



WILKES UNIVERSITY'S SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL
Spring Commencement
FOR THE CONFERRING OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Saturday, May Twenty-first
Two-thousand and sixteen • 3 p.m.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

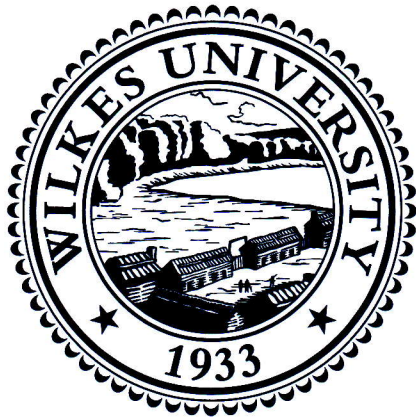
*O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
Through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched,
Were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare,
The bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through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

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

ALMA MATER

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

Words and Music by Eleanor C. Farley



WILKES UNIVERSITY'S SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL
Spring Commencement

Order of Exercises

PROCESSIONAL

Entry and March of the Peers from Iolanthe Arthur Sullivan
(The audience is requested to rise as the procession begins.)

WELCOME ANNE A. SKLEDER
Senior Vice President and Provost

INVOCATION CAITLIN CZEH
Coordinator, Campus Interfaith

The Star-Spangled Banner..... Words by Francis Scott Key
*(The words to The Star-Spangled Banner are printed on the inside front cover of the program.
The audience is requested to stand and sing the National Anthem with the chorus and band.)*

Gaudeamus Igitur Traditional

GREETINGS JASON GRIGGS '90
Member, Board of Trustees

JONATHAN D. FERENCE
*Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice*

ANTHONY V. FANUCCI
Member of the Class of 2016

Order of Exercises

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE

JOHN J. PASSAN
Doctor of Humane Letters

THE CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES.....PATRICK F. LEAHY
President

ALUMNI INDUCTIONCOLONEL MARK A. RADO, U.S.A., RETIRED
Wilkes University Alumni Association

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.....PATRICK F. LEAHY

Alma Mater.....Eleanor C. Farley
Arrangement, Earl D. Orcutt '69

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

BENEDICTIONCAITLIN CZEH
Coordinator, Campus Interfaith

RECESSIONAL

March of the Belgian Paratroopers..... *Pierre Leemans*

Music Provided By:

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

Wilkes University Commencement Choir
Dr. Steven Thomas, *Conductor*

Ceremony Interpreted By:

Laura Tomlinson
360 Translations International, Inc.

HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS..... JOHN J. PASSAN
Native of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; Eagle Scout; graduate of James M. Coughlin High School; enlistee in the United States Navy at age 17; World War II veteran of the Pacific Theater on the USS Los Angeles; graduate of the Dolan School of Mortuary Science; owner of Valley Distributing and Storage Company; President of Pocono Downs; Past President of the American Warehouse Association and the American Chain of Warehouses; chairman of the Passan Family Foundation.

Because you were born and raised in Wilkes-Barre and have remained here, committed to our community's success; because you served your country honorably in the United States Navy and took advantage of the GI Bill to further your education; because your entrepreneurial spirit has resulted in successful business ventures for the past 64 years that contribute to the economic vitality of Northeastern Pennsylvania; because you are committed to providing opportunity for your employees to raise and educate their families, assuring that generations past, present and future are able to fulfill their hopes and dreams; because your personal benefactions, and that of the Passan Family Foundation, have resulted in gifts to education and health care that will positively impact long into the future this region's quality of life; and because you have built businesses from scratch and created resources that you openly share to sustain our community and better enable its members to prosper and live well, by the power vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I confer upon you, **John J. Passan**, the Doctor of Humane Letters degree, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.

