



Est. 1936  
Pa. Newspaper  
Association Member  
Volume 74, Issue 06

# THE BEACON

Wilkes University - Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

The news of today reported by the journalists of tomorrow.

## Entrepreneur Terry Jones visits campus

By Sean Schmoyer  
Managing Editor

On Oct. 21, Terry Jones, founder of Travelocity and founding chairman of Kayak.com, spent the day speaking with students and touring campus.

Jones' visit was organized by the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship. With a full day of activities, Jones spoke with students at an Honors Q&A panel which was open to honors program students, Kirby scholars and students in certain business classes. After the panel, Jones attended a dinner and then closed out his night with his lecture, "On Innovation: Powerful Ideas to Create a More Innovative Organization".

Executive Director of the Allan P. Kirby Center, Chuck Pierce commented on the visit.

"It was really engaging, especially from the student aspect. It was a long time coming. It was something we had to reschedule over and over through COVID. A lot of hours went into it but it was very rewarding. This is something we try to do twice a year. Finding someone like Terry Jones who has name recognition, maybe not his name but the companies that he started, is really relevant."

At the Q&A Jones took questions from students, covering topics ranging from his books, "On Innovation" and "Disruption Off", partnerships between companies, how to adapt and move past failure, how to raise capital and the challenges of it and his creative process for generating ideas.



The Beacon/ Sean Schmoyer

In response to a question about failure, Jones said, "You have to look at failure as an open door. Look at Silicon Valley. We look for people who have failed, because they may have a better attitude, they may not be so passionate about things and not waste money, there could be a lot of things that they learn. As long as you learn from failure, many of you are on the cross country team or on a sports team, why is it that after a race that you don't win that you go back and try to figure out everything you did wrong? It is not to assess blame, it is to ensure victory, to ensure the next time you do not do it."

Jones went on to explain that in sports you

get lots of chances to fail and that it should be the same in business, and that now there are tools to experiment with at low costs between artificial intelligence, 3D printing and websites.

He also talked about his creative process expressing how modern education has flaws in that students will learn about technology that will be obsolete by the time they reach the field. His solution is to spend your time in school learning how to learn.

Jones talked about how he grew up in an advertising family with the ability to read a large number of magazines and would go to the library to read frequently.

**TERRY JONES, page 4**

## Earthshot Prize advocates for environment

By Morgan Rich  
Staff Writer

The first international Earthshot Prize was held on Oct. 17 in London and awarded five different nominees for their contributions to environmentalism.

The Earthshot Prize is the most distinguished global environmental prize in history and aims to help repair and bring change to the planet. The prize was started by the Royal Foundation of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in 2020. The Royal Foundation will run the Earthshot Prize until the end of 2021.

According to the Earthshot Prize website, inspiration for the prize was taken from President John F. Kennedy's Moonshot, which was when he challenged the nation to land a man on the moon and claim a leadership role in space exploration by the end of the 1960s.

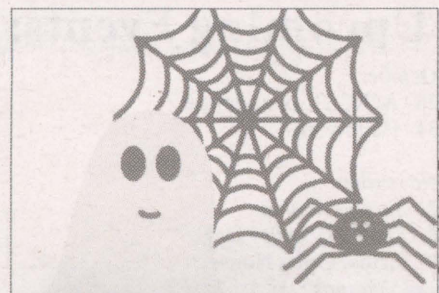
The Earthshot Prize is centered around five different "Earthshots," which is supported by UN Sustainable Development Goals and other internationally recognized measures. Together they form a unique set of challenges that are rooted in science and aimed to produce new and different ways of thinking, technologies, solutions, systems, as well as policies.

**EARTHSHOT, page 11**



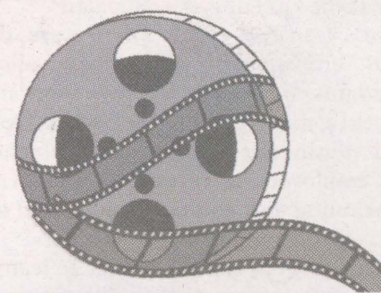
The Beacon/Zach Paraway

Annual Diversity and Inclusion Conference held, page 5



Graphic by Zoey Rosensweet

Students share their unique ways to get in the Halloween spirit, page 9



Graphic by Zoey Rosensweet

'Halloween Kills': A murderously good, nostalgic horror film, page 15



The Beacon/Ariel Reed

FH: Wilkes goes 2-0 on week against MACFreedom opponents, page 19



# News

Have a breaking story or a press release to send? Contact the news editor: [Genevieve.Frederick@wilkes.edu](mailto:Genevieve.Frederick@wilkes.edu)

## Student Government notes: Oct. 20 weekly meeting

By Zach Paraway  
Staff Writer

The Student Government held its sixth meeting of the semester. It started in traditional fashion with a call to order and roll being taken. Next was the approval of minutes and the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report stated that there is a total of \$42,713 across all SG accounts.

The first order of business was a request from the Air Force ROTC about a club trip. It was given by Shawn Cottee. The request was for \$1,800 to go toward a trip to Paintball Asylum to gain field training that they believe will be beneficial to the cadets. Many of the cadets have no experience in field combat and the trip would relieve financial burdens on the families and give a chance for cadets to gain valuable experience. The decision is to be made at next week's meeting.

The second order of business was a presentation of the Table Tennis Club, for a

review of their constitution and asking to be activated as a club on campus. As presented by the president, first year chemistry student Saurabh Patel, the club would present the

opportunity for a new intramural on campus for students. The club has asked for \$300 in order to afford table tennis racquets and balls. Without much promotion, the club already has heard back with interest from at least 11 students. The club is to be supervised by Megan Boone Valkenburg.

The third order of business was a presentation from Zach Niemiec, a P3 pharmacy student, about the review of the constitution and reactivation of the Ski and

Snowboard Club. It was last active in 2019. The club hopes to visit ski resorts in the greater Northeastern Pennsylvania region for students who have a desire to ski and

snowboard. The club, with limited promotion, has seen interest from at least 58 students. With a full e-board, the club looks to add members that want to have fun while skiing and snowboarding together. The club and constitution will be voted on next week.

The fourth order of business was a presentation from Olivia Schanbacher, a junior musical theater major, about the review of the constitution and activation of the Tap Club. This is to be different from the dance and

cheer clubs at Wilkes as they want to focus on strictly tap dancing. The club already has 22 members and is looking to be recognized by the university. While the club is mainly for those with a tap background, Schanbacher made it a point to mention that those with no experience will be accepted and the club is willing to help teach. The club will be voted on next week.

The last order of business was about the upcoming Monopoly week and the budget proposal. Monopoly week will be replacing Casino Week and run the week of Nov. 8 to 12. Many of the events are still being planned, but they gave an estimation of a needed \$16,493 from SG. The budget will be finalized and voted on next week.

SG will have a meeting next week, Oct. 27.



@wilkesbeacon

[Zachary.Paraway@wilkes.edu](mailto:Zachary.Paraway@wilkes.edu)

## Beacon Briefs: Upcoming campus events

Compiled by Beacon News Staff

### Know more with "The More You Know" film series

The Civic Engagement, Global Education and Diversity, Department of Political Science and Department of Psychology are co-sponsoring The More You Know Film series.

The first film, "Food Inc.," will be shown on Oct. 28 at 11 a.m. in the Ballroom. Megan Valkenburg will provide a talkback after the movie. "Basketball or Nothing," "The innocence Project" and "Through the Night" will be shown in the following weeks. For more information email [megan.boone@wilkes.edu](mailto:megan.boone@wilkes.edu).

Registration and further details can be found on [today.wilkes.edu](http://today.wilkes.edu)

### Let go of semester stress with the College Democrats

The College Democrats will hold a meditation event in the Henry Student Center Ballroom on Nov. 1 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The event will be presented by Dr.

Christine E. Kiesinger who will share three simple practices to destress. The event will promote stress release and deep relaxation.

Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes and bring a blanket. The first 10 people will receive a free Wilkes blanket.

### "Taste of Wilkes: To-Go" scheduled

"A Taste of Wilkes: To-Go" is scheduled for Nov. 2. All proceeds this year will be to benefit the United Way Campaign.

This year the event will feature the to-go atmosphere which will allow attendants to choose what they want and take their meals to go; raffle baskets from local businesses, Wilkes departments, and employees; a plaque to memorize the winning dish and chef; and prized for first, second and third place winners.

Any questions can be directed to Jeanne Rabel at [jeanne.rabel@wilkes.edu](mailto:jeanne.rabel@wilkes.edu) or [usac@wilkes.edu](mailto:usac@wilkes.edu).

### Design the President's holiday card

Are you feeling creative and ready for

the holiday season? Put both to good use by designing the holiday card which will be sent out from the President's Office.

The campus will vote on the submissions and the winning submission will be printed on thousands of card. Winners will receive gift cards and Wilkes swag totaling a value of more than \$250.

Submissions will be open till Nov. 12.



@wilkesbeacon

[Thewilkesbeacon@wilkes.edu](mailto:Thewilkesbeacon@wilkes.edu)

## Upcoming Events: 2021 Fall Semester

### October

28- AFROTC open house  
31- Halloween

### November

2 - Taste of Wilkes  
6 - Stem Discovery Day  
7 - Virtual Open House  
11 - Veterans Day  
13 - In-Person Open House  
24 - Thanksgiving Recess Begins  
29 - Classes resume  
29 - Spring Parking Application Deadline

### December

13- Final Examinations begin  
20 - Final Examinations end  
22- Residence Halls Close  
25- Christmas

Want your event featured in the calendar?  
Email: [TheWilkesBeacon@wilkes.edu](mailto:TheWilkesBeacon@wilkes.edu)

## Table of Contents

News.....2

Life, A&E.....7

Opinion.....14

Sports.....19



# Nobel Prize winner Dr. William D. Phillips speaks on science

By Jake Maskulyak  
Staff Writer

Dr. William D. Phillips, a co-recipient of the 1997 Nobel Prize in physics, was welcomed to Wilkes on Oct. 20 for a presentation on modern science.

The chemistry department hosts the Catherine H. Bone lecture in chemistry series on a regular basis, hosting notable guests. This series of lectures has been made possible by the previous work of Catherine H. Bone, a former professor of chemistry at Wilkes.

The most recent speaker was a Nobel Prize winner who has garnered and earned several other achievements in his field.

Phillips was born in Wilkes-Barre and spent his early childhood in Kingston before his family moved out of the area. He attended Juniata College where he earned his bachelor's degree, followed by a doctorate of philosophy in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has since worked for the National Institute of Standards and Technology as well as serving as a professor of physics at the University of Maryland.

Phillips started the lecture by introducing himself, as well as some colleagues that he worked closely with in the past. This introduction was brief, and he explained the many entertaining concepts that he could cover in the field relating to his topic, "Time, Einstein and the Coolest Stuff in the Universe."

Phillips emphasized that he wanted the audience to have fun, and that rather than covering several topics that would take up an hour each, he would instead explain the theory of special relativity and the discovery that time and space were not constant.

The lecture that was given kept the audience engaged, with several pieces of humor and interesting stories. In the lecture, Phillips explained the concept of time and the speed of light to explain GPS, and how GPS worked, including how the distance from satellites allows us to know where we are on the face of the earth.

"People use GPS for everything, such as to figure out how far they are from home," said Phillips. "When we drove here, to this lovely bed and breakfast last night, the GPS guided us right to the front door. So everybody uses this all the time. I think that sometimes, people wouldn't know how to find their local grocery store if they didn't have GPS. But, the point is, that time is important for your daily lives."

Later in the presentation, Phillips talked

about his team's work in using a laser and a magnetic field to decelerate and cool an atomic beam.

"The coldest thing you've ever seen is liquid nitrogen," Phillips said. "It boils when it hits the ground. It turns rubber bands into dry twigs. It's 77 degrees above absolute zero. We're supposed to get within 240 millionths of a degree above absolute zero."

To prove his point, Phillips walked around with a bottle of liquid nitrogen and poured

experiments that Phillips was able to use to show discoveries his team had made within their experiments. The audience was treated to many demonstrations, which kept them engaged and interested in the material. One demonstration showed how cold liquid nitrogen was in comparison to the room. Phillips put a container of liquid nitrogen under a small plastic trash can, then telling the audience they would get back to the experiment later. The audience did get

reception was positive.

"The presentation had stuff that kids could understand, but not enough to bore a physics minor," said Ashlynn Allison, senior mechanical engineering major with a minor in physics.

Allison noted Matthew Schwarztrauber, a P1 pharmacy student and chemistry minor, who also attended the lecture with her felt that the mix of chemistry and physics was beneficial.

"It was really entertaining to sit here because Matthew does chemistry, I do physics, so he understood one thing, then I understood the next thing, and it went back and forth, and back and forth," said Allison.

Michael Nowak, a sophomore electrical engineer, explained how the surprises and demonstrations made the presentation interactive and engaging.

"You can pay attention better. You can understand what he's talking about," said Nowak. "Sometimes professors talk and they just like to go through notes. When he does interactive stuff, you can see it happening as he's talking about it."

Schwarztrauber also noted the new learning opportunities featured in the lecture.

"You can see that there's a lot of intersection between a lot of science disciplines," said Schwarztrauber.

Dr. Donald Mencer, professor in the chemistry department, was glad to have Phillips at Wilkes. He felt it was an honor to have an internationally recognized scientist accept the invitation to deliver the lecture.

"Dr. Phillips is well known for his contributions to laser cooling, a technique to slow the movement of gaseous atoms in order to better study them," said Mencer. "His work, along with that of Steven Chu and Claude Cohen-Tannoudji, has been important in the advancement in the area of low temperature physics."

Mencer was also satisfied with how, aside from giving the lecture, Phillips sat down to have lunch with students and staff during his visit to campus.

"All of the students I spoke to about the lunch meeting spoke highly of the event and mentioned how comfortable Dr. Phillips was able to make them feel," said Mencer. "He is very approachable."

For more information on Wilkes's various lecture series, visit [www.wilkes.edu/signature-events](http://www.wilkes.edu/signature-events).



The Beacon/ Genny Frederick

**Dr. William D. Phillips brings the experiment to the audience as he pours liquid nitrogen around Stark 101.**

it all around the Stark 101 lecture hall, to show how it was so cold that it boiled when it touched the ground.

