



WILKES UNIVERSITY'S SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL

# Spring Commencement

FOR THE CONFERRING OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES

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Saturday, May Eighteenth  
Two-thousand and nineteen • 3 p.m.



## THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

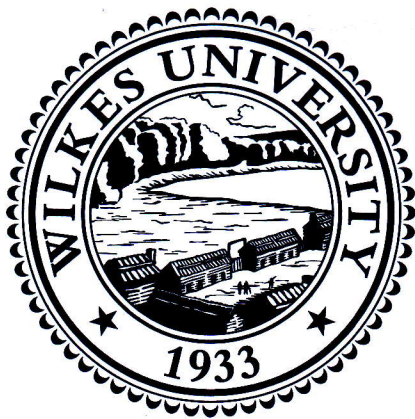
*O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,  
Through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched,  
Were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare,  
The bombs bursting in air,  
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*



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# Order of Exercises

## PROCESSIONAL

*Entry and March of the Peers from Iolanthe* ..... Arthur Sullivan  
*(The audience is requested to rise as the procession begins.)*

The Wilkes University Commencement Band

WELCOME ..... ANNE A. SKLEDER  
*Senior Vice President and Provost*

INVOCATION ..... KRISTIN M. OSIPOWER  
*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.)*  
The Wilkes University Commencement Band and Choir

Gaudeamus Igitur ..... *Traditional*

GREETINGS ..... JASON GRIGGS '90  
*Member, Board of Trustees*

ANDREW P. MILLER  
*Chair, Faculty Affairs Council*  
*Associate Professor, Political Science*

KYA A. LEWIS  
*Member of the Class of 2019*



# Order of Exercises

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREES

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

ALUMNI INDUCTION.....COLONEL MARK RADO '80  
*United States Army (Retired)*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....PATRICK F. LEAHY

Alma Mater.....Eleanor C. Farley  
*Arrangement, Terry Zipay*

*(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.)*

The Wilkes University Commencement Band and Choir

BENEDICTION.....KRISTIN M. OSIPOWER

RECESSIONAL

March of the Belgian Paratroopers..... *Pierre Leemans*

March from Scipio..... *G. F. Handel*

The Wilkes University Commencement Band

## **Music Provided By:**

*Wilkes University Commencement Band*

*Wilkes University Commencement Choir*

*Dr. Philip G. Simon, Conductor*

## **Ceremony Interpreted By:**

*Jennifer Herrera and Carmen Lugo*

*360 Translations International, Inc.*

# HONORARY DEGREES

DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ..... RONALD W. SIMMS  
Native of Mountain Top, PA; graduate of Wyoming Seminary and Wilkes College with the Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce and Finance; military education at the Army Artillery School, the Army Command and General Staff College, the National Defense University and the Army War College; currently President and Chairman of the Board of Mountain Productions and Chairman of the Board for Petroleum Services Company; officer or director on more than 30 governing boards, including service on the Wilkes University Board of Trustees, served as Chairman of the Board for First Heritage Bank, Honesdale Gas Corporation, PG Energy, PEI Power Corporation, Pennsylvania Enterprises, the Pennsylvania Gas Development Corporation; and awarded the Wilkes University President's Circle Award from Wilkes University with your wife, Rhea, in 2001.

Because you lived your life in the Wyoming Valley, raised your family here, and established successful businesses that have thrived and contributed to the economic vitality of Northeastern Pennsylvania and beyond; because you served your country honorably in the United States Army, rising from the rank of Private, First Class to Lieutenant Colonel; because you demonstrated your business acumen again and again by being selected to serve on and lead boards in the banking, energy and health care fields; and because you understand the importance of stewardship, giving of your time, expertise and financial resources to enrich our culture and enhance the quality of life in our community, by the power vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I confer upon you, Ronald W. Simms, the Doctor of Business degree, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.

DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ..... ROBERT A. BRUGGEWORTH  
Native of Pittsburgh, PA, to where your lifelong sports allegiance remains steadfast; graduate of Dallas Area High School and Wilkes College, where you earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering; manufacturing engineer at AMP where you advanced to plant manager at age 26, rising eventually to the role of Vice President of global computer and consumer electronics in Hong Kong; President and CEO for RFMD; and the current President and CEO of Qorvo, a semiconductor company with more than 8,000 employees in 17 countries and annual revenues of over \$3 billion; board member at the Semi-conductor Industry Association and MSA Safety Incorporated; and former board member for LightPath Technologies, Guilford Technical Community College and Wilkes University.