AWARDS

THE MABLE SCOTT WANDELL AND
STERLING LEROY WANDELL AWARDS..... SYDNEY RAE SCHAFFER '16
DONACHATCH KIANGSIRI '16
ZACHARY SULLIVAN '16

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

*Presentation by ANNE A. SKLEDER
Senior Vice President and Provost*

THERESA JORDAN AND
FRANK MEHM PRIZE..... TROY CAREY '16

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

*Presentation by PAUL S. ADAMS
Vice President, Student Affairs*

ALUMNI AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP ANTHONY V. FANUCCI '16

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

*Presentation by COLONEL MARK A. RADO, U.S.A., RETIRED
Wilkes University Alumni Association*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Dr. Paul T. Riggs, *Dean*

Communication Studies

- Cara Basile, *Cum Laude*
Eric Casey
¹⁰ Nicholas Michael Durdan
English, Second Major
¹⁰ Ashley A. Evert, *Magna Cum Laude*
¹⁰ Rebecca Jane Filipski
Amanda Marie Fulk
Matthew James Gogas
^{22,25} James M. Jaskolka-Butler
¹⁰ Amanda D. Kornak, *Summa Cum Laude*
- Marcus R. Leaf
¹⁰ Adam Christopher Lubas
Jennifer Kristi Magnotta
Colleen Katherine O'Callaghan
Jared Powell
¹⁰ Amanda Stickle, *Cum Laude*
Justin Joseph Topa, *Magna Cum Laude*
Evan Jade Willey
Alec G. Wizar, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{10,14} Nicole Emily Zukowski, *Magna Cum Laude*

Criminology

- Lucas Charles Amarose
Sociology, Second Major
John Atkinson
Kyle Devon Belle
² Troy Carey, *Cum Laude*
Sociology, Second Major
Catherine Marie Conte
Sociology, Second Major
² Jessica Marie Drobot, *Cum Laude*
Sociology, Second Major
Philip John Incremona
Sociology, Second Major
Tyheed Jackson
Sociology, Second Major
Michael Jorda
Sociology, Second Major
Tori Kerr
- Jacqueline Krupka
Psychology, Second Major
John Charles Licciardone
Sociology, Second Major
Donovan Patrick McElligatt
Kyle M. Phillips
Sociology, Second Major
Alexander Thomas Rodino, *Magna Cum Laude*
Sociology, Second Major
Psychology, Second Degree
Cassandra Stalk, *Cum Laude*
Sociology, Second Major
Jennifer Morgan Taylor
Sociology, Second Major
Carl William Von Glahn
Sociology, Second Major
Cory Anthony Wolff
Sociology, Second Major

English

- ²² Jason Anthony Klus, *Summa Cum Laude*
Spanish, Second Major
Emily Leonick
Jeremy R. Miller, *Cum Laude*
- ²² Sara Pisak, *Summa Cum Laude*
^{1,12,22} Gabriella Romanelli, *Summa Cum Laude*
¹² Susan Zobitne

¹ Alpha Chi

² Alpha Kappa Delta

¹⁰ Lambda Pi Eta

¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification

¹⁴ Phi Alpha Theta

²² Sigma Tau Delta

²⁵ Tom Bigler Scholar

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

History

- Jonathan Ferdinand
^{12,14,17} Christina Marie Harrison, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{*.14} Courtney Lyn McLaughlin, *Magna Cum Laude*
- ^{1,14,17,18} Thomas J. Schmidt, *Magna Cum Laude*
Political Science, Second Major
¹⁴ Lisa Semetti
Michael J. Toss

Integrative Media

- Madelyn Andrews
^{*} Jessica Derr
Kathryn Evans, *Magna Cum Laude*
Emmie Lu Gibson
Zachary Lehr
- Melissa Harley Scott, *Summa Cum Laude*
Allison Simenkiewicz, *Cum Laude*
Rhiannon Rakell Stauffer, *Cum Laude*
Kahdijah Venable
^{*} Emily Ann Zavada, *Summa Cum Laude*

International Studies

- ^{*} Colin Troup

Musical Theatre

- Ashley Potkulski, *Magna Cum Laude*

Philosophy

- Andrew Robson Saba

Political Science

- ⁵ Francesco Jared Costantino
¹⁸ Beth Anne Gilbert, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{*} Timothy Gogola
- Keoni C. Johnson
International Studies, Second Major
Kendra Marie Radle

¹ Alpha Chi
¹⁴ Phi Alpha Theta

⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon
¹⁷ Pi Kappa Delta

¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification
¹⁸ Pi Sigma Alpha ^{*} Degree in Absentia