He went on to explain the experiment that led his team to the discovery that would earn them the Nobel Prize.

"The temperatures we could get were really tremendously lower than we had predicted," said Phillips. "We got the temperature down to seven-tenths of a millionth of a degree of absolute zero."

The presentation highlighted several

back to it later, when the pressure created an explosion that made the trash can fly in the air, while Phillips was in the middle of explaining something else.

After the lecture, Phillips fielded questions from the audience for more than 30 minutes. Students who came to see the lecture were interested in the topics, no matter the discipline or age they were.

Phillips mentioned in his presentation that it was the first time he spoke to a live audience since the pandemic. Student

@wilkesbeacon  
Jakobe.Maskulyak@wilkes.edu



## TERRY JONES, from front

He encouraged students to be curious and expose themselves to ideas from different creatives and fields and to take those ideas from others and apply them to the areas of study students are working in.

Pierce commented on the impact of Jones's responses during the Q&A.

"Mr. Jones was very gracious to sit with honors students, Kirby scholars and some students from our classes and brought a lot of their questions down to the student level to show them that everyone can be an entrepreneur. He said it does not matter what curriculum you're in, what area of study it is, it is about persistence and bringing that idea forward and into reality," said Pierce.

For his lecture, Jones spoke to an audience in the Darte Center as well as to an online audience via Zoom.

As his lecture began, Jones told the story of a limousine ride where the driver of the limo was the owner of the limousine business. The owner asked Jones to review his website and Jones told him that he should create a new one that experiments with elements he was lacking, like pricing and booking.

"I said, 'how old are you?' he said, 'I'm 55' I said, 'that's too bad because if you don't change I don't think you'll make it to retirement,'" Jones continued, "This was just at the beginning of Uber. He didn't want to change and unfortunately, a few years later I

got a notice that he went bankrupt. He went bankrupt because he couldn't change."

Jones used this anecdote to talk about innovation and its importance. During his lecture, he again talked about culture and team serving as the two biggest components of innovation and change. He talked about the need to build a culture that promotes failure as a learning experience. In addition to that, he talked about his recruiter who, when recruiting, would ask new hires who the smartest person they knew was and then

go and try to recruit that person.

He also expanded on his earlier comments on the generation of ideas and innovation.

"Today I think innovation can come from anywhere in the organizational chart, because everyone has access to information. The best ideas I've seen over and over again come from the bottom of the organization, the customer service rep, the salesperson, the person on the line making the product."

He went on to explain that innovation that comes from the top-down is orderly but

dumb, and innovation that comes from the bottom-up is chaotic but smart. The biggest obstacle he explained is something called the Bozone layer.

The Bozone layer, as Jones describes it, is middle management stopping good ideas from moving up. Jones explains that when employees are not rewarded for change, the Bozone layer starts to kick in and kills innovation from the bottom up.

Jones concluded his lecture with another round of Q&A, this time from a larger audience. He gave more advice to both students and community members, some of who were in the process of starting their own businesses.

John Pezzolanti, a senior engineering management major and Kirby scholar of project management, client outreach and engineering said, "It was a great opportunity to help plan the Kirby lecture along with the rest of the Kirby scholars and Wilkes administration. It was also a great honor to be chosen to give the introductory remarks. I learned how to deal with failure with projects and what investors look for when choosing investments. It was a great experience talking with Mr. Jones. It was inspiring to hear about how to move past failures and hearing all his experiences."



The Beacon/ Sean Schmoyer  
Kirby Scholars from the center attended Jones's lecture at the Darte Center.

@wilkesbeacon  
Sean.Schmoyer@wilkes.edu

## Creative Writing Office offers "Writing Hour" every Thursday

By Maddy Kinard  
Staff Writer

Every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the creative writing graduate office, located in Cox Hall, is offering a "Writing Hour" in which any student, faculty or staff can utilize this quiet space in order to accomplish work.

When writing, many find that they need a change of scenery or a change of company. Cox Hall is seeking to be this space to re-spark motivation and inspiration for writers on campus by offering that change of pace that may be necessary for accomplishing tasks.

David Hicks, director of creative writing, finds this sentiment to be true as he has noticed it in his own life.

"The common perception of writers is that we're all a bunch of loners, but while there's some truth to that (we tend to be introverts), in reality we thrive in community," said Hicks.

Inspiration for the writing hour also stems from the writing community on campus, which is a bit of a secret as Hicks alludes to.

"Over a dozen of our staff and faculty

members have graduated from our Creative Writing graduate program, and judging from our literary magazine, Manuscript, we have some excellent writers in our undergraduate student populations as well," said Hicks. "What they all have in common is that they wish they were writing more often. So, we have this beautiful mansion as

our office space, with several quiet rooms—why not turn them into writing spaces?"

Students present on the first "Writing Hour" this past Thursday anticipate returning to the space as they found they were able to get work done while present.

"It's nice to have a captive audience. So if you can get other people to come with

you, it's fun," said Darren Martinez, senior English major.

Senior English major Fenn Farnelli also agrees with the positive response for a space to do work outside of the usual dorm.

"It's pretty neat," said Farnelli. "This hits the vibe for places I like to be to do work: empty, quiet."

The creative writing office would also like to expand time spent in the lounge and two other available conference rooms to Tuesdays club hours as well. Outside of Thursday's "Writing Hour," Cox Hall also offers other spaces so long as students honor it as a quiet space for writing. One of the aforementioned conference rooms, located right inside the front door, is available every day of the week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No appointment is required and is free for use so long as the space is not being used as a classroom.

While working, Cox Hall also offers free coffee, tea and snacks for anyone who is visiting.

"Just step into our kitchen and help yourself," said Hicks.



The Beacon/ Emily Cherkaukas  
Farnelli and Martinez get creative during the "Writing Hours".



# Diversity and Inclusion Conference continues annual tradition

By Zach Paraway  
Staff Writer

For the first time in two years, Wilkes was able to host the annual Diversity and Inclusion Student Conference on Oct. 24.

It was the fourth time this event was held and six speakers, along with the keynote speaker, spent the day presenting topics ranging from the experience of Black men to the biases of language and privilege.

The first session was held by the keynote speaker of the day given by Dr. Cassandra St. Vill. Vill works out of her home in Maryland and is currently a high school teacher and professor of social sciences. Her work has led her across the world and with her five degrees has been at the forefront of seeking progression for black people.

Vill gave her speech over Zoom and started with a tour of her home. She showed the room she was in, and what everything in that room said about her. She had stuffed animals that represent her emotions and the importance of having all of them. One stuffed animal included Sadness from the animated movie "Inside Out."

As Vill moved the camera, the upper part of her wall showed pictures and quotes from famous activists in history. One she highlighted was from Malcom X, the quote from him being, "The future belongs to those who prepare for it today."

Vill used this to segue into the main idea

of her speech, something she repeated throughout much of her presentation.

"Don't put flowers on my tombstone, help me plant the garden today," was the theme of the session. Vill explained the quote in reference to world leaders. She said they don't need anymore people to admire them, and instead they need people to fight with them and support them.

Vill continued and integrated this explanation into the Q&A portion. Instead of answering the questions given to her, she had students answer their own questions to show that they have just as many answers to problems as she does. Vill would give her ideas in response to the questions, but the point of her method was to highlight the power students have. The method of question answering was seen as eye-opening for those who attended, as people from all different backgrounds were giving answers to the problems of today.

Students were then given the choice of two different sessions. One session was "The Black Male Experience" given by Wilkes alumnus Woody M. Augustin. The presentation gave Black students a chance to share their experiences together, some of which were hard to speak about, and explain how those experiences that they go through are different than counterparts of different races.

The presentation opened with a video that students felt was powerful. In the video, a man was jogging 2.3 miles and decided to wear a

mask for the whole trip instead of the first mile like he normally would. He said it was still running, but running at a disadvantage, or running while knowing one would have to work twice as hard.

The man told the story of Ahmaud Arbery. Arbery was a 25-year old Georgian man who was shot and killed by three white men who pursued him while he was jogging. The comparison was made that being a black man in America is like jogging with a mask, which makes everything much harder.

Augustin then talked about what colorism has done to Black society, explaining that the arguments that colorism creates inhibits Black people from fighting for their justice when they are fighting within their own communities.

Augustin ended the presentation with the importance of mental health and having a hold on it. It is a stigma in the Black community to not get therapy and instead deal with problems independently. Black men also have the secondary stigma as many men have a stigma against therapy and mental health.

To anyone dealing with issues such as these or any on campus at all, students can visit the Health and Wellness Center to talk to therapists that are on campus.

The last session was about privilege and was given by Dr. Mia Briceño, an associate professor of communication studies at Wilkes. The presentation began with an activity, where each member of the audience took a bag and

walked around the room to the papers on the wall that had different phrases about privilege in the country. Each paper had seven phrases and for every phrase that applied students would put a candy in their bag.

Once the activity was over, everyone had pieces of candy. While some students had more pieces, all had the same general number. Briceño used this as a metaphor to highlight that everyone has privilege in some way.

After this activity, many people in the audience shared their experiences of biases. This activity and the following discussion showed that everyone has different privileges compared to others, but understanding what that difference in privilege is, is necessary.

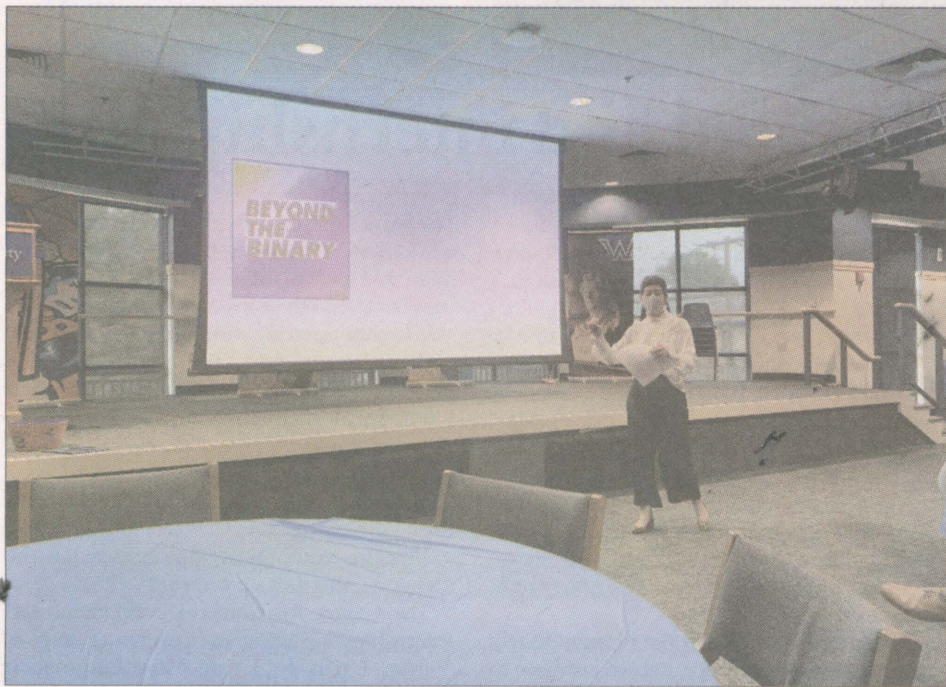
Learning and understanding privilege is a tool for growth.

Erica Acosta, director of Diversity Initiatives, said, "The Fourth Annual Diversity & Inclusion Student conference is an opportunity for students to engage in conversation about diversity and social justice topics. The conference is also an opportunity for our students to network with other students from other universities/colleges."

She continued, "The theme was 'Education is Key' because I feel education is important. It's important because education can open doors for our students in marginalized communities."



@wilkesbeacon  
Zachary.Paraway@wilkes.edu



Dr. Mia Briceño gave a presentation on bias and privilege during the Diversity and Inclusion Conference.



Woody M. Augustin presented a segment on the Black Male Experience.

The Beacon/ Emily Cherkaukas



# Celebrating the service and memory of Colin Powell

By Genny Frederick  
News Editor

General Colin L. Powell, former United States secretary of state, died on Oct 18. His family reported on Facebook that his death was the result of complications from COVID-19.

Powell also had multiple myeloma and Parkinson's disease and his immunocompromised health put him at greater risk once contracting COVID. He was 84 when he died.

Powell was born in 1937 and was raised in the South Bronx. He attended college at the City College of New York. During his time in college, he was also a member of ROTC and, upon graduation, received both a bachelor's degree in geology as well as a commission as an Army second lieutenant.

He served two tours in Vietnam and, during the second tour, earned the Soldier's Medal for bravery after surviving and then rescuing three others from a helicopter crash.

Powell returned to the United States and had his first position working with a president when President Richard Nixon appointed him a White House Fellow.

Powell then traveled to Germany to command the V Corps in Frankfurt, Germany. It was here that Lt. Col. Mark Kaster, professor of earth and environmental science and veteran's counselor, met Powell during a briefing.

When asked about his experience serving under Powell, Kaster said, "He was a soldier's soldier. Powell looked out for his troops. They're the priority. When you're a commander, you want to make sure your people are taken care of. And when they're taken care of, they'll go

the extra distance, the extra mile. They'll do those things that by themselves, they would think are impossible, but with good leadership, you can take the hill."

During Ronald Reagan's presidency, Powell was the National Security Advisor. Notably, he took part in negotiations with Mikhail Gorbachev over arms treaties. During the presidency of George H. W. Bush, Powell was appointed a four-star general, serving as commander in chief of Forces Command. He served in this position only briefly as he was appointed as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff by Bush.

Powell was the youngest officer and first African American to have this position.

During Powell's time as chairman that the U.S. was involved in conflicts such as the invasion of Panama and Operation Desert Storm.

Dr. Andrew Miller, associate professor of political science, remarked on Powell's work in foreign and military policy.

"The most important contribution of Colin Powell was his formulation of the Powell Doctrine, which argued that before any military action is taken, there should be clear foreign policy goals, overwhelming strike capability and public support," said Miller.

After spending much time in politics, many thought he would put in a bid for the presidency. However, Powell explained his distaste for politics prevented him from running. Instead,

he was appointed as Secretary of State under George W. Bush and held the position as the first Black secretary of state.

