



SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

for the Conferring of Degrees

Sunday, September 10, 2017

1:00 PM

Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center

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 Philip G. Simon*

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
Arranged by Terry Zipay*

*A reception for graduates and their families will be held in the Ballroom of the
Henry Student Center immediately following the ceremony.*



WILKES UNIVERSITY'S

SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

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Order of Exercises

***FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL**

Entry and March of the Peers from Iolanthe Arthur Sullivan

WELCOME Anne A. Skleder
Senior Vice President and Provost

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Coordinator, Campus Interfaith

*THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER Words by Francis Scott Key
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GREETINGS Andrew P. Miller
Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Associate Professor, Political Science

Julie M. Wescott
Member of the Graduating Class

**The audience is requested to rise.*

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PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE

William A. Perlmuth '51
Doctor of Humane Letters

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS William A. Perlmuth

THE CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES Patrick F. Leahy
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Patrick F. Leahy

*ALMA MATER *Eleanor C. Farley*
Arrangement, Terry Zipay

*BENEDICTION *Kristin M. Osipower*
Coordinator, Campus Interfaith

*RECESSIONAL
Trumpet Voluntary *Purcell/Coeley*

Music provided by the Valley Brass Quintet
Dr. Philip G. Simon, Director
Martina Barna '17, Vocalist

**The audience is requested to rise.*

HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS..... William A. Perlmuth
Native of New York City; graduate of Wilkes College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science; graduate of Columbia University School of Law with the Bachelor of Laws degree where you were a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and served as editor of the Columbia Law Review; US Army veteran; associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore; Partner at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, where you served two terms as Chairman and 18 years on the executive committee; President and Trustee of the Harkness Foundation; former Trustee and now Overseer of the New York University Langone Medical Center; member of the Board of Directors for the New York City Center; Trustee of the Brooklyn Academy of Music; Trustee of the Aeroflex and the Weininger Foundations; former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital for Joint Diseases; former Member of the Board of Directors for the School of the American Ballet; and Trustee Emeritus of Wilkes University.

Because you had the strategic vision and resolute commitment to support dance creation, dance presentation, dance education and dance medicine through the Harkness Foundation's Partner Program to preserve the highest level of artistry for generations to come; because you have the special gift of being able to cultivate relationships and create collaborations among "people who care about causes" from across the arts, medicine and the law to do good in the world; because you understand the importance of stewardship, giving of your time, expertise and financial resources to lead boards that enrich our culture and enhance our quality of life; and because you have had a distinguished career as an attorney, serving your clients with uncompromised loyalty, exceptional integrity and a keen understanding of the operation of law, by the power vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I confer upon you, William A. Perlmuth, the Doctor of Humane Letters degree, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.

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Scholarly Societies and Special Designations

- 1 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.
- 5 Denotes Membership in Chi Alpha Epsilon, the Honorary Society which recognizes students who were admitted to the University through Higher Education Access Opportunity programs.
- 6 Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.
- 7 Denotes Honors in Biology.
- 8 Denotes Honors in English.
- 9 Denotes Honors in Engineering.
- 10 Denotes Membership in Lambda Pi Eta, the National Honorary Society in Communications.
- 11 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.
- 14 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.
- 18 Denotes Membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.
- 19 Denotes Membership in Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology.
- 20 Denotes Membership in Phi Eta Sigma, the National Honor Society for College Freshmen.
- 21 Denotes Membership in Rho Chi, the National Honor Society in Pharmacy.
- 22 Denotes Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary Society in English.
- 23 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.
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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*
- Brown — Fine Arts*
- Olive — Pharmacy*
- Blue — Education*
- Apricot — Nursing*

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.

