hussain Sabban Allison N. Smith, Magna Cum Laude Bartlomiej Oskar Szostak

1,9 Michael Szumski, Summa Cum Laude

⁹ Kevin D.Volkel, Summa Cum Laude Mitchell Zelasko

Engineering Management

Abdullah Fahad Almutiry

Naeef Mohammed Binfaisl

Environmental Engineering

Abdullah Khaled AlKasar Branden Bialek

⁹ Hayley Conner Bundz, Summa Cum Laude Alyson Laura Kapun Ryan A. Rompolski

- ⁹ Michael Valentine Sabon IV, Cum Laude Patricia Thomas, Cum Laude
- ⁹ Nia R. Williams, Cum Laude Devin Zurawski

Mathematics

¹ Casara Marie McCleaf, Summa Cum Laude Computer Science, Second Major * Christopher Francis Ruffo

Mechanical Engineering

5 Nuzhat Ahmed Sultan Abdullah Aljulaud Osama Nasser Almitwazi Abdulmajeed Mohammed Almutairi Yazeed Alshehri Mujtaba Alyousef Mustafa Alzaid Michael Letrel Fitz Samantha Marie Gow

- 9 Scott J. Grassi, Cum Laude
- ⁹ Michael L. Hadid, Cum Laude
- ⁹ Daniel D. Hartung, Magna Cum Laude Mahmoud Kazimi
- ⁹ Lucas Allen Kline, Magna Cum Laude
- ⁹ Jared T. Kukosky, Cum Laude Electrical Engineering, Second Degree
- ⁹ Seth Kunkel, Summa Cum Laude Trevor Aaron McNulty

Sean Harry Miller Vincent M. Nicolich Mark A. OHara John D. Platt Austin T. Quiroz

- ⁹ Joshua William Reightler, Summa Cum Laude Nicholas Rentschler Physics, Second Major
- 1,9 Nicholas M. Scupski, Summa Cum Laude
- ⁹ Stephen H. Seibert, Summa Cum Laude Tyler G. Seiverd
- Abdulrahman Majdi Sheikh, Cum Laude Joshua Slocum
 Luke David Tamburello Stephen James Tolerico
- ⁹ John Edward Vols, Cum Laude John Matthew Wenk

¹ Alpha Chi ⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon

⁹ Honors in Engineering

^{*} Degree in Absentia

The College of Science and Engineering - Continued

Medical Laboratory Science

Badriya Fehan Alroogi

Physics

Joshua C. Brown, Cum Laude Electrical Engineering, Second Degree

Bachelor of Science

Andrew Josiah Love, Magna Cum Laude

Wilkes University-MCP Hahnemann University School of Medicine

John Mark Prater, Summa Cum Laude

Wilkes University-Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

⁴ Sagar Vinay Desai, Summa Cum Laude

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

Dr. Abel Adekola, Dean

Accounting

* Adrian Balbin Gabrielle Ann Baran, Magna Cum Laude

* Stephen Vincent Bidgood
Patrick Steven Condo
Sports Management, Second Major
Rvan Stephen Dailey

* Frank Diazlopez, Cum Laude
Shuying Dong
Collin John Farnham
Peter M. Feno, Magna Cum Laude
Communications, Second Degree
Edwin Fiscal
Spencer Alan Frantz

1.6 Kimberly Marie Keller, Summa Cum Laude Kevin Francis Lopatofsky

*.6 Matthew S. Nevers, Cum Laude Christopher James Nixon, Cum Laude Dakota Rowan John T. Scalese, Cum Laude Finance, Second Major

⁶ John Stoner, Cum Laude Brian Patrick Surdovel Marketing, Second Degree

¹ Lauren Nicole West, Summa Cum Laude Finance, Second Degree Evan Noel Witmer

Business Administration

⁶ Amber Marie Flynn, Cum Laude

Theresa Ann Rule, Cum Laude

Entrepreneurship

Taylor A. Baker, Magna Cum Laude

Ryan J. Dupre
Troy Everetts, Cum Laude
Britton Heim, Summa Cum Laude
Jeffrey C. F. Horwith
Management, Second Major
Zijie Huang

