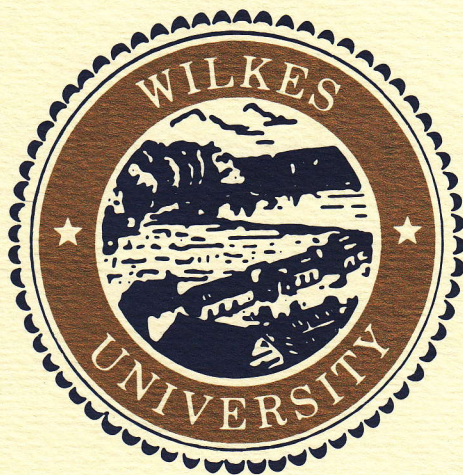


# ***WILKES UNIVERSITY***



## ***COMMENCEMENT-CONVOCATION***

*Thursday*  
*August 29, 1996*  
*11:15 a.m.*

*The Henry Gymnasium*  
*Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center*

*Wilkes University*  
*Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania*

# HONORARY DEGREES

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE ..... GARY ALT

Wildlife biologist with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, environmental educator through lectures, an award winning documentary film, national television and books, the major broker between black bears and humans in the Commonwealth. Reaching nearly a quarter of a million people in person, and millions more on television, Dr. Alt from extensive research has promoted a deeper appreciation of the beauty and complexity of nature and of humans' responsibility to live in ways that preserve rather than destroy the habitat we share with bears, deer and other creatures of the planet.

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE ..... COLONEL WILLIAM H. CORBETT

Veteran of two wars with forty years of service as a colonel in the United States Army and as a senior official in the Civil Service Commission, English professor, horticulturist, environmentalist, and master builder, with his late wife Frances, of a visionary solar-heated structure in Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, William H. Corbett has inspired his many friends and students by his actions and beliefs in the necessity of humankind living in peace and harmony within the bosom of a bountiful nature.

# ***WILKES UNIVERSITY***

*Summer Commencement  
for the  
Conferring of Degrees*

*Thursday Morning  
August 29, 1996  
at eleven fifteen o'clock*

# *Order of Exercises*

\*FANFARE ..... *Aurelio Bonelli*

\*PROCESSIONAL ..... *Sonata for Winds*  
*G.F. Handel*  
*arr. Wolff*

WELCOME ..... *J. Michael Lennon*  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs*

\*INVOCATION ..... *Rabbi Michael Joseph*  
*Spiritual Leader, Temple B'nai B'rith*  
*Kingston, Pennsylvania*

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

*DAVID F. JENKINS, JR. '97*

GREETINGS ..... *Mary B. Rhodes*  
*Chairman, Student Affairs*  
*Committee of the Board of Trustees*

*Walter A. Placek, Jr. '61*  
*Chair, Faculty Affairs Council*

*Paula Van Fossen '97*  
*President, Student Government*

EUGENE S. FARLEY ALUMNUS  
MEMORIAL AWARD ..... *MERRI J. EARL '58*

*Presentation by WILLIAM GOLDSWORTHY '76*  
*President, Wilkes University Alumni Association*

*\*The audience is requested to rise.*

# Order of Exercises

CONFERRING OF  
HONORARY DEGREES ..... GARY ALT  
COLONEL WILLIAM H. CORBETT

*Presentation by* CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH, *President*

ADDRESS ..... Christopher N. Breiseth

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES ..... Christopher N. Breiseth

\*ALMA MATER ..... *Eleanor C. Farley*  
DIANE ARALE '98

\*BENEDICTION ..... Reverend Bette Poe  
*Pastor, Firwood United Methodist Church*  
*Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania*

\*RECESSIONAL ..... Ceremonial March  
*J. S. Bach*  
*arr. Wolff*

## MUSICIANS

Carl Achhammer, Jr., *Trumpet*  
Lev Garber, *Trumpet*  
Michael Haggerty, *Timpani*

Scott Brown, *Trombone*  
Richard Brown, *Tuba*  
James Harrington, *Organ*

*\*The audience is requested to rise.*

# MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## Master of Business Administration Degree

*\* Stephanie Baron*  
*\* Lawrence A. Catanzaro*  
*Angelo P. Grasso, Jr.*  
*<sup>4</sup>Deana Claire MacLean*  
*<sup>4</sup>Donald H. Renkert*  
*<sup>4</sup>Benhenry G. VanDerLinde*

