

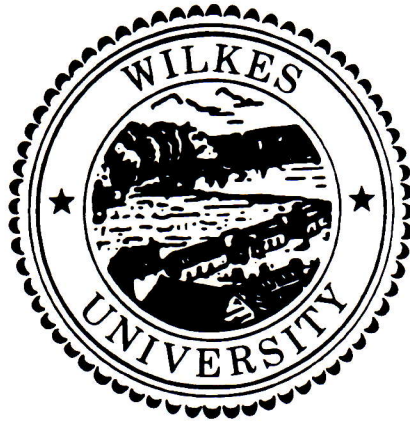


Wilkes University's Sixty-first Annual

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For the Conferring of Degrees

*Saturday, May Seventeenth
Two-Thousand and Eight
2 p.m.*



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Order of Exercises

FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL

Academic Processional Clifton Williams

(The audience is requested to rise as the procession enters the area.)

WELCOME C. REYNOLD VERRET
Provost

INVOCATION..... THERESA A. MONACO
Coordinator, Campus Interfaith

America, The Beautiful Words by Katherine Lee Bates
Music by Samuel A. Ward
Arrangement, Bill Moffit

*(The words of America The Beautiful are printed on page 36 of the program.
The audience is requested to stand and join in the singing.)*

God of Our Fathers.....G. W. Warren, D. C. Roberts
Arrangement, Claude T. Smith

GREETINGS.....JOSEPH E. GILMOUR
President

WILLIAM H. TREMAYNE '57
Member, Board of Trustees

ARTHUR H. KIBBE
Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Chair, Pharmaceutical Sciences

KAITLIN A. TABER-MILLER, BA
Member of the Class of 2008

Order of Exercises

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE
THE HONORABLE THOMAS H. KEAN
Honorary Doctor of Laws

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS THE HONORABLE THOMAS H. KEAN

THE CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES JOSEPH E. GILMOUR

ALUMNI INDUCTION TERRENCE W. CASEY '82
Wilkes University Alumni Association

Alma Mater Eleanor C. Farley
Arrangement, Earl Orcutt

*(The words of the Alma Mater are printed on page 36 of the program.
The audience is requested to stand and join in the singing.)*

BENEDICTION FATHER THOMAS A. SCALA
*Pastor, St. Joseph's Church
Milton, PA*

RECESSIONAL
Slow March from Scipio *Handel/Leidzen*

Music Provided By:

*Wilkes University Civic Band
Wilkes University Chorus
Dr. Stephen Thomas, Conductor*

Ceremony Interpreted By:

*Dr. Daniel B. Swartz, CI/CT
360 Translations International, Inc.*

HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF LAWS..... THOMAS H. KEAN

In a life dedicated to public policy and education, you are an example of what courageous leadership and a resolute commitment to genuine public service can do to advance the cause of democracy.

Elected as the 48th governor of the state of New Jersey, you will be forever known as one of the Garden State's most popular chief executives. With compelling modesty, and ambition first and foremost for New Jersey's success, you served your state and its citizens with distinction and produced impressive results. Re-elected to a second term by the largest margin in state history, you are praised for education reforms, landmark environmental initiatives, restructuring welfare and instituting tax cuts that spurred a statewide economic renaissance. Recognized nationally for your passion for education, while Governor, you were named as chair of the Education Commission of the States and the National Governor's Association Task Force on Teaching.

After leaving the Governor's office in 1990, your enlightened and farsighted leadership in the field of education made you the right choice to become Drew University's 10th President. Shall we say you were "perfect together? In 15 years as Drew's president, and Professor of Political Science, you stressed the importance of teaching, emphasized the creative use of technology in the liberal arts and focused attention on the importance of developing in your students a global perspective. You increased Drew's endowment from \$75 million to over \$200 million and committed more than \$60 million to new construction. Your presidential leadership provided direction, innovation and inspiration that has raised Drew University's national standing and reputation as a liberal arts university.

Having established an unprecedented standard of integrity as a statesman, patriot and exemplary citizen, in December of 2002 you were asked by President Bush to lead the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States. Nineteen months later you and your fellow commissioners released your final report which led to the largest intelligence reform in our nation's history. You have had a vantage point into the history of our nation that few will ever know. With an agenda that sought to do what was right for the American people — to make our nation safer and to preserve the ideals of our democracy — your greatest legacy may become your leadership of this bi-partisan commission and the governmental reforms resulting from it.

With great admiration and appreciation for the life you lead, we celebrate today your wisdom, your vision, your compassion, and your unwavering and distinctive service to your nation. By the power vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I hereby confer upon you, Thomas H. Kean, the doctorate of laws, Honoris Causa, with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining.

AWARDS

THE MABLE SCOTT WANDELL AND
STERLING LEROY WANDELL AWARDS BRYNN E. BEAVER '08
KARL C. KEMMERER '08
ANGELINA C. TEUTONICO '08

These awards are presented to the man and woman who have attained the highest academic average for the four years at Wilkes University.

C. REYNOLD VERRET
Provost

ALUMNI AWARD FOR
LEADERSHIP KAITLIN A. TABER-MILLER '08

This award is given by the Wilkes University Alumni Association to the member of the graduating class considered to have made the strongest contributions to student life and the student activities program of the University.

Presentation by TERRENCE W. CASEY '82
Wilkes University Alumni Association

ARMED FORCES RESERVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ROBERT E. BIRELEY '08
MARC D. HONRATH '08
MICHAEL S. LEWIS '08

Presentation by MARK A. KASTER
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY CANDIDATES

Summa Cum Laude

- ¹ Shannon Erin Carr
- ²¹ Christine C. Chmielewski
- ^{1,21} Megan M. Dando
- ²¹ Jason Lee Harvey
- ^{1,21} Lara L. Judson
- ^{1,21} Merissa Lee Klinger
- ^{5,21} Kayci Ann Koltis
- ²¹ Dana Hibner Manning
- ²¹ Ashlee Nichol Ribec
- ²¹ Erin Elizabeth Savner
- ^{1,21} Stacey Securda
- ²¹ Nicholas Antonio Steidl
- ^{15,21} Megan E. Walters
- ^{1,15,21} Michelle B. Whitmire

Magna Cum Laude

- ¹ Valerie Ann Breznak
- Justin James Buturla
- Meghan Ann Calpin
- Maria C. Cole
- Janine Marie Comes
- ¹⁵ Jennifer Grace Compton
- Dennis M. Janosczyk
- Christopher Michael Kane
- ¹⁵ Kristen Marie Kleban
- Casey Kulago
- Barbara Melnyk
- ¹⁵ Michelle Kristine Morris
- AmyLynn Angela Pizzano
- Melissa Anne Rohl
- Kimberly Mary Sarosky
- Amanda Sharry
- ^{1,15} Jared M. Shayka
- ^{1,15,21} Erica Rachel Swatko
- Emily Miranda Vescovi
- Spanish, Second Degree
- Janelle Beth Weiland