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

Psychology

- Rashanna Kayley Alspaugh
Jessica Jane Baker
Megan Binder
Allison Elizabeth Bitner
^{1,19} Abigail Boltz, *Summa Cum Laude*
* Evelyn Cabrera-Pedraza
Lauren Marjorie Chamberlain
Criminology, Second Major
¹ Elizabeth Childs, *Summa Cum Laude*
Katlin E. Clark
¹⁹ Allison Davis, *Cum Laude*
Melanie Gwen DePietro
⁵ Alexandra Marie Devarie
¹⁹ Jolene Domyan
Marlon H. Duque
Spanish, Second Degree
Justin Charles Ellis
Joseph Michael Fasciana
Dayna Finch
Zachary Michael Freed
¹⁹ Nina Francesca Grippo, *Cum Laude*
Joseph Lane
- Thomas Maby
Alexis Lyn Maroney
¹⁹ Karly Marie Mason, *Magna Cum Laude*
Roxana Mery
Spanish, Second Major
¹⁹ Kathleen Ann Patchoski
Anna Podrasky, *Cum Laude*
Tracey Christine Quirke
Rebecca Rigle
Lauren Ritchey
Alexander Thomas Rodino, *Magna Cum Laude*
Criminology, Second Degree
¹⁹ Chelsea Smelas, *Cum Laude*
Allyson Spak
Marissa Spryn
Steven Stravinski
Taylor Szarko
Criminology, Second Major
* Martin Tolbert, *Cum Laude*
Katrina Marie Toporcer
Biology, Second Degree
Kayla Lynne Wall

Spanish

- ⁵ Julissa Alvarez
Marlon H. Duque
Psychology, Second Degree
Joseph J. Kapolka, *Cum Laude*
*⁷ Sebastian Moreno
Biology, Second Degree
- * Rachel Lauren Quinn, *Summa Cum Laude*
Doctor of Pharmacy, Second Degree
Nicholas Daniel Stauffer, *Summa Cum Laude*

Theatre Arts

- John Clifford
Shaun Patrick Pierre, *Cum Laude*
- Joseph Robert Taylor

¹ Alpha Chi

⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon

⁷ Honors in Biology

¹⁹ Psi Chi

* Degree in Absentia

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The School of Education

Dr. Rhonda M. Rabbitt, *Dean*

Elementary & Early Childhood Education

- | | |
|--|---|
| ¹² Elizabeth R. Anderson, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ¹² Vincent Genoble, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| ^{12,17} Jessica Ruie Benjamin, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ^{12,17} Theresa Rose Kloeker, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> |
| ¹² Nicholas Cholewa, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ^{12,17} Ashley Flora Matus, <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| ^{1,12,17} Kayla Marie Creed, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | ^{1,12,17} Sydney Rae Schafer, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> |
| ^{1,12,17} Amanda Detrick, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | |

Middle Level Education

- | | |
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| ^{12,17} Kaelin Kari Canfield, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ¹² Chase V. Martino |
| ^{1,12,17} Adam Joseph Michael Glassic, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | |

¹ *Alpha Chi*

¹² *Pennsylvania Teacher Certification*

¹⁷ *Pi Kappa Delta*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Science and Engineering

Dr. William B. Hudson, *Dean*

Applied Engineering Sciences

* Keith Kozma

Zachary Northrup

Biology

✓ Mehab Abdullah
^{1,4,7} Somiah Ebrahim Almekey, *Summa Cum Laude*
⁴ Madison Olivia Batt, *Cum Laude*
^{4,7} Brian Brune, *Magna Cum Laude*
Michael Christine Carberry
Kristopher Ryan Carter
Darrel Devin Dech
⁴ Victoria Ditchkus
¹² Devin Dunn, *Cum Laude*
Brooke Evans
Fiana Fach
Rebecca Ford
Justin Joseph Hunter
Shyanne Kleintop
⁴ Jessica E. Krepps

^{*,7} Sebastian Moreno
Spanish, Second Degree
⁴ John Thomas Nawrocki, *Magna Cum Laude*
Jordan R. Nevius
Claudia Nicolae
^{4,7,26} Deep Patel, *Summa Cum Laude*
⁷ Olivia Marielle Questore
Jacob Daniel Joseph Siejak
Brianna J. Smith
^{4,7,26} Sean Jude Thomas, *Magna Cum Laude*
Caitlyn Anna Tompkins
Katrina Marie Toporcer
Psychology, Second Degree
^{*,4,7} Michael Gregory Warkala, *Summa Cum Laude*

