



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

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Saturday, May Twenty-first  
Two-thousand and sixteen • 10 a.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

# 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*

TY REGINALD FREDERICKSON  
*Member of the Class of 2016*



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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....WIL DEL PILAR  
*Acting Deputy Secretary of Postsecondary and Higher Education  
Pennsylvania Department of Education*

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

ALUMNI INDUCTION .....COLONEL MARK A. RADO, U.S.A., RETIRED  
*Wilkes University Alumni Association*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE .....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.)*

BENEDICTION .....CAITLIN CZECH  
*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.*

# **SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHY**

DR. WIL DEL PILAR

Wil Del Pilar is Acting Deputy Secretary of Postsecondary and Higher Education at the Pennsylvania Department of Education where he is responsible for coordinating the Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education, the Division of Higher and Career Education, Division of Adult Education, the Division of Veterans and Military Education and the Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality. Dr. Del Pilar returns to the Pennsylvania Department of Education where he previously served as a special assistant working on postsecondary access and success. Prior to his current role, Dr. Del Pilar served as Senior Director of Development at the University of Florida and at Pennsylvania State University where he directed fundraising efforts for first-generation, low income, Veteran and Military and students with disabilities. Dr. Del Pilar's professional experience also includes over 13 years of experience in enrollment management at the University of California, Santa Cruz, Loyola Marymount University and Chapman University.

Dr. Del Pilar's work in higher education has shaped his research interest which focuses on postsecondary access, retention and policy. Specifically, his interest centers upon the intersection between state policy, social capital and school factors on the postsecondary enrollment of student populations. Dr. Del Pilar serves as affiliate faculty in the College of Education at the University of Florida.

Dr. Del Pilar received his Bachelor's Degree from Chapman University in Public Relations, Master's degree in Educational Counseling from California State University, Dominguez Hills and his Doctoral Degree in Higher Education from the Pennsylvania State University.

# DOCTOR OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

Dr. Rhonda M. Rabbitt, *Dean*

- |  |                               |
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| * Lesley Anne Corey                      | Crystal Lee Mahler            |
| Colleen M. Duffy                         | Robert Joseph Makaravage, Jr. |
| Ty Reginald Frederickson                 | Jillian Nicole Mullen         |
| * Diana Lynne Keosavian                  | Allison Stark Yourechko       |
| <sup>17</sup> Christine E. Grieco Mellon |                               |

# DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE CANDIDATES

Dr. Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

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| <sup>23</sup> Valerie DeCamp               | <sup>23</sup> Rimma Muchnik              |
| <sup>23</sup> Catherine Osborne Harrington | <sup>23</sup> LoriAnn F. Pajalich        |
| <sup>23</sup> Susanna Lekhno               | <sup>23</sup> Karen Jeanette Smith       |
| * <sup>23</sup> Sylvia C. Marohn           | <sup>23</sup> Christopher Zane Wilkinson |

