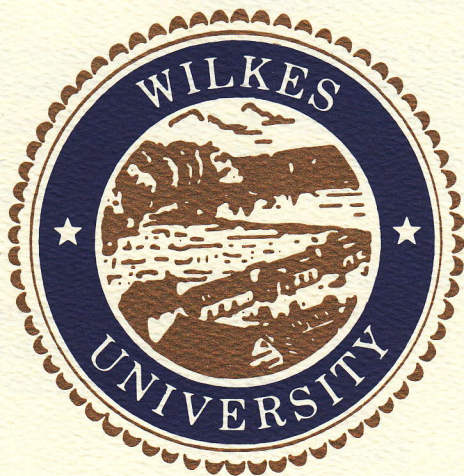


# ***WILKES UNIVERSITY***

*The Fiftieth Annual  
Spring Commencement  
for the  
Conferring of Degrees*



*Saturday Afternoon  
May 17, 1997  
at two o'clock*



# 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 or  
Health Administration*
- Pink — Music*
- Brown — Fine Arts*

*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.*



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# Order of Exercises

Fanfare For The Common Man ..... Aaron Copland

PROCESSIONAL

Crown Imperial ..... William Walton

Wind Ensemble of Wilkes University  
JEROME W. CAMPBELL, *Conductor*

*(The audience is requested to rise as the procession enters the area.)*

WELCOME ..... J. MICHAEL LENNON  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs*

INVOCATION ..... REVEREND CORDELLA J. BROWN  
*Pastor, First United Methodist Church  
Wilkes-Barre*

America, The Beautiful ..... Words by Katherine Lee Bates  
*Music by Samuel A. Ward*

*(The words of America, The Beautiful are printed on the back cover of the program.  
The audience is requested to stand and join in the singing.)*

GREETINGS ..... CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH  
*President*

EUGENE ROTH '57  
*Chairman, Board of Trustees*

ROGER L. MAXWELL  
*Associate Professor of Physics and Mechanical Engineering*

RICHARD M. TYM  
*Member of the Class of 1997*

THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS



# *Order of Exercises*

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

DORIS G. BARTUSKA '49, M.D.  
LORRAINE E. HALE, PH.D.

ADDRESS ..... LORRAINE E. HALE

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES ..... CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH

Alma Mater ..... *Eleanor C. Farley*

*(The words of the Alma Mater are printed on the back cover of the program.  
The audience is requested to stand and join in the singing.)*

BENEDICTION ..... REVEREND DR. DONALD J. MULLER  
*Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
Wilkes-Barre*

RECESSIONAL  
Procession of Nobles ..... *Nickolai Rimsky-Korsakov*

*(The audience and the graduates are requested to remain standing during  
the recessional of the Platform Party and the Faculty.)*



# AWARDS

## THE MABLE SCOTT WANDELL AND STERLING LEROY WANDELL AWARDS

CHRISTINA MARIE BROWN, BACHELOR OF ARTS, PSYCHOLOGY  
MICHAEL GEORGE NOONE, BACHELOR OF ARTS, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

*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 J. MICHAEL LENNON  
Vice President for Academic Affairs*

## THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, SOCIETY AND PUBLIC POLICY AWARD ..... MICHAEL GEORGE NOONE Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Communications

*This award is given to the outstanding graduating senior of the School.*

*Presentation by GARY A. GIAMARTINO, Dean*

## THE SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS AND HUMAN SCIENCES AWARD ..... MICHAEL GEORGE NOONE Bachelor of Arts, Communications and Political Science

*This award is given to the outstanding graduating senior of the School.*

*Presentation by ROBERT J. HEAMAN, Dean*

## THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING AWARD ..... ANN MARIE BLASICK Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering

*This award is given to the outstanding graduating senior of the School.*

*Presentation by UMID R. NEJIB, Dean*



# AWARDS

ALUMNI AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP ..... ANN MARIE BLASICK  
PAULA LYN VANFOSSEN

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

*Presentation by* SANDRA A. BEYNON '85  
Executive Director for Alumni and Development

ARMED FORCES RESERVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ..... DOREEN LENORE FANTON  
KATHLEEN ANNE FINLEY KENT  
JEFFREY JOSEPH KOTZ  
LOUIS JOSEPH MARNELL III  
WILLIAM PATRICK PASTEWAIT

*Presentation by* CHRISTOPHER F. GRECO  
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force

THE DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUMNUS  
AWARD ..... DAVID J. SEDOR '85, M.D.