Chemistry

Brittany Sue Clem
* Brandon R. Harris

Michael E. McCleaf, Jr.
Krista M. Rehrig

Computer Information Systems

Abdulrahman Fahad Alsaab

Phillip Anthony Trout

Computer Science

Ethan Roy Fritz

Gokul Shah

Earth and Environmental Sciences

* Stephen E. Cannizzaro
Charleen Gemberling
Kristine Kuriger, *Cum Laude*

Stephen J. Turner
¹² Thomas D. Tyson, *Cum Laude*
Taylor R. Wilkin

¹ Alpha Chi ⁴ Beta Beta Beta ⁷ Honors in Biology
¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification ²⁶ Pre-Medical Scholar * Degree in Absentia

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Science and Engineering — *Continued*

Electrical Engineering

Sultan Alanazi
Mohammed Fahad Aljameele
Esmael Almusallam
Omar Abdullah Almusallam
Abdulrazaq Alqarni
⁹ Aaron Cabinaw, *Cum Laude*
Physics, Second Major
Mark Cole
⁹ Lucas Kyle Domulevicz, *Magna Cum Laude*
Physics, Second Degree

George Fowler, *Magna Cum Laude*
Mitchell Henry, *Cum Laude*
Ahmed Masoudi
* Yoginkumar C. Patel
Brett Schenck
⁹ Bernard J. Socha III, *Summa Cum Laude*
Mechanical Engineering, Second Degree
Gregory T. Zukosky

Engineering Management

Abdulaziz Folad A. Abdullah

Environmental Engineering

Alaa Alanezi
Devin M. Blakley, *Cum Laude*
Matthew D. Evans
Tyler Evans
Olivia Rae Hewison
Summer Lentini
¹ Jeffrey D. Mastrantuono, *Summa Cum Laude*
Julie Molinaro
Ian Moyer
Amalia O'Brien

Kimberly Pabyan
Jacob Rakowsky
Blake A. Romanowski, *Cum Laude*
Michael A. Sander, *Cum Laude*
Allison M. Seyfried
Cyril Shickora
Emily Helen Smith, *Cum Laude*
Zachary Sullivan, *Summa Cum Laude*
Brittany Lynn Timinski
Jonathan Vito

Mathematics

Michael Thomas DiPasquale
Ashley Nicole Horoschock
Eric Klemchak, *Summa Cum Laude*
Computer Science, Second Major
²⁸ Rebecca Joanne Kuc, *Magna Cum Laude*
Timothy Lello

Marissa Miller, *Cum Laude*
¹² Tracey Oellerich, *Summa Cum Laude*
Physics, Second Degree
¹² Tyler Roth
Christopher Michael Talipski
Steven John Trebunak

¹ *Alpha Chi*

⁹ *Honors in Engineering*

¹² *Pennsylvania Teacher Certification*

²⁸ *Sigma Alpha Pi*

* *Degree in Absentia*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Science and Engineering — *Continued*

Mechanical Engineering

Saad Mohammed Al Dharman
Yousif Al Romaiti
Abdulrahman Alazzaz
Rakan Almehmadi
Mohammad Alqabandi
Hussain K. Alsaigh
Adham Alsharari
Ibrahim Altariq
Alec Brown
Patrick L. Cook
Dylan Donaldson
Lucas Farrall
Michael Fleck
Arlindo Isidoro
Faisal Jarman
Jeremy Johnston
⁹ Forrest Richard Jordan, *Cum Laude*
Simon Peter Koorie
⁹ David S. Lee, *Summa Cum Laude*
Edwin Metzger
Dalton A. Milam
Adam Misiura

Hunter Morgan Murray
Nathan Robert Myers
Danny Duc Nguyen
Hussam Noor
⁹ Jarrod Pavelitz, *Magna Cum Laude*
⁹ Brandon Petrouskie, *Summa Cum Laude*
Christopher W. Piechota
Amal Umesh Pillai
⁹ Brian David Schoonmaker, *Summa Cum Laude*
⁹ Samantha Helen Schumacher, *Cum Laude*
⁹ Bernard J. Socha III, *Summa Cum Laude*
Electrical Engineering, Second Degree
⁹ Tyler Sutton, *Cum Laude*
Jason Edward Ugwu, *Cum Laude*
⁹ Michael Anthony Vamos, *Summa Cum Laude*
⁹ Justin S. Weaver, *Cum Laude*
Julian Welsch
⁹ David Christopher Wilke, *Magna Cum Laude*
⁹ Nathan Wnuk, *Summa Cum Laude*
Mitchell Hunter Woodward
⁹ Timothy Ziegler, *Cum Laude*