# DOCTOR OF PHARMACY CANDIDATES

Dr. Bernard W. Graham, *Dean*

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| <sup>21</sup> Christopher Paul Abbazio, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>  | Matthew Paul Hadginske, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>                 |
| Kyle J. Achee   | Phillip M. Hanley  |
| Olivia Renai Andersen   | <sup>21</sup> Gregory Taylor Hood, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>      |
| Casey Jane Anzulavich   | Stephanie M. Horger  |
| Geoffrey B. Arentz  | <sup>15</sup> Keith D. Hunsicker                               |
| <sup>1,15,21</sup> Mark Richard Attilio, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | Alyssa Ashlee Jones, <i>Cum Laude</i>                          |
| <sup>1,15</sup> Corinne Esther Aucker, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>   | Stacy Lynn Kandrac   |
| <sup>1,21</sup> Matthew Robert Baccarella, <i>Cum Laude</i>     | Zachary Michael Kendra   |
| Makenzie Elizabeth Batt, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>                 | Tyler Cole Kennedy   |
| Kerrie J. Beggs, <i>Cum Laude</i>                               | Jeffrey M. Kinney, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>                      |
| <sup>21</sup> Caitlyn Ilyssa Bloom, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>      | <sup>21</sup> Catherine Marie Knapp, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>    |
| Casey Rae Bohan, <i>Cum Laude</i>                               | <sup>21</sup> Danielle Nicole Koch, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>     |
| <sup>1,21</sup> Ryan T. Bowersox, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>        | Brandon Kohler, <i>Cum Laude</i>                               |
| Gregory Anthony Breznak   | <sup>21</sup> Holland Elizabeth Kunkel, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> |
| Kassandra Taylor Bugg   | Martin James Lewandoski, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>                |
| Brett A. Callejas   | <sup>15</sup> Lauren Marie Lockus, <i>Cum Laude</i>            |
| Christian Castro, <i>Cum Laude</i>                              | Kelsey Lynn Noss, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>                       |
| Theresa R. Charnetski, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>                   | Erin Ashley Nothstein, <i>Cum Laude</i>                        |
| * <sup>15</sup> AeRee Choi                                      | Laura Lee Nulton, <i>Cum Laude</i>                             |
| Kelli M. Clemons, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>                        | Michael J. Paddock, <i>Cum Laude</i>                           |
| Motasim Daghash   | Jaclyn Palummo, <i>Cum Laude</i>                               |
| <sup>21</sup> Alisa Anne Daniels, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>        | <sup>1,15,21</sup> Lauren Marie Para, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>   |
| Michael William Daubert, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>                 | <sup>1</sup> Kishan Gatishkumar Patel                          |
| Rebecca S. Feiller, <i>Cum Laude</i>                            | <sup>15</sup> Trina Kaushik Patel, <i>Cum Laude</i>            |
| Mary Colleen Gibbons, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>                    | Nicholas Jude Patricia, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>                 |
| <sup>1,15,21</sup> Erika Elaine Green, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>   | Lauren Ashley Pawling  |

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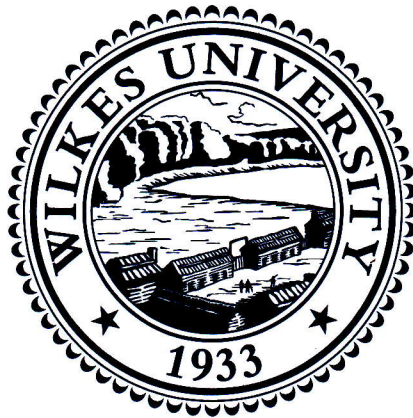
<sup>15</sup> Phi Lambda Sigma

<sup>17</sup> Phi Kappa Delta

<sup>21</sup> Rho Chi

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- <sup>21</sup> Rachel Lauren Quinn, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Spanish, Second Degree*  
Omar Shakem Kendall Richardson, *Cum Laude*  
Amanda Leigh Rossi, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Vladimir V. Russ  
Sean T. Ryan  
Tori Ann Sallo, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Matthew Bruce Shaver, Jr., *Cum Laude*  
Aubrielle Catherine Smith, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Brittany Megan Snyder, *Cum Laude*  
Nina Marie Sorbelli
- Rachel Anne Sprock, *Cum Laude*  
David Ronald Swanger III  
Kevin Patrick Taylor, *Cum Laude*  
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Shantha D. Venugopal  
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Elizabeth Ann Walters  
<sup>1,21</sup> Jaclyn Zoe Werkheiser, *Summa Cum Laude*  
<sup>15,19</sup> Brittany Mane Wills, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tyler Young, *Magna Cum Laude*

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<sup>21</sup> Rho Chi

# MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

- |                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Sam Chiarelli     | * Patrick Casey Telesk |
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| * Nina R. Long    | Francisco Tutella      |
| Nathan Summerlin  |                        |

## Master of Arts in Creative Writing

- |                          |                        |
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| * Joanne Elizabeth Biles | * Suzanne Ohlmann      |
| * Patrick G. Charsky     | * Martha Rallison      |
| * Thomas A. Evans        | * Thomas J. Simko      |
| * Jennifer Judge         | Caleb Michael Sizemore |