*This award is presented annually by the Wilkes University Alumni Association to that member of the alumni who best exemplifies the characteristics of an educated person and the traditions of Wilkes University.*

*Presentation by* WILLIAM J. GOLDSWORTHY, JR. '76  
President, Wilkes University Alumni Association



# AWARDS

## WILKES INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER AWARD

ALBERT PURDY — IN ABSENTIA  
Tunkhannock Area High School  
NOMINATED BY Glenda Joy Race, Class of 1997

MARY B. RHODES '77  
Abington Heights High School  
NOMINATED BY Mark Thomas Davies, Class of 1997

*Given in appreciation for dedication and effectiveness as a teacher with an outstanding record of success in preparing students for college and for the life of the mind.*

*Presentation by* ROBERT J. HEAMAN  
Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences



# HONORARY DEGREES

## DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS ..... LORRAINE E. HALE, PH.D.

President and, with her mother Clara, co-founder of Hale House in Harlem, originally a home for alcohol and drug-addicted babies and then for those born with HIV and AIDS. Lorraine E. Hale has brought nurturing and love to more than a thousand desperately needy youngsters over nearly three decades. From her focus on the needs of these children in trouble, Dr. Hale has developed programs to help their mothers and other family members to resume their parenting roles, providing homes from which the children will have the chance to grow into healthy adults. For those with AIDS, for whom life on earth is short, Lorraine Hale has mobilized both love and laughter. From this center of love on West 122nd Street, Dr. Hale and the late Mother Hale have provided national leadership for the cause of drug addicted and AIDS afflicted babies.

## DOCTOR OF SCIENCE ..... DORIS GORKA BARTUSKA '49, M.D.

Professor of Internal Medicine Emerita and from 1973 to 1996 Director of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. Doris Gorka Bartuska has played a pioneering role for women in medicine. A native of the Wyoming Valley and an alumna of Bucknell University Junior College, and Wilkes College where she received the B.S. degree in Biology in 1949, she earned the M.D. degree from the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1954. Recipient of major awards for teaching and research in endocrinological aspects of women's health, particularly diabetes and osteoporosis, she has also held major leadership positions in the medical profession at local, state and national levels, including the presidency of the Philadelphia County Medical Society and of the American Medical Women's Association.



# MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## Master of Business Administration Degree

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| <sup>5</sup> Neil G. Armstrong           | <sup>5</sup> Martin Donald Lane        |
| <sup>5</sup> Gina Bruni                  | Mark Abraham Madwed                    |
| <sup>5</sup> Tommy R. Cope               | <sup>5</sup> Timothy McNichols         |
| <sup>*, 5</sup> Emmanuel S. Ghormoz      | <sup>*, 5</sup> Thomas John Nardone    |
| Scott Martin Harpersberger               | <sup>*, 5</sup> Michael Eric Seeherman |
| <sup>5</sup> Greta Lynn Herman-Altavilla | Timothy Christopher Richard Stank      |
| Leonard T. Hill, Sr.                     | <sup>5</sup> Sandra M. Stefanowicz     |
| <sup>5</sup> Rosemary LaFratte           | Douglas White                          |
| Douglas George Lane                      | Lori A. Zepponi                        |

## Master of Health Administration Degree

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Timothy John Atkinson            | Scot K. Murphy                 |
| Nancy Popielarz Barnard          | Sharon A. Nazarchuk            |
| Rosalie S. Brown                 | <sup>*</sup> J. Lynne Ometer   |
| Christine Marie Dempkosky        | <sup>*</sup> Jennifer D. Uhrig |
| <sup>*</sup> Michael J. Enriquez |                                |
| <sup>*</sup> W. Todd Gibson      |                                |

## Master of Science Degree with a major in Education

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| <sup>*</sup> Amy S. Altemose     | <sup>*</sup> Albert P. O'Donnell |
| Michele Theresa Pierre Del Prete | Dawnette J. Smith                |
| <sup>*</sup> Donna Galante       | Paul S. Steinruck                |
| Lisa Gifford-Barrett             | Lisa Marie Strunk                |
| Kristine E. McCarthy             | Jane Dicka Weiss                 |
| Lynne Miller                     | <sup>*</sup> Katherine J. Zoka   |



## Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering

<sup>\*, 6</sup> *Sadeq Al-Hasan*

<sup>19</sup> *Dennis E. Dudeck*

*Gary Charles Mrozinski*

<sup>6, 19</sup> *Jeffrey A. Webster*

## Master of Science Degree with a major in Nursing

<sup>21</sup> *Margaret Ann Floryshak*

<sup>21</sup> *Sharon Rose Seip*

<sup>\*</sup>*Degree in Absentia*

<sup>6</sup>*Eta Kappa Nu*

<sup>19</sup>*Sigma Pi Sigma*

<sup>21</sup>*Sigma Theta Tau*



# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## School of Business, Society and Public Policy

### *Summa Cum Laude*

- <sup>1,5</sup> *Martha June Boyette Gaines, Accounting*  
<sup>1,12,16,17,23</sup> *Michael George Noone, Political Science*  
*Communication, Second Major*  
<sup>1,16,17</sup> *Amy Beth Webb, Political Science*

### *Magna Cum Laude*

- <sup>3,5</sup> *Jeanette M. Brown, Accounting*  
<sup>\*,3,5</sup> *Mary Ann Chmielewski, Business Administration*  
<sup>5</sup> *Raymond C. Hebden, Business Administration*  
<sup>5</sup> *Amy S. White, Accounting*