Medical Laboratory Science

Zhra Alkhamis, *Cum Laude*

Neuroscience

Melanie Rivera

Physics

⁹ Lucas Kyle Domulevicz, *Magna Cum Laude*
Electrical Engineering, Second Degree

¹² Tracey Oellerich, *Summa Cum Laude*
Mathematics, Second Degree

⁹ *Honors in Engineering*

¹² *Pennsylvania Teacher Certification*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

Dr. Jennifer J. Edmonds, *Interim Dean*

Accounting

Joseph Francis Coyne V
Kyle William Diesel
Joseph John Harth, *Cum Laude*
Finance, Second Degree
Ryan R. Heck
Finance, Second Degree
Zachary Hill
James Ilvento
Trevor Kapschull, *Cum Laude*

Donachatch Kiangsiri, *Summa Cum Laude*
Michael Lenchak, *Cum Laude*
Matthew Lindo
Michael Kidd Paskas, *Magna Cum Laude*
* Vivek Bhupendrabhai Patel, *Magna Cum Laude*
6 Megan E. Powers
Steven M. Sklanka
* Tyler Christian Whitecomb, *Summa Cum Laude*
Yuchi Zu

Business Administration

Dylan Burkley, *Magna Cum Laude*
1,6 Jeffrey Scott Campbell, *Summa Cum Laude*
Arlene Cook

1,6 Thomas William Ensley, Jr.
6 Nancy Peters, *Magna Cum Laude*

Entrepreneurship

Tyler C. Briskie
Thomas James Carton, *Cum Laude*
Marketing, Second Major
Daniel Patrick Kelly
Sultan Jamaledee Khalifa
Colleen Francis McCabe

David Ramon Morse, *Cum Laude*
Edward J. Powell, *Summa Cum Laude*
Marketing, Second Major
Nicole Santorelli
Haoxiang Wang

Finance

Abdullah Aldhahri
Abdulrahman Alharbi
Abed Aljedaani
Mohammad Alotaibi
Abdulmohsen Alrabie
Mohammad Ebraheem Alrahely
6 Mohammed Eid Alsharari
Omar Alsharari
Hamad Alshaya

Clifford E. Francis, Jr.
Joseph John Harth, *Cum Laude*
Accounting, Second Degree
Ryan R. Heck
Accounting, Second Degree
Turki Shuail
Tyler Donovan Vonhummel
Trevor Wilson
Michael S. Zudjelovic, *Magna Cum Laude*