Quinn William Kelly

Emelie Meinhart, Cum Laude
Marketing, Second Major
Jordan Robert Nochimson

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Marketing, Second Major

Kyle Schopf

Finance

⁶ Mohammad Hussain Alkhater, Cum Laude

Mudhar Al Khater, Cum Laude
 Hassan Alqahtani
 Dominick Phillip Ammirato
 Ryan Steven Fletcher

* Brandon Tyler Johnson, Summa Cum Laude Ryan P. Jones Alaa Faisal Kurdi, Cum Laude Bradley Shea Lord Paul Martin

* Aubrey Allen McCown, Magna Cum Laude Allen J. Peterson

1,6 Christopher Ryan Rasinger, Summa Cum Laude

1,6 Matthew Havens Reese, Summa Cum Laude Sports Management, Second Degree

 Lauren Nicole West, Summa Cum Laude Accounting, Second Degree Matthew Anthony Winger

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership - Continued

Management

Mohammed Fraih Alanazi -Khalid Khalaf Alanzi, *Magna Cum Laude* Ahmed Albariqi

* Mohammed Abdullah Aljurbua Mansur Naif Alqurashi Abdulaziz Naser Alsagabi

* Julissa Alvarez

⁵ Lacey A. Bixler ^{1,6} Andrey I. Boris, Summa Cum Laude

Marketing, Second Major
Pankil Chander
Sports Management, Second Major
Alanna Mari Denauski
Kendall Marie Eichen
Hatem Kasib Enizy

Marketing, Second Major Abdullah Ali Fallata

* Susan Jean Gerencser, Magna Cum Laude

Brandon Thomas Gubitosa Troy Michael Haas Sports Management, Second Major Taylor Marie Higgins

⁶ Nathan Thomas Hughes, Cum Laude Sports Management, Second Major Mitchell Kotarski

Gareth William Kyriacopoulos Adam M. Lefkandinos

Sports Management, Second Major

William R. Miller, Cum Laude Sports Management, Second Major Cassidy J. Musser

Adnan Abdulnasser Salamah

Taylor Scott Schermerhorn Sports Management, Second Major

Matthew C. Snyder Sports Management, Second Major

Alden Michael Whah

Marketing

Mohammed Abalkhail Anthony James Amos, *Cum Laude* James Joseph Brown, Jr. *Management, Second Major* Lauren Catherine Brunner

* Samuel Wright Douglas Farnsworth, Cum Laude

* Cristian Garcia, Summa Cum Laude Ciera Jayne Kobal Christian J. Oakes
Havier S. Rodriguez
Justin Schoennagle
Vanessa Ann Serano, Cum Laude
Individualized Studies, Second Degree
Brian Patrick Surdovel

Accounting, Second Degree
5.6 Valerie Anne Woods, Summa Cum Laude
Management, Second Major

Sports and Event Management

Kelly Alexander Pullen

Spor ts Management

Matthew J. Endres
Justin Matthew Francis
Management, Second Major
Johnny Lee Jan, Jr., Cum Laude
Management, Second Major

^{1,6} Matthew Havens Reese, Summa Cum Laude Finance, Second Degree Management, Second Major