- ¹⁵ Katie E. Catherman
- William Patrick Conaboy
- Brandon Cunningham
- Robert S. Czarnecki
- Rory Patrick Garland
- Marilyn Catherine Hill
- Karen Kaminski
- * Jedidiah R. Landis
- Ashley J. Lehr

Cum Laude

- Jeriah Ameigh
 - Joshua Lewis Campbell
 - Sarah Marie Chupka
 - Danielle Marie Dallazia
 - Cole R. Dysinger
 - Kyle Ellis
 - Keith Allen Heim, Jr.
 - Biology, Second Degree
 - Jason Russell Hoch
 - Joseph LoBrutto
 - ¹⁵ Wendy Kristina Marek
 - ⁵ Joshua C. Maye
 - Alison Marie McGeehan
 - Roshani S. Patel
 - Jennifer L. Quay
 - Ericka Marie Roback
 - Angela Rothermel
 - Audrey Simpson
 - Joshua Stewart Swantek
 - Melissa Mae Sweigart
 - Sarah Anne Sysock
-
- Victoria Elizabeth Maskinas
 - ⁵ Nguyen Trung Nguyen
 - ¹⁵ Jillian A. Olson
 - Meredith Lynn Sampson
 - Stephanie Marie Semian
 - Benjamin D. Stanis
 - Ryan Thomas Toth
 - Stephanie Lynn Victor

¹ Alpha Chi ⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon ¹⁵ Phi Lambda Sigma ²¹ Rho Chi * Degree in Absentia

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Arts in Creative Writing Degree

- Ronda J. Bogart
- * Joseph J. Bomba
- * Renee N. Butts
- * Lynn R. Carroll
- * Brandie-Lee Meng Cesari
- Jack Joseph Chielli
- * Wendy A. Cunningham
- * Matthew Koch
- Diane Kovalski
- Dawn Marie Leas
- Mark Levy
- Richard D. Priebe
- Mary Catherine Scheib

Master of Business Administration Degree

- ⁶ Melissa Allen
- * Jeremy A. Artemik
- Lynn M. Bachstein
- Patricia Beck
- ⁶ Joanne D. Benscoter
- ⁶ Jillian E. Bloom
- *⁶ Michael Bridy
- ⁶ Holly Ann Brunischeski
- *⁶ Patrick M. Cain
- + Jason R. Coslett
- ⁶ John D. Crackett
- ⁶ Jennifer Lynn Defalco
- + Kelly Ann Dolon
- + Paul Robert Dorang
- Shawn P. Gallagher
- Michael J. Galli
- + Lisa Ann Hartman
- ⁶ Chrisoula Kallinteris
- Brian S. Kaslavage
- + Frederick W. Kluck
- + Jeffrey G. Kluck
- ⁶ Kristen Kubasko
- + Holly L. Kubicki
- ⁶ Nicole Ann Matsko
- Holly Ann Miller
- Parvin Moradi
- Joseph J. Nardone, Jr.
- Brian M. Noler
- Tracy Marie Polumbo
- ⁶ Kenneth J. Pondo II
- * Annmarie Poslock
- Amy B. Pryor
- Nichole Lee Redmond
- ⁶ Michael D. Richards
- Marsha Ann Richardson
- ⁶ Allen Edward Riley
- * Kristen Serena Scatena
- + Mark R. Steinkirchner
- * Andrew George Volpetti
- * Sharon A. Yoniski

Master of Science in Education Degree

- + Kevin Adams
- Diane L. Albert
- * Jeremiah S. Allen
- + Jason M. Andre
- * Carrie A. Andrews
- Maura A. Angle
- * Kristin Marie Aufiero
- Kimberly G. Babcock
- * Kimberly Kay Baker
- * Jeanine Michelle Barnett
- Jacqueline Kateri Bateman
- * Cynthia Mary Baylis
- Bryan D. Bechdel
- + Thomas A. Beier
- + Donna J. Bellfy
- * Christian T. Bensing
- * A. Gregory Berger
- * Ann L. Blacker
- * Meghan N. Bleiler
- * Mari Ann Blemings
- * Melissa S. Blocker
- * Meghan Elizabeth Borer
- + John C. Bowen
- Kristina Ann Boyko
- Brian Joseph Bradshaw
- * Nicole R. Brennan

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Education Degree — Continued

- * Paul M. Brennan
- * Michelle D. Bruzzese
Bryan C. Buffington
- * Brad A. Bunnell
Donna Lynn Cabrera
- * Lauren Canning
- * Maria Capitano
- * Kathleen Carachilo
- * Laurine A. Carey
James Wesley Carls
Kathryn M. Chaudry
- * Jeffrey M. Childs
- * Tara-Lyn Cocco
- * Amy Lynn Cody
Eileen Terese Coslett
- * Melinda M. Costenbader
- * Norman Thomas Craver, Jr.
- * Stefan R. Dashkiwsky
- * Dana Lee Daugherty
- * Marina Davenport
- * Nathan Thomas Davidson
- * Audrey N. Davis
- * Katie A. Davis
- * Michael D. De Angelo, Jr.
- * Amy Lynn De Stefano
- + Loni Rae De La Parra
- * Sara Anne DeLuca
Jacquelyn R. DePotter
- * Kim M. DePoy
- * Katie Lynn Deardorff
- * Virginia R. Deck
Lindsay L. Dempsey
- * Jennifer L. Detweiler
- * Gregory W. Dewald
- * Danielle N. Diepeveen
- * Kathleen I. Donohue
- * Joseph Dorohovech
- * Mark A. Dotta
- * David J. Doud
- * Rebecca M. Duh
- * Howard Winslow Emerson
Alicia J. Erwine
- * Mary A. Evans
- + Kathleen A. Evarts
- * John J. Fahrenbach
Christian C. Fegely
- + Peter J. Ferdinand
- * Cheryll S. Feuerstein
- * Katherine Finnerty
Lori M. Fox
- * Colleen A. Franchi
- * Susan Franco
- * Kelly Colleen Frantz
- * Paula N. Fromm
- * Jennifer Froshour
- * Diane E. Gabrielle
- * Margaret M. Gallagher
- * Candace Claire Gandy
- * Deborah A.ww Geist
Robert Gentilezza
- * Jacob Michael Gilboy
- * Kerry Jane Glynn
- * Allison L. Godfrey
Denise Ann Gogola
- * Kelli L. Gold
- + John Gorham
Janet Kreig Grace
- * Christine L. Green
- * Christina Desirée Groves
- + Jennifer A. Grunmeier
- * Bethanie T. Haas
- * Laurie Beth Haas
- * Colleen W. Hagan
- * Crystal Leigh Hampton
- * Jeffrey J. Hancock
- * Rachel N. Harshbarger
- * Cory A. Hartsell
- + Sara G. Heil
- * Connie J. Heintzeman
Joshua Andrew Henschel
Tiffany Fawn Herb
- * Mary Ann Herbert
- * Marie F. Hershey
- * Erin C. Hines
- * Tracey Lynn Hirner
- + Francys N. Hoffman
- * Rebecca Ann Hoffman
- * Suzanne K. Holcombe
Timothy M. Hopkins
- * Elaine Anne Howorth
- * William Clair Hoy
- * Jennifer L. Hunter
- * Rosemary L. Ishak
- * Jessica L. Jacobs