¹ Alpha Chi

⁶ Delta Mu Delta

* Degree in Absentia

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership — *Continued*

Management

Bandar Mohammed Alajmi

Majed Burayt Alanazi

Marketing, Second Major

Nawaf Alotibi

Marketing, Second Major

Mohammad Ebraheem Alrahely

Muzun AlShenaifi

Accounting, Second Major

Jordan Chandler

Kayla Margaret Granger

Abdullah Harkan

Ryan Matthew Herbst

Marissa Kier

Andrew A. Kosmach III

⁶ Thomas Adam Matthews, *Cum Laude*

⁶ Bryan M. Mellon

De'Von Charles Moore

Thomas O'Day

Gregory P. O'Malley

Alyssa Lynn Paterson

Merisa Lyn Plavin, *Summa Cum Laude*

Levi Adam Serfass

Marketing

⁶ Madeleine S. Brownsey, *Magna Cum Laude*
Sports Management, Second Major

⁵ Devanie B. Craft

⁶ Torin Christofer Keefer

Christina Marie Kurtz

Sarah Ann Lercara

Katherine Ann Mahoney, *Cum Laude*

Christopher J. Martines

⁶ Amanda Ormezzano

Jamie M. Seyler

Management, Second Major

Alexandria Thompson, *Magna Cum Laude*

David Tlatenchi, *Magna Cum Laude*

Adam Wychowanec, *Magna Cum Laude*

Management, Second Major

⁵ *Chi Alpha Epsilon*

⁶ *Delta Mu Delta*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

School of Nursing

Dr. Deborah Zbegner, *Interim Dean*

- ^{22,27} Kara Lyn Augustine, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{22,27} Veronica Marie Banyar
²⁷ Marissa Samantha Bartorillo
^{22,27} Jennifer Lyn Benesky, *Cum Laude*
John Thomas Butchko
Briana Marie Cole
²⁷ Lindsey Renee Damiter
²⁷ Ashley Theresa DiPippa
^{22,27} Ashley Divincenzo
²⁷ Michelle Marie Druby
Anastasia Victoria English
²⁷ Cody James Falatko
^{22,27} Rachel Sara Feidt
^{22,27} Kathryn Lynn Gavlick
²⁷ Jeannine Marie Hardman
²⁷ Amanda Leigh Harhut
²⁷ Kolton John Heckman
^{1,22,27} Olivia Taylor Hess, *Summa Cum Laude*
Carly Theodora Hoffman
^{22,27} Stacey Lynn Horger, *Summa Cum Laude*
Victoria Lynn Jenkins
Timothy Lawrence Jurkowski
²⁷ Jeffrey Brice Jurosky
^{22,27} Jessica Lynn Kaczor, *Cum Laude*
²⁷ Courtney Marie Kania
²⁷ Kristin Marie Keller
²⁷ Emily Lauren Ketterman
²⁷ Kristopher J. Kierys
^{22,27} Courtney Cox Krasnomowitz
²⁷ Shana A. Kwiatkowski
^{22,27} Haleigh Ann Levitsky, *Cum Laude*
²⁷ Andrea Lowe
^{22,27} Jessica Marie MacConchie, *Cum Laude*
^{22,27} Savannah Jane McCauley
Brendan Metzko, *Cum Laude*
²⁷ Rina Nikol Nikolaidis
²⁷ Kayla Ann Oster
²⁷ Justin Michael Perez
^{22,27} Melony Suzanne Pliski
²⁷ John Paul Rafferty
²⁷ Inna Russ
Joseph Sabia
²⁷ Nicole Salvatico
²⁷ Maura Lynn Santarelli
^{22,27} Alyssa Mary Scatena, *Cum Laude*
²⁷ Lori Schweer
²⁷ Courtney Shields
^{22,27} Heather Lynn Stoner, *Cum Laude*
^{22,27} Alexis Katherine Torquato, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{22,27} Jodi Lynn Troell
^{22,27} Ashley Marie Truglio
^{22,27} Sarah Marie Wasley, *Magna Cum Laude*
Stephanie Fezuk Zangardi
²⁷ Kaitlyn Michele Zimmerman

¹ Alpha Chi

²² Sigma Tau Delta

²⁷ National Student Nurses Association

Scholarly Societies and Special Designations

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

2016 Student Awards

Academic Awards

BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Pi Sigma Alpha Award in Political Science	Beth A. Gilbert
Raymond R. Ritz Award (Sociology)	Jessica M. Drebot
Jaroslav Moravec Award (Sociology).....	Troy D. Carey
Outstanding Graduate in Psychology.....	Karly M. Mason

COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES

Outstanding Communications Studies Graduate.....	Nicole E. Zukowski
Tom Bigler Scholar Award.....	James M. Jaskolka-Butler

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES

Annette Evans Humanities Award.....	Sara A. Pisak
Frank J. J. Davies Award — Education Track	Gabriella N. Romanelli
Frank J. J. Davies Award — Writing Track	Sara Pisak
Frank J. J. Davies Award — Digital Humanities Track.....	Jason A. Klus
The Taft Achilles Rosenberg Naparsteck Scholarship	Michael L. Morrison

GLOBAL HISTORY AND LANGUAGES

Phi Alpha Theta Book Award.....	Thomas J. Schmidt
Outstanding Graduate in Spanish.....	Jason A. Klus

INTEGRATIVE MEDIA AND ART

Outstanding Achievement in Integrative Media and Art	Melissa H. Scott Kahdijah Venable
Richard Fuller Excellence in the Arts Award.....	Torin C. Keefer
BASS Award.....	Israel L. Rodriguez