Because yours has been an exemplary career that propelled you to key executive and leadership roles; because you have been adept at developing successful organizations by focusing on collaboration, by establishing effective systems and processes, and by creating positive corporate cultures; because you have developed international companies with an entrepreneurial spirit and the agility to respond to the instantaneous demands of the global technology industry; and because your vision, your passion for excellence, and your empowering style has made you a role model to study and emulate, by the power vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I confer upon you, Robert A. Bruggeworth, the Doctor of Business degree, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.



# AWARDS

THE MABLE SCOTT WANDELL AND  
STERLING LEROY WANDELL AWARDS ..... LAUREN N. BEZEK '19  
COLE R. WALTERS '19

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

*Presentation by ANNE A. SKLEDER  
Senior Vice President and Provost*

THERESA JORDAN AND  
FRANK MEHM PRIZE..... ROMEO ROSARIO '19

*This annual prize recognizes an individual from the Wilkes community who by vote of a select committee, exemplifies moral courage, perseverance, formidable faith and a sense of unwavering optimism.*

*Presentation by PAUL S. ADAMS  
Vice President, Student Affairs*

ALUMNI AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP ..... KYA A. LEWIS '19

*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 MARK A. RADO '80  
Colonel, United States Army (Retired)*

ARMED FORCES RESERVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE..... DOMINIQUE BERGERON '19  
DYLAN MCCABE '19  
MICHAEL SHUTLOCK '19

*Presentation by ROBERT HARTMANN  
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force*

# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Dr. Paul T. Riggs, *Dean*

### Communication Studies

- Clayton D. Basalyga  
\*<sup>10,25</sup> Nicholas J. Filipek  
<sup>10</sup> Jordan Marie Fritz, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Michelle Marie Grossbauer  
<sup>10</sup> Ashton W. Gyenizs, *Cum Laude*  
<sup>10,17</sup> Jerome Joseph Hannon, *Cum Laude*
- <sup>10</sup> John Michael Rey, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Benjamin Rodney Saunders  
Allyson N. Sebolka  
Aislinn Niamh Speranza  
*Marketing, Second Degree*  
Natalie C. Stephens

### Criminology

- Alex Jonathan Altenhain  
Nicholas Capozzi, *Cum Laude*  
*Sociology, Second Major*  
\* Jeffrey Stephen Dudick II  
Giuseppi Giovanni Durso  
*Sociology, Second Major*  
Tabitha R. Gravius  
*Sociology, Second Major*  
#<sup>19</sup> Rachel Jean Kubicki, *Summa Cum Laude*  
*Psychology, Second Degree*  
Dylan James McCabe  
*Sociology, Second Major*  
Patrick Walter Miko
- <sup>2</sup> Sara Renee Pendley, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Political Science, Second Major*  
Vishesh Mehta Ramlall  
\* Kayla Marie Schinse  
Ryan Patrick Senholzi  
*Sociology, Second Major*  
<sup>2,19</sup> Jessica Snyder, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alyson Savynne Tacury  
*Sociology, Second Major*  
# Brianna Wentzel  
*Sociology, Second Major*  
Jeremy Edward Yzeik  
*Sociology, Second Major*

### Digital Design and Media Art

- \* Mohammed Almulhem  
Lisa Marie Blackwell  
Patrick F. Daniels  
Briana Fedorko
- Collin Joseph Gryskiewicz  
Kate Lyn Landis  
Autumn Marie Washington

### English

- <sup>22</sup> Mackenzie T. Egan, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*History, Second Major*
- <sup>12</sup> Matthew Judge, *Cum Laude*  
*Secondary Education, Second Major*

<sup>2</sup> Alpha Kappa Delta    <sup>10</sup> Lambda Pi Eta    <sup>12</sup> Pennsylvania Teacher Certification  
<sup>15</sup> Phi Lambda Sigma    <sup>17</sup> Pi Kappa Delta    <sup>19</sup> Psi Chi    <sup>22</sup> Sigma Tau Delta    <sup>25</sup> Tom Bigler Scholar  
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# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

## History

- <sup>11,12,14</sup> Brooke Ariel Giarratano, *Summa Cum Laude*  
*Secondary Education, Second Major*  
<sup>#,14</sup> Nicole Catherine Kolessar, *Summa Cum Laude*

Benjamin Watson Pierce  
Ian J. Valles

## International Studies

- <sup>1,18,29</sup> Corrine S. Bonnerwith, *Summa Cum Laude*  
<sup>#</sup> Michelle Gheorghie

