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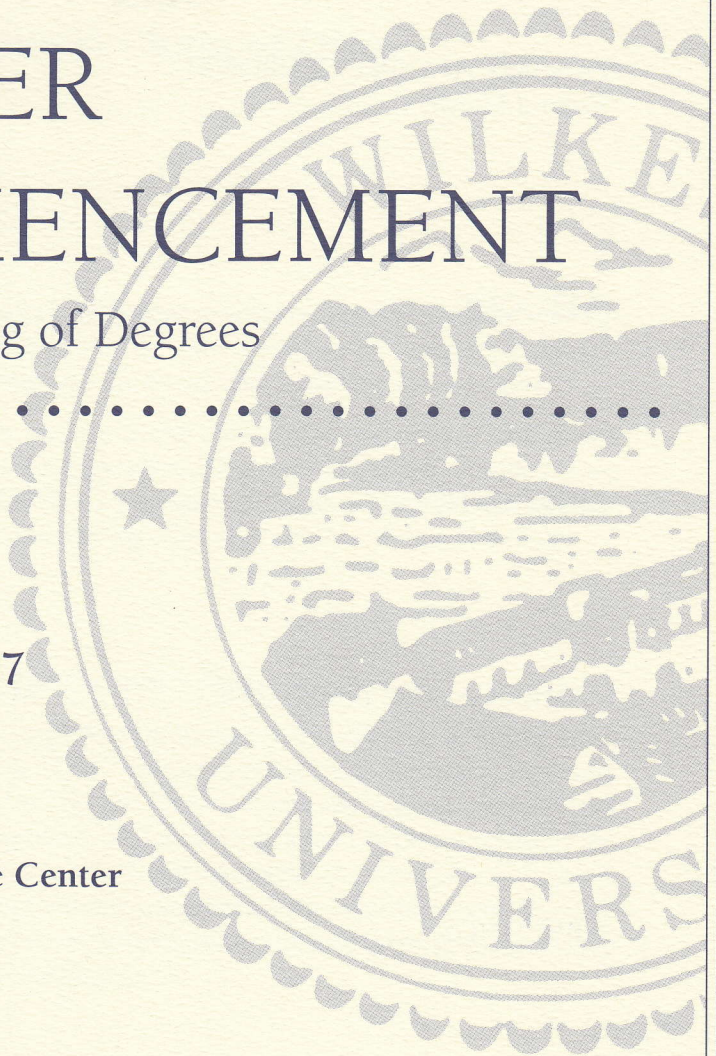
# SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

for the Conferring of Degrees

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Sunday  
September 9, 2007  
2:00 p.m.

Arnaud C. Marts  
Sports and Conference Center



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# Order of Exercises

\*FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL

*Federal March* ..... *Alexander Reinagle*  
*Arrangement, Roger Smith*

WELCOME ..... *C. Reynold Verret*  
*Provost*

\*INVOCATION ..... *Rev. Dr. Walter A. Placek '61*  
*Polish National Catholic Church*  
*Professor Emeritus, Physics*

\*AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL ..... *Words by Katherine Lee Bates*  
*Music by Samuel A. Ward*  
*Arrangement, Bill Moffit*

GREETINGS ..... *Joseph E. Gilmour*  
*President*

*Mary B. Rhodes '77*  
*Member, Board of Trustees*

*Arthur H. Kibbe*  
*Chair, Faculty Affairs Council*  
*Chair, Pharmaceutical Sciences*

*Barbara L. Richard, MS*  
*Kutztown Area School District*  
*Member of the Graduating Class*

*\*The audience is requested to rise.*



# Order of Exercises

ADDRESS.....James M. Culhane  
*Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Science*

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES .....Joseph E. Gilmour  
*President*

\*ALMA MATER.....*Eleanor C. Farley*

\*BENEDICTION ..... Rev. Dr. Walter A. Placek '61  
*Polish National Catholic Church*  
*Professor Emeritus, Physics*

\*RECESSIONAL  
*Slow March From Scipio* ..... *George Frederick Handel*  
*Arrangement, E. Leidzen*

*Music provided by the Wilkes University Chamber Winds*  
*Philip G. Simon, Conductor*  
*Jennifer Smeraldo, Vocalist*

*\*The audience is requested to rise.*



# MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## Master of Arts in Creative Writing

- \* David Blum
- Sarah L. Borthwick
- Nicole DePolo
- Erin Leigh Delaney
- Albert Difilippantonio, Jr.
- \* Aleksandra Arremisia Djordjevic
- Gary W. Frisch
- Colin B. Gabler
- Lauren M. Kwiatkowski
- \* Laurie S. Moyer
- \* Judy A. Shandler
- \* Nancy Boyer Slowikowski
- Cindy M. Taren
- Stephen J. Wignot