### *Cum Laude*

- <sup>13</sup> *Nicole L. Blaso, Economics*  
<sup>17</sup> *Brian Dunham, Political Science*  
<sup>3,5</sup> *Joann M. Fisher, Business Administration*  
<sup>5</sup> *John Alexander Golden, Business Administration*  
<sup>5</sup> *Bradley Martin Kelly, Accounting*  
<sup>16</sup> *Doreen M. Klimek, Business Administration*  
<sup>5</sup> *John E. Koczwar, Business Administration*  
<sup>\*,2,17,18</sup> *Amy D. Plutino, Political Science*  
*Sociology, Second Major*  
<sup>2,18</sup> *Kathleen M. Vacca, Sociology*  
*Psychology, Second Major*

\*Degree in Absentia      <sup>1</sup>Alpha Chi      <sup>2</sup>Alpha Kappa Delta      <sup>3</sup>Alpha Sigma Lambda  
<sup>5</sup>Delta Mu Delta      <sup>12</sup>Lambda Pi Eta      <sup>13</sup>Omicron Delta Epsilon  
<sup>16</sup>Phi Eta Sigma      <sup>17</sup>Pi Sigma Alpha      <sup>18</sup>Psi Chi      <sup>23</sup>University Scholars



## School of Business, Society and Public Policy — Continued

### Accounting

*Jane Angela Antonini*  
*Martha Holena Biggs*  
*Tricia Conway*  
*Adam Kamor*  
*Andrea Elayne Kilmer*  
*Valerie J. Love*

<sup>3,5</sup> *Margaret Manley*  
*Brian Morrison*  
*Michael T. Smith*  
*Lon F. Snook, Jr.*  
*Chris Tobias*  
*Tia Pryn Williams*

### Bachelor of Business Administration

*Chad M. Altemus*  
*Richard Craig Atieh*  
*Jeremy Michael Baker*  
*Ryan James Bednarz*  
*Jennifer Marie Belardi*  
*Ronald J. Bruza*  
*Timothy T. Burlew*  
*Meredith Ann Cabrey*  
*Erica E. Chyb*  
*Stephen Alan Cobo*  
*Darcy DuVall-Harold*  
*Derek Anthony Errichetti*  
<sup>\*</sup> *Christopher Frank Fargione*  
*Sharon L. Generotti*

*Renea Lynn Girardi*  
*Donnelle M. Kingsley*  
*J. Erik Mace*  
*Mark William Makowski*  
<sup>\*,5</sup> *Judith A. Murphy*  
<sup>\*,3,5</sup> *Ann M. O'Keefe*  
*Noelle Marie Puza*  
*James J. Shandra*  
*Aziz Saliba Shunnara*  
*Christopher R. Tyukody*  
*Amy Beth Wesley*  
*Christopher J. Yaccarino*  
*Leah Yurcho*

<sup>\*</sup>*Degree in Absentia*

<sup>3</sup>*Alpha Sigma Lambda*

<sup>5</sup>*Delta Mu Delta*



## School of Business, Society and Public Policy — Continued

### Business Administration

<sup>\*,5</sup> *Anthony J. LaFratte, Jr.*

<sup>\*</sup> *Martin L. Wentz*

### Economics

<sup>13</sup> *John Kelly Joseph II*

### International Studies

<sup>\*</sup> *PJ Crawford*

### Political Science

*Ali Saleh Al Shami*  
*Jacqueline M. Baldesari*  
*Jeanette M. Beierle*  
*Rachael Anne Burke*  
*Matthew S. Dziedzic*  
*Jeffrey Brian Killino*  
*Nicole Krushnowski*  
*Drew Marko*

*Louis Joseph Marnell III*  
<sup>17</sup> *Roxann N. Morvan*  
<sup>14</sup> *Kristen A. Murphy*  
*Elementary Education, Second Major*  
*Michael David O'Sullivan*  
*Kristi Joy Schutz*  
*Bill G. Sincavage*  
*Patricia A. Smith*  
*James Phillip Tolerico, Jr.*

### Sociology

*Chris Bonsall*  
*Kimberly Ann Courtney*  
*Psychology, Second Major*  
*Marc J. DeStefano*  
*Mark Thomas Kolanowski*

<sup>\*,2,3</sup> *Linda Elliott Learn*  
*Psychology, Second Major*  
*Wayne Meckley*  
<sup>2</sup> *Amy Gayle Michel*

<sup>\*</sup>*Degree in Absentia*

<sup>2</sup>*Alpha Kappa Delta*

<sup>3</sup>*Alpha Sigma Lambda*

<sup>5</sup>*Delta Mu Delta*

<sup>13</sup>*Omicron Delta Epsilon*

<sup>14</sup>*Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification*

<sup>17</sup>*Pi Sigma Alpha*



# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## The School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