<sup>5</sup> Neishmy Talysh Rodriguez

## Musical Theatre

- \* Justin Tyler Gaskill, *Magna Cum Laude*

Joshua Michael Shepard, *Magna Cum Laude*

## Neuroscience

- <sup>17</sup> Thomas Stanley Krutsick  
*Psychology, Second Major*

<sup>19,29,30</sup> Leana J. Pande, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Psychology, Second Major*

## Political Science

- <sup>18,29</sup> Dominic J. Butchko, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Braddock C. Chow  
<sup>18</sup> Erin Shirley Hickman  
Erica Jane Martzen  
*International Studies, Second Major*

<sup>18</sup> Geraldine Ndidi-Kesiana Ojukwu, *Cum Laude*  
<sup>18</sup> Kyle R. Snyder-Strawser  
*Philosophy, Second Major*  
Jenna Mary Vella  
*International Studies, Second Major*

## Psychology

- Kelly Marie Barnefiher  
Gabrielle Alexis Butler  
<sup>#</sup> Tina A. Doshi  
Lauren A. Esser  
<sup>\*,19,29</sup> Collin Christopher Finkel, *Magna Cum Laude*  
<sup>19</sup> Cameron Ford, *Cum Laude*  
<sup>#</sup> Alexandria Marie Gartner  
Mathew R. Kelly  
Laura Amelia Kessler, *Cum Laude*  
<sup>#,19</sup> Rachel Jean Kubicki, *Summa Cum Laude*  
*Criminology, Second Degree*  
<sup>#</sup> Priscilla Lazar  
Taylor A. Leicht

<sup>19</sup> Brianna Mazzaccaro, *Cum Laude*  
<sup>5</sup> Nalleyn Nuñez  
Nicole Marie Nyce, *Cum Laude*  
Romeo Rosario  
<sup>19</sup> Makayla Kristine Sarnosky, *Magna Cum Laude*  
<sup>#</sup> Katelyn M. Segilia  
Kristie Lynn Swetts, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Nicolette Towlen  
Jordan Marie Vasarkovy  
*Criminology, Second Major*  
*Sociology, Third Major*  
Erin Nicole Volutza, *Cum Laude*  
Morgan Williams

<sup>1</sup> Alpha Chi    <sup>5</sup> Chi Alpha Epsilon    <sup>11</sup> Phi Phi    <sup>12</sup> Pennsylvania Teacher Certification    <sup>14</sup> Phi Alpha Theta  
<sup>17</sup> Pi Kappa Delta    <sup>18</sup> Pi Sigma Alpha    <sup>19</sup> Psi Chi    <sup>29</sup> Alpha Lambda Delta    <sup>30</sup> Honors Program Graduate  
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The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences — *Continued*

## Sociology

- Sarah Fasulka  
*Criminology, Second Major*
- Alexandra Rae Garcia
- <sup>2,5</sup> Cierra Joan Kelly Hornbaker
- <sup>#,2</sup> Trystin Lamereaux
- <sup>2</sup> Valerie Lower, *Cum Laude*
- Ciara Michno  
*Criminology, Second Major*
- <sup>#,2,30</sup> Tobias Obadiah Neutzman Mintzmyer, *Magna Cum Laude*
- Jordan D. Stiles  
*Criminology, Second Major*
- Ymari Umoji Williams  
*Criminology, Second Major*

## Spanish

- <sup>31</sup> Madison Danielle Becker, *Cum Laude*  
*Management, Second Degree*
- <sup>1,4,29,31</sup> Harrison Richard Eckert, *Summa Cum Laude*  
*Biology, Second Degree*
- <sup>\*,12,30,31</sup> Sierra Rae Musa, *Summa Cum Laude*  
*Secondary Education, Second Major*
- <sup>31</sup> Jasmine Quintana Avila  
*Biology, Second Degree*

## Theatre Arts

- James Brian Cahill
- Gabriella Victoria Lajara, *Cum Laude*
- Danielle F. Lutz

<sup>1</sup> Alpha Chi    <sup>2</sup> Alpha Kappa Delta    <sup>4</sup> Beta Beta Beta    <sup>5</sup> Chi Alpha Epsilon    <sup>12</sup> Pennsylvania Teacher Certification  
<sup>29</sup> Alpha Lambda Delta    <sup>30</sup> Honors Program Graduate    <sup>31</sup> Sigma Delta Pi    \* Degree in Absentia    # January 2019 Graduate