The biggest stain on his record came during his time as Secretary of State when he claimed that there was proof that Iraq was holding weapons of mass destruction. In a United Nations meeting in 2003, Powell cited Iraqi defectors as proof that weapons of mass destruction were being created and stored by Saddam Hussein.

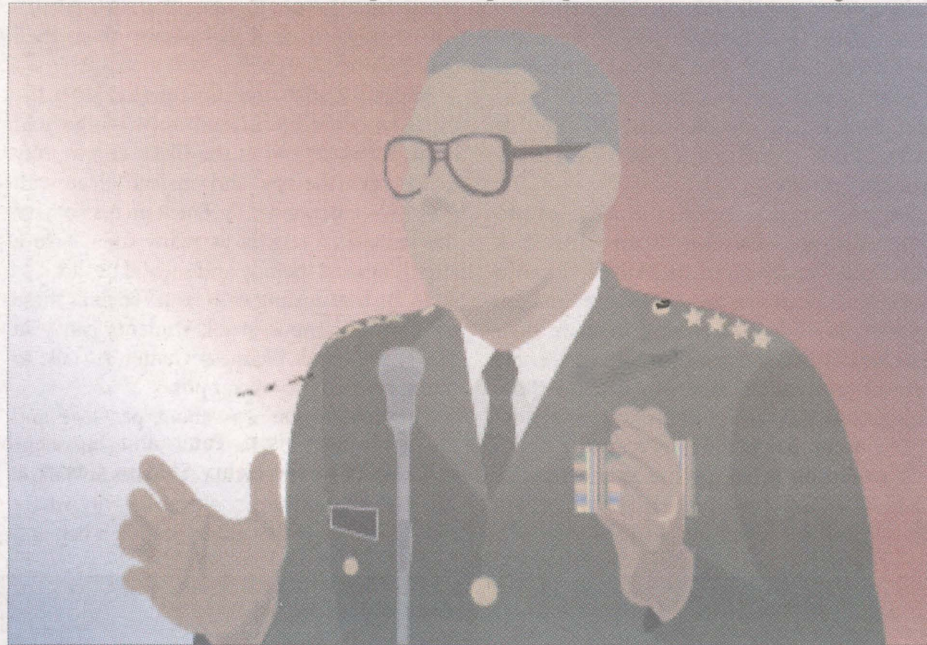
Senate reports and other investigations found that this speech was composed of false information created to gain international support for an invasion of Iraq. In 2004 he testified before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee reporting that these weapons were not likely to be found.


While Colin Powell's life included much military and political work, his legacy lives on outside these areas. One of which is the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership at the City College of New York. The school houses the social science departments, leadership development and public service programs.

The school mourns the loss of Powell, and in an online statement, told how he would never miss a graduation and would "show up early to meetings on campus so that he could stand in front of Shepard Hall and meet students as they walked by. He'd hear their stories and tell them his own."

Powell's long career can be seen as one of service to the country and its people.

"We lost a national treasure," said Kaster.



 @wilkesbeacon  
Graphic by Jack Malatesta

## CCDI holds virtual career, grad school and internship fair

By AJ Rubino  
Staff Writer

Wilkes University Center for Career Development and Internships hosted its annual Career, Grad School and Internship Fair on Oct. 21. The fair ran from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. virtually.

Students registered for the event on Handshake. After registration, students signed up for one-on-one events or group sessions that were available during the event. The virtual aspect created more flexibility for students.

The virtual event was created in hopes to keep the students and community partners safe during COVID-19. This virtual medium also allowed students and employers to speak to each other without their masks on.

"I was able to express a part of my personality during the meetings instead of submitting a paper résumé," said sophomore political science and history major Kaelin Hughes.

"We are in a time where if these events were in person, we would have to mask up. It is nice to see full faces for once."

In total, 319 students registered for the event, and 132 employers were also in attendance. Employers came to Wilkes from as nearby as a few blocks away and as far as California.

Grad schools included Wilkes, West Chester, Widener and DeSales. Hughes spoke to Widener and Wake Forest in regards to their graduate law programs.

"It benefited me a lot especially in what I want to do after my undergraduate career," said Hughes.

Some employers included the Times Leader, the US Navy and Deluxe Digital.

Digital Deluxe, located in California hosted a hiring session during the event. Bryan Stevens explained that two of his teams had hiring positions.

"We do a lot of work for Disney Plus and

HBOMax," said Stevens in the group session.

The virtual medium can be difficult. Some employers and students encountered problems such as miscommunication of links for the event.

The event was live via Handshake, an app that allows students and employers to network remotely. However, a Zoom link was also sent out in case of troubleshooting. Some students and employers experienced confusion between the two links.

"Next time we will make sure to send links out a few days prior to the event and explain thoroughly on what the link is for," said Sharon Castano, director of internships and parent programs.

"Of course, it is much more pleasant to talk with someone face to face, but we just have to do our best for now. I am hoping for a hybrid style fair next semester," said Castano.

Castano and the rest of the CCDI office are

planning on hosting another fair in the spring. The fair will have two parts: one in person and one online. Offering both options will allow interested students and employers who cannot travel or attend these events in person to still be able to communicate with each other remotely.

Regardless of the issues, the event had a big turnout. In 2019 Castano explained that the in-person fair almost hit 500. During the pandemic, numbers went down, but for 319 this year, it is a bigger turnout than expected.

"We're hoping to have over 500 students attend the spring," said Castano.

With the numbers of attendants rising, the spring turnout looks promising.

The Center for Career Development and Internships is hosting an open house on Nov. 5 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. More information about this open house can be found through wilkes.edu or to visit the Center itself for more information.



# Life, Arts & Entertainment

Have any events or artists to be shared? Contact life, arts & entertainment editor: [Jordan.Daniel@wilkes.edu](mailto:Jordan.Daniel@wilkes.edu)

## Programming board hosts its annual Fall Fest event

By Jordan Daniel

Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

On Oct. 21, Programming Board held its annual Fall Fest event on the greenway for students to attend and enjoy some fall-related activities. Many came out to take a break from their busy schedule, play games and eat some delicious free food.

"I hope that this event would be a nice break from routine for students," said junior pharmacy major and president of Programming Board Maddy Yeager. "I also hoped that the event would promote a sense of community on campus."

Fall Fest is a combination of many fall festivities, such as cornhole, a pie-eating contest and a donut on a string contest. A s'mores station, a caramel apple station and a dinner that included macaroni and cheese and pulled pork were provided. There was also a photo booth, a Plinko board, a mini pumpkin patch and pumpkin painting.

"My favorite activity of Fall Fest is probably

the mini pumpkin patch and the pumpkin painting," said Yeager. "It's something different to do and I end up leaving the event with a cool keepsake that I made."

Past Fall Fests have garnered 100 to 150 students; therefore, programming board was prepared to host the same amount of people for this year's Fall Fest. Almost every student who showed up was excited and they seemed to have participated in all the events.

"Based on talking with friends, one of the activities I think students were the most excited for was the pie-eating contest," said Ellie Freiss, a sophomore mechanical engineering and physics double major and small events chair on Programming Board.

Since the event started at 7 p.m. it was getting dark outside on the greenway. However, that did not stop people from enjoying their time with their friends, eating food, dancing to music and doing some fall activities.

"I went to Fall Fest because I thought it would be a fun way to spend time with

friends," said junior biology major Hera Mukhtar. "I think the most fun activity was watching the different competitions."

Additionally, the events that Programming Board hosts are great for students because they are usually always free and it is a way for the whole campus to feel a sense of community. Those who missed out on Fall Fest and are still looking to get in on the fall fun should consider going to events that are associated with Freak Week.

Programming board's Freak Week is an annual event and usually occurs during the last week of October. This year it began on Oct. 25, with a Mocktail Monday and a zombie mocktail vendor in the Henry Student Center.

On Tuesday, there was a Murder Mystery event at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Students were able to work together to figure out who the murderer was. A door prize was also available to those students who attended.

Wednesday is a Paint and Sip in the ballroom of the Henry Student Center at 7

p.m. This event has a maximum of 50 people who can attend, so sign up at the welcome desk in the Henry Student Center as soon as possible if interested.

The next day, Thursday, is Trick or Treat Bingo, and students are encouraged to wear their costumes to be entered in and win a bonus bingo board.

Trick or Treat Bingo will be at 7 p.m. in the ballroom of the Henry Student Center.

The last day of Freak Week, Friday, is a giveaway happening at 11 a.m. in the Henry Student Center. In order to receive the giveaway, students must have three out of four places hole punched on a punch card given out at the other events happening at the beginning of the week.

For more information on Freak Week and other Programming Board events, follow their Instagram @wilkesupb.

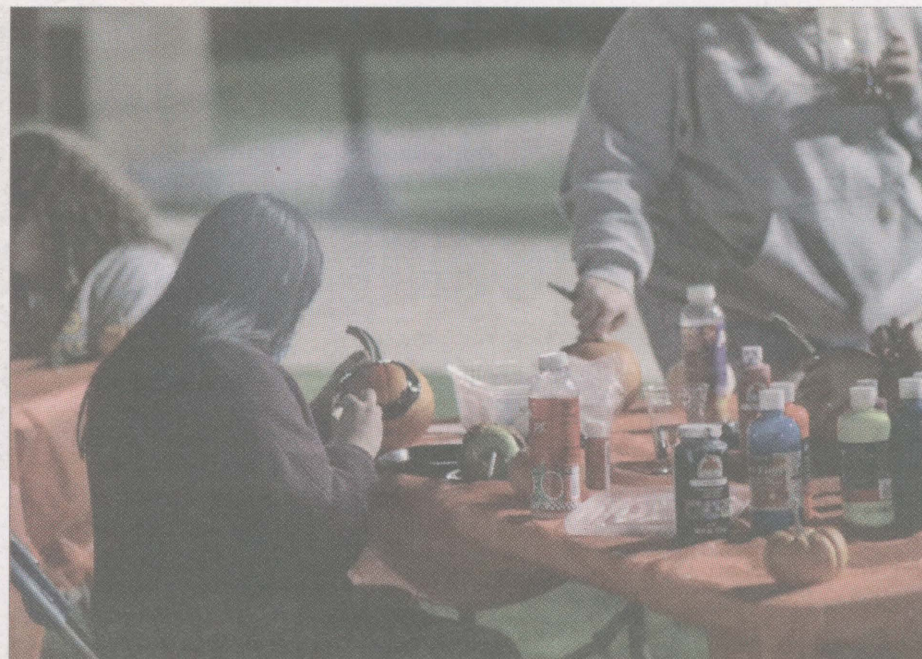


@wilkesbeacon

[Jordan.Daniel@wilkes.edu](mailto:Jordan.Daniel@wilkes.edu)



Students are standing around an open grill, which was the s'mores station at Fall Fest. Marshmallows, chocolate, graham crackers and skewers were provided by programming board so students could make their own yummy s'mores.



The Beacon/Nate Whitaker

There were pumpkins at almost at every table at Fall Fest and of course there were some in the mini pumpkin patch. Students were allowed to pick out any one they wanted to paint with the paints and brushes that were provided.



# Halloween Treat: Doggy Delicacies' mini PB apple bite snacks

By Emily Cherkauskas  
Editor-in-Chief

*An important part of the Halloween season is trying all the delicious treats and snacks that fit the spooky theme of the holiday. If your dog is uncooperative with costumes, this simple treat recipe will allow your pup to enjoy the Halloween season regardless.*

## Ingredients:

2 apples  
1/2 cup of peanut butter  
2 tbsp coconut oil  
Pretzel sticks  
Mini dog treats

## Directions:

First, clean your apples. In order to make the mini apple bites, you can use a cookie dough scooper, melon baller or spoon.

Use your tool to carefully cut out the bite-sized pieces. Be careful to not cut too deep into the apple and gently cut to avoid too much apple juice leaking out.

Rinse the apple bites to wash away the juice. As they are drying, you can move on to the next step.

Combine the peanut butter and coconut

oil in a small cup, deep enough to dip the apples in. Heat them in the microwave for up to 30 seconds to let the coconut oil melt. Mix together until homogenous.

Take the pretzel sticks and stick them into the apples. Let the skin of the apple act as the bottom of the bite so stick the pretzel into the apple's flesh.

Holding on the pretzel stick, dip the apples into the peanut butter and let the excess drip off. You might have to give the apples a gentle shake to get some of the excess away.

Due to the number of apple bites and their sizes you can simply place them on a plate to let them harden. Once nothing is dripping, place them.

You can also stick small dog treats onto the apples. You might have to use some of the peanut butter to act as an adhesive.

Refrigerate the apple bites until they are fully cooled and hardened.

## Notes:

I recommend using gala apples for their sweetness but it can depend on what your dog prefers.

Original recipe adapted from Gone to the Snow Dogs



@wilkesbeacon

Emily.Cherkauskas@wilkes.edu



The Beacon/Emily Cherkauskas

Dogs will love these delicious mini apple peanut butter bites for Halloween.



# BEACON BUMPS

Each week, the Wilkes Beacon staff adds a song to their 2021-2022 Beacon Bumps playlist under Chris Gowarty's account on Spotify. Look below for this week's list of songs.

**Emily Cherkauskas**, Editor-in-Chief: After Dark - Mr. Kitty

**Sean Schmoyer**, Managing Editor: 8 Legged Dreams - Unlike Pluto

**Genny Frederick**, News Editor: Monster - Kanye West

**Maddy Kinard**, Asst. News Editor: Halloween - HUNNY

**Jordan Daniel**, LA&E Editor: bury a friend - Billie Eilish

**Breanna Eblisch**, Opinion Editor: Thriller - Michael Jackson

**Lindsey Scorey**, Opinion Staff Writer: Disturbia - Rihanna

**Ariel Reed**, Sports Editor: Ghost - Wage War

**Chris Gowarty**, Assoc. Sports Editor: Venom - Ghostemane

**Baylee Guedes**, Asst. Sports Editor: Love Sosa - Chief Keef

**Jason Eberhart**, Sports Staff Writer: Wolves - Selena Gomez

**Mia Walker**, Lead Designer: Spooky Ho - Danny Gonzalez

**Liz Cherinka**, Social Media Manager: Highway to Hell - AC/DC

**Zoe Rosensweet**, Lead Layout Designer: Zombie - Miley Cyrus



# Students share unique ways to get in the Halloween spirit

## Many are excited to celebrate their favorite holiday

By Lauren Gardner  
Staff Writer

Halloween is here again. People of all ages enjoy Halloween as there is so much to do this time of the year.