### *Summa Cum Laude*

- <sup>1,21</sup> Ann Marie Elizabeth Bolesta, Nursing  
<sup>1,16,18</sup> Christina Marie Brown, Psychology  
<sup>1,11,18</sup> Heather A. Cavalieri, Psychology  
<sup>1,14</sup> David F. Jenkins, Bachelor of Music  
<sup>21</sup> Kathleen Anne Finley Kent, Nursing  
<sup>2,15,18</sup> Mary Jo Kosisher, Psychology  
<sup>1,14</sup> Jessica Rae Martz, Bachelor of Music  
<sup>\*,2,3,18</sup> Judith M. Gluchanicz Nowak, Psychology  
<sup>1,10,14,15,16,20,23</sup> Glenda Joy Race, History  
English, Second Major  
Elementary Education, Second Degree  
<sup>1,15,16,20</sup> Natalie J. Weber, History  
German, Second Major  
<sup>4,21</sup> Karen J. Arnold Ziagos, Nursing

### *Magna Cum Laude*

- <sup>14</sup> Louis A. Bianco, Bachelor of Music  
Danielle Dorzinsky, Individualized Studies  
Keith Allan Fisher, Psychology  
Jennifer Ann Elizabeth Jordan, English  
Communications, Double Degrees  
<sup>16,20</sup> Tetiana Marta Karpinich, English  
<sup>11,14</sup> David Jon Michaels, Psychology  
Elementary Education, Second Major  
<sup>14,15</sup> Timothy E. Pierce, History  
<sup>18</sup> Michelle C. Romanchick, Psychology  
<sup>3,11,14</sup> Martha Ann Schneider, Psychology  
Elementary Education, Second Major  
<sup>14,16</sup> Thomas Parker Stitzer, Bachelor of Music  
<sup>4,12,16</sup> Aaron C. Stoker, Communications  
<sup>12</sup> Heidi Francesca VanEssendelft, Communications

### *Cum Laude*

- <sup>12</sup> Jack A. Craft, Jr., Communications  
<sup>21</sup> Doreen Lenore Fanton, Nursing  
<sup>14</sup> Michael J. Haggerty, Bachelor of Music  
<sup>11,14</sup> Laura Alice Jurgaitis, Art  
<sup>12</sup> Lori J. Kaschak, Communications  
<sup>21</sup> Tanyia Lynn Mychak, Nursing  
Christopher John Sleboda, Bachelor of Fine Arts  
<sup>18</sup> Marie Elizabeth Sumski, Psychology  
<sup>21</sup> Mona Yale, Nursing  
<sup>4</sup> Jennifer Ann Elizabeth Yechimowicz, Psychology

- \*Degree in Absentia      <sup>1</sup> Alpha Chi      <sup>2</sup> Alpha Kappa Delta      <sup>3</sup> Alpha Sigma Lambda  
<sup>4</sup> Chi Alpha Epsilon      <sup>10</sup> Honors in English      <sup>11</sup> Kappa Delta Pi  
<sup>12</sup> Lambda Pi Eta      <sup>14</sup> Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification  
<sup>15</sup> Phi Alpha Theta      <sup>16</sup> Phi Eta Sigma      <sup>18</sup> Psi Chi  
<sup>20</sup> Sigma Tau Delta      <sup>21</sup> Sigma Theta Tau      <sup>23</sup> University Scholar



## The School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences — Continued

### Art

*Cynthia A. Brandt*  
*Meghan LaVigna*

*Phillip Reynolds Price*  
\* *Christopher J. Williams*

### Bachelor of Music

<sup>14</sup> *Kelly Kathleen Keating*

\* *Ryan Kofron*

### Communications

*Mariel A. Betron*  
*Jessica Nicole Bierbower*  
*Robert E. Bozzonetti*  
*Jason Randall Catlin*  
<sup>12</sup> *Regina Andrea Frappolli*  
<sup>12</sup> *Edward John Kobesky*  
*Vincent John LaSorsa*  
*Melissa Lynn Matuszkiewicz*

*Mary Michele Morgan*  
*Joel M. O'Donnell*  
*Christine Alyssa Pavalkis*  
*Tara L. Rusnok*  
*Kimberley Ryan*  
\* *Karen Marie Sabol*  
<sup>12</sup> *Bernard A. Seeman*

### Elementary Education

<sup>14,15,18</sup> *Heather Lynn Howell*

\*Degree in Absentia    <sup>12</sup> Lambda Pi Eta    <sup>15</sup> Phi Alpha Theta    <sup>18</sup> Psi Chi  
<sup>14</sup> Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification



## The School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences — Continued

### English

- Lisa Barletta*  
<sup>14</sup> *Tammy Ann Brunori*  
*David E. Cundey*  
*(Posthumously)*  
*Tammy A. Cyprich*  
<sup>14</sup> *Tracy L. Engle*
- <sup>20</sup> *Nicole Marie Smith*  
*Theatre Arts, Second Major*  
<sup>14</sup> *Denise Stelacone*  
<sup>14</sup> *Tara Brooke Trivelpiece*  
<sup>14</sup> *April Leigh Walter*