¹ Alpha Chi

⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon

⁶ Delta Mu Delta

* Degree in Absentia

Scholarly Societies and Special Designations

- Denotes Membership in Alpha Chi, the National College Honor Scholarship Society.
- ² Denotes Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Honorary Society in Sociology.
- ³ Denotes Membership in the Eta Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the honor society recognizing the academic excellence of adult part-time students.
- ⁴ Denotes Membership in Beta Beta Beta, the National Honorary Society in Biology.
- Denotes Membership in Chi Alpha Epsilon, the Honorary Society which recognizes students who were admitted to the University through Higher Education Access Opportunity programs.
- Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.
- Denotes Honors in Biology.
- 8 Denotes Honors in English.
- ⁹ Denotes Honors in Engineering.
- Denotes Membership in Lambda Pi Eta, the National Honorary Society in Communications.
- Denotes Membership in the Phi Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honorary Society in Education.
- ¹² Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.
- 13 Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Principal Certification.
- Denotes Membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honorary Society in History.
- ¹⁵ Denotes Membership in Phi Lambda Sigma, the Pharmacy Leadership Society.
- ¹⁶ Denotes Membership in Phi Sigma Tau, the National Honor Society in Philosophy.
- ¹⁷ Denotes Membership in Pi Kappa Delta, the National Honorary Forensic Society.
- Denotes Membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.
- ¹⁹ Denotes Membership in Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology.
- Denotes Membership in Phi Eta Sigma, the National Honor Society for College Freshmen.
- Denotes Membership in Rho Chi, the National Honor Society in Pharmacy.
- ²² Denotes Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary Society in English.
- Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing.
- ²⁴ Denotes Membership in and acknowledgment by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.
- ²⁵ Denotes Tom Bigler Scholar.
- ²⁶ Denotes Pre-Medical Scholar.
- ²⁷ Denotes Membership in the National Student Nurses Association.
- ²⁸ Denotes Membership in Sigma Alpha Pi, the National Society of Leadership and Success.
- * Degree in Absentia

Academic Awards

Pi Sigma Alpha Award in Political Science
Outstanding Graduate in Psychology
BIOLOGY & HEALTH SCIENCES

Outstanding Research Award
Christina Shonk
Matthew Yatison
Outstanding Scholar (highest GPA)
Rosenthal Award Devon Kriebel
Devoit Kitcher
ENTREPRENEURSHIP, LEADERSHIP STUDIES, MARKETING+ SPORTS MANAGEMENT
Academic Achievement Award - EntrepreneurshipBritton Heim
Academic Achievement Award - Marketing
Academic Achievement Award in Sports Management
Dean's Award for Excellence in EntrepreneurshipBritton Heim
Dean's Award for Excellence in Marketing
Deans' Award in Excellence in Sports Management Zyairé Crowder
FINANCE, ACCOUNTING, MANAGEMENT
Academic Achievement Award - Accounting Lauren West
Academic Achievement Award - Business Administration
Academic Achievement Award - Finance
Academic Achievement Award - Management Andrey Boris
Academic Achievement Award - MBALinda Evans
Academic Achievement Award - MBA
Academic Achievement Award - MBAJoseph Buffa
Academic Achievement Award - MBA
PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting
Professor Ted Engle Award for Excellence in Finance
Dean's Award for Excellence in ManagementNathan Hughes
CHEMISTRY
Alfred E. Bastress Award for Senior Research
American Chemical Society Section Award
David Hontz
Catherine M. Bone Award for Outstanding
Academic Achievment and Service
COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES
Communications Studies Award
Tom Bigler Scholars Award
TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM
Outstanding Elementary+Early Childhood
Teacher Education Student
Outstanding Middle Level Teacher Education Student
Outstanding Secondary Teacher Education StudentJason Walker

Academic Awards (continued)

Outstanding Special Education Teacher Education Student
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & PHYSICS Dr. Umid R. Nejib Award for Outstanding Achievement in Electrical Engineering
James Toole Outstanding Electrical Engineering Graduate Student
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING + ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT
Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical EngineeringStephen Seibert Top Academic Performer in Mechanical EngineeringJoshua Reightler Nicholas Scupski
Mechanical Engineering Service Award
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING & EARTH SCIENCES Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Science
ENGLISH Annette Evans Humanities Award
Frank J. J. Davies Award - Digital Humanities Track
GLOBAL HISTORY & LANGUAGES Phi Alpha Theta Book Award
INTEGRATIVE MEDIA & ART Outstanding Achievement in Integrative Media and Art
Richard Fuller Excellence in the Arts Award
MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE James G. DeCosmo Award in Mathematics

Academic Awards (continued)

NURSING Outstanding Clinical Practice Award
PERFORMING ARTS Music Award
COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Outstanding Graduate for the College of Arts,
Humanities, and Social Sciences
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING Outstanding Graduate for the College of Science and Engineering Amanda Schall Casara McCleaf
SIDINI SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
SIDHU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS Outstanding Graduate for the Jay S. Sidhu School of BusinessChristopher Rasinger
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
Outstanding Graduate for the College of EducationJason Walker
PASSAN SCHOOL OF NURSING
Outstanding Graduate for the Passan School of NursingShana Noon