Haunted houses, pumpkin patches, apple picking, hayrides and corn mazes are just a few common favorites. Northeastern Pennsylvania is surrounded by beautiful mountains, which makes this time of the year always scenic as the leaves change colors. Plus, children always look forward to the time of year when they can choose to dress up as their favorite character and go trick-or-treating.

After all, who doesn't like free candy?

Although COVID-19 has made it challenging to keep the tradition of trick-or-treating alive, it is always something to look forward to.

While children enjoy these activities, adults look forward to annual pumpkin spice lattes and hard apple cider. During this time of year people also enjoy football games, especially the community here on campus.

There are several local farms that offer a variety of activities. Some of these activities include picking apples and picking pumpkins.

"Carving pumpkins and sitting around a campfire with family and friends on a chilly night is always fun," said

communication studies alum, Maria DiBou.

DiBou also enjoys all of the fall foliage that Northeastern Pennsylvania has to offer.

Moreover, some more indoor Halloween activities that people enjoy are watching Halloween movies.

"I love watching bad vampire and sci-fi movies from the 1970s and 1980s during this time of year," said communication studies alum, Toni Pennello.

Carving pumpkins on the morning of Halloween is a tradition of Pennello.

Halloween parties and costume contests are always a fun way to celebrate Halloween with friends. Halloween is a holiday people enjoy because it allows them to get creative and express themselves. People get to collaborate with their friends by wearing matching costumes, dressing as their favorite characters and of course, taking pictures for Instagram.

While most people purchase their costumes at the Halloween stores that pop up during this time of the year, thrifting different pieces for your costume has been increasingly popular throughout the last several years. To find inspiration for a costume, some scroll through Pinterest or Instagram for some ideas and create different boards to pinpoint the exact look they may be going for.

Also, in the past couple of years, people have begun to turn to TikTok for ideas too. Many can see

their favorite creators' TikToks on Halloween outfits and click the Amazon link, which will lead them to the exact outfit or accessory that they would like to replicate.

"I love seeing the creativity of other costumes and I enjoy dressing up and having a good time with my friends," said junior computer science major, Tori Duffy. "Fall is definitely my favorite season."

Whether it is enjoying a pumpkin spice latte or dressing up with your friends, the fall season and Halloween is a great way to come together and make memories.

"My favorite thing about this time of year is being able to drink lots of apple cider and wear comfy clothes," said junior nursing major Lizzy Antes. "I also celebrate Halloween by dressing up and hanging out with my friends. I look forward to sitting by the fireplace and watching movies."

Other fun things people enjoy are the Halloween pop-up stores.


"I love Spirit Halloween and Halloween City," said musical theater and creative writing alum Madison Black. "Just seeing a variety of other stores designate an area to costumes, candy and other scary decor is my absolute favorite."

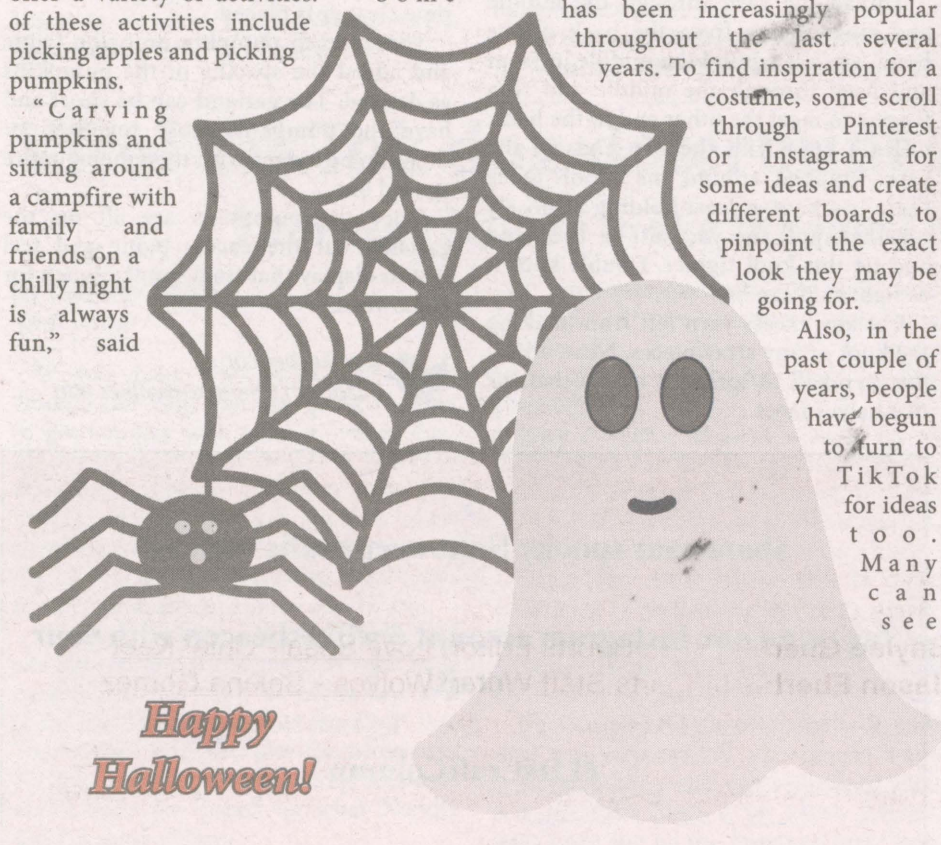
Black usually celebrates this time of the year by getting together multiple Halloween costumes for a variety of parties or attending "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

"This year, I am unfortunately working every single weekend in October for a Halloween event at my work," said Black.

However, this does not stop her festive Halloween spirit. As Black is employed by Great Wolf Lodge, each night she tries to do an elaborate or eccentric face painting for the children at her job.

This goes to show that, despite restrictions or other obligations, it is still possible to enjoy Halloween, even in the simplest of ways.

 Lauren.Gardner@wilkes.edu  
Graphic by Zoey Rosensweet




PROPERTIES

## Premium Student Housing

**FURNISHED ALL INCLUSIVE 1-4+ BR**

**Apartment and Mansion style living**

**LEASE NOW FOR MAY 20 Move in!**

**[www.znproperties.com](http://www.znproperties.com)**

**570-592-3113**

**Close to classes... closer to home!**



# Liz's Craft Corner: Halloween pumpkin yarn garland

By Liz Cherinka

Social Media Manager

Halloween is almost here, and that means it is a perfect time for one more spooky DIY decoration.

This pumpkin yarn garland is easy to do and is perfect for a last-minute party decoration that is sure to amaze your Halloween party guests.

The required supplies for the pumpkin yarn garland are orange yarn, green pipe cleaners, twine and scissors.

There are not many supplies or any expensive ones, which makes this craft affordable, costing less than \$10. These supplies can be found at any craft store, such as Joann Fabrics, Michaels or Amazon.

The first step is making the pumpkins out of yarn. Grab the orange yarn and begin to wrap that around four fingers on your hand.

Keep your fingers flat and do not wrap the yarn too tight that it moves your fingers.

Continue to wrap the yarn about 100 times or until there is a large amount around your fingers. Cut the yarn to finish the body of the pumpkin but keep the spool to tie it together.

Thread the yarn through the middle and ring fingers from the back of the hand, wrap it around the middle in front and back through the middle and ring fingers to meet the other end in the back.

Tie a knot with the two ends of the yarn wrapped around the spool. Once there is a knot at least holding it loosely together, pull the yarn off of the hand and tie this knot tighter. Double knot it as tight as it can be.

Cut any excess yarn left from making the knot or any stray pieces. Next, adjust the yarn ball to spread it out so that the two halves meet.

This should create a somewhat flattened ball with the yarn that resembles the general oblong shape of a pumpkin. Adjust any stray pieces of yarn to get the desired shape.

Now, it is time to make the stem.

Grab the green pipe cleaner and cut it into thirds. Thread the pipe cleaner through the middle string, holding the pumpkin together on top by the knot that was made. Fold the pipe cleaner in half around the string and wrap it around itself so that it becomes one stick.

Then, bend the pipe cleaner over to create a stem shape. Each stem can be different and unique on each pumpkin. Some can be short, long, have multiple twists, etc.


The pumpkin should definitely be apparent at this step. Do any final adjustments to get the desired pumpkin shape.

Repeat these steps for the amount of desired pumpkins for the garland. This can be time-consuming and tedious, but it is relaxing, which makes it a nice spooky stress reliever.

Once there are enough pumpkins, it is time to make the garland. Grab the twine and thread this through the middle string on each pumpkin underneath where the pipe cleaner is placed.

Thread each pumpkin onto the twine and adjust the spacing of the pumpkins as desired. The garland can be short and have the pumpkins close together, or they can be longer with them being more spaced out.

Once the pumpkins are all on the garland, cut the excess twine and feel free to display that final spooky touch for Halloween.

 @wilkesbeacon  
Elizabeth.Cherinka@wilkes.edu



**Step 1:** Wrap the yarn around four fingers about 100 times until a large spool forms. Wrap the yarn around the center of the spool, pull it off the hand, and double knot it around the middle. Readjust to form a pumpkin shape.



**Step 2:** Thread the pipe cleaner through the middle loop under the knot and wrap it around itself. Bend it to form a stem shape. Cut the excess yarn from the knot and the end of the spool.



**Step 3:** Continue making the pumpkins repeating the previous steps until there are enough to fill the garland.



**Step 4:** Thread the twine through the middle knot underneath the pipe cleaner. Continue this for each of the pumpkins.



**Step 5:** Hang the finished garland for a final spooky touch!

Share your spooky Halloween crafts with us!

Tag us on our Instagram account @wilkesbeacon with your craft!

#LizsCraftColumn



**EARTHSHOT, from front**

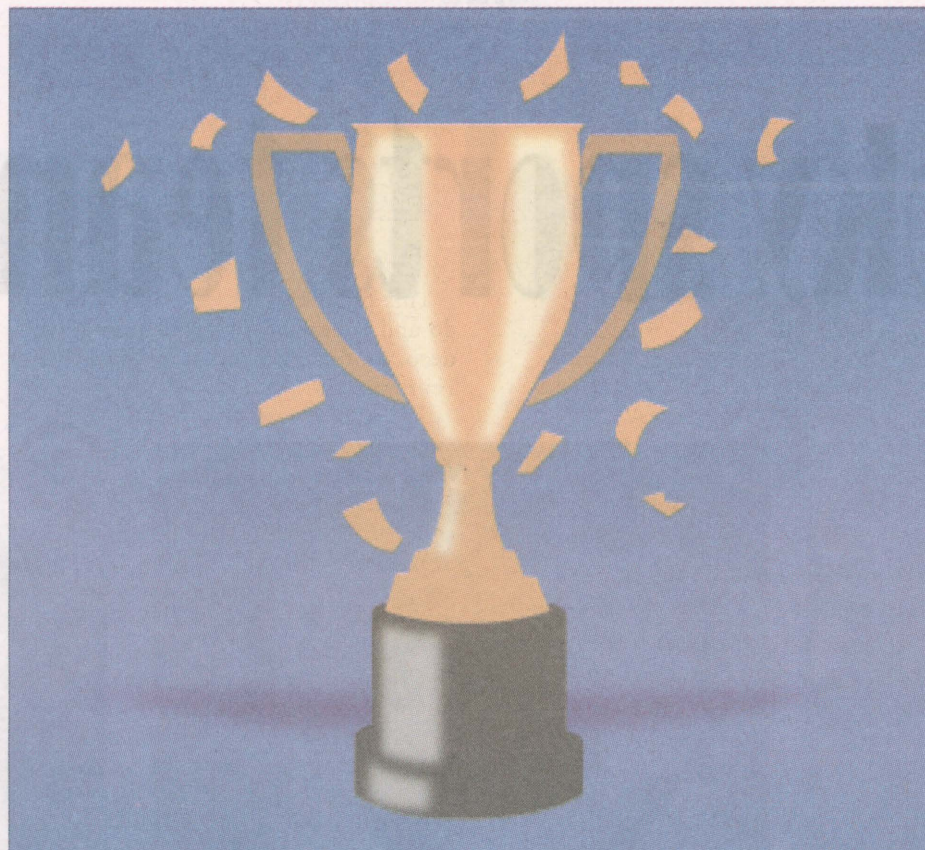
By 2030, the Earthshot Prize hopes to protect and restore nature, clean the air, revive the oceans, build a waste-free world and fix the climate.

The council, which selects the finalists and winners of the prizes, is composed of 15 influential individuals who are committed to campaigning positive actions in the environment. The Earthshot Prize ceremony completed a 10-month global search with more than 750 nominations around the world.

The winners each receive £1 million (\$1.4 million) in prize money, a medal and a network of support to produce their environmental solutions. The finalists will receive tailored support to help scale their solutions and create a huge impact with their groundbreaking work despite not winning the award.

The Republic of Costa Rica won the Protect and Restore Nature award, Takachar won the Clean our Air award, Cora Vita won the Revive our Oceans award, The City of Milan Food Waste Hubs won the Build a Waste-Free World award and Aem Electrolyser won the Fix our Climate award.

Celebrities joined Prince William and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, on the red carpet including Emma Watson, Emma Thompson, David Oyelowo, Jessica Oyelowo, Mo Salah, Dani Alves, Joana Sanz, Yemi Alade, KSI, Sadiq Khan and Saadiya Khan. At the event, Emma Watson was the biggest celebrity to turn heads.



Until this event, Watson had not been on the red carpet since the premiere of the movie "Little Women" in 2019. Watson is an English actress and activist who has gained recognition for her roles in blockbuster and independent films.

She is known for her active participation in women's rights but is best known for

her acting in the films "Perks of Being a Wallflower," "Beauty and the Beast" and the "Harry Potter" franchise.