### History

- \* *William T. Amos*  
*Christopher Todd Bresset*  
*Tara Ann D'Apolito*  
*Erin L. Johnson*  
*Tracey Ann MacMillan*
- \*<sup>14</sup> *Daniel Mark Malloy*  
<sup>14</sup> *Paul Tyler Mishuk*  
<sup>14</sup> *Sonya Ormsby*  
*Christy A. Palilonis*  
*Edmund R. Zych*

\**Degree in Absentia*

<sup>14</sup> *Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification*

<sup>20</sup> *Sigma Tau Delta*



## The School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences — Continued

### Nursing

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|---|--|
| <p><i>Melissa A. Bommer</i></p> <p><sup>21</sup> <i>Jody Lynn Brozoskie</i></p> <p><i>Sharon Ann Carr</i></p> <p><sup>21</sup> <i>Doreen G. Cole</i></p> <p>* <i>Kathleen Costanzo</i></p> <p><i>Tamatha Lynn Curry</i></p> <p><sup>21</sup> <i>Marjorie J. DeAngelo</i></p> <p>* <i>Samantha Evers</i></p> <p><sup>21</sup> <i>Joseph T. Fleese</i></p> <p><i>Stacey Lee Grudzinski</i></p> <p><i>David William Grunza</i></p> <p><sup>21</sup> <i>Heather Maureen Hahn</i></p> <p>* <i>Emily R. Jaikes</i></p> <p><i>Tara C. Keegan</i></p> <p><sup>21</sup> <i>Susan Marie Krasnavage</i></p> <p><sup>18,21</sup> <i>Susan M. Kurlandski</i></p> <p><i>Amy Lynn Leighton</i></p> <p><sup>21</sup> <i>Kimberly A. Loskie</i></p> <p><i>Iris Mare</i></p> <p>*<sup>21</sup> <i>Rita Teresa Metcalf</i></p> <p><i>Marie Mican</i></p> <p><i>John Bradley Mrugal</i></p> <p><i>Lynette Nichols</i></p> | <p>* <i>Karen A. Peggs</i></p> <p>* <i>Toni Noel Pitman</i></p> <p><i>Michelle Lynn Porter</i></p> <p><i>Stacie Ann Helen Powers</i></p> <p><sup>21</sup> <i>Paula Ann Praschak</i></p> <p><i>Ami L. Price</i></p> <p><sup>21</sup> <i>Melissa L. Rickard</i></p> <p><i>Pamela Rindgen-Goyne</i></p> <p><i>Nancy M. Ritter</i></p> <p><i>Catherine Rusynyk</i></p> <p><i>Jennifer Shipperski</i></p> <p><i>Gina Marie Solensky</i></p> <p><i>Michelle M. Solovey</i></p> <p><i>Joan Michél Sott</i></p> <p><i>Tricia Ann Stadulis</i></p> <p><i>Megan Elizabeth Stair</i></p> <p><sup>1,21</sup> <i>Laurel Anne Stevens</i></p> <p><i>Cheryl Ann T. MacDonald Sweet</i></p> <p><i>Tara Ann Towers</i></p> <p><sup>21</sup> <i>Theresa A. Vasquez</i></p> <p><i>Kimberly Webb</i></p> <p>*<sup>21</sup> <i>Patricia S. Williams</i></p> <p><i>Max A. Yesalavage</i></p> |
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\*Degree in Absentia

