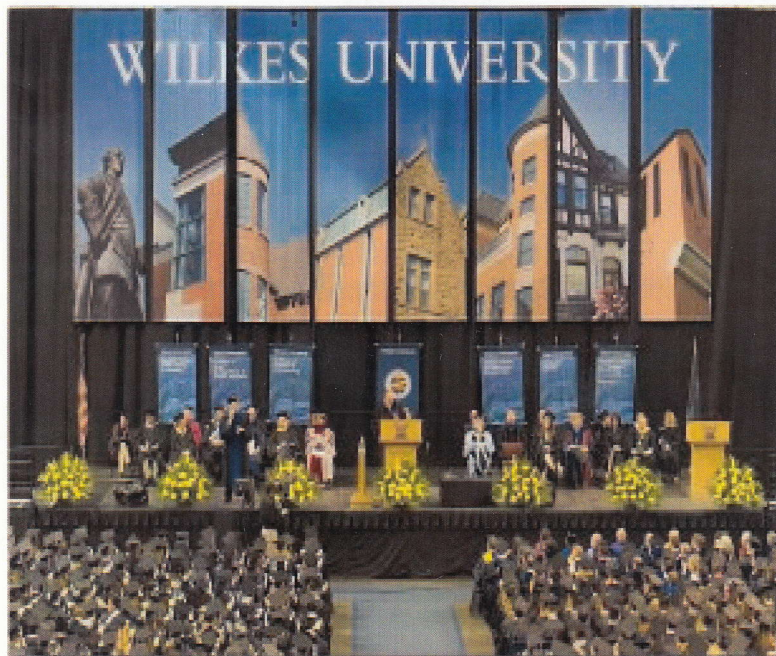


# Wilkes University Baccalaureate Service



Friday, May 16, 2014  
Dorothy Dickson Darte Center  
Wilkes University

**Prelude**  
**Dominick Costantino, Wilkes, '14**  
**Communications**

**Ushers:**

**Adam Bailey, Wilkes, '14**  
**Psychology**

**Brittany Battista, Wilkes, '14**  
**Communications**

**Alexander Makos, Wilkes, '14**  
**Marketing, Business Management, Psychology**

**Hiral Patel, Wilkes '14**  
**Biology,**  
**Chemistry, Spanish, and Women & Gender Studies**

**Peter Tuzzo, Wilkes '15**  
**Political Science**

**Introduction**  
**Caitlin Czeh**  
**Campus Interfaith Coordinator**

**Welcome**  
**Dr. Paul Adams**  
**Vice President, Student Affairs**

**Invocation & Opening Prayer**  
Rabbi Roger Lerner  
Temple B'nai B'rith, Kingston, PA

**Readings:**

**Holy Bible: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**  
Christine Lee, Wilkes '14  
Communication

**Psalm 27**  
Dominick Costantio, Wilkes, '14  
Communications

**“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”**  
**Wilkes University Chamber Singers**  
Tsukasa Waltich, Accompanist

**The Cross Room**  
**Unknown**  
Ian Foley, Wilkes' 14  
Communication, Political Science

**“Heaven” has different signs-to me**  
**By Emily Dickenson**  
Catelyn Sofio, Wilkes '14  
English, Secondary Education, Women &  
Gender Studies

Dharma  
Nikita Patel, Wilkes '14  
Mechanical Engineering

Baccalaureate Address:

Reverend Dr. Robert Zanicky  
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa



**Time of Recollection & Book of Gratitude**  
Please take time to quietly reflect and remember the names of those who have been influential, helpful, or important to you. The graduates are asked to please come forward to write these names in the Book of Gratitude.

**Interlude:**  
**Instrumentals by Tsukasa Waltich**



## Prayer for Those Who Journey

By Joyce Rupp  
Zobaida Azid, Wilkes, '14  
Communications

As we journey through life, we face fear of the unknown, doubts, hesitations, anxieties and insecurities.

***Response: Draw near, O God, draw near!***

Life is an unfolding and sometimes a wonderful discovery. When our hearts are restless because they are pilgrim hearts whose home is not here.

***Response: Draw near, O God, draw near!***

When our footsteps grow weary, when we stumble along the way, discouragement and doubt so easily come forth to greet us.

***Response: Draw near, O God, draw near!***

We are always learning what to leave behind and what to take with us as we move along the road of life. As we struggle to make good decisions.

***Response: Draw near, O God, draw near!***

We encounter you, God, continually in the constant cycle of setting out and coming home. Sometimes we allow life to be so busy as we travel that we miss your presence. When we need to slow our hectic pace.

***Response: Draw near, O God, draw near!***

Expectancy, anticipation, and courage rise up in our beings when we are open to your ways, God of the wilderness. As we search for reasons to hope.

***Response: Draw near, O God, draw near!***

In our journey, we need a strong conviction about the beauty and goodness of life, a vision of hope that endures the pain and struggle, and a thread of love that weaves through all of our dreams. When we try to hold on to what gives our life meaning and purpose.

***Response: Draw near, O God, draw near!***

**Benediction**  
**Adam Bailey, Wilkes '14**  
**Psychology**

**Recessional: Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee**  
**led by the Wilkes University Chorus**  
**Tsukasa Waltich, Accompanist**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the  
sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the  
dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us  
with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven  
reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and  
mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, Singing bird  
and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars  
began; Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love  
binds man to man. Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us  
Sunward in the triumph song of life.



## Wilkes University

### **CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS TO THE CLASS OF 2014!**

May God pour forth blessings upon all of you as you  
continue on your journey!

**THANK YOU!!!!**

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**GOD BLESS AND GO COLONELS!!!!**