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## The School of Education

Dr. Rhonda M. Rabbitt, *Dean*

### Elementary & Early Childhood Education

- <sup>12</sup> Alexis Lynn Ayache, *Cum Laude*  
<sup>11,12</sup> Abigail Mary Baur, *Summa Cum Laude*  
<sup>11,12</sup> Christina Madleine Colao, *Magna Cum Laude*  
<sup>11,12</sup> Madison Everetts, *Magna Cum Laude*  
<sup>12</sup> Shayna Marie Fehrle, *Cum Laude*  
<sup>11,12</sup> Nicole Elizabeth Gaetani, *Magna Cum Laude*  
<sup>12</sup> Haley Elizabeth Gayoski, *Cum Laude*  
<sup>11,12</sup> Megan Kane, *Summa Cum Laude*  
<sup>12</sup> Anthony Meneo IV  
<sup>12</sup> Nicole Alexandra Olver, *Cum Laude*  
<sup>11,12</sup> Savannah Marie Smith, *Magna Cum Laude*  
<sup>11,12</sup> Courtney A. Stanley, *Magna Cum Laude*

### Middle Level Education

- <sup>12</sup> Jessica L. Kroboth  
<sup>11,12</sup> Emily Elizabeth Messinger, *Summa Cum Laude*  
# Quynh Nguyen  
\*<sup>12</sup> Ryan Novak  
<sup>1,11,12,22</sup> Haley Rachael Welker, *Summa Cum Laude*

## The College of Science and Engineering

Dr. Prahlad Murthy, *Interim Dean*

### Biology

- <sup>4</sup> Keaton James Allison, *Cum Laude*  
Michelle N. Brenneman  
Taylor J. Brusca, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Clinical Laboratory Science, Second Major*  
Carly Cummings  
#<sup>4,29,30</sup> Dillon Michael Davis, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Dionna DeFazio  
#<sup>4,24</sup> Madelyn Rae Dolinsky, *Magna Cum Laude*  
<sup>1,4,29,31</sup> Harrison Richard Eckert, *Summa Cum Laude*  
*Spanish, Second Degree*  
\*<sup>4</sup> Sean Gilhooley, *Cum Laude*  
Mason Theodore Gross  
Stephenie Mudeizi Gyidei  
Amanda Hedge  
Marisa Nicole Jarrell  
Kayla M. Judge  
*Neuroscience, Second Major*  
Kellie Lynn Kalada, *Cum Laude*  
Neha Ekta Kansal  
<sup>4,7</sup> Brendon E. Kelly, *Cum Laude*  
<sup>4,7,29</sup> Morgan Bella Novakovich, *Summa Cum Laude*  
<sup>4,7,19,30</sup> Dhruv Patel, *Magna Cum Laude*  
<sup>4,5,7,19</sup> Isaiah Pinkerton, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Neuroscience, Second Major*  
<sup>31</sup> Jasmine Quintana Avila  
*Spanish, Second Degree*  
<sup>4,31</sup> Nicholas M. Racanelli, *Cum Laude*  
*Spanish, Second Major*  
<sup>4,7,29</sup> Ana Rahman, *Summa Cum Laude*  
<sup>4,7,29</sup> Zoya Rahman, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Jacob Schmid  
<sup>4,7,29,30</sup> Joseph Strzelecki, *Summa Cum Laude*  
#<sup>4</sup> Emily Taylor  
<sup>4</sup> Leah Elizabeth Thomas, *Cum Laude*  
#<sup>4,24</sup> Zachary J. Walter, *Cum Laude*  
Shauna Watkins  
<sup>1,4,29</sup> Ashley Nicole Wojciechowski, *Magna Cum Laude*

### Chemistry

- Holly Caroline Arcure, *Cum Laude*  
Katlyn Elizabeth Beidler  
Darren J. Dolan  
Nicholas Antonio Fitzpatrick, *Cum Laude*  
Kelly Ann Eilish McGraw  
\* Robert Joseph Sperazza, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Computer Science, Second Degree*

<sup>1</sup> Alpha Chi    <sup>5</sup> Chi Alpha Epsilon    <sup>4</sup> Beta Beta Beta    <sup>7</sup> Honors in Biology    <sup>11</sup> Kappa Delta Pi  
<sup>12</sup> Pennsylvania Teacher Certification    <sup>19</sup> Psi Chi    <sup>22</sup> Sigma Tau Delta    <sup>29</sup> Alpha Lambda Delta  
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## The College of Science and Engineering — *Continued*

### Computer Information Systems

Tyler D. Besecker

Austin Kenneth Naughton

### Computer Science

Zachary Daniel Bevan  
Justin Bodnar  
Matthew Brice, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Mark Samuel Roche