Extracurricular and Leadership Awards

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OFFICE OF ATHLETICS Scholar Athlete of the Year	Matthaux Dagga
Scholar Athlete of the Year	Ally Paskas
Athlete of the Year	Courtney Murphy
	Jordan Vasarkovy
Colonels Elite	
	Joseph Champi Corey Cowitch
	Elena Denger
	Tyler Derby
	Joshua Evans
	Alexa Flood
	Thurman Fogleman
	Corey Hauser
	Nathan Hunter Marissa Oertner
	Micaela Oliverio
	Daniel Sales
	David Sinegra
	Kaitlyn Sitch
	Dylan Smith
	Emily Sofranko Courtney Stanley
	Emily Sutton
	Shelby Trumbo
	Haley Welker
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS STUDI	ES
Outstanding Leadership & Service Award	
OFFICE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT Community Outreach Award	Flliot DeMesa
Community Engagement Award	Kimberly Hein
Community Engagement Award	Rachael Leandri
Community Engagement Award	Nathan Hughes
Outstanding Volunteer Award	Lennae Thompson
Outstanding Volunteer Award	Karissa Hensel
Alternative Spring Break Leader Award	Zyaire Crowder
OFFICE OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATION	
Outstanding Senior Intern	Sydney Calkins
Keith Topfer Memorial Award	Kaitlyn Sitch Michael Hadid
	Michael madid
Department of Education	0 1 0 11
Teacher Education Service Award	Casandra Cerulli
CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION & DIVER	
Nada Vujica Memorial Award	Hussain Alrumaym

Extracurricular and Leadership Awards (continued)

PASSAN SCHOOL OF NURSING	
Nursing Leadership Award	Anthony Capozucca
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OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE Resident Assistant	Heath Drosch
resident Assistant	Christy Taylor
	Vanessa Ejiofor
	Jayden Hensley
	Catherine Sarver
	Cassandra Morey
	Ian Ralston
	John Vols
	Casara McCleaf
	Danica DeMesa
	Larissa Ressler
	Lucas Kline
	Nia Williams
	Shane Bleicher Otto
	Michael Sabon
	Sarah Kennedy
	Bryan Bilbao
	Shana Noon
	Alexander Harrington
	Valerie Woods
	Matthew Reese
Outstanding Senior R.A Award	Catharina Samon
Oustanding Schol RA Award	Casara McCleaf
	Casara MicCicar
OFFICE OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT	
e-Mentor	
	Elliot DeMesa
	Scott Vandine
	Christian Giovannini
	Keri Diehl
	Kara Serfass
	Dominika Foltyn
	Spencer Frantz
	John Scalese
	Lacey Bixler
	Jenna Graziano
	Anya Edwards Gabrielle Glinski
	Kimberly Hein
	Nicole Kutos
	Emma Leach
	Ziimia Deden
STUDENT GOVERNMENT	
Faculty Choice Award	Debra Chapman

Extracurricular and Leadership Awards (continued)

Air Force ROTC Distinguished Graduate and

Recipient of the 2017 Flyboys Award.... 2nd Lieutenant Matthew Anthony Winger Presented by Flyboys U.S. Army Air Corps
6th College Training Detachment, Bucknell University Junior College (1943-44)

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Academic Costume

The celebration of Commencement is surrounded by rich traditions. The established community of scholars — the Faculty — convene to recognize officially the newest group of proven scholars — the Graduates — and welcome them in fellowship. Graduates don the attire that for years has symbolized scholarly attainment.

During the Middle Ages those seeking an education traveled to European centers of learning. Centers of learning and universities were closely allied with the clerics of the time, and the scholars donned garb similar to that worn by the clergy. This evolved into the academic uniform, a long black gown, hood, and cap, which proved useful for studying in unheated and drafty buildings. The hood served simultaneously as a head covering, a repository for coins and alms and the forerunner of the modern day book bag. The hood was adorned with the colors of the university and designated the young scholar's school or university affiliation. By their distinctive clothing the students were set apart and distinguished from the citizens of the town; hence the origin of the phrase "town and gown."