## Master of Business Administration

- <sup>6</sup> Ronald Douglas Coltrane, Jr.
- Dannielle Jenkins
- Wendy Marie Karpinski
- Andrew Joseph Kuniegel
- \*,<sup>6</sup> Michael James Liberski
- <sup>6</sup> Michael S. Modla
- Jillian Marie O'Brien
- Brigid E. Peet
- <sup>6</sup> Karen E. Petrosky
- \* David Pisano
- \* Peter E. Schmidt
- \*,<sup>6</sup> Matthew Joseph Stuka
- \* Robert John Tarud
- \* Nina E. Waskevich

## Master of Science in Education

- \* Justin H. Adams
- \* Jamie Addley
- \* Maureen K. Alexander
- Susan K. Allen
- \* Kristin M. Amato
- \* Ricky M. Amato
- \* Michael A. Amitia
- \* William A. Angst, Jr.
- \* Paul R. Arigo
- \* Rachelle Maria Arrivello
- \* Joseph Richard Arscott
- Jason D. Artz
- \* Gwen M. Babski
- Margaret K. Barry
- \* Matthew J. Barry
- \* James P. Bauman
- \* Richard O. Baur
- \* Daniel Christopher Bechtold
- \* Jennifer Engle Beck
- \* Jack C. Beidler
- Melissa A. Garay Belinski
- \* Erica L. Bell
- \* James Andre Bellenbaum
- \* Gregory E. Bellows
- \* Tara Bendekovits
- \* Mark Edward Bensavage
- \* Rachel A. Berkis
- \* John F. Berrodin
- Amber Lee Beseda
- \* Corey J. Besz
- \* Amanda L. Bicich
- \* Lisa M. Bieber
- \* Lauren Biffar
- \* Christine Sedlacko Biggins
- \* Darby L. Biller
- \* Carleen V. Binder
- \* Jennifer Brander Birch
- \* Laura L. Bitler
- \* Amy Lynn Bokan
- \* Stacey E. Bottiglieri
- \*,<sup>13</sup> Michelle D. Bozzini
- \* Jeremy Tyler Brandt
- \* Brooke Michel Breiner
- \* Jessica Lyn Brown



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## Master of Science in Education (continued)

- \* Julie Ann Brown
- Christopher J. Brunner
- Brad A. Bunnell
- Jennis K. Bunnell
- Kimberly Ann Burke
- \* Emily Suzanne Burkholder
- \* Leslie M. Burns
- \* Joseph M. Burton
- Wendy Jo Bussey
- \* Christina M. Butler
- Melinda A. Callender
- \* Christine M. Capaldi
- \* Christopher J. Caruso
- Matthew David Casey
- \* Marsha G. Cassel
- \* Teresa C. Cavalier
- \* Kelly Ann Cave
- Christopher J. Celmer
- \* Glenn Howis Cermak
- \* Sharon K. Chamberlin
- Michael A. Cherrybon
- Joyce M. Chik
- \* Laura Beth Christy
- Cynthia Barclay Ciernia
- \* Kathleen E. Clark
- \*,<sup>13</sup> Nicole M. Composto
- \* Jill Edith Condo
- \*,<sup>13</sup> Elizabeth Ann Connelly
- \*,<sup>13</sup> Carla L. Conner
- \* Andrew L. Conover
- Lisa Elizabeth Cooke
- \*,<sup>13</sup> Michael Anthony Cooney
- \* David R. Cooper
- \* Janine Tamara Cooper
- \* Courtney Copeland
- Michelle A. Costanzo
- David R. Cotner
- \* Paul A. Covell
- James Craig
- \* Cathy J. Crilley
- \*,<sup>13</sup> Robert H. Croop, Jr.
- \* Matthew J. Cuttic
- \* Amanda B. Cykosky
- \* Jessica Ann Deacon
- \* Nicole Marie Del Prado
- \* Colin L. Derrico
- Lynette M. Dickert
- \* Anthony G. Dienner
- \* John W. Dietrick IV
- \* Marc A. DiGregorio
- \* Donna A. Dillon
- \* James M. Donahue
- \* Lorie Donovan
- Lynn A. Dougherty-Durkin
- \* Nicole Marie Dow
- \* Michael Anthony Duarte
- \* Valarie Ann Dubbs
- \* Michael E. Dunstan
- \* Casandra Jane Dutzer
- \* Jacquelyn Boyer Eberhart
- \* Tracey D. Egenski
- \* Sarah E. Egglar
- \* Meredith F. Ehst
- Kara Ann Elias
- \* Diane J. Ellis
- \* James LaRue Ellis
- Kate McHale Evans
- \* Nancy L. Evans
- \*,<sup>13</sup> Katherine M. Exas
- \* Shannon L. Falcheck
- \* Alexandra Falconi-Munski
- \* Andrea Falkowski
- \* Timothy J. Farley
- Kara L. Fatzinger
- Maureen A. Fecondo
- \* Pamela A. Fehnel
- \* Kelly Ann McDonough Fickert
- \* Michael C. Fickert
- \* Stephen P. Fisher
- Kathleen B Fitzgerald
- \* Michael Wesley Flynn
- \* D. Timothy Fogelsanger
- \* Matthew J. Foote
- Charmaine P. Forney
- \* Megan Lee Fortunato
- \* John James Fox III