## Master of Health Administration Degree

*\* Mark Anthony Cruciani*

## Master of Science Degree with a major in Education

*Lori Richter Bonham*  
*\* Debra Dunbar Border*  
*\* Gena Daley Lengel*  
*Catherine Bice Lutz*  
*Lisa Ann R. Pachucki-Bodek*  
*Diane Marie Palissery*  
*Carol Ann Rey*  
*Kathy Marie Richards*  
*Ronald Andrew Swidor*  
*\* David W. Van Fleet*  
*\* Melissa B. Warner*  
*\* Keith A. Youtz*  
*Jacqueline Yusko*

*\*Degree in Absentia*

*<sup>4</sup>Delta Mu Delta*

**Master of Science Degree in  
Electrical Engineering**

*<sup>5</sup>Hisham Abdel Aziz Abu-Nabaa  
Nancy Mary Yurescko-Suhan*

**Master of Science Degree  
with a major in Physics**

*John Michael Suhan*

*<sup>5</sup>Eta Kappa Nu*

# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## School of Business, Society and Public Policy

*Christopher Paul Adams, Business Administration*

*Aaron R. Beyer, Sociology*

*\* Noelle Elaine Fritch, Business Administration*

*Kari Ghezarian, Accounting*

*Tawnya Marie Larson, Business Administration*

*Greg R. Norton, Business Administration*

*\* Bessie Papagiannopoulos, International Studies*

*Scott Jeffrey Schwabe, Business Administration*

*Todd E. Shestok, Business Administration*

*Ally M. Sleiman, Sociology*

*\* Duane R. Waldron, Business Administration*

*Grant F. Yoder, Political Science*

*<sup>1</sup> Anita Louise Zaboski, Sociology*

## School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

### *Cum Laude*

*Crystal Ann Pajor, Psychology*

*<sup>11</sup> Frances E. Zurn, Nursing*

*Irene Carol Belcher, Nursing*

*Kara Ann Cherup, Communications*

*Sean K. Gorman, Psychology*

*\*<sup>2</sup> Anne Marie Howells, Psychology*

*<sup>7</sup> Kristina Joy Maginley, English*

*\*<sup>11</sup> Anita L. McGowan, Nursing*

*Christine A. Rodgers, Nursing*

*<sup>3,10</sup> R. Patrick Simes, English*

*\*Degree in Absentia    <sup>1</sup> Alpha Kappa Delta    <sup>2</sup> Alpha Sigma Lambda    <sup>3</sup> Chi Alpha Epsilon  
<sup>7</sup> Kappa Delta Pi    <sup>10</sup> Sigma Tau Delta    <sup>11</sup> Sigma Theta Tau*



# School of Science and Engineering

## *Cum Laude*

<sup>6,9</sup> *Michael N. J. Opalski, Engineering Management*

\* *Keith L. Adamski, Earth and Environmental Sciences*

*Vlad Brusilovski, Computer Science*

*Alison J. Casey, Biology*

*Christopher C. Dunbar, Biology*

*Mark F. Henneberg, Earth and Environmental Sciences*

*George Edward Matalenas, Electrical Engineering*

*Scott M. Randolph, Earth and Environmental Sciences*

\* *Jeffrey E. Searfoss, Environmental Engineering*

## Scholarly Societies

- <sup>1</sup> *Denotes Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Honorary Society in Sociology*
- <sup>2</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>3</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>4</sup> *Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.*
- <sup>5</sup> *Denotes Membership in the Kappa Beta Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, the International Electrical Engineering Honor Society.*
- <sup>6</sup> *Denotes Honors in Engineering.*
- <sup>7</sup> *Denotes Membership in the Phi Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honorary Society in Education.*
- <sup>8</sup> *Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.*
- <sup>9</sup> *Denotes Membership in Sigma Pi Sigma, the National Honorary Society of Physics students.*
- <sup>10</sup> *Denotes Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary Society in English.*
- <sup>11</sup> *Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing.*
- \* *Degree in absentia.*

*Honor cords signify membership in a scholarly society.*

# **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 Rumours,  
lower level of the Marts Center, immediately following the ceremony.*