Watson's outfit made a large statement in regard to the goal of the Earthshot Prize, which is to save the planet and care for the environment. Watson wore an outfit by London designer Harris Reed, who is

known for designs that do not conform to a specific gender.

According to Harper's BAZAAR, Watson wore a white gown with black flared trousers. The dress had an open back, floral detailing and a tulle skirt made of 10 upcycled wedding dresses from Oxfam.


"I really like the white lace cut at the shoulders along with the open back," said Jaden Greco, a sophomore pharmacy major. "I think the front may contain too much material at the chest which draws away from hair and makeup but overall a beautiful cut and color for her complexion and haircut."

However, Watson was not the only one serving up looks on the red carpet. The Duchess of Cambridge wore a memorable red carpet look that was previously worn in 2011.

The Duchess wore a lilac Alexander McQueen dress that features a wide boat neck collar and is cinched around the waist with an elaborate belt. This dress was created by one of the royal family's favorite designers, Sarah Burton.

Meanwhile, Prince William contrasted with an emerald green blazer that was layered over a black turtleneck and black trousers.

The Earthshot Prize will be making its way to the United States for its second annual awards ceremony in 2022. To find out more about The Earthshot Prize, please visit [earthshotprize.org](http://earthshotprize.org).

 [Morgan.Rich@wilkes.edu](mailto:Morgan.Rich@wilkes.edu)  
Graphic by Jack Malatesta

## Viral TikTok dog determines people's days, mental health

### Learning how to make the most of a "bones day" or "no bones day"

By Cassidy Taylor  
Staff Writer

If you have not already heard of Noodle the Pug, you are going to want to get familiar with what a "bones day" or "no bones day" is. Head to Jonathan Graziano's account (@jongraz) on the TikTok app and you will see that, every morning, Noodle's owner checks to see if his 13-year-old pug woke up with bones or not and shares the video on TikTok.

Graziano picks up Noodle's body and sits him up, and if the pug falls right back over, that means it is a "no bones day," and if he stays sitting up, that means it is a "bones day." This silly idea has taken over TikTok, and people are making decisions about their day based on what Noodle does in these videos.

A "no bones day" generally consists of relaxing, self-care, kindness and being comfortable. A "bones day" is about productivity, going out and treating yourself.

Here are some ideas of what to do on each type of day. Since a "no bones day" is meant for relaxing and self-care, they are the best for staying in comfortable clothes, being at home and filling your own cup.

"No bones days" are suitable to make your state of well-being the top priority. You can do simple things like light your favorite candle, drink lots of water, catch up on your favorite TV show or take a nap.

If you would like to take your "no bones day" one step further, you can do some true meditation and self-reflection. Find a comfortable place to sit where you can have your feet on the floor and your back

straight. Having your feet placed firmly on the floor helps to keep you grounded and your back straight helps you to feel powerful and more confident.

Then, close your eyes, inhale through your nose for five seconds, hold your breath for three seconds and then exhale through your mouth for seven seconds. Exhaling longer than you inhale can actually help to lower your heart rate, which lowers stress.


Spend some time doing this breathing exercise, and once you feel ready, grab a notebook and write down three things you are grateful for, three things you are proud of and three short-term goals you have. You can save those goals and stash them away to go after on the next bones day.

Some other great journaling prompts to help you reflect on during your "no

bones" relaxation are writing a letter to your 10-year-old self, writing a letter to your future self or answering the question: "what does your life look like when you are at your best?"

Many people feel that Noodle the Pug and his "bones or no bones day" predictions have brought a lot of joy to their lives.

"I just think it's a fun, cute way to determine the kind of day you'll have, kind of like a daily horoscope, except it's an elderly pug," said senior psychology major, Alison Gardner. "The world is so divided, but it's nice to see an elderly pug that no one has ever met before bring everyone together."

 [@wilkesbeacon](https://twitter.com/wilkesbeacon)  
[Cassidy.Taylor@wilkes.edu](mailto:Cassidy.Taylor@wilkes.edu)



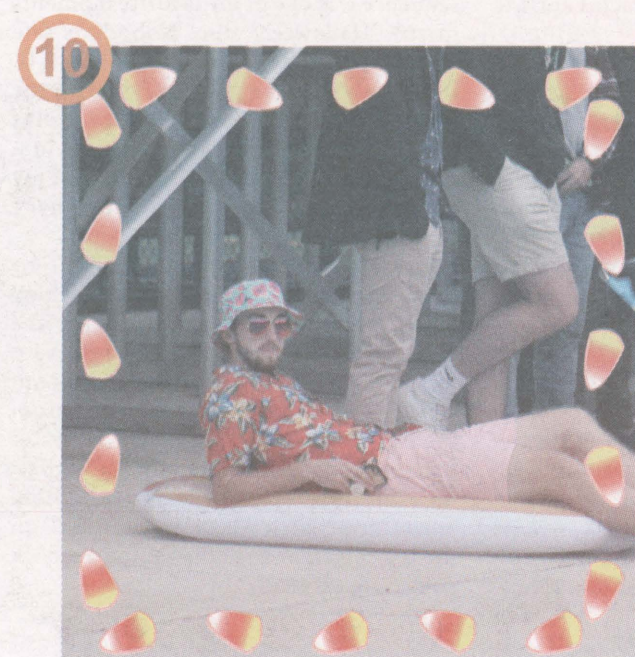
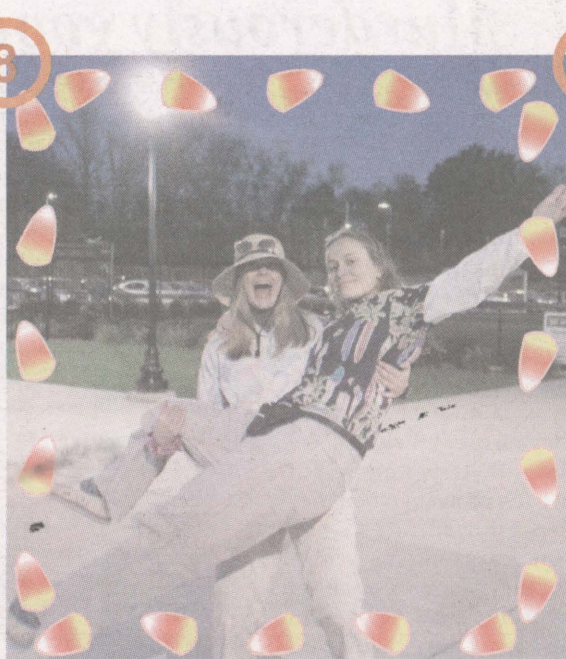


# Spooky sports teams trick





# Trick or treat with local kids



1. Trick or treaters entered in through the gates.
2. Siblings Brenna and Colton Babcock both represented their respective teams at the SAAC event.
3. Men's Lacrosse went as Mario Bros.
4. WIH debuted Shrek at the event.
5. Mary Simmons, PPD 101 teacher enjoyed her time with her kids at the event.
6. MBB, allegedly, were pirates at the trick or treat event.
7. MBB Coach Izzi Metz posed with his kids and their friends.
8. Tess Edwards and Erin Shober (WBB) were estatic to be volunteering.
9. Children from all over the area came to the event to get candy for Halloween.
10. MSOC Christopher Weed was found lounging poolside with the beach theme.
11. WBB dressed as "tacky tourists".

Photos: Ariel.Reed@Wilkes.edu  
Page Design/Layout:  
Mia.Walker@wilkes.edu



# Opinion

Have an opinion or want to write a guest column? Contact the opinion editor: [Breanna.Ebisch@wilkes.edu](mailto:Breanna.Ebisch@wilkes.edu)

*The Beacon editorial will not run this week; it will return in our next issue*

## Editorial Staff

### 2021-22

#### MANAGERIAL STAFF

Editor-in-Chief - Emily Cherkauskas  
Managing Editor - Sean Schmoyer  
Social Media Manager - Liz Cherinka  
Adviser - Dr. Kalen Churcher

#### SECTION EDITORS

News - Genevieve Frederick  
LA&E - Jordan Daniel  
Opinion - Breanna Ebisch  
Sports - Ariel Reed

#### Lead Designers

Mia Walker & Zoey Rosensweet

#### Associate Editor

Sports - Christopher Gowarty

#### Assistant Editor

News - Maddy Kinard  
Sports - Baylee Guedes

#### Section Staff Writers

Opinion - Lindsey Scorey  
Sports - Jason Eberhart

Interested in joining The Beacon? To learn more about what you can do, contact:  
[Emily.Cherkauskas@wilkes.edu](mailto:Emily.Cherkauskas@wilkes.edu)  
or [Kalen.Churcher@wilkes.edu](mailto:Kalen.Churcher@wilkes.edu)

141 S. Main Street  
Clayton and Theresa Karambelas  
Media & Communication Center  
Wilkes University  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766  
Phone - (570) 408-5903  
[www.thewilkesbeacon.com](http://www.thewilkesbeacon.com)

Want to advertise in The Beacon?  
Contact: Sean Schmoyer at  
[Sean.Schmoyer@wilkes.edu](mailto:Sean.Schmoyer@wilkes.edu)



The Beacon  
Est. 1936  
Pa. Newspaper  
Association Member

## 'Halloween Kills'

### Murderously good and nostalgic

By Hannah Simerson  
Staff Writer

A week ago, the highly anticipated "Halloween Kills" movie hit theaters across the country. With Halloween right around the corner, what better time for the boogeyman to terrorize the big screen again?

"Halloween Kills" picks up right where "Halloween" (2018) left off. We follow the three Strode women as they let their guard down, believing they killed Michael Myers in an elaborate trap, only to put their guard right back up again when they realize that Myers survived.

Once the town learns of his return to Haddonfield, they form a mob of protestors to ensure that "evil dies tonight." What ensues is pure chaos until the very last moment.

The film throws a bone to its fans by bringing back some of the characters from the 1978 film. Tommy Doyle, the young boy whom Laurie is babysitting in the original "Halloween" film makes another appearance in the new adaptation. Lindsey Wallace, another young child whose babysitter was killed by Myers, makes her return to Haddonfield. Lonnie Elam, Nurse Chambers and Sheriff Brackett also join in this film.

"Halloween Kills" is laden with the nostalgia that makes fans adore the original films. The film incorporates many flashbacks to the original night of Halloween in 1978. Audiences get an unfamiliar perspective of some of the events from that night and learn more about what makes Myers tick.

There is something to be said about the fact that this series transcends the boundaries of time. We entered the world of Haddonfield, Ill., back in 1978, and we are just as invested in 2021. This is

every filmmaker's dream: to have your story eternalized across generations marks true creative success.

I have very conflicting feelings about this film. As a horror movie buff, I tend to be extremely critical of films that pay homage to classic horror characters. I will say this: as a standalone film, "Halloween Kills" was great. It did everything that I needed it to do for me. I was scared; I was invested in the plot; I shared in the characters' sadness; and I laughed with them. If this were the only "Halloween" movie ever made, it would be a knockout for me.

However, it was not a standalone film. At this point, viewers are used to the dynamic between Laurie and Myers; you cannot have a "Halloween" film without the two of them battling it out. But, that's just what they did with "Halloween Kills." There are no scenes with Laurie and Myers in this film. In fact, Laurie is hardly in it at all.

Everyone loves a good final girl, and to practically render her useless in this film put me off from the very start. Sure, it shows that she is human, but final girls are never supposed to sit back and let others do their bidding. Portraying her in this way made me detached from the plot, as her performance is what I look forward to the most when I watch these films.

The mob subplot really rubbed me the wrong way as well. I get that the writers wanted to show how Myers was

so evil that his wickedness made the residents turn into moral monsters too, but it felt very artificial. Once again, if this were a standalone film, this plot would have really worked for me. Knowing how the "Halloween" movies operate and the formula that audiences have grown accustomed to, changing it in this way felt unnatural.

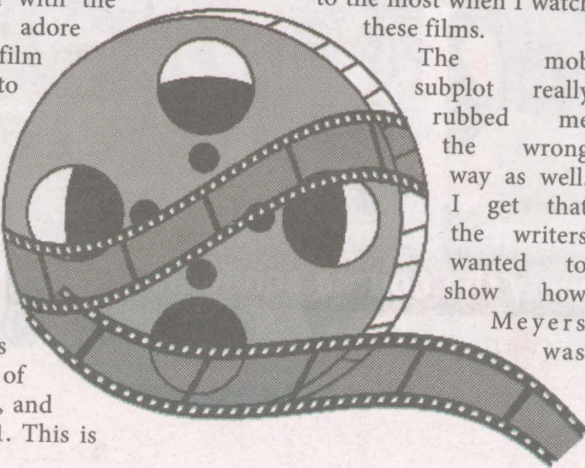
The one aspect that I feel completely redeemed the sub-par plot for me was how brutal Michael Myers was in this film. We saw him use weapons and methods he never had before and, more than ever, he seemed completely detached from any mercy.

I especially appreciated this since Myers often gets a bad rep for not being scary enough. They really tapped into his fear potential and showed a new side to the man behind the mask.

I will not share spoilers, but the ending sequence was one of my favorite moments in any "Halloween" film. Nobody is safe and this part showed us just how true it is. It certainly sets up a great storyline for the next film and I am excited to see it play out. I love when horror films throw in a massive curveball, so while the rest of my group was disappointed in the ending, I thought it was screenwriting genius.

Overall, I rate "Halloween Kills" four out of five stars. I think if you are a lifelong fan of horror films, you might have the same gripes as I do, but if you just want to see a movie to get in the Halloween spirit, you will love every bit of it. From the humor to the strong female leads, to the returning characters and, of course, the kills, "Halloween Kills" is a solid film.

You can watch "Halloween Kills" on the big screen or at home on the Peacock streaming service.



[@wilkesbeacon](https://twitter.com/wilkesbeacon)  
[Hannah.Simerson@wilkes.edu](mailto:Hannah.Simerson@wilkes.edu)



# BRRR-ING IT ON!

## TAKE ONLINE CLASSES DURING WINTER INTERSESSION

Earn three credits in just three weeks. Classes are held online, allowing you to enjoy your break at home while catching up on missed classes and getting ahead in your studies. Ask about our Winter/Summer 2022 discount deal!