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Master of Science in Education Degree — Continued

- Melissa M. Jamicky
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- * Suzanne M. Johnson
- * Shari A. Kalish-Andes
- * Susan Marie Kandianis
- * Stephanie L. Katsaros
- * Kristin Kauffman
- Jennifer Nicole Keating
- * Lori A. Kegley
- * LeAnne M. Kellenberger
- * Laura L. Kenney
- * Jason C. Keown
- * Tonya M. Kepner
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- Christopher J. Klein
- * Jenna L. Kline
- * Christina M. Knoblauch
- * Eric Allyn Knolles
- * Jason P. Koch
- Kylene K. Konosky-Owen
- * David Koptcho
- * Susan Maey Kotch
- * Nicole M. Kovich
- * Elizabeth Kreidler
- * Kelly J. Kuntz
- * Kimberly R. Kuzma
- * Mary Jo Lampart
- * Merideth R. Lezak
- * William J. Licopoli
- * Melissa A. Lightner
- Ryan H. Lindsay
- * Janicemarie Lipinski
- * Jillian Elizabeth Lipinski
- * Michelle A. Lombardo
- Mary H. Lukas
- Melissa Ann Luksh
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- * Elizabeth J. Marionni
- * Kevin S. Marsden
- * Jacqueline B. Martin
- * Ulrike K. Martin
- * Krista Marie Matterazzo
- * Gregory P. May
- * Darrin J. McClure
- Jennifer M. Menendez
- Kenneth M. Meyers
- * Mark David Mielnik, Jr.
- + Stephanie A. Millard
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- * Laura Jane Miller
- * Jennifer M. Mooney
- * Thomas C. Moore
- Alison M. Morgan
- + Shannon Marie Morio-Bennett
- Kristen Alexandra Morrow
- * David L. Mueller
- * Benjamin S. Murphy
- * Jeanne Nakonechni
- * Suzanne L. Nelson
- * Wayne Neveling
- * Christopher B. Nicastro
- * Shannon M. Nilon
- Stefanie P. Noll
- + Elizabeth North
- + Jan E. Nunemacher
- Lottie Olson
- * Terri Lynn Orkwiszewski
- Diane E. Orloski
- * Jonathan L. Ortwein
- * Lacie A. Owens
- * Michael Thomas Panek
- Sara A. Pape
- * Ken E. Parliman
- * Jennifer C. Brooks Paul
- Erica Lee Perugino
- * John Robert Petrill
- * Linda Ann Phillips-Kline
- * Hatsady Phongxaysanith
- * Kimberly A. Pickreign
- * Janet M. Piller
- * Maria A. Posluszny
- Deborah Ann Proleika
- * Matthew Timmins Quinn
- * Joshua D. Radcliffe
- * Carolyn A. Radon
- * Michael M. Reavey
- Mark A. Rehrig
- * Mary A. Reinert
- * Jeffrey L. Reiniger
- * Brandi Lynn Rittenhouse
- Chris Wiliam Roberto
- * Melissa Laurelle Ronchi

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Master of Science in Education Degree — *Continued*

- * Christopher Talon Ross
- * Jessica J. Ruhl
- * Gwendolyn J. Russell
Rebecca Santoro
- * Christopher M. Sattele
- * Erica Marie Schlamp
- * Michelle L. Schneider
- * Dustin R. Schoening
- * Jennifer A. Schuback
- * Jacqueline Marie Scott
- * Adrienne Brooke Searfoss
Sara K. Sebelin-Mercado
Jennifer Marie Seiger
- * Donna Marie Seiwell
- * Jesse M. Shay
- + Bernard M. Shea
- + Jasgeet Shikh
- * Jennifer Shoher
- * Douglas D. Shook
Diane Frances Siani
Nicole M. Siegfried
- * Michele L. Smallacombe
- * Amy L. Smith
Carol Ann Smith
- * Elizabeth Wallace Smith
- * Jennifer Smith
- * Kimberly D. Smith
- * Karin Marie Sopp
Barrie Jean Souilliard
- * Scott D. Spatt
- * Mary B. Spitzmueller
- * Brady A. Stauffer
- + Sondra N. Steinruck
- * Jacqueline Sue Stenger
- * Sandra S. Stewart
- * Steven Todd Stewart
- * Bret E. Stover
- * Peter S. Strack
Romaine B. Streit
- * Christina C. Stryker
- * Tracy Marie Suprick
- * Diana C. Swope
- * Daniel H. Taylor-Storm
- * Andrea L. Teats
- * John R. Thomas
- * Melissa M. Traber
Randy N. Trutt
Lorraine Ungvarsky
- + Carol L. Uveges
- * Rebecca C. Van Lieu
- * Todd R. VanKirk
- * Michelle Williamson Volkert
- * Christina L. Walck
- * Jessica C. Waldman
- * Terry D. Walter
- * Bryan J. Waltz
- * John M. Warnero
- * Regina M. Wehr
- * Robert L. Wehrs III
- * Jaclyn Welsh
- * Joseph F. Welsko
- * Joan Sullivan Whan
- * Jennifer A. Whiteford
Michelle Lee Wilson
Johnna L. Yurko
- * Kerry L. Zech
Daniel E. Zettlemoyer

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

- + Meghna Anne
- + Michael R. Brychta
- + Rakaesh Kumar Chintalacheruvu
- + Seetha Datla
- + Varsha Deshpande
- + Anjani Reddy Ghadium
- + Preeti Godha
- + Sridhar Kashuri
- + Padmavathi Madham
- + Avanthi Mantrala
- + Uday Kiran Narra
- + SriRama Guatham Tanikella
- + Keerthi Kaushik Tarani
- + Anshu Yemala

Master of Science in Nursing

- ²³ Sherry Daughtry
- ²³ Maria Grandinetti

²³ Sigma Theta Tau

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BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Summa Cum Laude