American colleges and universities adopted the wearing of the traditional apparel in Colonial times, and a common code for academic apparel was established in the mid-nineteenth century.

The hood is the most distinctive feature of academic regalia. The inside of the hood is lined with the official colors of the institution; today you see Wilkes graduates wearing hoods lined with the blue and gold colors of the University. The velvet trim around the outside of the hood designates the degree or field of study of the graduates. The velvet colors worn by today's graduates signify the following:

Golden Yellow — Science
White — Arts, Letters, Humanities
Drab — Business Administration

The style of the gown distinguishes graduates by the degree they have earned. Those earning the bachelor's degree wear a simple black gown with elongated pointed sleeves. Holders of the master's degree wear gowns with a longer, closed, square cut sleeve. The doctoral gown is trimmed with velvet stripes on the sleeves and panels of velvet on the front closure of the gown.

Some American universities have adopted doctoral gowns in their distinctive colors. You will notice the slate of Columbia, the red of Cornell, the burgundy of the University of Pennsylvania, the bright blue of the University of Michigan.

To have earned the privilege of wearing academic costume regalia signifies not only the completion of a program of studies, but entrance into the comradery of scholarship.

The University Mace and Presidential Chain of Office

The mace and the presidential chain of office used in academic celebrations represent traditions dating to the sixteenth century. The mace symbolizes the authority of the university and the chain of office designates the presidential leadership of the academy.

The Wilkes University mace and presidential chain of office were gifts of local donors and were first used in 1970 at the inauguration of the second president of Wilkes. They were designed by Ottie Hill Chwalek '61 and executed by Kurt Matzdorf, a naaqtionally recognized gold and silversmith from the State University of New York at New Paltz.

The University Mace

The sterling silver mace has a gilt knob at its base and a gilt circle at the top bearing the inscription "Wilkes College 1933." The bowl, rising above the neck of the mace, signifies Wilkes-Barre's role as a melting pot, forming a new and vigorous community of people from many different backgrounds. This theme is reiterated in the inscription of the University's motto "Unity Amidst Diversity" which surrounds the upper part of the bowl. The gilt flame symbolizes the enlightenment gained from higher education, while the piece of anthracite coal set in the center of the flame commemorates the origin of the University in a community known for its coal mining past.

The Presidential Chain of Office

The Presidential Chain of Office, created from sterling silver, has alternating bowls and gilt flames, repeating the motif of the mace. On the front of the four-foot chain hangs a gilt seal of Wilkes which is suspended from a cluster of oak leaves with acorns, suggesting the strength and sturdiness of future generations. On the back of the Presidential Chain of Office is a silver portrait of Dr. Eugene S. Farley, the first President of Wilkes. Dr. Farley's portrait is surrounded by gilt oak leaves commemorating his strong leadership of the emerging institution.

ARNAUD C. MARTS SPORTS AND CONFERENCE CENTER

- FIRST AID Medical personnel are available for first aid assistance at the First Aid Station located in the lobby. Should you need assistance please contact an usher or a Public Safety Officer.
- PICTURE TAKING Because of space limitations, safety and control, no one, except the professional photographer and members of the press with appropriate credentials, will be allowed access to the stage area for the purpose of taking pictures or video-taping. A photograph will be taken of each graduate as the diploma is presented by the President.
- REST ROOMS Rest rooms are accessible from the first and second floor lobbies. Rest rooms are also located on the lower level.
- BEVERAGES Water is available at the drinking fountains on the first floor of the building.

Local police will divert traffic from the front of the Marts Center following the ceremony. Please cooperate with the police officers and follow their directions as they attempt to alleviate traffic congestion.

A post-commencement reception will be held in the First Floor Lounge of the Henry Student Center immediately following the ceremony.

Platform Party 70th Annual Spring Commencement for the Conferring of Bachelor's Degrees

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Michael Noone	Wilkes University Alumni Association
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Philip Ruthkosky	Associate Dean, Student Affairs
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Wagiha Taylor	Faculty Marshal
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Debra Zbegner	Dean, Passan School of Nursing