**WINTER INTERSESSION**  
**DEC. 27, 2021 TO JAN. 14, 2022**

Make an appointment with your advisor and visit [wilkes.edu/winter](http://wilkes.edu/winter) to view the course schedule.

**Wilkes**  
**University**

Wilkes University is an equal opportunity institution. For information on the University's Policy on Non-Discrimination, visit [www.wilkes.edu/nondiscrimination](http://www.wilkes.edu/nondiscrimination).



# Dean's Deep Dives: Yung Lean, the bard of a sad generation

By Dean Bowen  
Staff Writer

The internet has provided a route to fame for innumerable artists, especially in music. Streaming services are more accessible to independent musicians than ever and social media provides a ready-made platform to grow your esteem. The prototype for this system looked far different, however. Out of this early web of internet subculture and innovation came Yung Lean, Swedish cloud rap pioneer and pillar of internet music subculture.

Lean's discography is vast, encompassing ten albums, eight years and countless genre shifts. This prolificity has not come without a cost, for behind the music lies a story of tragedy, drug abuse and finding meaning. Through the following ten songs I will tell this story, giving a chronological introduction to the life and music of one of the most lasting and talented names in alternative hip-hop.

## 1. "Lemonade" - "Unknown Death 2002"

Lean's time in the spotlight began early, first gaining popularity on the internet in 2013 at the age of 17. "Unknown Death 2002" was his first proper introduction as an artist, and it delivered on that front. Produced by fellow Sad Boys Entertainment (SBE) member Sherman and featuring fellow Swede Baba Stiltz, "Lemonade" is a demonstration of Lean's ability to captivate the ear. Recorded in a rudimentary home studio, what it lacks in serious content it makes up for in unreplicable creativity.

## 2. "Kyoto" - "Kyoto"

Released as a single in the months following "Unknown Death 2002," "Kyoto" was a clear sign that Lean was refining his sound. Enlisting another phenomenally talented SBE producer in Gud, "Kyoto" is to this day Lean's most popular track. Finding his confidence in success, Lean buzzes over a synth-heavy beat, proclaiming his hatred towards criticism, his love of recreational drugs and his indifference towards fame. "Kyoto's" brief stay as a mainstream hit further popularized Lean, beginning a gradual accumulation of stress and addiction that would plague his career for years to come.

## 3. "Ghosttown" - "Unknown Memory"

"Unknown Memory" is possibly the closest thing to a proper rap album that Lean has ever put out. Seeking a more mainstream sound with his own twist on it, "Ghosttown" was yet another evolution in form, with Lean dropping his signature aloof delivery in favor of a more pointed flow. "Ghosttown" also features a pre-superstardom Travis Scott, who would go on to drop a critically

acclaimed blend of cloud rap and Houston drill, "Rodeo," in the year after working with SBE in Sweden. Sound thievery aside, "Ghosttown" is a demonstration of Lean's ability to shift his sound at will, ignoring the binds of genre and effortlessly providing hits.

## 4. "Hoover" - "Warlord"

Following the success of "Unknown Death 2002," Lean moved from Stockholm to Miami, Florida. It was in Miami that Lean's lifestyle rather quickly caught up to him. While working on "Warlord," Lean's numerous drug addictions ended up nearly killing him via an overdose. Immediately following his subsequent hospitalization, Lean's longtime friend and manager Barron

them that even during his hospitalization they were all he thought about. The track also features fellow SBE member Bladee, a pop-rap innovator in his own right. Underneath the cheerful enamourment of "Hennessy & Sailor Moon" and other tracks off "Frost God," however, it was becoming more and more evident that Lean had not yet recovered fully from the tragedy of Miami.

## 6. "Hotel in Minsk" - "Psychopath Ballads"

Briefly escaping the Yung Lean title and releasing "Psychopath Ballads" in summer 2017 under an alteration of his real name (jonatan leandoer96 being the chosen pseudonym), Lean took this EP as a chance to

Philadelphia while touring "Warlord." "Red Bottom Sky" was a rejuvenation of Lean's sound, proving he finally was taking himself (and his art) seriously.

## 8. "Agony" - "Stranger"

Along with honesty comes pain, and "Agony" is the perfect embodiment. Quite simply, this song hurts. Lean sings truthfully over a stripped-down instrumental composed mainly of an intentionally out-of-tune piano, with a revitalized lyrical performance unavoidable in its scale and ability. Lean even finds time amongst his nuanced descriptions of mania to fit in a poignant quotable, with "Can't write a song, only do hooks." Both referencing a common criticism he received in his earlier career and emphasizing his inability to see anything through due to his mental state. This displays a brutal candor that Lean picked up on his journey to stability.

## 9. "Bender++Girlfriend" - "Poison Ivy"

Coming off the cathartic experience that was "Stranger," Lean sought yet another sound to experiment with. He found his answer in SBE member and producer Whitearmor, who executively produced every song on "Poison Ivy." This focus allowed for a more detailed delve into a gothic sound that he had touched on before, with the second half of this split-track especially showing both Whitearmor's ridiculous ability at production and Lean's ability to sound good on any instrumental he chooses.

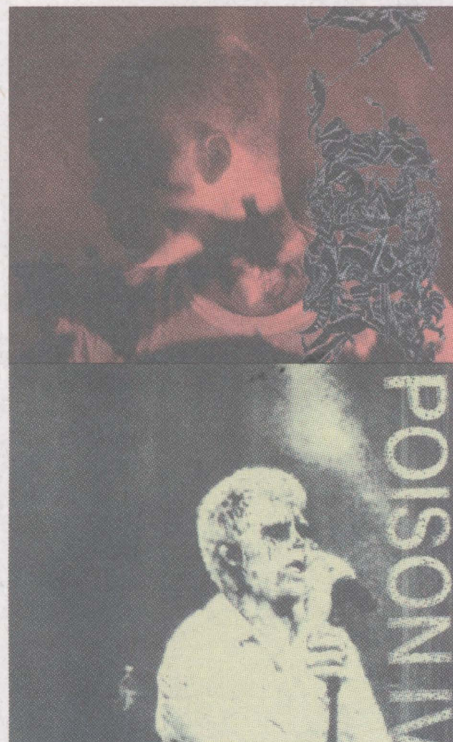
## 10. "Sunset Sunrise" - "Starz"

"Starz" gives the listener Lean at his happiest, finally sober and relatively in control of his demons. With the album art being a simple lightly edited picture of himself (borrowing a concept from his jonatan leandoer96 run), the project is authentic to its core. "Sunset Sunrise" is a standout, with a hauntingly beautiful Whitearmor instrumental supporting Lean's use of religious metaphor to signify his departure from his previous chosen subject of worship, recreational drugs.

## Rapping it up

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of Lean's career is that although it spans over eight years and counting, he is still only twenty-five years old. He has the experience and ability of a veteran with the energy and drive of an unproven rookie and is sure to continue to provide some of the most sonically interesting music available. No matter how much the industry shifts around him, Lean will undoubtedly continue to be a trailblazer for years to come.

Photos courtesy of the artist  
Dean.Bowen@wilkes.edu



Machat was killed in a car accident. Upon this tragic chain of events, Lean disappeared into isolation in Sweden, leaving Gud and Sherman to finish "Warlord." It is haunting to hear this startlingly manic, chaotic record knowing the circumstances that it was created in. Despite this, "Hoover" and "Warlord" as a whole was a driving, invigorating change in direction for Lean, proving that he could develop his sound beyond cloud rap.

## 5. "Hennessy & Sailor Moon" - "Frost God"

Following the events surrounding "Warlord," Lean remained surprisingly upbeat. Released in late 2016 about 10 months after "Warlord," "Hennessy & Sailor Moon" was the lead single for "Frost God." Delivering a potent ballad over an ethereal beat, Lean reminisces over a lover, reminding

be more open and honest. "Hotel in Minsk" is a stellar example of this shift, as Lean waxes poetic about love, loss, and the pain that his mental illness and addiction have caused him over a simplistic piano beat. He seemed to finally be opening up, a trend he would continue to great esteem despite the inherent somber nature of the resulting music.

## 7. "Red Bottom Sky" - "Stranger"

With his reinventive tendencies in mind, it was clear that "Stranger" was to be Lean's biggest shift in sound yet, beginning with its lead single. "Red Bottom Sky" caused a stir upon its release, with a refreshing sound and a refined focus. Over a gorgeous Gud instrumental, Lean serenades the listener with lamentations of loss, self-introspection, and a reference to an attempted shooting perpetrated on him and his friends in



## Does Aaron Rodgers own the Chicago Bears? A clear answer

By **Zara Lantzman**  
Staff Writer

On Oct. 17, Aaron Rodgers trotted into the endzone for a rushing touchdown of six yards at the bottom of the fourth quarter.

As Rodgers did his iconic discount double-check celebration, in the stands, Bears fans flipped Rodgers off. Rodgers then retaliated with a quote that will never be forgotten.

"I've owned you all my f—ing life," Rodgers said. "I own you. I still own you."

Rodgers has a career record of 22-5, 6,208 yards and 57 touchdowns against the Bears. One of those wins was against the Bears in the 2010 NFC Championship. Rodgers then went on to win the Super Bowl.

The Bears and Packers have the oldest rivalry in the NFL. The current record for Packers versus Bears is 102-95-6 with the Packers leading the series. Before the Rodgers era, the all-time record for Packers versus Bears was 80-90-6 with the Bears leading the series. Rodgers

completely turned this entire series around with the Bears.

Every game for Rodgers against the Bears is special. One of the greatest games he has ever played was on Nov. 9, 2014. The game was known as the "Sunday Night Massacre."

The Packers led the Bears 42-0 at halftime. Rodgers threw for 315 yards and 6 touchdowns in one half. That is unheard of. The Packers ended up winning that game with a final score of 55-14.

One of my all-time favorite Rodgers versus the Bears moments was a week one opener on Sunday night football on Sept. 10, 2018. A game that can never be forgotten.

Rodgers was coming off a season where he was out due to a broken collarbone.

With nine minutes left in the second quarter, the Packers were down to the Bears 10-0. Rodgers got sacked by defensive tackle Roy Robertson-Harris and injured his knee on the play. Packers backup quarterback Deshaun Kizer came in for the injured Rodgers and fumbled

on his first drive. Kizer's next possession ended in an interception for a touchdown. The Packers were down 17-0 at halftime.

After being carted to the locker room before the half, Rodgers then comes back onto the field, walking on one leg and gets the biggest standing ovation he has ever had.

You can see the fear in Bears fan's eyes when he walked in. The Bears' first drive of the half ended in a field goal, and the game looked over after the Bears had a lead of 20-0. That, however, was far from the truth.

Rodgers on one leg single-handedly brought the Packers back from the deficit. The Packers only scored a field goal on their first drive but that one score started to give them momentum.

At the start of the fourth quarter, Rodgers threw an absolute laser to the back right corner of the end zone to wide receiver Geronimo Allison for a touchdown.

Following the touchdown, on the next Packers drive, they scored again with a touchdown pass for 12 yards to wide


receiver Davante Adams. The score was 20-17 with nine minutes left in the game. The Bears got a field goal on their next drive to bring the score to 23-17 with two minutes left in the game.

Rodgers and the Packers started their two-minute drill. The first play started off with a dropped interception by Bears cornerback Kyle Fuller.

In the very next play, wide receiver Randall Cobb runs across the middle of the field for a slant and takes it 75 yards for a touchdown. That touchdown brought the final score to 24-23 Packers.

Aaron Rodgers, on one leg, brought the Packers back from a 20-3 deficit going into the fourth quarter. If that is not owning the Bears, then I do not know what is.

Aaron Rodgers owning the Bears is a yearly occurrence as they play twice a year. Rodgers will continue to own the Bears until he retires. A record of 22-5 just says it all.

 @wilkesbeacon  
Zara.Lantzman@wilkes.edu

# We want to hear your voice!

*Join the Opinion section!*

*Let your thoughts be known within the community.*

Politics, culture, social issues

Reviewing art, literature, movies, music

Columns, petitions, letters to the editor

CONTACT:

**Opinion Editor:**

Breanna.Ebisch@wilkes.edu





# Why Wilkes should offer American sign language classes

By Lindsey Scorey  
Opinion Staff Writer

American Sign Language, the predominant gestural language used by the deaf community in the United States, has become a dynamic part of creating an inclusive society. Yet, many education systems still lack sufficient classes in ASL even though it is arguably just as much a necessity as any other language.

I wish I could say I have always been an outspoken advocate of ASL as a language requirement or elective in schools, but it began in high school when it was finally offered as an extra-curricular and was not sufficiently taught. Once an individual passes puberty it is statistically harder to develop fluent language skills. However, ASL incorporates a variety of expressional and spatial techniques that can be beneficial at any age. If other languages are learned at different points in life, ASL seems to be no different, if not better to take on now.

It is never too late to learn, as my family and I are finally planning on taking classes this coming year. I have a baby cousin who will likely learn and use ASL in the future. While I have always wanted to have a background in ASL, this circumstance feels like the perfect opportunity to become more inclusive and fluent.

I was thinking, however, that I wish I could capitalize on the education I am already paying for to fulfill this need. This newfound realization made me ponder, why do more universities and colleges not offer classes in ASL?

I remember in my high school years of competing in speech and debate, a competitor and friend of mine had told me she was going to university and majoring in ASL. I can still remember the fascination I had when she told me this and I had yet to ever even take a class or at the least self-learn through YouTube and/or the internet in general. Since then, my subtle research began.

The benefits of learning ASL are numerous, whether it were to be offered as a language requirement or elective option at colleges and universities. Inclusivity is typically first and foremost on the minds of those learning it. Wilkes does pride itself in being an inclusive and diverse campus, so expanding disability services to the deaf community and

those who wish to support through ASL acquisition seems more than appropriate.

To disclaim this notion, I am not aware of the full package of disability services offered to individual students in the deaf community here on campus, but for this article's purposes, I am simply discussing the broader education of ASL to the campus as a whole.