<sup>1</sup>Alpha Chi

<sup>18</sup>Psi Chi

<sup>21</sup>Sigma Theta Tau



## The School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences — Continued

### Psychology

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| <p><i>Richard Emmert Banas</i><br/> <i>Gino G. Bartoli</i><br/> <i>Michele Lynn Benolken</i><br/> <sup>16</sup> <i>Angelo M. Bobbin</i><br/> <sup>14</sup> <i>Anna Maria S. Caccia</i><br/> <i>Elementary Education, Second Major</i><br/> <sup>18</sup> <i>Cynthia Gabrielle Charnetski</i><br/> <i>Miriam Eileen Coffey</i><br/> <i>Renae Ann Dymond</i><br/> <i>Duane Evan Furman</i><br/> <i>Jennifer Marie Gennaro</i><br/> <i>Jason Collin Haight</i><br/> <i>Lorie A. Heft</i><br/> <sup>14,15,18</sup> <i>Heather Lynn Howell</i><br/> <i>Second Degree</i><br/> <sup>14</sup> <i>Melody A. Janosky</i><br/> <i>Pamela Maria Kelly</i><br/> * <i>Lisa Marie Kinns</i><br/> <i>Keli Eileen Kodila</i><br/> <i>Jennifer Marie Kutz</i><br/> <i>Teresa A. Lencovich</i><br/> <sup>14</sup> <i>Vanessa Marie Malinowski</i><br/> <i>Elementary Education, Second Major</i><br/> <i>Michael G. Moschella</i><br/> <i>Christine Moss</i><br/> <i>Andrew Robert Noble</i></p> | <p><sup>14</sup> <i>Pamela Agnes Pascoe</i><br/> <i>Elementary Education, Second Major</i><br/> <i>William Nicholas Pecuch</i><br/> <i>Robert John Pisack</i><br/> <i>Christina Lee Poff</i><br/> <i>Kelly Ann Rava</i><br/> * <i>Rebecca Jane Reese</i><br/> <sup>14</sup> <i>Tricia M. Rodgers</i><br/> <i>Elementary Education, Double Degrees</i><br/> <sup>14</sup> <i>Kathryn D. Rowan</i><br/> <i>Elementary Education, Second Major</i><br/> <i>Joseph Arthur Schell</i><br/> <i>Shawn Smith</i><br/> <sup>14</sup> <i>Suzanne Elizabeth Swartz</i><br/> <i>Elementary Education, Second Major</i><br/> <i>Shelly Vagnarelli</i><br/> <i>Sociology, Second Major</i><br/> <i>Jeffrey Bruce Walsh</i><br/> <i>Linda Denise Ward</i><br/> <sup>2,18</sup> <i>Patricia L. Ward</i><br/> <i>Heather Ann Wells</i><br/> <sup>18</sup> <i>Matthew A. Wilkin</i><br/> <i>Darren M. Williams</i><br/> <i>Marissa Zambri</i></p> |
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### Theatre Arts

*Todd Mikel Lundquist*

<sup>\*</sup>*Degree in Absentia*      <sup>2</sup>*Alpha Kappa Delta*  
<sup>14</sup>*Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification*      <sup>15</sup>*Phi Alpha Theta*  
<sup>16</sup>*Phi Eta Sigma*      <sup>18</sup>*Psi Chi*



# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## The School of Science and Engineering

### *Summa Cum Laude*

- <sup>1,22</sup> Christine J. Berezich, *Earth and Environmental Sciences*  
<sup>9,16,19,23</sup> Ann Marie Blasick, *Mechanical Engineering*  
<sup>1,16</sup> Jennifer A. Escarge, *Computer Science*  
<sup>1,7,8,16,22</sup> Sean Nicholas Higginson, *Biology*  
<sup>1,7,8,22</sup> Asif Mohammad Ilyas, *Biology*  
<sup>1,22</sup> John D. Kearney, *Biology*  
<sup>1,22</sup> Richard Henry Kutz III, *Biochemistry*  
<sup>1,7,8,23</sup> Lee C. Meyers, *Biology*  
<sup>1,16</sup> Carrie Ann Victoria Mohila, *Biochemistry*  
<sup>1,16</sup> Heather R. Peterman, *Biochemistry*  
<sup>16,22</sup> David Guy Reel, Jr., *Biology*  
<sup>1,7,8,22</sup> Melanie Jule Skrocki, *Biology*  
<sup>1,7,8,16,22</sup> Emily Beth VanLente, *Biology*

### *Magna Cum Laude*

- <sup>19,22</sup> Mark M. Brojakowski, *Earth And Environmental Sciences*  
Chris Jennifer Carling, *Biology*  
Maria Rose Ciuferri, *Biology*  
<sup>16,19</sup> Robert J. Costello III, *Environmental Engineering*  
\* John P. Devaney, *Mechanical Engineering*  
<sup>1,7,8</sup> Karen Ann Ephlin, *Biology*  
<sup>9,16,19,23</sup> Anthony M. Kakiel, Jr., *Mechanical Engineering*  
<sup>1</sup> Elise Janell Nelsen, *Biology*  
<sup>22</sup> Brian Redmond, *Chemistry*  
<sup>16</sup> Scott Kenneth Schonewolf, *Biology*  
<sup>22</sup> Thomas John Svab, *Biochemistry*  
<sup>7,8,23</sup> Julie Kay Werkheiser, *Biology*  
Melissa Ann Whetstone, *Medical Technology*

<sup>1</sup> Alpha Chi

<sup>16</sup> Phi Eta Sigma

<sup>7</sup> Guthrie Scholar

<sup>19</sup> Sigma Pi Sigma

<sup>8</sup> Honors in Biology

<sup>22</sup> Sigma Xi

<sup>9</sup> Honors in Engineering

<sup>23</sup> University Scholar



## The School of Science and Engineering — Continued

### *Cum Laude*

- Nate Aaron Brennan, Biology*  
<sup>7,8,16,22</sup> *Noell Ann Brooks, Biology*  
<sup>8,24</sup> *Glendon E. Cook, Biology*  
<sup>16,22</sup> *Sarah Rae Friedrich, Biochemistry*  
<sup>16</sup> *Patrick J. Keane, Computer Science*  
<sup>9,19</sup> *Bradley R. Klotz, Materials Engineering*  
<sup>19</sup> *Brad Michael Kreschollek, Mechanical Engineering*  
<sup>19</sup> *Frank C. Natitus, Environmental Engineering*  
*Amy Marie O' Boyle, Biology*  
<sup>7,8,22</sup> *Purvi Yogesh Parikh, Biology*  
<sup>7,8,16,22</sup> *Brett A. Sachse, Biology*  
<sup>22</sup> *Antoine Sater, Electrical Engineering*  
<sup>19</sup> *Peter Stchur III, Chemistry*  
<sup>19</sup> *Brian Stearns, Environmental Engineering*  
*Jeffrey E. Szymona, Computer Science*  
<sup>6,16,19,22</sup> *Martin Charles Vinovski, Electrical Engineering*