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- Stephanie A. Frantz
- \* Hilary J. Frear
- \* Brian D. Fulmer
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- Douglas M. Gardner
- Joan E. Garrett
- \* Daniel M. Gassert
- \* Amanda Marie George
- \* Michael A Gerhart
- \* Heather M. Gery
- \* Mary L. Gesford
- Taryn Elizabeth Gilboy
- \* Beth A. Girard
- \* Cynthia F. Godshall
- \* Stephanie L. Golec
- Yinell Lozano Good
- Julie A. Graby
- Jeffrey Joseph Louis Grasso
- \* Richard Gravine
- Richard Christopher Green
- \* Christopher A. Groody
- \* Katie Deborah Gryshuk
- \* Shelia L. Guinn
- \* Chad E. Gunzenhauser
- \* LeeAnn E. Haberle
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- \* Crystal Rose Halleman
- \* William A. Hanebury III
- Faye M. Harding
- \* Amy Elizabeth Hasinus
- Erica M. Hasinus
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- \* Dean G. Heffner
- \* Brian Paul Heisey
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- \* Melissa J. Herbine
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- \* Alison Faye Hess
- Marcy L. Higley
- \* Allison M. Hockenberry
- \* Sherry L. Holtzman
- David W. Hood
- \* Allison R. Hoofnagle
- \* Lisa Horinko
- \* Michelle Frances Horvath
- \* Jodi Lyn Houck
- \* Thomas Penn Houck
- \* Melaney S. Howell
- \* Allen H. Hunsicker III
- \* Wendy L. Ide
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- \* Susan Adair Kauffman
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- \*<sup>13</sup> Laura J. Kemmerer
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- \* Erika Sue Kindoll
- \* Richard S. Kolka
- \* Christopher J. Koschak
- Amy L. Kosco
- \* Jennifer L. Kratowicz
- \* Jennifer L. Krause
- \* Daria M. Kret
- \*<sup>13</sup> Christine J. Kruk
- \* Jason R. Kruk
- \* April E. Krushin
- \* Amy Rushton Krzywicki
- Ryan William Kuhns
- Jennifer L. Kunetz
- \* Travis M. Kurtz
- \* Max William Laing
- \* Toni Lynn Laing
- \* Allison Catherine Lamont
- Devon A. Landgraff
- \* Christina M. Landry
- \* Adam K. Larew

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## Master of Science in Education (continued)