In talking about inclusion, ASL also enriches interpersonal relationships. Whether it is through expanding learning to new relationships or practicing better communication with those in the deaf community, it is an all-around win. ASL has also been proven to create long-term cognitive skills, making it a mind-strengthening tool. If you wish to see all the positive outcomes of ASL acquisition just open the internet and watch your

similar to how other departments and language courses run. Perhaps a basic course, such as an ASL 101, could lay down all the groundwork, fundamentals and give a solid foundation for greater learning just as with any other language. Then it could expand to higher-level courses. ASL could even become a minor and so on, the educational domino effect continues.

I would imagine, if this were brought to fruition, most students would choose to take the 101 course only. Usually, when a student takes a language class they do not come out a fluent speaker, but can at least communicate and understand basic phrases such as greetings and common questions. ASL foundational classes would be similar in that a student could likely remember the alphabet or be able

as ones I have even made for myself like time or money, would become minute.

Danielle Morris, junior digital design and media art major, believes that bringing ASL classes to campus is a great idea. Morris explained that the only program she had offered for ASL was in high school, lasting roughly an hour a week and was not as thorough as she would have liked it to be.

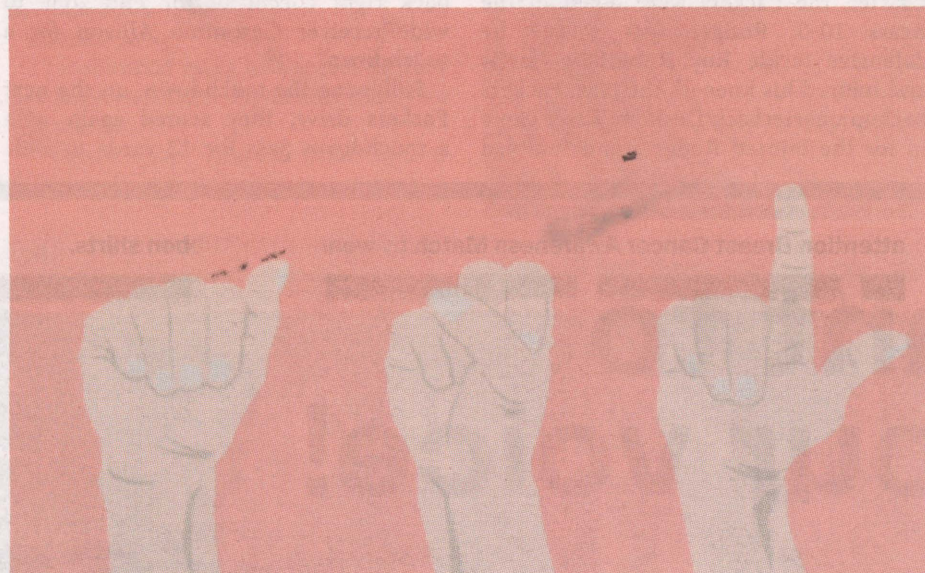
"If I had the option, I totally would have taken it as my language requirement. I didn't mind taking a language I was somewhat familiar with from high school, but college is all about trying new things and broadening your horizons," she stated. "Even if it weren't offered as a requirement option, I think having it as an elective option gives students the opportunity to learn something that is not only out of their comfort zones but also something that they may find themselves using in the future."

A fascinating and important point that Morris brought up was the impact of COVID-19 and mask-wearing on the deaf community.

"I would assume it's even more important now that people are able to communicate with ASL because of mask mandates - if someone who relies on ASL can't read lips with masks on, I would imagine it's frustrating to communicate with someone who does not know ASL," said Morris.

Having students who know the basics of communicating ASL and even some hopefully who become fluent would be a win-win for the university. Wilkes provides a broader education curriculum and also becomes more inclusive to current and incoming students. It can even become a great marketing tool for bringing in students who have hearing impairments and practice ASL or even for those who have had similar experiences to those mentioned and want an educational experience in ASL.

Considering all the benefits and possible solutions ASL could bring to not just our campus, but all social relationships and communities alike, it feels like it should not be an if, but rather a when we decide to implement ASL instruction.



time fly by, as there are many.

In communication studies, we always discuss how to expand our audiences and develop better skills in expression and personal relations. ASL utilizes this beautifully and allows all majors and students to learn these techniques if it were to be offered.

Now, I recognize this would require the university to likely have to hire a new professor and/or maneuver services and language requirements, but this does not seem too unreasonable a request. It has been done in the past for other departments, so why not continue the enrichment?

If Wilkes were to offer ASL courses, it feels only appropriate that it be done

to properly greet someone in the deaf community after taking the class. This is a win in my book, no matter how small.

But would the courses be popular? I imagine making it an optional degree requirement would give it just as much popularity as Spanish, French or philosophy, which are three of the options as of now for those required to take a language course.

As I began crafting the idea for this article, many students had reached out to me or said in passing how wonderful it would be to have the option to take an ASL class here at the university level. Adding it to the normal semester course load would take away that financial barrier if it did exist. Many excuses, such

Graphic by Jack Malatesta  
Lindsey.Scorey@wilkes.edu



# Sports

Want your sport covered? Deserve to be Athlete of the Week? Contact the Sports Editor Ariel.Reed@wilkes.edu

## FH: Wilkes goes 2-0 on week against MAC Freedom opponents

By Baylee Guedes  
Asst. Sports Editor

The field hockey team went 2-0 this week in the MAC Freedom after beating King's College on Oct. 20 and DeSales University on Oct. 23.

"I knew this was going to be a big one (game) and I expected to see King's have one of their best games," said head coach Charlotte MacDonald. "Any conference win always feels good but beating a close rival just added to it. The game was a really strong team effort and a lot of runs and work from all lines."

The Wilkes and King's battle of the Barre started off with multiple fouls for both teams, leading to scoring positions on both sides of the field. The Monarchs took eight shots on goal but the Colonels' defense and sophomore goalie Carly Eidle blocked all of the attempts.

The Blue and Gold attacked King's defense with three strategic shot attempts, senior forward Morghan Murphy drilled one in right past sophomore Monarch goalie Ellie Glatz. This was Murphy's ninth goal of the season with an assist by first year midfielder Bridget Rosenfeld.

"I knew early on we had to come out strong and put one on the board," said Murphy. "I was able to do so by having a strong shot from the top of the circle in our first penalty corner."

The second and third quarters were scoreless for both Wilkes and King's. The Colonels had three shot attempts to King's 11, but both defenses fought back to keep the ball out of the goal.

Penalties were called consistently on both sides of the field as both teams were aggressive on the ball in an attempt to claim the "Barre" title. The fourth quarter's intensity brought Wilkes to the winners circle as they held the Monarchs to a scoreless match.

The final score read 1-0 and the Colonels took the title of "Wilkes Barre." The hometown rivalry is always strong between Wilkes and King's, but this win was especially important for Murphy as her family consists of all King's alumni.

"As the 'rebel' of my family, nothing feels better than beating King's as the little family-fun rivalry," said Murphy. "Every year, King's brings their A game against us and tonight we were able to fight back with a win."

On Saturday, Wilkes hosted the DeSales



The Beacon/Baylee Guedes

**The team posed for a picture prior to their contest against King's, bringing attention Breast Cancer Awareness Match by wearing pink ribbon shirts.**



The Beacon/Ariel Reed

**Bridget Rosenfeld (left) and Kellie Scott (middle) jumped in sync to celebrate the goal that Rosenfeld slipped past the goalie on a rebounded shot.**

Bulldogs in a MAC Freedom conference game. The Blue and Gold honored their five seniors, Laura Bayzick, Ali Dunn, Laurel Hopfer, Morghan Murphy, and Lauren Shiplett, prior to the contest.

Eight minutes into the first, Wilkes' sophomore midfielder Emily Latoski collected a rebound on a Colonels shot attempt and

made it into the goal, making the score 1-0.

With 30 seconds left in the first, DeSales' Taylor DeMasi followed Latoski's goal with a shot of her own, scoring on Wilkes' goalkeeper Eidle.

"It felt like we were finally finding a rhythm and playing our game," said Latoski. "Everyone contributed to my goal: the passing,

the defense, the mids, and then the forwards made it possible. The communication from Morghan and Ali helped tremendously. It was definitely a team goal."

The second quarter was big for Wilkes as they scored two goals and held the Bulldogs to none. First-year midfielder Kellie Scott assisted Rosenfeld for a goal at the 19 minute mark.

"We were very excited after beating King's," said Rosenfeld. "It was a huge conference win for us and we wanted to use that momentum to go into another huge conference game against DeSales. Our team really clicked today, everyone truly worked together and played with heart."

Moments after Rosenfeld's goal, senior forward Ali Dunn assisted first-year defender Olivia Gayoski on a crowded on-goal shot, making the score 3-1 for the Colonels.

In the third quarter, the Blue and Gold held the Bulldogs to their one point from the first quarter. The defense put up a solid fight as DeSales put up eight shots right at the start, all of which were unsuccessful.

Wilkes made the gap in score larger as Scott drove one in for the Colonels, leading the score to read 4-1.

"I really try to emphasize a passing game and today was our best execution of that," said MacDonald. "We created many goal scoring opportunities and that was evident with goals coming from all different scorers. It was so rewarding to see the hard work and investment from everyone come together with a strong result like that."

Eight minutes remained in the fourth quarter and DeSales' DeMasi scored off of a pass from the 20 yard line for the Bulldogs.

Wilkes kept the ball out of the net on offense and defense to end the fourth. The final score read 4-2 as Wilkes came out on top.

Eidle ended the game with nine saves for the Blue and Gold on DeSales' 21 shot attempts.

"It felt amazing to beat DeSales," said Rosenfeld. "We have not been able to (beat them) in years and having a 4-2 win against them on senior night really made it special. It was an amazing team win and we especially played hard for the seniors who deserved this win."

The field hockey team has one final in-season game left, which will be played at home against Misericordia University on Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.



# SWIM: Colonels look forward to in-person meets this season



The Beacon/Ariel Reed

Trey Harloff grins in between the sets of his 100 IM repeats on Oct. 7, 2020, during one of their practices.

By Ariel Reed  
Sports Editor

Wilkes swimming returns to the water this year to compete against "real" teams for the first time since the 2019-2020 season.

Last year, the teams competed virtually due to the regulations outlined by the Middle Atlantic Conference because of the pandemic.

"I'm really looking forward to in-person meets this year," said head coach Thomas Limouze. "I am really proud of how the team handled virtual meets last year, and I know they're looking forward to getting back to normal. Last night I heard a sophomore say, 'I'm excited to see a new pool.' So it's all of those other parts of competing in person that I and I think the team are looking forward to: the bus ride, highway scenery, new places, other campuses and other pools."

The restrictions last year made the team compete only at their home pool (the CYC) and upload their times to the MAC where they were then compared to the team they were competing against.

"I think the impact of having in person meets again is that now you are swimming next to another swimmer head to head which drives you a lot more to go faster," said junior freestyle/IM Liam White. "With virtual meets, it was just swimming and timing yourself."

Limouze also felt the importance of having opponents to compete against to be crucial to the results of the meet. However,

he does not believe that the in-person competition will automatically make the team faster.

Senior Fly/IM Trey Harloff will be leading this team as he is the returning record holder for the 200 IM and a part of four relay records (400 and 800 free, 200 and 400 medley).

"I am most looking forward to being able to swim under a more normal setting and perform at high-level competitions including MACs and to challenge myself and my teammates the best I can, while enjoying and excelling in my senior year in mechanical engineering," said Harloff.

The men's team is looking to use this season to improve upon their 11th place performance in the virtual MAC championship last season.

The women's team is small but mighty this season as they are returning five swimmers.

Senior distance/IM Abby Keating is a 5th year pharmacy student who holds seven individual records, junior sprint/distance Alexa Crossgrove who holds five individual records and senior captain Emilie Detweiler look to lead this team to improve upon their 13th place performance in the virtual MAC Championships last season.

The teams will travel for most of their meets this year, but will be hosting Lycoming on Jan. 22 at the CYC and competing against the local colleges.



@wilkesbeacon  
Ariel.Reed@wilkes.edu



## FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES



### Men's Soccer

09/02/2021 v. Penn State Berks, W 4-3  
09/04/2021 @ McDaniel, W 1-0  
09/07/2021 v. Juniata, W 3-2  
09/11/2021 v. Drew, L 1-0 (OT)  
09/15/2021 @ Susquehanna, L 4-2  
09/19/2021 @ Keystone, W 2-1  
09/22/2021 v. Moravian, W 3-2  
09/25/2021 v. Immaculata, W 3-0  
09/28/2021 v. University of Scranton, W 1-0  
10/02/2021 v. FDU-Florham, W 1-0  
10/05/2021 v. Lycoming, W 4-1  
10/09/2021 @ Widener, L 2-0  
10/13/2021 @ Misericordia, W (OT) 2-1  
10/16/2021 @ Arcadia, L (2OT) 2-1  
10/19/2021 v. King's, L (OT) 2-1  
10/23/2021 @ Stevens, L 2-0

### Football

09/04/2021 v. Keystone, W 46-7  
09/18/2021 @ Misericordia, W 35-15  
09/25/2021 v. Alvernia, W 23-0  
10/02/2021 v. Stevenson, W 21-14  
10/09/2021 @ Albright, W 31-28  
10/16/2021 @ Widener, L 30-13  
10/23/2021 v. LeBanon Valley @ 1 p.m.  
10/30/2021 @ Lycoming @ 1 p.m.  
11/06/2021 v. Delaware Valley @ 1 p.m.  
11/13/2021 @ King's @ 12 p.m.

### Women's Soccer

09/02/2021 v. Penn State Berks, W 4-1  
09/04/2021 @ Ithaca, L 1-0  
09/08/2021 @ William Paterson, L 1-0 (OT)  
09/11/2021 @ Rutgers-Newark, L 1-0  
09/15/2021 v. Susquehanna, POSTPONED  
09/18/2021 v. Messiah, L 4-1  
09/21/2021 @ University of Scranton, L 3-0  
09/26/2021 @ Penn College, W 6-0  
09/29/2021 v. Marywood, W 3-1  
10/02/2021 v. FDU-Florham, TIED 2-2 (2OT)  
10/06/2021 v. Lycoming, TIED 3-3 (2OT)  
10/09/2021 v. Neumann, W 7-0



# XC: Cross country making strides to finish the season strong

By Chris Gowarty  
Associate Sports Editor

Similar to all other athletics at Wilkes, the COVID-19 pandemic interfered with the fluidity of the cross country team. However, the team was able to compete once again in the 2021 season, and has adapted to the training and longer miles of collegiate running.