- ^{1,19} Christopher Allan Borgna, Psychology
- ⁺¹⁹ Brooke A. Burdick, Crimology
Psychology, Second Major
Sociology, Second Major
- ¹⁴ David Callahan, History
- ^{1,19} Megan A. Cannon, Psychology
- ^{1,22} Lauren Grace Carey, English
- ^{12,19} Rachael H. Cosgrove, Psychology
- ^{1,22} Amanda Jayne Flynn, English
- ^{14,22} Henry Hunsinger, History
English, Second Major
- ^{1,11,22} Sara Marie Kasper, English
- ^{1,19} Sarah A. Kresge, Psychology
- ¹ Dana Lehman, Communication Studies
- ¹ Nicole L. Nichols, Psychology
- ¹¹ Sarah Ann Noldy, Elementary Education
- ¹ Jessica Lyndsey Roberts, Criminology
- ¹⁰ David M. Sebelin, Communication Studies
- ^{*} Chad Shaeffer, Philosophy
Psychology, Second Major
- ^{1,11} Michael Patrick Sharkey, Elementary Education
- ^{1,6} Erin Mae Simpson, Criminology
Accounting, Second Degree
- ²² Kaitlin A. Taber-Miller, Theatre
- ^{1,22} Angelina Teutonico, English
- ¹⁹ Victoria J. Tomassetti, Psychology
- ^{1,10} Stephanie Amber Yachim, Communication Studies
- ^{1,22} Dana Michele Zlotucha, English

¹ Alpha Chi ² Alpha Kappa Delta ⁶ Delta Mu Delta ¹⁰ Lambda Pi Eta ¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi
¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification ¹⁴ Phi Alpha Theta ¹⁷ Pi Kappa Delta ¹⁸ Pi Sigma Alpha
¹⁹ Psi Chi ²² Sigma Tau Delta ^{*} Degree in Absentia ⁺ January 2008 Graduate

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

— Continued

Magna Cum Laude

- ^{11,14} Heather M. Allen, Elementary Education
^{11,14} Leonard Brill, History
^{14,22} Sam Chiarelli, English
^{+,12,14} Nicole A. Chismar, Elementary Education
^{1,5,10} Mark J. Congdon, Jr., Communication Studies
^{+,12,17} Bridget M. Cost, Elementary Education
^{1,4,19} Rebecca Lynn Duttry, Psychology
² Tamara Eslam Criminology
Psychology, Second Major
²² Geoffrey Forman, Integrative Media
English, Second Major
^{+,12,14,17} Lurena R. Gimble, History
^{11,22} Abigail L. Goodman, Elementary Education
Holly F. Gould, Elementary Education
⁺ Jessica Krupski, Theatre
Kirstin J. Kunsman, Elementary Education
¹⁸ Nicholas D. Lutz, Political Science
Charlene Morgan Nye, Criminology
Spanish, Second Major
¹⁰ Lyndsey L. Phillips, Communication Studies
²² Marissa Phillips, English
^{11,14} Jordan R. Purdy, Elementary Education
¹¹ Amy Louise Sekol, Music Education
^{+,19} Laura M. Shedlock, Psychology
Sarah Jane Smith, Criminology
Sociology, Second Major
^{11,19} Brittany Lavelle Swingle, Elementary Education
Lindsay Thomas, Elementary Education
^{+,12,17,19} Taren A. Weisenfluh, Elementary Education
^{11,14,22} James Dean Welch, History
Michael A. Williams, Communication Studies
¹¹ Brittany J. Young, Elementary Education
^{11,14} Matthew J. Zampetti, History

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¹⁴ Phi Alpha Theta ¹⁷ Pi Kappa Delta ¹⁸ Pi Sigma Alpha ¹⁹ Psi Chi ²² Sigma Tau Delta

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Cum Laude

- ^{2,19} Jacqueline Aiello, Psychology
Criminology, Second Major; Sociology, Third Major
Michelle L. Arnold, Psychology
Sociology, Second Major
- ²² Katherine E. Baas, English
- ¹⁰ Samantha Julia Clarke, Communication Studies
- ¹⁹ Kayleigh A. Conway, Elementary Education
- ¹⁸ Mallory A. Cooper, Political Science
International Studies, Second Major
- Daniel DiMaria, Sociology
- + Sarah M. Doman, Elementary Education
English, Second Major
- + Jonelle Marie Dorang, Communication Studies
- Ryan Dugan, Criminology
- ^{11,14} Kyle Dukmen, History
- ¹⁹ Koryn Gallagher, Psychology
- ^{11,22} Heather Amanda Gatto, Elementary Education
Matthew Gobbler, Communication Studies
Stacie Michelle Gogo, Musical Theatre
- ¹¹ Edward Grant, Elementary Education
- ¹⁰ Cheryl Lynn Gressley, Communication Studies
- ¹¹ Stephen Karpinski, Elementary Education
- ²² Amy Gabrielle Kaspriskie, English
Cara Marie Koster, International Studies
Spanish, Second Major
- ¹⁰ Megan Krisanda, Communication Studies
- + Dwayne S. Lutz, Criminology
Psychology, Second Major
- Deirdre Lynch, Musical Theatre
- ²² Kacy Muir, English
- ¹⁹ Courtney Marie Mullen, English
- ¹⁴ Winterford J. Ohland, History
Kaley Marie Opshinsky, Elementary Education
Tiffany G. Pacovsky, Elementary Education
- +¹² Jennifer Palmaioli, Elementary Education
- ²² Elisa Carrie Phillips, English
- *¹⁸ Justin Paul Richards, Political Science
Adrienne Ruggerio, Theatre
- ¹⁰ Andrea M. Scarantino, Communication Studies
Benjamin Scott, Political Science
Criminology, Second Major
- ^{14,19} Heather N. Sedlock, Psychology
- +¹² Amanda T. Templeton, Elementary Education
- ¹⁹ Nicholas Testa, Psychology
- ²² Caroline M. Ursillo, Theatre
Ashlei N. Valatka, Elementary Education
Emily Miranda Vescovi, Spanish
Pharmacy, Second Degree
Dara Lauren Witty, Elementary Education
Nicole Zastko, Integrative Media
Communication Studies, Second Major
Julie Zelena, Elementary Education

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The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences — Continued

Communication Studies

¹⁰ Katie Cappelloni
Samantha Julia Clarke
¹⁰ Darin Powers Dolan
²² Lisa Ann Dreier
English, Second Degree
+ Dawn M. Freemore
Jamie Lyn Gibson
Jake Grande
¹⁰ Gerard Michael Hetman

Diana L. Krogulski
¹⁰ John Andrew Lasky
Augusto Lombana, Jr.
¹⁰ Julia Marranta
Wilfredo C. Mercado
Lindsay M. Padavan
¹⁰ Nicholas Podolak
Joseph Ernest Rutkoski
Joshua Sperling

Criminology

Scott Howell
Jonathan Michael Lazarchick
Blaine Patrick Madara, Jr.
Sociology, Second Major

Jarod Philip Marino
Sociology, Second Major
Maura Chaney McDevitt
Sociology, Second Major
Jason C. Opalka

Elementary Education

+ Amanda S. Arnold
Jillian Cecci
+¹² Nathan J. Hosie

Samantha Jo Millman
Brooke Elena Saras

English

Lisa Ann Dreier
Communication Studies, Second Degree

History

+ Robert J. Donahue
* Kristin Mary Ermak
¹⁴ Thomas Evans
Andrew J. Franko

Matthew A. Gould
* Mark Leicht
Adam Penberthy
Robert John Tonnesen
Political Science, Second Major