BIOLOGY AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Outstanding Research Award.....	Michael G. Warkala Deep Patel
Outstanding Scholar (highest G.P.A.).....	Somiah E. Almekey
Rosenthal Award	Kaitlin M. Schafer Sebastian Moreno

CHEMISTRY

American Chemical Society Susquehanna Valley Local Section Award	Brandon R. Harris
American Chemical Society Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry	Sarah R. Nichols
Outstanding Freshman Chemistry Award.....	Nicholas Fitzpatrick

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND PHYSICS

Dr. Umid R. Nejjib Award for Outstanding Achievement in Electrical Engineering	Bernard J. Socha
Frederick E. Bellas Award for Outstanding Physics Student.....	Tracey G. Oellerich
Voris B. Hall Distinguished Physics Student Award	Lucas K. Domulevicz
Outstanding Bioengineering Graduate Student Award.....	Bryant Morocho Teresa N. Wasiluk

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Academic Awards *(continued)*

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND EARTH SCIENCES

Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Engineering Zachary R. Sullivan
Jeffrey D. Mastrantuono

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

James G. DeCosmo Award in Mathematics Tracey G. Oellerich
Outstanding Achievement in Computer Science Eric M. Klemchak

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

Top Academic Performer in Mechanical Engineering.....Brandon G. Petrouskie
Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical EngineeringBrian D. Schoonmaker
Mechanical Engineering Service Award..... David S. Lee

JAY S. SIDHU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP

Academic Achievement Award — Accounting..... Donachatch Kiangsiri
Academic Achievement Award — Business Administration Will Robinson
Academic Achievement Award — Finance Michael S. Zudjelovic
Academic Achievement Award — Management Merisa L. Plavin
Academic Achievement Award — MBA Jesse R. Heywood
Angellica Ceballos
Peggy L. Kipa
Michael A. Kolinovsky
Nicholas Budzyn
Academic Achievement Award — Sport Management..... Madeleine S. Brownsey
Academic Achievement Award — Entrepreneurship Edward J. Powell
Academic Achievement Award — Marketing..... Alexandria Thompson
Dean's Award for Excellence in Business Administration Will Robinson
Dean's Award for Excellence in Management Thomas A. Matthews
Dean's Award for Excellence in Entrepreneurship Edward J. Powell
Dean's Award for Excellence in Marketing..... Jamie M. Seyler
Dean's Award for Excellence in Sports Management..... Madeleine S. Brownsey
PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting Donachatch Kiangsiri
Professor Ted Engle Award for Excellence in Finance..... Joseph J. Harth

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Outstanding Elementary & Early Childhood
Teacher Education Student..... Theresa R. Kloeker
Outstanding Middle Level Teacher Education Student..... Adam J. M. Glassic
Outstanding Secondary Teacher Education Student Devin J. Dunn
Outstanding Special Education Teacher Education Student..... Kayla M. Creed
Marla Hosie Memorial Award..... Corey J. Moore

THE PASSAN SCHOOL OF NURSING

Outstanding Clinical Practice Award..... Savannah J. McCauley
Academic Excellence Award Olivia T. Hess

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Academic Awards *(continued)*

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Outstanding Graduate for the College of Arts,
Humanities and Social Sciences Jason A. Klus

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Outstanding Graduate for the College
of Science and Engineering..... Tracey G. Oellerich

JAY S. SIDHU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP

Outstanding Graduate — Jay S. Sidhu Leadership Award Jamie M. Seyler

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Outstanding Graduate for the School of Education Sydney R. Schafer

THE PASSAN SCHOOL OF NURSING

Outstanding Graduate for the Passan School of Nursing..... Sarah M. Wasley

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Extracurricular and Leadership Awards

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Correen Santoro Memorial Award	Cara Basile Sarah Birchmeier Kendra Croker Elena Denger Emily Ketterman Abigail Sanders Kaitlyn Sitch
Scholar Athlete of the Year	Kate Thomas Jeff Mastranuono
Athlete of the Year	Madeleine Brownsey Alec Wizar

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Outstanding Leadership and Service Award	Ashley Evert
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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Helping Hands Service Award	Vienna Jones Kellie Palko Peter Tuzzo
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COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Outstanding Senior Intern	Justin Topa
Keith Topfer Memorial Award	Tyler Sutton

EDUCATION

Teacher Education Service Award	Adam Glassic
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CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION AND DIVERSITY

