



**Wilkes University**  
**2003 Academic Awards Ceremony**

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Featuring the presentation of awards  
to students who have achieved academic  
distinction during their career at  
Wilkes University

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May 10, 2003  
6:00 P.M.  
Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Student Center  
Ballroom

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*Annual  
Academic Awards Ceremony  
2003*

Introduction

Welcome ..... Dr. Joseph E. (Tim) Gilmour  
President

Dinner

Presentation of Awards

Closing Remarks ..... Dr. Maravene Loeschke  
Provost

**Award recipients will have a  
group photograph taken  
following the ceremony**

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### Biology, Chemistry and Health Science Programs

- \* **Rosenthal Memorial Award** Steven Manniere

*This award is presented to the graduating senior Biology Major whose contributions to organismal biology through scholarship and research have advanced the field in significant ways.*

- \* **Outstanding Research Award** Del M. Lucent

*This award recognizes the graduating Biology Major who has completed distinguished biological research within the department.*

- \* **Outstanding Senior Scholar in Biology** Del M. Lucent

*This award recognizes senior Biology Majors attaining top academic rank during their four years at Wilkes University.*

- \* **ACS Section Award** Ruth E. Hough

*This award is given to the graduating Chemistry or Biochemistry Major who has exhibited outstanding scholastic ability and intends to enter the chemical profession.*

- \* **Alfred W. Bastress Award** Amanda A. Hvizda

*This award is given annually to the graduating senior Chemistry or Biochemistry Major who has exhibited outstanding achievement in chemical research.*

- \* **Freshman Chemistry Award** Mark S. Hunter

*This award is presented by the Chemistry faculty for recognition of outstanding achievement.*

### Business Administration and Accounting

- \* **Excellence in Business Administration** George C. Morrison

*This award recognizes the graduating senior whose academic achievements, contributions to on and off campus activities, and commitment to Wilkes are exceptional.*

- \* **Outstanding Student Award - MBA Program** Lee J. Toussaint

*This award recognizes the student graduating during the academic year who demonstrated excellence through contributions in the classroom, university, and community.*

- \* **PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting** Whitney B. Bull

*This award recognizes the graduating student who has demonstrated excellence in Accounting.*

### Education and Psychology

- \* **Outstanding Elementary Teacher Education Student**

Courtney L. Stolarski

*This award recognizes exemplary performance in elementary teacher preparation courses and student teaching, as selected by the Education faculty.*

- \* **Outstanding Secondary Teacher Education Student**

Christina Baigis

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**Melissa Leskosky**

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### Engineering and Physics

\* **Electrical Engineering Achievement Award**

**Aaron J. Moreck**

*Awarded in recognition of the recipient's exceptional ability and excellent scholastic performance in the field of Electrical Engineering.*

\* **Outstanding Achievement in Engineering Management**

**Eric R. Zuber**

*Awarded in recognition of the recipient's exceptional ability and excellent scholastic performance in the field of Engineering Management.*

\* **Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical Engineering**

**Robert M. Calarco**

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### GeoEnvironmental Sciences and Engineering

\* **Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Engineering**

**Kevin Frank**

*Awarded annually to the graduate with the highest GPA in Environmental Engineering.*

\* **Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Science**

**Stacy A. Rizzo**

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### Humanities

\* **Annette Evans Humanities Award**

**Leslie L. Kraft**

*This award honors the senior student who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship in the humanities and has participated constructively in cultural affairs.*

\* **Frank J. J. Davies Award**

**Jenny S. Beach**

**Laura M. Osborn**

*This award is presented to graduating English majors in recognition of outstanding achievement in English Studies.*

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### *Presenters 2003*

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Vice President, Student Affairs
- Dr. Louise M. Berard  
Chair/Professor, Mathematics and Computer Science
- Dr. J. Michael Case  
Professor, GeoEnvironmental Sciences and Engineering
- Ms. Cynthia Chisarick  
Associate Professor, Accounting
- Mr. Joseph Dawson  
Associate Professor/Director of Theater, Visual and Performing Arts
- Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall  
Professor, Communications
- Dr. Darin Fields  
Associate Professor, English  
Chair, Humanities
- Dr. John Hepp  
Assistant Professor, History
- Dr. Syed P. Perwez Kalim  
Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering and Physics
- Dr. Anthony Liuzzo  
Professor, Business Administration  
Director, Business Division/MBA
- Dr. Diane Polachek  
Associate Professor, Education  
Chair, Education and Psychology
- Dr. Thyagarajan Srinivasan  
Associate Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Dr. Michael Steele  
Associate Professor, Biology  
Chair, Biology/Chemistry/Health Sciences
- Dr. William Stine  
Professor, Chemistry
- Dr. Sharon Telban  
Associate Professor, Nursing
- Dr. Robert Tuttle  
Associate Professor, Sociology/Anthropology
- Dr. David Wells  
Director, Division of Engineering and Physics
- Dr. Brian Whitman  
Assistant Professor, GeoEnvironmental Sciences and Engineering