Individualized Studies

Kara Janel Lawson

¹⁰ Lambda Pi Eta ¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification ¹⁴ Phi Alpha Theta ²² Sigma Tau Delta
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BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences — Continued

Music Education

Shawn K. Welch

Political Science

Nicole L. Armezzani
+ Edward J. Buck
¹⁴ Karyn Elizabeth Perestam
History, Second Major

William Rummel
Angela A. Wood

Psychology

Rachael Marie Arndt
Sociology, Second Major
^{1,19} Nydia Assaf
² Jessica Ann Baer
Michelle Ann Balberchak
Kristina E. Bogdany
Jeanine Kimberly Dreimann
Spanish, Second Major
Ashley Rose Fertig
¹⁹ Stacy M. Fimmano
Kyle Balent Hayos
* Leslie Ann Healey
+ Renee Kish
Jason A. Kowalski
+ Joshua M. Lang

⁺¹⁹ Jennifer Marie Mayo
Thomas S. Miller, Jr
Stephen Nesgoda
²² Brad Edward O'Donnell
Jayna R. Patel
Elizabeth Pauly
Taryn Marie Rider
+ Jessica M. Schmidt
Nicole L. Severt
Criminology, Second Major
Sociology, Third Major
* Christy Lynn Shade
Thomas W. Stuart
Raquel Simone Wheby
Breann Robin Woss

Sociology

Stacey Caprio
Nicole Denise Leader
Political Science, Second Major
Ashley Ann Maresca

* Jill L. Naples
Edward M. Smulligan
Criminology, Second Major

Spanish

^{14,22} Laura J. Zuckero
History, Second Major

Theatre

Jared Roberts

¹ Alpha Chi ¹⁴ Phi Alpha Theta ¹⁹ Psi Chi ²² Sigma Tau Delta
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BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences — Continued

Music Education

Shawn K. Welch

Political Science

Nicole L. Armezzani
+ Edward J. Buck
¹⁴ Karyn Elizabeth Perestam
History, Second Major

William Rummel
Angela A. Wood

Psychology

Rachael Marie Arndt
Sociology, Second Major
^{1,19} Nydia Assaf
² Jessica Ann Baer
Michelle Ann Balberchak
Kristina E. Bogdany
Jeanine Kimberly Dreimann
Spanish, Second Major
Ashley Rose Fertig
¹⁹ Stacy M. Fimmano
Kyle Balent Hayos
* Leslie Ann Healey
+ Renee Kish
Jason A. Kowalski
+ Joshua M. Lang

⁺¹⁹ Jennifer Marie Mayo
Thomas S. Miller, Jr
Stephen Nesgoda
²² Brad Edward O'Donnell
Jayna R. Patel
Elizabeth Pauly
Taryn Marie Rider
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Nicole L. Severt
Criminology, Second Major
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BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Science and Engineering

Summa Cum Laude

- ¹ Garret W. Barthold, Mechanical Engineering
- ¹ Brynn Erin Beaver, Biochemistry
- ^{1,4} Colleen Brianna Bertoni, Biology
- ^{1,9} Kevin Homa, Electrical Engineering
- ⁹ Jared William Lukowski, Electrical Engineering
- Anthony Nahas, Computer Science
- ^{1,4,11} Heather Washenko, Biology

Magna Cum Laude

- Abdulrahman Alenezi, Mechanical Engineering
- Megan Broski, Mechanical Engineering
- ^{4,11} Cecelia C. Candelario, Biology
- ⁹ Joshua D. Gardner, Environmental Engineering
- ⁴ Anthony Thomas Giuffrida, Biology
- ^{1,4} Amanda Ann Karasinski, Biology
- ⁴ Georgina Ann Robinson, Biology

Cum Laude

- ⁹ Michael Agricola, Environmental Engineering
- Aron Heath Bender, Computer Science
- William F. Bleiler, Mechanical Engineering
- ⁴ Khushbu Desai, Biology
- Matthew Gocek, Electrical Engineering
- ⁴ Amanda S. Gryskewicz, Biology
- ⁹ Emil Paul Helfer, Environmental Engineering
- ⁹ David M. Knecht, Electrical Engineering
- Michael S. Lewis, Mechanical Engineering
- Lawrence William Miscavage III, Electrical Engineering
- Jordan Padams, Computer Science
- ⁴ Brandi N. Rasinger, Biology
- ^{+,4} Amy M. Sieklicki, Biology

¹ Alpha Chi ⁴ Beta Beta Beta ⁹ Honors in Engineering
¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi ⁺ January 2008 Graduate

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Science and Engineering — Continued

Biochemistry

Adam Vincent Butler
Kenneth Green
Lauren Macri

Samantha Lee Payne
Gerald Joseph Shovlin
Faith Nicole Wydra

Biology

George Joseph Agurkis III
+ Kenneth William Gareau
Keith Allen Heim, Jr.
Pharmacy, Second Degree
+ Christopher R. Kudrak
Sheena J. Merwine
Raymond A. Metzko III

Darlene Polanco
Thomas J. Roca, Jr.
Anthony D. Scerbo
Ryan Joseph Stetz
Andrew Vaughn Velopolcak
Hilary Ann Weber

Chemistry

* Joseph A. Andriac
Elise Christine Serembus
* James R. Thomas

Julie A. Wagner
Kate Elizabeth Willis

Computer Science

Robert E. Bireley, Jr.
Michael D. Dominic

Ian M. Spence

Electrical Engineering

William F. Farber III
Jacob Watt Groom

Michael David Hadginske
Joseph Plishka

Mathematics

Nicholas C. Galante

Jacob Simonis

Mechanical Engineering

Andrew Scott Curry
Adam F. Dick
Russell R. Ehrman
Timothy W. Fentress
Marc D. Honrath
Christopher J. Johnston
* Barton Jones

Aleksander K. Lapinski
Michael W. Nasson
Reed P. O'Neal
Colby M. Rockefeller
* Christopher J. Smith
Curtis David Wiser

+ Beta Beta Beta * Degree in Absentia + January 2008 Graduate

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

Summa Cum Laude

- Jason Andrew Boone, Accounting
Cassandra Hare, Accounting
^{1,6} Beth Horn, Business Administration
⁶ Allan Karaffa, Accounting
^{1,6} Karl C. Kemmerer, Accounting
Jason Michael Narcoonis, Entrepreneurship
Business Administration, Second Major
^{1,6} Erin Mae Simpson, Accounting
Criminology, second degree