Nada Vujica Memorial Award	Israa Hawsawi Donachatch Kiangsiri
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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Bacchus Leadership Award	Troy Carey Jessica Drebot Cassandra Stalk Heather Stoner Victoria Yeselevige-Rudovitz
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INTERFAITH

Interfaith Leadership Award	Fahad Alsabr Hayley Bundz Jessica Drebot Casara McCleaf Jeremy Miller Shaiva Shah
Interfaith Service Award	Tyler Bartol Michael Toss

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Extracurricular and Leadership Awards *(continued)*

NURSING

Nursing Leadership Award Veronica Banyar

RESIDENCE LIFE

Resident Assistants Samantha Blincoe
Lucas Domulevicz
Jessica Drebot
Shana Kwiatkowski
Michelle Kuzma
Kristen Lopatofsky
Alexis Maroney
Taylor Moyer
Outstanding Senior Award Samantha Blincoe

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

e-Mentors Marissa Bartarillo
Samantha Blincoe
Thomas Carton
Lucas Domulevicz
Anthony Fanucci
Hillary Harris
Mitchell Henry
Alexis Maroney
Anna Podrasky
Ashley Potkulski
Olivia Questore
Thomas Schmidt
Cyril Shickora
Peter Tuzzo
Michael Warkala
Victoria Yeselevige-Rudovitz

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Faculty Choice Award..... Dr. Jonathan Ference
Staff Choice Award Linda Cohen
Two Years of Service Rachel Constant
Keri Diehl
Samantha Early
Anthony Fanucci
Christian Giovannini
Holly Margiotti
Kara Serfass
Ashley Truglio
Peter Tuzzo
Michael Warkala

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Air Force ROTC Distinguished Graduate and

Recipient of the 2016 Flyboys Award..... 2nd Lieutenant Corbin Alan Sherman

Presented by Flyboys U.S. Army Air Corps

6th College Training Detachment, Bucknell University Junior College (1943-44)

Class of 2016 OFFICERS

Christian Giovannini
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Holly Margiotti
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Academic Costume

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARNAUD C. MARTS SPORTS AND CONFERENCE CENTER

FIRST AID — Medical personnel are available for first aid assistance at the First Aid Station located in the lobby. Should you need assistance please contact an usher or a Public Safety Officer.

PICTURE TAKING — Because of space limitations, safety and control, no one, except the professional photographer and members of the press with appropriate credentials, will be allowed access to the stage area for the purpose of taking pictures or video-taping. A photograph will be taken of each graduate as the diploma is presented by the President.

REST ROOMS — Rest rooms are accessible from the first and second floor lobbies. Rest rooms are also located on the lower level.

BEVERAGES — Water is available at the drinking fountains on the first floor of the building.

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

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

Platform Party 69th Annual Spring Commencement for the Conferring of Bachelor's Degrees

Paul Adams	Vice President, Student Affairs
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Jack Chielli	Associate Vice President, Marketing and Communication
Caitlin Czeh	Coordinator, Campus Interfaith
Rachel Duda	Assistant Registrar
Jennifer Edmonds	Interim Dean, Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership
Anthony Fanucci	Student Greeter
Jonathan Ference	Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Bernard Graham	Dean, Nesbitt School of Pharmacy
Jason Griggs	Member, Board of Trustees
William Hudson	Dean, College of Science and Engineering
Susan Hritzak	Registrar
Carol Keup	Member, Board of Trustees
Joseph Kultys	Associate Registrar
Patrick Leahy	President
Thomas MacKinnon	Vice President, Advancement
John J. Passan	Honorary Degree Recipient
Loren Prescott	Vice President, Finance and Support Operations/General Counsel
Rhonda Rabbitt	Dean, School of Education
Mark Rado	Wilkes University Alumni Association
Paul Riggs	Dean, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Philip Ruthkosky	Associate Dean, Student Affairs
Anne Skleder	Senior Vice President and Provost
John Stachacz	Dean, Eugene S. Farley Library
Laura Tomlinson	360 Translations International, Inc.
Wagiha Taylor	Faculty Marshal
Terese Wignot	Associate Provost
Michael Wood	Special Assistant to the President
Gretchen Yeninas	Associate Dean, Student Affairs
Deborah Zbegner	Dean, Passan School of Nursing