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- \* Jennifer Marie Lee
- Mary Catherine Lesoine
- \* Christina Marie Lewis
- \* Toie Lewis
- \*,<sup>13</sup> Roberto L. Lonardo
- \* Barry Lee Lopatic
- \* Brenda Kaye Lorson
- \* Vonda D. Lorson
- \* Jeffrey E. Love
- \* Brad Lee Lower
- \* Stephanie F. Luckey
- \* Peter James Lucot
- \* Cory Bertram Luft
- \* Edward J. Lukowski
- \* Michael G. Luna, Jr.
- \* Carmela E. Lupo
- \* Nancylee J. Lutz
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- \* Marla J. Martin
- \* Natalie J. Martin
- Robert L. Martin, Jr.
- \* Katherine A. Martini
- \* Lindsay A. Maskerines
- Caryn Marie Matta
- \* Travis J. Mattern
- \* Stephen C. Mazikewich
- \* William Kyle McAllister
- \* Susan G. McDermott
- Jane-marie M. McEachern
- \* Shawn M. McEntire
- \* Stephanie Ann McGee
- \* Abby L. McKellin
- \* Tara Anne McKeon
- Christina M. McKivison
- \* Erica W. McLaughlin
- \* Nathan P. McNamara
- \* Kristiann K. McQuown
- \* Mary J. McTish
- \* Constance M. Medve
- \* Jason Mellas
- \* Amanda R. Mellinger
- \* Melissa Lynn Mellott
- Jennifer K. Menser
- \* James F. Mento III
- \* Graydon B. Meredith III
- \* Margaret T. Mielke
- \* Shannon Mielnik
- \* Amanda L. Miller
- \* Sandra L. Miller
- \* Jeffrey Albert Mills
- \* Katherine K. Minshall
- Irena Mira
- \* Ashley Mitchell
- \* Madonna R. Moran
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- \* Don A. Morgan
- \* Anthony J. Morris
- \* Jack Patrick Morrison
- \* Charles Moyer
- \* Melvin E. Moyer
- \* Ryan S. Moyer
- \* Madonna Ann Munley
- \*,<sup>13</sup> Sandra M. Murphy
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- \* Bradford J. Myers
- \* Jamie L. Myers
- \* Kim A. Myers
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- \* Daniel J. Nalesnik
- \* Nicole L. Natale
- \* Alexis A. Neenan
- \* Jennifer L. Netwall
- Stephanie Ann Newman
- \* Terry P. Newman
- \* Gregory Allen Neyer
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- \* Karl R. Peifer
- \* Lindsey L. Pender
- \* Alexis K. Petite
- \* Linda Ann Petri  
Elizabeth Anne Phillips
- \* Lindsey Piccini
- \* Heidi A. Pitsilos
- \* Laura B. Polish
- \* Amy Jo Powlus
- \* Lori A. Pursell
- \* Christine H. Quay  
Keith W. Quelet
- \* Stacey L. Raftery
- \* Jeannette A. Rautzhan
- \* Michelle D. Raydo
- \* Michael R. Reager
- \* Beverly E. Reimund  
Barbara L. Richard
- \* Rebecca A. Ricketts
- \* Bridget M. Ritter
- \* Jeffrey T. Roberts
- \* Marsha L. Rodgers
- \* Joseph R. Rodriguez
- \* Jonathan S. Rugg
- \* Julie A. Rupp
- \* Karla A. Rupp
- \* Todd C. Rupp  
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- \* Jarra B. B. Rusnock
- \* Heather D. Sabo
- \* Michael J. Saks
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- \* Maryellen Santanna
- <sup>13</sup> Christopher R. Santini
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- \* Jesse Thomas Scheetz
- \* Cynthia M. Schillaci
- \*<sup>13</sup> Christian W. Schneider
- \* Karen L. Sciarillo  
Helene M. Seamon
- \* Tracy M. Seasholtz
- \* Mary Ann Senior  
Elizabeth O'Hara Sentz
- \*<sup>13</sup> Maria Serina
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- \* Stephanie Shearer
- \* Angela N. Shelton
- \* Rachel N. Shiffer
- \* Lisa A. Shirk  
Rachel Marie Shook  
Marie Helfrich Showlin
- \* Chris Ann Shultz
- \* Elena M. Shurdom
- \* Molly K. Sidoti
- \* Meredith P. Silvious
- \* Donna Skosnick
- \* Audrey K. Slocum  
Kristen Joy Small  
Loren W. Small
- \*<sup>13</sup> Charles W. Smargiassi
- \*<sup>13</sup> Adam Hopkins Smith
- \*<sup>13</sup> Beverly Stiffler Smith  
Franchetta R. Smith
- \* Matthew Brian Smith  
Stacey Leigh Smith
- \*<sup>13</sup> Jeffrey S. Snyder
- \* Jill Ann Space
- \* Eric M. Sperazza
- \* Danielle Denise Spiva  
Krista Erceg Spradlin
- \* Jodi Marie Stafford
- \* Kristen Noel Stauffer
- \* Robert W. Stepenaskie
- \* BethAnn Stone
- \* Carlene A. Streit
- \* Nicole Lynn Stroup
- \* Jeffrey S. Sunderland  
Sara Marie Swaditch
- \* Christine M. Sweeney
- \* Amanda MacVaugh Sweigart  
Michelle A. Sweigert
- \* Matthew W. Swinehart
- \* John M. Tarone

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## Master of Science in Education (continued)