Magna Cum Laude

- Danielle Elise Namiotka, Entrepreneurship
Beth Sepela, Business Administration

Cum Laude

- Vanessa Evans Accounting
David Joseph Grega, Accounting
⁺ Patrick McAndrew, Business Administration
Lauren Marie Mowry, Accounting
⁶ Sandra Nasilowski, Business Administration
Walter S. Peseski, Entrepreneurship
⁶ Phil Sampona, Business Administration
⁺ Annalisa Scotto-D'appollonio, Business Administration
⁶ Andrea Nicole Smallacombe, Entrepreneurship
Marissa J. Treanor, Entrepreneurship
Matthew Thomas Wilkie, Entrepreneurship
⁶ Susan V. Zavistoski, Business Administration

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership — Continued

Accounting

Joellen A. Cerra	Danielle Mary Mathieson
Angela DellaFortuna	Matthew Mauro
Kurt George Dunbar	Tonisha Morris
Adrienne Evans	Alysha M. Nicholls
Mark Joseph Anthony Graham	Shane A. Reedy
+ Jonathan K. Jablecki	Robert W. Sutjak
+ Robert J. Lagermasini	Coleman Jacob Williams
Lawrence R. Malachefski	

Business Administration

Jason Acquaye	Gina Nardone
⁶ Meghan E. Badach	Samantha Orlando
Alyssa Rose Baldacci	Kristen Nicole Osenkarski
Jacqueline Jennifer Booths	Lawrence Pellegrini
Christopher J. Broyan	Anthony Joseph Piscitelli
Rocky D'Aconti	Rana S. Razavi
Andrew Chase DeLeo	Richard Read III
Meghan Marie Demchak	Richard B. Ruppert
Heather Jean Duffy	Leo J. Ryan
Christopher David Farrand	Patrick J. Sanagursky
Kyle Follweiler	Joseph Sebastian Scala
Michael A. Hrynenko, Jr.	+ Jeremy D. Siniawa
Ashish Javia	Timothy M. Sullivan
Jayson P. Karnafel	Paul Vincent Trovato
Christopher Michael Kiluk	Alicia N. Valentin
Megan M. Knight	Laura Lynn Weidner
Joseph S. Kovalcik	⁶ Eric John Weilage
Lauren E. Lubinski	Carmen P. Winters
Anthony E. McClintock	Jamie Lynne Woodhall
Brian K. McCormick	Eric A. Woodward
Jonathan Miller	Jennifer Wrabel

Entrepreneurship

Matthew Ross Brown	Casey Kopko
+ John M. Ciali	Jared James Lyman
Anthony Joseph Fortunato	Matthew Geoffrey Shaver
Megan M. Gabardi	Jonathan James Youells
Rex Harris	

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing

Magna Cum Laude

- ²³ Albert Bilski
- ^{1,23} Krista Ann Carpenter
- ²³ Amanda Close
- ²³ Kimberly Ann Makuta

Cum Laude

- ²³ Bryce Lauren Russo

Nursing

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Erika Barletta | Megan Moro |
| Sarah Christine Brown | ²³ Heather Michelle Pease |
| Amanda Burd | Lisa Perla |
| ²³ Courtney I. Clerkin | Eileen Reilly |
| Jessica Dunn | Simone V. Rose |
| ²³ Jaime Foehr | Jennifer Rose Saltisiak |
| Jillian A. Friedler | Cory Anthony Shultz |
| ²³ Amanda Maria Grippo | Lauren Marie Simko |
| ²³ Lauryl Haney | Nicole G. Smith |
| Amanda Lee Johnson | Kari Anne Snipes |
| ²³ Elizabeth A. Kearn | Stephanie Nicole Strepp |
| ²³ Dale Kersteen | Erin A. Wiernusz |
| Patricia Kipp | ^{1,23} Robert J. Williams |
| Kristen Lee Linhart | ²³ Michael Markkanen Yori |

2008 January Graduates

Master of Business Administration Degree

Robert A. Anstett
Suzanne Alicia Benzi
Michael W. Bogdon
Jason R. Coslett
Kelly Ann Dolon
Luong H. Donovan
Paul Robert Dorang
Lisa Ann Hartman

Frederick W. Kluck
⁶ Jeffrey G. Kluck
Holly L. Kubicki
⁶ Olatokunbo Oluwayemisi Olabode
Mark R. Steinkirchner
Jamie E. Sutliff
Megan L. Wade

Master of Science in Education Degree

Debra C. Aardewijn
Carrie M. Abruzzi
Cheryl A. Adamchik
Kevin Adams
Van C. Adams
Jason M. Andre
Susan A. Angell
Kristie L. Antalosky
Scott D. Antoni
Heather M. Arnold
Daniel P. Asiello
Monica M. Baldwin
David A. Barrett
Megan L. Batten
Thomas A. Beier
Donna J. Bellfy
Tracy L. Biehl
Stephen M. Bilko
Brian J. Bindus
Steven B. Blannard
Lukas D. Boltz
Lisa Marie Bonin
Jeffrey A. Bonsall
Richard J. Borofski
Kate E. Bottjer
John C. Bowen
Julie M. Braido
Robert R. Breiner
Debra L. Bressler
David R. Burnett
¹³ Anthony J. Carnuccio
Angela M. Chandler
Michael H. Chase
¹³ Heather R. Colgan-Fastiggi
Tyke M. Conover

Janet T. Corello
Lisa M. Craven
Kristen C. Daciw
Lani Rae De La Parra
Sarah A. Delaney
Travis R. DeShong
Michael J. Ditchfield
BettyJean Downing-Kling
Michele L. Ebner
Kathleen A. Evarts
Heather M. Falcon
Peter J. Ferdinand
¹³ Christopher L. Ferranti
Kate L. Ferrari
Cathy Ann Ferster
Lori A. Foley
Angela T. Fowler
¹³ Nanceylee A. Garafola
Matilde E. Garcia
Trevor V. Gilotti
John Gorham
Jennifer E. Greene
Megan E. Groff
Jennifer A. Grunmeier
Mary E. Gunnels
Lori A. Hahn
Christian Hansen
¹³ Michelle E. Harden
¹³ Thomas L. Harden
Melissa M. Hartman
Nicholas R. Heckard
Sara G. Heil
Rosemary L. Hill
¹³ Jason C. Hilt
Matthew W. Hinkle

⁶ Delta Mu Delta

¹³ Pennsylvania Principal Certification

2008 January Graduates

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Education Degree— *Continued*