<sup>6</sup> *Eta Kappa Nu*    <sup>7</sup> *Guthrie Scholar*    <sup>8</sup> *Honors in Biology*    <sup>9</sup> *Honors in Engineering*  
<sup>16</sup> *Phi Eta Sigma*    <sup>19</sup> *Sigma Pi Sigma*    <sup>22</sup> *Sigma Xi*    <sup>24</sup> *Wyoming Valley Health Care Scholar*



## The School of Science and Engineering — Continued

### Biochemistry

<sup>22</sup> Tracy Lynn Gibbs

<sup>16,22</sup> Lisa Michelle Tinney

### Biology

Reneé Frances Casterline  
John Paul Labert  
Peggy Kitsa Lekas  
Tonya May Masenheimer

Albert Spunar  
Walter Baron Volinski, Jr.  
Michael J. Wassel, Jr.  
William J. Zigmund

### Chemistry

<sup>22</sup> Matthew J. Connor

<sup>22</sup> Stacey Anne Gorski

<sup>22</sup> Laura L. Rhodes  
Biology, Second Major

<sup>22</sup> Janet S. Stephens

### Computer Information Systems

Wayne V. Chernick  
Robert J. Moser, Jr.

Alan C. Novitsky

### Computer Science

Donald James Bailey  
\* Christopher S. Ratchford

<sup>17</sup> Gretchen M. Schlagnhauser  
Political Science, Second Major  
Daniel J. Zugarek

### Earth and Environmental Science

Christopher Cunningham  
Todd J. Gattens  
Melissa Myshak  
Frank S. Romeo, Jr.  
Anthony P. Rymar

Frank J. Shuba  
Bryan R. Silveri  
Joseph B. Vilcheck  
<sup>14</sup> Jessica M. Wissner  
Stephen Woronicak

\* Degree in Absentia

<sup>16</sup> Phi Eta Sigma

<sup>14</sup> Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification

<sup>17</sup> Pi Sigma Alpha

<sup>22</sup> Sigma Xi



# The School of Science and Engineering

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### Electrical Engineering

<sup>19</sup> David James Donlin

<sup>6,22</sup> Mike P. Handley

\* Ronald James Mancuso  
Brian H. Potoeski

\* Jaime Luis Prats

Shayla C. Slusser

\* Brian Williams

### Engineering Management

Lee Ann Christine Azarewicz  
Allen Yong-Ung Lee

Richard Paul Pietras

### Environmental Engineering

Paul J. Bracken

<sup>19</sup> Mark Thomas Davies

\* Michael J. Dutko

David J. Habowski

Shawn Robert Harden

<sup>19,22</sup> Robert D. Horensky

Jeffrey Joseph Kotz

Thomas J. Murray, Jr.