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- \* Joanna Marie Timtishin
- Kelsey B. Torpey
- Laurene Marie Transue
- \* Chris A. Trickett
- \* Lucille H. Troup
- \* Aimee G. Tysarczyk
- \* Andrew J. Ulitchney
- \* Stephanie D. Underhill
- \* Ryan J. Van Horn
- \* Glenn P. Vaughan
- \* Tracey Lee View
- Jacqueline R. Vogel
- \* Jenna L. Vogels
- Heather M. Vogt
- \* Matthew G. Von Minden
- \* Jill N. Vos
- \* Jennifer Lawton Vovakes
- Cindy S. Wade
- \* Amy Lynn Wagner
- Robert L. Wallis
- \* Charlotte A. Walsh
- \* Lorrie Michele Ward
- \* Robert W. Watkins
- \* Brent A. Weaver
- \* Gabriella E. Wegman
- \*.<sup>13</sup> Kyle H. Wetherhold
- \*.<sup>13</sup> Pamela S. Wetzel
- \* Zachary J. Wiggins
- \* Kimberly A. Wilk
- \*.<sup>13</sup> Christy Lynn Williams
- Jeffrey R. Williams, Jr.
- \* Amanda N. Wilson
- \* Mary Lu C. Wirbicki
- \* Cris Lyne Wiswell
- \* Kim Minucci Wolfe
- \* Taryn E. Wzorek
- \* Karyn Louis Yarashas
- \* Lisa C. Yonosh
- \* Theresa M. York
- Kristin Lynn Young
- \* Vincent W. Youngbauer
- \* Amy L. Zadlo
- Christopher Thomas Zalasky
- \* Dale R. Ziegler
- \* Irene M. Ziemer
- \* Matthew J. Zoeller

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# MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

*Pradeep Kumar Reddy Nalamada*  
*Padmaja Patil*

*Vikas Chandra Pulpa*  
\* *Surya Kiran Vangala*

## Master of Science in Nursing

*Christiana Taiye Ayeni*  
*Kelly Anne Bowman*  
*Maureen Ijeoma Onyebuchi Eneanya*  
*John Thomas Evers, Jr.*  
*Amaryl Laurel John*  
*Stephanie L. Kalie*  
*Carly Kowalsky*  
*Keith Michael Milligan*  
*Vida Owusu*

\* *Paige E. Oxley*  
*Lauren Jane Powell*  
*Mark Prudente*  
*Marguerite Marie Starliper*  
\* *Kyle Dean Stover*  
*Kara Jean Terhune*  
\* *Kathleen Elizabeth Theony*  
*Lennox B. Thompson*  
*Crystal Rose Wah*



# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

### *Summa Cum Laude*

<sup>1</sup> Andrew William York, History

### *Magna Cum Laude*

<sup>18</sup> Arthur George Redmond, Political Science

### *Cum Laude*

<sup>14</sup> Matthew L. Navin, History

### Communications

Neal M. Jackloski

Donna Talarico

### Criminology

Matthew James Carey  
Steven Montemarano

Anthony Serafin  
Daniel J. Weisenfluh

### History

Seth M. Pesta

\* Jason Rogowski

### Political Science

Brian A. McNelis

### Psychology

Jane Brunn

Matthew J. Frankle

<sup>1</sup> Alpha Chi

<sup>14</sup> Phi Alpha Theta

<sup>18</sup> Pi Sigma Alpha

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# **BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES**

**The College of Science and Engineering**

**Applied & Engineering Sciences**

*David J. Beretski*

**Biology**

*Abigail Redmond*

**Computer Information Systems**

*John E. Fox*

**Electrical Engineering**

*Steven Goldsmith*

**Earth and Environmental Sciences**

\* *Seth R. Tratthen*



# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

### *Magna Cum Laude*

<sup>6</sup> Alexander David Sperrazza, Business Administration

### **Business Administration**

Nicole Marie Norton

Anthony Joseph Santanna

## The Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing

### *Summa Cum Laude*

\* Pamela Lynn Tuckett DiBuo, Nursing

\* Debra Margaret Kunkel, Nursing

### **Nursing**

<sup>23</sup> Tracey Marie Dixon Kenzakoski

<sup>23</sup> Cathy A. Kurtz

\* Jennifer Leigh Longworth

Courtenay J. Serafini

<sup>23</sup> Kimberly Shearn

Katherine Yaracz

### **Pharmaceutical Sciences**

Aniello Biagio Tambasco



## Scholarly Societies and Special Designations

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



## **The University Mace and Presidential Chain of Office**

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

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

### **The University Mace**

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

### **The Presidential Chain of Office**

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



## **AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL**

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

Words by Katherine Lee Bates

Music by Samuel A. Ward

## **ALMA MATER**

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

Words and Music by Eleanor C. Farley

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