- Francys N. Hoffman
Peter N. Hogan
¹³ Lori E. Hottenstein
Lauren M. Hufnagl
Jessica Ann Humko
Heather L. Hummel
Nichole L. Ide
Kandy L. Johnson
Katie L. Johnson
Jerry D. Kairis
Julia B. Karpovich
Kenneth Kashatus
Sarah Kashatus
Rebecca Jean Keefe
Kevin J. Keen
Kristin Ann Kemmerer
Shawn R. Kemmerer
Melissa S. Kerschner
¹³ Lynn Ann Kimock
¹³ Bryan M. Klass
Stephen P. Klem
Joanna Renata Kowalski
Kristin Kruger
Kevin J. Kuna
Janet L. Kus
Max W. Laing
Franklin D. Lane
Sharon K. Lersch
Scott D. Lindsey
Christopher A. Mangan
Kelly M. Manning
Josette Martin
Matthew J. Martucci
¹³ Mark J. Mazak
Amanda R. Mendoza
Stephanie A. Millard
¹³ Cristin Miller
Cameron T.C. Mitchell
¹³ Cory J. Mizenko
Lance R. Montross
David T. Morgan
Lucas F. Morgan
Shannon Marie Morio-Bennett
Susan Lynne Morris
Kimberly A. Mullen
Kimberly A. Musselman
Amy E. Neiderer
Amy M. Nixon
Leah C. Noerr
Elizabeth North
Wendy Jo. Norton
Jan E. Nunemacher
Charles H. Pfeninger
¹³ Nicole A. Poluske
¹³ Denease L. Potts
Jessica L. Pretopapa
Darcy L. Rabenda
Sarah E. Race
Andrew T. Reaman
Jennifer L. Reklaitis
Pamela J. Richardson
Christopher T. Rivera
Kristin Lee Roberts
Kelly L. Roe
Jaime A. Rogers
Paul M. Ruzicka
Katherine A. Scott
Kimberly A. Seiler
Bernard M. Shea
Jasgeet Shikh
Christine M. Smith
Timothy Michael Smith
Rebecca A. Spicer
Azure D. Spigelmyer
Susan E. Stamm
Sondra N. Steinruck
Megan Elizabeth Swailes
Kristen Nicole Swanson
Carrie J. Tamandl
Joshua F. Thomas
Lisa J. Tirjan
¹³ Debbie L. Tomasetti
Todd W. Travitz
Linda Uhas
Carol L. Uveges
Cynthia J. Van Gilder
Leigh R. Voigt
Michael J. Wagan
¹³ Holly A. Warunek
Patricia A. Whipple
Sonya E. Widders
Sarah E. Wieseman

¹³ Pennsylvania Principal Certification

2008 January Graduates

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Summa Cum Laude

- Zachary M. Bremmer, Philosophy
International Studies, Second Major
- ¹⁹ Brooke A. Burdick, Criminology
Psychology, Second Major
Sociology, Third Major

Magna Cum Laude

- ^{12,17} Nicole A. Chismar, Elementary Education
- ^{12,17} Bridget M. Cost, Elementary Education
- ^{12,14,17} Lurena R. Gimble, History
Jessica Krupski, Theatre
- ¹⁹ Dwayne S. Lutz, Criminology
Psychology, Second Major
- ¹⁹ Laura M. Shedlock, Psychology
- ^{12,17,19} Taren A. Weisenfluh, Elementary Education

Cum Laude

- ^{12,17,19,22} Sarah M. Doman, Elementary Education
English, Second Major
Jonelle Marie Dorang, Communication Studies
- ^{14,17} Catherine Gallagher, English
- ¹² Lee Ann Gera, Elementary Education
- ¹² Jennifer M. Palmaioli, Elementary Education
- ¹² Amanda T. Templeton, Elementary Education

¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification ¹⁴ Phi Alpha Theta
¹⁷ Pi Kappa Delta ¹⁹ Psi Chi ²² Sigma Tau Delta

2008 January Graduates

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Communication Studies

Dawn M. Freemore
Tyler T. Jenkins

Joseph R. Magyar

Elementary Education

¹² *Amanda S. Arnold*
¹² *Nathan J. Hosie*

¹² *Katrina M. Sapiego*

History

Robert J. Donahue

Anthony M. Mattioli

Political Science

Edward J. Buck

Psychology

Krystal M. Bible
Renee Kish
¹⁹ *Erin Elizabeth Kotchik*

Joshua M. Lang
¹⁹ *Jennifer Marie Mayo*
Jessica M. Schmidt

Spanish

Jennifer Marie Pevear

Meredith Simpson

2008 January Graduates

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Science and Engineering

Magna Cum Laude

^{4,7} Megan Angela Feusner, Biology

Cum Laude

⁴ Amy M. Sieklicki, Biology

Biology

Carl Z. Grunwald

Christopher R. Kudrak

Chemistry

Justin E. Nace

Computer Information Systems

Joanne M. Avery

Electrical Engineering

⁹ Timothy S. Nolt

Mathematics

Michael A. Chmiola

Amanda E. Zerfoss

⁴ Beta Beta Beta

⁷ Honors in Biology

⁹ Honors in Engineering

2008 January Graduates

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

Cum Laude

⁶ Annalisa Scotto-D'apollonio, Business Administration
Patrick McAndrew, Business Administration

Accounting

Jonathan K. Jablecki
Robert J. Lagermasini

Dan Mei Zheng

Business Administration

Richard H. Farr
Brian Gilhool
Jayson P. Karnafel

Jeremy D. Siniawa
Ronald E. Turpack
Ryan M. Yurewicz

Entrepreneurship

John M. Ciali

The Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing

Summa Cum Laude

Stacy J. DeLese, Nursing

Nursing

Elaine M. Lombardo

⁶ Delta Mu Delta

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.
- * Degree in absentia

2008 Student Awards

Academic Awards

Behavioral and Social Sciences

Pi Sigma Alpha	Nicholas D. Lutz
Moravec Award for the Outstanding Graduate in Sociology	Brooke A. Burdick
Raymond R. Ritz Award	Blaine P. Madara
Outstanding Graduate in Psychology	Victoria J. Tomassetti

Biology and Health Sciences

Rosenthal Memorial Award	Megan A. Feusner
Outstanding Research Award	Samantha E. Zak
Outstanding Senior Scholar in Biology	Colleen B. Bertoni

Business Administration and Accounting

Director's Award for Excellence — MBA Program	Nichole L. Redmond
Academic Achievement Award — MBA Program	Brigid E. Peet Marsha A. Richardson
Academic Achievement Award in Business Administration	Beth A. Horn
Academic Minor Award in Business Administration	Stephanie A. Yachim
Dean's Award for Excellence in Business Administration	Andrea N. Smallacombe
Academic Achievement Award in Entrepreneurship	Danielle E. Namiotka
Dean's Award for Excellence in Entrepreneurship	Danielle E. Namiotka
Academic Achievement Award in Accounting	Jason A. Boone Karl C. Kemmerer
PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting	Karl C. Kemmerer
Jay Sidhu Leadership Award	Beth A. Horn

Chemistry

ACS Section Award	James R. Thomas
Alfred W. Bastress Award	Brynn E. Beaver
Catherine M. Bone Award	Brynn E. Beaver

Communication Studies

Communication Studies Award	David M. Sebelin
Tom Bigler Scholars Award	Carlton D. Holmes
Outstanding Leadership and Service Award	Wilfredo C. Mercado