Before 2021, both cross country teams last ran competitive meets throughout Nov. 2019. Nov. 2 was the MAC Championship, followed by the ECAC Championship on Nov. 9 and the NCAA Mid East Regional Championship on Nov. 16th.

From that point from nearly two years ago, the running Colonels did not see a competitive meet until Sept. 3 of this year, when they participated in the Misericordia Invitational 4K.

"It was difficult to get back in the swing of things," said head coach Nick Wadas. "We had a long layoff from competition. In addition, with the absence of a track and field program, our cross country athletes had very limited competition. It has definitely impacted our team."

After their first meet, the Colonels next ran on Sept. 18, once again at Misericordia, with the 6k Cougar Classic, followed by the Dickinson Long-Short Invitational on Sept. 25. This meet was the DeSales Invitational on Oct. 9, where Wadas saw his team adjust to the longer distances of collegiate cross country.

"My favorite meet so far was the

DeSales Invitational for various reasons," said Barlow. "I ran my goal for the 6k, and it was my first 6k of the season. The highs of this meet include getting top 30 overall, obtaining my goal time of getting a 24-minute 6k and making school history as the 14th fastest women's 6k time."

Not only is this season an adjustment for first-year students, but it is also a new challenge for sophomore runners. Because of cancelled competition last year, 2021 is the first time that both first-years and sophomores have represented Wilkes and raced longer distances, compared to their meets during their high school athletic careers.

"Having a real season was challenging, especially when the mileage was tough from starting out," said Dustin Edsall, sophomore electrical engineering student. "This was my first college athletic season for cross country. It was very different from running in high school due to the increased mileage."

After the DeSales Invitational, the Colonels competed at the Inter-Regional Border Battle on Oct. 16, followed by the LVC Last Chance Run Invitational on Oct. 22.

"The DeSales invite was a good meet," said Wadas. "I saw a lot of good racing. We had a slow start in the race, but it is a learning curve. Most of our team never ran a 6k or 8k and they need to learn that balance between going out hard enough and running smart."

They next compete at the Middle

Atlantic Conference Championships at DeSales University on Oct. 30. The runners are looking to train to be able to get a shot at running at the NCAA Regionals.

"For the MAC Championship meet, I'm putting in my miles for training and trying to run my best during our workouts," said Edsall. "I'm also staying hydrated and mentally preparing to race at DeSales; I'm ready to have another PR."

Wadas hopes to see his runners compete with confidence at MACs in order to potentially put them in a spot to run at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship on Nov. 13 at Dickinson College.

This will be the Colonels last meet of the season, finishing a challenging yet successful year after not competing for 657 days.

"In terms of MAC: believe in the training and have a positive mindset," said Wadas. "They need to control what they can control. Eat well, hydrate properly, sleep well enough, bring a positive mindset and be persistent."

Graphic by Mia Walker  
Christopher.Gowarty@wilkes.edu



## Cross Country

09/03/2021 @ Misericordia Invitational, M: 6th, W: 5th  
09/18/2021 @ Cougar Classic, M: 3rd, W: 3rd  
09/25/2021 @ Dickinson Invitational, M: 17th, W: 13th  
10/09/2021 @ DeSales Invitational, M: 12th, W: 10th  
10/16/2021 @ Inter-Regional Boarder Battle, M: 17th, W: 5th  
10/22/2021 @ LVC Last Chance Run Invitational, W: 8th  
10/30/2021 @ MAC Championships, 12 p.m.  
11/13/2021 @ NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional, TBA

## FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

### Field Hockey

09/04/2021 @ York College, L 7-0  
09/08/2021 @ #15 Ursinus College, L 8-0  
09/11/2021 v. Alvernia, L 3-2 (OT)  
09/12/2021 @ Elmira, W 3-1  
09/15/2021 @ Albright, POSTPONED  
09/18/2021 v. Wilson, L 4-2  
09/19/2021 @ Bryn Mawr, L 4-0  
09/22/2021 @ Marywood, L 6-0  
09/25/2021 @ Arcadia, L 8-0  
09/29/2021 v. Elizabethtown, L 3-1  
10/02/2021 v. Delaware Valley, W 5-1  
10/06/2021 v. University of Scranton, L 7-0  
10/09/2021 v. Stevens, L 6-0  
10/16/2021 @ FDU-Florham, L 5-1  
10/20/2021 @ King's, W 1-0

### Women's Volleyball

09/25/2021 v. John Jay, W 3-0  
09/25/2021 v. Montclair State, W 3-0  
09/28/2021 v. Misericordia, L 3-1  
09/30/2021 @ Neumann, L 3-0  
10/02/2021 v. Albright, L 3-0  
10/02/2021 v. Albright, W 3-0  
10/06/2021 v. Stevens, L 3-0  
10/09/2021 @ Widener, L 3-1  
10/09/2021 v. Salisbury, L 3-0  
10/12/2021 @ King's, L 3-2  
10/18/2021 @ Penn State Berks, W 3-2  
10/20/2021 v. DeSales, L 3-0  
10/23/2021 @ University of Scranton, L 3-0  
10/23/2021 v. New Jersey City  
10/26/2021 v. Arcadia @ 7 p.m.  
10/28/2021 @ Lycoming @ 7 p.m.  
10/30/2021 v. Rutgers-Camden @ 11 a.m.  
10/30/2021 v. Alfred @ 3 p.m.



Getting to know...

# Gabriel Nieves

## Senior Soccer Player

**The Beacon: Athlete of the Week** Oct. 13 to Oct. 20

**Why Gabriel Nieves was selected:** Nieves chipped in a goal during the contest against Misericordia in overtime to maintain the Colonel's unblemished conference record.

**Name:** Gabriel Nieves

**Year:** Senior

**Major:** History

**Minor:** Communication Studies and Business Administration

**Hometown:** Yorktown Height, N.Y.

**High School:** Lakeland Senior

**Position:** Center Mid

**Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?**

I decided to come to Wilkes because of Coach Piranian and the challenge of rebuilding the program.

**Post-graduation plans in terms of a career?**

I plan on going into the NYPD police academy after graduation.

**Favorite Memory as a Colonel?**

Scoring the game winning goal in overtime against Misericordia.

**Hopes for this season as a Colonel?**

To win the Mac Freedom conference.

**When/Why did you first begin playing?**

I started playing when I was two and fell in love with the game right away.

**Favorite thing to do during practice?**

3v2s are always fun, it brings a lot of competition and intensity to practice.

**Other interests or hobbies off of the field?**

I like to golf with my teammates.



*Editor's note: Athlete of the Week selections are determined by the sports staff each week. At the end of the academic year, we will post a reader poll on Twitter @WilkesBeacon to crown an "Athlete of the Year."*

The Beacon/Julia Mazur

**Favorite building on campus?**

My favorite building on campus is the SUB.

**Favorite meal to eat on campus?**

Double avocado sandwich from Which Which.

**What color/flavor of Gatorade is your favorite?**

My favorite flavor of Gatorade is the Cool Blue.

**If your life was a movie, who would you want to play you and why?**

I would have Matt Leblanc play me; I think his character on "Friends" depicts me well.

**Favorite professor?**

My favorite professor is Dr. Kuiken.

**If you could have dinner with a famous person from the past, who would it be?**

If I could have dinner with one person from the past it would have to be Roberto Clemente.

**Most influential person in your life?**

My parents for sure.

**A quote you live your life by?**

Doesn't matter how you get there, as long as you get there.

**What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?**

"Be Colonel" to me means that when I step on the field, I'm representing Wilkes University, and we have to hold ourselves to a high standard.

**Anyone to give a shout-out to?**

My teammates throughout the years for sticking through the highs and lows together.

-Compiled by Julia Mazur, Staff Writer



Getting to know...

# Emily Bidelspach

## Senior Soccer Player

**The Beacon: Athlete of the Week Oct. 13 to Oct. 20**

**Why Emily Bidelspach was selected:** Bidelspach sealed the win for the Colonels with an overtime goal against Arcadia, and assisted the goal against King's, scored by Erica Feese, to allow the Barre to still be referred to as Wilkes-Barre.

**Name:** Emily Bidelspach  
**Year:** Senior  
**Major:** Nursing  
**Hometown:** Myerstown, Pa.  
**High School:** ELCO  
**Position:** Forward

**Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?**

I was able to continue to play soccer while also being in the Nursing program.

**Post-graduation plans in terms of a career?**

Working as an RN and hoping to specialize in pediatrics.

**Favorite Memory as a Colonel?**

My favorite memory is probably beating Eastern in OT my sophomore year or beating DeSales in the playoffs my freshman year.

**Hopes for this season as a Colonel?**

Hope to win the conference and make it to the NCAA tournament.

**When/Why did you first begin playing?**

I have been playing soccer since I can remember and I probably started playing because my mom is a big soccer fan, which led to me becoming a soccer player.

**Favorite thing to do during practice?**  
Shooter Keeper.



*Editor's note: Athlete of the Week selections are determined by the sports staff each week. At the end of the academic year, we will post a reader poll on Twitter @WilkesBeacon to crown an "Athlete of the Year."*

The Beacon/Julia Mazur

**Other interests or hobbies off of the field?**

I like to read, watch movies/TV, and work out.

**Favorite building on campus?**

Cohen/Stark.

**Favorite meal to eat on campus?**

Southwest chicken salad from the POD.

**What color/flavor of Gatorade is your favorite?**

Glacier cherry or yellow.

**If your life was a movie, who would you want to play you and why?**

Probably Anne Hathaway, no particular reason why.

**Favorite professor?**

Mrs. Burry.

**If you could have dinner with a famous person from the past, who would it be?**

Princess Diana.

**Most influential person in your life?**

Both of my parents.

**A quote you live your life by?**

"Whether you believe you can or you can't you are right. Might as well focus on the positive and believe you can." - Henry Ford.

**What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?**

To be colonel means to always give 100% effort and to be a helping hand whenever you can. Lead by example and leave the program better than when you started.

**Anyone to give a shout-out to?**

404, Jackson and my family.

-Compiled by Julia Mazur, Staff Writer



# FB: Defenses' second half shut-out leads Wilkes to victory

By Jason Eberhart  
Sports Staff Writer

EDWARDSVILLE, Pa. — The Wilkes football team was able to defeat visiting Lebanon Valley College 30-20 in a MAC Freedom Showdown on Saturday afternoon at Schmidt Stadium.

"There is always a sense of urgency to kind of get back into the win column, and do what you need to do coming off a loss," said head coach Jonathon Drach. "From our standpoint, we are always trying to improve. This was a good opportunity for us to do that today, and we took care of what we needed to take care of."

Wilkes got off to a quick start in the first quarter. The defense was able to force a three-and-out on the Flying Dutchman's first possession of the game.

The Wilkes offense stormed down the field and sophomore running back Kamal Reed caught a pass from senior quarterback Jose Tabora for the first touchdown of the game. On this drive, Tabora broke another school record, this time for most completions all-time.

The Colonels used a nice balance of running and passing calls to march down the field.

"We knew that coming into this game, we were going to have to be strong up front," said sophomore running back Elijah Jules. "We told the offensive line that we needed to get a big push. Our offense goes as far as our run game takes us, and it took us a long way today."

Lebanon Valley once again went three-and-out, and the punt was blocked by the Colonels, and returned for a touchdown by first-year defensive back Ryan Travis. Wilkes was now leading 13-0.

With Wilkes pressuring to pull away early, the Dutchman used back to back impressive drives to get themselves right back into the game. LVC quarterback Braden Bohannon was attacking the Colonel defense through the air, and was racking up the yards. With back to back touchdowns by LVC, they were now leading 14-13.

Wilkes was able to regain the lead late in the second quarter. Following some impressive runs by Reed and Jules, Tabora threw his second touchdown pass of the day to first-year tight end Jason Dean. Tabora ended up finishing the day with 139 yards along with his two touchdown passes.

LVC responded quickly as Bohannon connected with one of his wide receivers for a 31-yard bomb down the sideline

with less than a minute remaining before halftime. The extra point was blocked by the Colonels, and the two teams went into the locker room tied at 20 a piece.

It seemed the two teams would go back and forth trading blows all afternoon long in an offensive shootout, but the story was much different in the second half.

After Wilkes got a field goal on their opening drive of the half, the defense really turned it on and shut down the Flying Dutchman offense.

"Going into halftime, we knew we didn't put everything we had onto the table," said junior linebacker Billy Doron. "We talked to our coaches, we reflected on ourselves, and we came out in the second half much stronger."

The teams traded punts for much of the second half. It felt like the next team that scored would win. Thankfully for the Colonels, they were able to deliver a final blow to their opposition.

With just under four minutes left on the clock, and Wilkes with the ball around midfield, Jules broke for a run down the left sideline after he broke a few tackles, and scored a 49-yard touchdown to put the game out of reach.

Jules was a tough man to bring down

all afternoon as he finished with 124 yards on 16 carries and three catches for 33 yards. He was a force to be reckoned with, and was able to deliver the knockout punch to LVC.

"I mainly just followed my blocks, and had trust in the play," said Jules. "I believed the plays we were running were good calls, and I knew we had leverage on the outside, so I just followed the blocks and got to the endzone."

The Wilkes defense was able to keep the Dutchman from putting a comeback effort together. Their secondary was lockdown, while the defensive line pressured Bohannon into making difficult passes.

The defense was stout the entire second half, never letting LVC get into a rhythm and score in the second half.

"I'm happy to come out with a win, ready to move on to next weekend, and continue to improve on a day to day basis," said Drach.

Wilkes will look to build off this momentum as they fight for a conference championship as they travel to Williamsport on Saturday to face Lycoming in another MAC Freedom contest. The game will start at 1 p.m. as the Colonels look for their seventh win of the season.

## Interested in Sports?

*Join the Sports section!*

*Help tell the stories of the Wilkes sports teams*

CONTACT:

**Sports Editor:** Ariel.Reed@wilkes.edu

Game coverage

Feature pieces

Athletes of the Week