## Master of Business Administration

**Dr. Jennifer J. Edmonds, *Interim Dean***

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| Steven M. Abdo            | Kai Ma                    |
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| * Derrick Angradi         | Matthew Ryan Paradise     |
| Nicholas Budzyn           | Nimita B. Patel           |
| Nicholas Dawson           | Calvin Alexander Santiago |
| * Jesus F. Guardia        | Carl G. Santoro           |
| * Adam Joseph Healey      | Mary E. Simmons           |
| Jesse Ross Heywood        | Joel Paul Stitt           |
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| Chad D. Kilby             | Ericka Godinez Varela     |
| Peggy Lynn Kipa           | Robbin Verma              |
| Michael Andrew Kolinovsky | Emily Elizabeth Weary     |
| Allison M. Kristofco      | Benjamin E. Webb          |
| Tyler D. Lauchaire        | Ryan David Winkle         |

## Master of Science in Bioengineering

**Dr. William B. Hudson, *Dean***

- |                             |                     |
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| <sup>4</sup> Bryant Morocho | Teresa Noel Wasiluk |
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## Master of Science in Education

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Maura Elizabeth Azzarelli
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- \* Meredith Erin Buzzeo
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- \* Kellene Cappellini
- \* Nicole Marie Cecchetti
- \* Julie Chittester
- \* Jennifer Ciciliot
- \* Erin Elizabeth Coffey  
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- \* Erin Lee DeLong
- \* Anthony DePhillips
- \* Rachelle Rai DeWulf
- \* Deanna Dibble
- \* Erica Reed Diffenderfer
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- \* Erin Doutrich
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- \* Jennifer R. McKee
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- \* Ali L. Mehl
- \* Samantha E. Mellon  
Jill Mendygral
- \* Chelsea Anne Millan
- \* Sarah Minutelli
- \* Samantha Moon
- \* Robert Moulton
- \* Chelsea E. Mowrer
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Laura Munch
- \* Katherine M. Murnin
- \* Zachariah J. Mussmon
- \* Aileen Elizabeth Musynske  
Ellen Jane O'Brien
- \* Stephanie L. O'Donnell
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Erica Lee Pagotto  
Elizabeth Christine Pasquale
- \* Kathryn Pavlick  
David Perrotti
- \* Erin E. Phillips
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- \* Lyndsay Pio
- \* Lori Marie Potter
- \* Jessica A. S. Potts  
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John Thomas Pursel III
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- \* Leslie Reynolds
- \* Amanda Jean Rogers
- \* Mande Rae Rushow
- \* Julia Christine Ruth
- \* Christine Salgueiro  
Sabrina M. Santucci  
Jessica Marie Saviano
- \* Anthony J. Scaccia
- \* Jessica Schaffer
- \* Erin Amanda Scheid
- \* Matthew Kyle Scholl
- \* Erin Rae Scott  
Stephanie Beach Seeley
- \* Jennifer R. Shaffer
- \* Lauren Christine Shaubach  
Nicole Marie Sheehee
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- \* Paul Shymanski
- \* Maura L. Sleboda
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- \* Jenna Marie Stampf
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- \* Catherine J. Strathmeyer
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- \* Michael Anthony Sullivan
- \* Rebecca Swann
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- \* Jennifer Thompson
- \* Stacey Torquati
- \* Drewann M. Troutman
- \* Cheryl Denise Vann
- \* Shirl A. Vollmer  
Tricia L. Wampole
- \* Heather Washenko
- \* Lynne Wassatt
- \* Ian Andrew West
- \* Breann Christina Williams
- \* Tamra Rae Willis
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# MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

Dr. William B. Hudson, *Dean*

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## Master of Science in Engineering Management

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Aras Azarbay  
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\* Ryan A. Pisaneschi

## Master of Science in Mathematics

Dr. William B. Hudson, *Dean*

Erin M. Dupay

## Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Dr. William B. Hudson, *Dean*

Mohammad Talal Almadani  
Hatim Mohammed R. Alsubhi  
Mohammed Eidhah Altowairqi  
Abdulaziz Saeed M. Alzhrani