William Patrick Pastewait

<sup>19</sup> Chad Edward Pindar

Tawnya R. Rabuck

<sup>22</sup> Jason S. Sites

Paula Lyn VanFossen

### Materials Engineering

<sup>16,19</sup> David Ryan Gangaware

<sup>19</sup> Brian Douglas Pfeifer

### Mathematics

\*<sup>14</sup> David A. Brudnicki

\* Degree in Absentia

<sup>6</sup> Eta Kappa Nu

<sup>16</sup> Phi Eta Sigma

<sup>14</sup> Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification

<sup>19</sup> Sigma Pi Sigma

<sup>22</sup> Sigma Xi



## The School of Science and Engineering — *Continued*

### Mechanical Engineering

*Edward J. Banevich*

*Ronald D. Cappellini, Jr.*

*Brian J. Charnigo*

*Marc Kerr Fontinell*

<sup>16,19</sup> *Christopher Grymko*

*Robert Hampshire*

<sup>19</sup> *Lubomir Handl*

*George E. Lear, Jr.*

*Paul McAndrew*

*Ronald Joseph Meager*

<sup>19</sup> *Richard M. Tym*

### Physics

<sup>14</sup> *Reginald Stancil*

<sup>14</sup> *Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification*

<sup>16</sup> *Phi Eta Sigma*

<sup>19</sup> *Sigma Pi Sigma*



# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

**Wilkes University — Hershey Medical School  
Allopathic Program**

*Summa Cum Laude*

*Barry L. Carey*

**Wilkes University — New England College  
Optometry Program**

*Cum Laude*

*Helen J. Chandoha*



# Scholarly Societies

- <sup>1</sup> *Denotes Membership in Alpha Chi, the National College Honor Scholarship Society.*
- <sup>2</sup> *Denotes Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Honorary Society in Sociology.*
- <sup>3</sup> *Denotes Membership in the Eta Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the honor society recognizing the academic excellence of adult part-time students.*
- <sup>4</sup> *Denotes Membership in Chi Alpha Epsilon, the Honorary Society which recognizes students who were admitted to the University through Higher Education Access Opportunity programs.*
- <sup>5</sup> *Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.*
- <sup>6</sup> *Denotes Membership in the Kappa Beta Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, the International Electrical Engineering Honor Society.*
- <sup>7</sup> *Denotes Membership in the Guthrie Premedical Scholars Program.*
- <sup>8</sup> *Denotes Honors in Biology.*
- <sup>9</sup> *Denotes Honors in Engineering.*
- <sup>10</sup> *Denotes Honors in English.*
- <sup>11</sup> *Denotes Membership in the Phi Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honorary Society in Education.*
- <sup>12</sup> *Denotes Membership in Lambda Pi ETA, the National Honorary Society in Communications.*
- <sup>13</sup> *Denotes Membership in Omicron Delta Epsilon, the National Honorary Society in Economics.*
- <sup>14</sup> *Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.*
- <sup>15</sup> *Denotes Membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honorary Society in History.*
- <sup>16</sup> *Denotes Membership in Phi Eta Sigma, the National Honor Society for College Freshmen.*
- <sup>17</sup> *Denotes Membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.*
- <sup>18</sup> *Denotes Membership in Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology.*
- <sup>19</sup> *Denotes Membership in Sigma Pi Sigma, the National Honorary Society of Physics students.*
- <sup>20</sup> *Denotes Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary Society in English.*
- <sup>21</sup> *Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing.*
- <sup>22</sup> *Denotes Membership in and acknowledgment by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.*
- <sup>23</sup> *Denotes Membership in University Scholars.*
- <sup>24</sup> *Denotes Membership in the Wyoming Valley Health Care System Premedical Scholars Program.*
- <sup>\*</sup> *Degree in absentia*



## Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

*Michele Lynn Benolken*

*Mariel A. Betron*

*Ann Marie Blasick*

*Paul J. Bracken*

*Christina Marie Brown*

*Heather A. Cavalieri*

*Cynthia Gabrielle Charnetski*

*Glendon E. Cook*

*Karen Ann Ephlin*

*Jennifer A. Escarge*

*Doreen Lenore Fanton*

*Regina Andrea Frappolli*

*David Ryan Gangaware*

*Michael J. Haggerty*

*Sean Nicholas Higginson*

*Asif Mohammad Ilyas*

*Erin L. Johnson*

*Tetiana Marta Karpinich*

*Kathleen Anne Finley Kent*

*Tonya May Masenheimer*

*Lee C. Meyers*

*Carrie Ann Victoria Mohila*

*Elise Janell Nelsen*

*Michael George Noone*

*Amy Marie O'Boyle*

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*William Patrick Pastewait*

*Heather R. Peterman*

*Christina Lee Poff*

*Glenda Joy Race*

*Brett A. Sachse*

*Scott Kenneth Schonewolf*

*Melanie Jule Skrocki*

*Aaron C. Stoker*

*Heidi Francesca VanEssendelft*

*Paula Lyn VanFossen*

*Emily Beth VanLente*

*Leah Yurcho*



## **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 nationally recognized gold and silversmith from the State University of New York at New Paltz, New Paltz, New York.*

### ***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.*



## **RALSTON FIELD**

**FIRST AID** — Medical personnel are available for first aid assistance and emergencies. They are located in the tent at the west end of the football field. Should you need assistance please contact an usher or a security officer.

**PHOTOGRAPHS and VIDEOTAPING** — Only Commencement participants and personnel are allowed on the field. Photographs and videos may be taken from seating areas and the macadam track surrounding the field after the processional is completed. A photograph will be taken of each graduate as the diploma is presented by the President. A videotape of the entire ceremony will also be made available to interested graduates.

**REST ROOMS** — Rest rooms are available under the home bleachers and at the west end of the field.

**BEVERAGES** — Soda is available for purchase at the concession stand. Proceeds from the sale of soda will benefit the General Scholarship Fund.

**TELEPHONE** — A phone is available at the concession stand for local calls and those responding to paging devices.

**TRAFFIC** — Local police will direct traffic following the ceremony. Please cooperate with security and police officers and follow their directions as they attempt to alleviate traffic congestion.



## **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 security 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. A videotape of the entire ceremony will also be made available to interested graduates.

**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. Soda is available for sale at the concession stand in the lobby. Proceeds from the sale of soda will benefit the General Scholarship Fund.

**TELEPHONE**—Pay telephones are available on the lower level and the second floor.

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.







## **AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL**

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.*

*America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.*

*America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*Words by Katherine Lee Bates*

*Music by Samuel A. Ward*

## **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*