Education

Outstanding Elementary Teacher Education Student	Sara M. Kasper
Outstanding Secondary Teacher Education Student	Sarah M. Doman
Outstanding Special Education Teacher Certification Student	Sara M. Kasper
Marla Hosie Memorial Award	Kimberly A. Baldino
Teacher Education Award for Service	Amanda L. Kunkel

Engineering and Physics

Outstanding Achievement in Electrical Engineering	Kevin J. Homa Jared W. Lukowski
Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical Engineering	Abdulrahman Alenezi Garret W. Barthold Megan Broski

Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences

Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Engineering	Michael R. Agricola Joshua D. Gardner
Outstanding Environmental Leadership and Service Award	Emil P. Helfer

Humanities

Annette Evans Humanities Award	Angelina C. Teutonico Jennifer M. Kalbach
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2008 Student Awards (continued)

Frank J. J. Davies Award	Amanda J. Flynn Henry Hunsinger Dana M. Zlotucha
Phi Alpha Theta Book Award	Henry Hunsinger
Outstanding Graduate in Spanish	Jennifer M. Kalbach
<i>Mathematics and Computer Science</i>	
Computer Science Award	Anthony P. Nahas
<i>Nursing</i>	
Outstanding Clinical Practice Award	Amanda M. Close
Academic Excellence Award	Krista A. Carpenter
Academic Excellence Award	Robert J. Williams
<i>Visual and Performing Arts</i>	
Dance Award	Kara J. Lawson
Music Award	Amy L. Sekol
Theatre Award	Caroline M. Ursillo
VPA Award	Amy L. Sekol
<i>Student Affairs</i>	
Theresa Jordan and Frank Mehm Prize	Dana L. Lehman
<i>College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</i>	
Outstanding Graduate for the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	Angelina C. Teutonico
<i>College of Science and Engineering</i>	
Outstanding Graduate for the Sciences and Engineering	Brynn E. Beaver
<i>The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership</i>	
Outstanding Graduate for Business and Leadership	Karl C. Kemmerer

Nesbitt School of Pharmacy

APhA Mortar and Pestle Professionalism Award	Wendy Marek
Roche Pharmacy Communication Award	Jennifer Grace Compton
TEVA Pharmaceuticals Outstanding Student Award	Megan M. Dando Nicholas A. Steidl
Glaxo SmithKline Patient Care Award	Erin E. Savner
Mylan Excellence in Pharmacy Award	Dana Manning
Eli Lilly Award	Jared M. Shayka
CVS Excellence in Community Pharmacy Practice Award	Michelle B. Whitmire
Perrigo Award of Excellence in Non-prescription Medication	Shannon E. Carr
Pharmacy Dean's Outstanding Student Award	Erica Swatko
Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association	
Outstanding Pharmacy Student Award	Melissa Sweigart
Luzerne County Pharmacists Association	
Academic Achievement Award	Nicholas Steidl
Luzerne County Pharmacy Association	
Excellence in Community Pharmacy Award	Barbara Melnyk
Rite Aid Award for Excellence in Community Pharmacy Practice	
	Robert S. Czarnecki
Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Recognition Award	
	Maria C. Cole

2008 Student Awards (continued)

Lackawanna County Pharmacy Association Academic Graduate Award.....	Dana Manning
Lackawanna County Pharmacy Association Jurisprudence Award	Kayci Koltis

Extracurricular/Leadership Awards

Athletic Department

The Correen Santoro Memorial Award.....	Stacy Malia Alyson Paulauskas Lauren Cirilli Meaghan Williams
Female Scholar Athlete of the Year.....	Catherine Simone
Male Scholar Athlete of the Year	Allan Karaffa
Female Athlete of the Year	Xiaoqiao Zhang
Male Athlete of the Year	Kyle Follweiler

Center for Continued Learning

Adult Learner of the Year.....	Abdulrahman Alenezi
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Communication Studies

Outstanding Leadership and Service Award.....	Wilfredo Mercado
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Community Service

Helping Hands Service Award	Nicole Leader
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Cooperative Education

Outstanding Senior Intern.....	Stephanie Yachim
Keith Topfer Memorial Award.....	Michael Snyder

Engineering and Physics

Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Leadership Award.....	Matthew Jones
American Society of Mechanical Engineers Award	Eric Skoglund
I.E.E.E. J. J. Ebers Memorial Award	Tracey Herr

Interfaith

Interfaith Leadership Award	Jeffrey Bauman
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Nursing

Leadership Award.....	Bryce Russo
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Student Affairs

Intercollegiate Leadership Wilkes-Barre	Justin Balint Johnathan Botch Elefteria Galiatsatos Brian Switay Laura Zuckero
Emerging Leaders Award	Ruslan Barabolkin Jeffrey Bauman Katherine Dezinski Taryn Hallowell Yelena Karpeshov Caitlin Kelley Elizabeth Kippycash Shamsiyatu Saeed Maryana Yevtukh

2008 Student Awards (continued)

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Katherine Baas	Courtney Mullen
Robert Bireley	Jason Narcoonis
Mark Congdon	Jordan Padams
Andrew Curry	Jordan Purdy
Stephen Davies	Adrienne Ruggerio
Amanda Derr	Nitasa Sahu
Beth Horn	Andrea Smallacombe
Allan Karaffa	Kaitlin Taber-Miller
Nicole Leader	Lindsay Thomas
Dana Lehman	James Welch
Michael Lewis	Dana Zlotucha
Kacy Muir	Laura Zuckero

Student Government

Faculty Choice Award.....	Dr. Michael Steele
Staff Choice Award	Dr. Mary Beth Mullen
Appreciation Award	Katherine Baas
	Meghan Badach
	Matthew Brown
	Michael Canzanella
	Mark Congdon
	Kristina Erat
	Blaine Madara
	Courtney Mullen
	Anthony Scerbo
	Alison Woody
Programming Board Presidential Incentive Award	Jason Narcoonis
Programming Board Programmer of the Year	Courtney Mullen
Air Force ROTC Distinguished Graduate	Michael S. Lewis
presented by "Flyboys US Army Air Corps 6th College Training Detachment, Bucknell University Junior College (1943-44)	

Class of 2008 OFFICERS

Blaine P. Madara
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Meghan E. Badach
VICE PRESIDENT

Alison Woody
SECRETARY

Courtney M. Mullen
TREASURER

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
- Pink — Music
- Brown — Fine Arts
- Olive — Pharmacy

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.

WACHOVIA ARENA AT CASEY PLAZA

FIRST AID — Emergency personnel are available for first aid assistance and emergencies on the concourse across from the entrance to Section 112.

PHOTOGRAPHS — University backdrops are available on the concourse across from Sections 106 and 114 for personal photograph options.

BEVERAGES — Beverages are available for purchase through the Wachovia Arena Vendors.

RECESSIONAL — Weather permitting graduates will recess into the West gate parking lot. If inclement weather, graduates will disperse into the concourse.

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