Tyler M. Holland  
\* Alan Anthony Karpavich  
\* Mohammed Hussain Moalwi

## Master of Science in Nursing

Dr. Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

\* April Ciesielski  
<sup>23</sup> Nicole Madeline Monahan

\*<sup>23</sup> Kelly J. Stivala

# Scholarly Societies and Special Designations

- 1 Denotes Membership in Alpha Chi, the National College Honor Scholarship Society.
- 2 Denotes Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Honorary Society in Sociology.
- 3 Denotes Membership in the Eta Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the honor society recognizing the academic excellence of adult part-time students.
- 4 Denotes Membership in Beta Beta Beta, the National Honorary Society in Biology.
- 5 Denotes Membership in Chi Alpha Epsilon, the Honorary Society which recognizes students who were admitted to the University through Higher Education Access Opportunity programs.
- 6 Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.
- 7 Denotes Honors in Biology.
- 8 Denotes Honors in English.
- 9 Denotes Honors in Engineering.
- 10 Denotes Membership in Lambda Pi Eta, the National Honorary Society in Communications.
- 11 Denotes Membership in the Phi Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honorary Society in Education.
- 12 Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.
- 13 Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Principal Certification.
- 14 Denotes Membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honorary Society in History.
- 15 Denotes Membership in Phi Lambda Sigma, the Pharmacy Leadership Society.
- 16 Denotes Membership in Phi Sigma Tau, the National Honor Society in Philosophy.
- 17 Denotes Membership in Pi Kappa Delta, the National Honorary Forensic Society.
- 18 Denotes Membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.
- 19 Denotes Membership in Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology.
- 20 Denotes Membership in Phi Eta Sigma, the National Honor Society for College Freshmen.
- 21 Denotes Membership in Rho Chi, the National Honor Society in Pharmacy.
- 22 Denotes Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary Society in English.
- 23 Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing.
- 24 Denotes Membership in and acknowledgment by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.
- 25 Denotes Tom Bigler Scholar.
- 26 Denotes Pre-Medical Scholar.
- 27 Denotes Membership in the National Student Nurses Association.
- 28 Denotes Membership in Sigma Alpha Pi, the National Society of Leadership and Success.
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# 2016 Student Awards

## Academic Awards

### Nesbitt School of Pharmacy

Dean's Outstanding Student Award .....	Mark Attilio
School of Pharmacy Community Service Award .....	Mark Attilio
The Luzerne County Pharmacists Association Academic Achievement Award.....	Erika Green
APhA Mortar and Pestle Professional Award.....	Corinne Aucker
The Barbara L. Nanstiel Pharmacy Information Award .....	Stacy Kandrac
CVS Community Practice Award.....	Kelli Clemons
TEVA Pharmaceuticals Outstanding Student Award .....	Erika Green
Mylan Excellence in Pharmacy Award.....	Nicholas Patricia
Facts and Comparisons Award of Excellence in Clinical Communication .....	Danielle Koch
Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association Outstanding Pharmacy Student Award.....	Trina Patel
Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Recognition Award .....	Lauren Lockus
Lackawanna County Pharmacists Association Academic Graduate Award .....	Tori Sallo
Lackawanna County Pharmacists Association Jurisprudence Award .....	Kerrie Beggs
School of Pharmacy Excellence in Clinical Practice Award.....	Mark Attilio Alisa Daniels
The Arthur H. Kibbe Excellence in Pharmaceutical Science Research Award .....	Catherine Knapp

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

Academic Achievement Award — MBA.....	Jesse R. Heywood Angellica Ceballos Peggy L. Kipa Michael A. Kolinovsky Nicholas Budzyn
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### The College of Science and Engineering

Outstanding Bioengineering Graduate Student Award.....	Bryant Morocho Teresa N. Wasiluk
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# Academic Costume

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

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

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

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

- Golden Yellow — Science*
- White — Arts, Letters, Humanities*
- Drab — Business Administration*
- Brown — Fine Arts*
- Olive — Pharmacy*
- Blue — Education*
- Apricot — Nursing*

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

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

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

# **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.*

## **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.*

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