Ryan M. Roskowski, *Cum Laude*  
\* Robert Joseph Sperazza, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Chemistry, Second Degree*

### Earth and Environmental Sciences

Morgan Marie Balliet  
# Cassidy Heid

<sup>29</sup> Ellen Clare Weber, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Michael Stanley Yanchuck, *Magna Cum Laude*

### Electrical Engineering

Runye Cui  
Timmy Gallagher, *Cum Laude*  
Joshua A. Gentileco  
Benjamin Alan Gibson  
Matthew J. Helwig  
Camry Aaron Huff, *Magna Cum Laude*  
<sup>9</sup> Ryan Scott Marshall, *Summa Cum Laude*

Jacob LeRoy Plank, *Cum Laude*  
Jonathan Henry Smith  
Evan Steward  
Brad Thomer  
Noah Galen Troxell  
<sup>9,30</sup> Michael Vanchieri, *Magna Cum Laude*

### Engineering Management

Nicholas Mark Bidwell II

### Environmental Engineering

<sup>9</sup> Zarlisht Abubakr, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Taibah Alhatem  
Khrista Nicole Baran  
\* James Jeremiah Berger  
<sup>9,29</sup> Alexander Blake Criswell, *Cum Laude*  
# Brendan James Fritz

David Heinz  
Abraham John King  
\* Frank Jayson Radanyi  
Steven Aaron Ross  
<sup>9</sup> Denise Shuey, *Summa Cum Laude*

### Mathematics

<sup>1,12</sup> Lauren Nicole Bezek, *Summa Cum Laude*

<sup>1</sup> Lindsey Taylor Jacobs, *Summa Cum Laude*

<sup>1</sup> Alpha Chi    <sup>9</sup> Honors in Engineering  
<sup>29</sup> Alpha Lambda Delta    <sup>30</sup> Honors Program Graduate

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The College of Science and Engineering — *Continued*

## Mechanical Engineering

- Abdulrahman H F F KH Alajmi  
Abdulaziz Albahrani, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Othman S. A A Albolushi  
Bradley James Alderson  
Abdulaziz Aldossary  
Ahmad M Sh M D Alenezi  
Meshaal Mohammed Almahashir  
Shaya Hamad Almakhalas  
Abdullah E M A Almarzouq, *Cum Laude*  
Hussain Almoddahi  
Naiaf F M M Alotaibi  
Badr Alshammari  
Kyle S. Becher  
<sup>29</sup> Brandon Lloyd Braye, *Cum Laude*  
Aidan Brosious  
Abdulwahab A.E.S. Dawood  
Derick J. DeMorrow, *Cum Laude*  
Johnathan Deremer  
*Electrical Engineering, Second Major*  
Anthony John Dex  
Michael Eisenhart  
Todd Richard Evans  
Mohammed S. Faydi  
*Electrical Engineering, Second Major*  
Lee David Gustinucci, Jr.  
Shane Haley  
April Ruth Haupt, *Cum Laude*
- Bruce A. Hettler, Jr.  
<sup>9,29</sup> Justin Adam Higgs, *Magna Cum Laude*  
# Dustin Daily Jones  
Daniel N. Kristan  
Ethan A. Lauck  
Jonathan M. Lesko  
Trevor Levardi  
Monir Magharbil  
# Thomas J. McClintock  
# Brian Paul McKenna  
Zackery Flandermyer Metz  
Jesse Muniz  
Chase Allan Osborne  
<sup>30</sup> Alex Palmer, *Cum Laude*  
Sean Anthony Reese  
John Rudolph Ritter  
Connor J. Roberts  
Joseph Rutledge  
Rashed M. Salman  
Mohanad Ahmed Samandar  
Matthew J. Schreiber, *Cum Laude*  
Michael Thomas Shutlock, *Cum Laude*  
Kaysson D. Simmons  
Erik Paul Staerk, *Cum Laude*  
Kaitlyn Swartz  
<sup>30</sup> John Tyler Weitzel, *Cum Laude*  
Lukas Todd Wood

<sup>9</sup> Honors in Engineering

<sup>29</sup> Alpha Lambda Delta

<sup>30</sup> Honors Program Graduate

# January 2019 Graduate

# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

Dr. Abel Adekola, *Dean*

### Accounting

- <sup>6</sup> Kyra Maureen Boccio, *Cum Laude Management, Second Degree*
- Amanda Cohick, *Magna Cum Laude*
- Noah Thatcher Durnin, *Cum Laude Finance, Second Degree*
- Sam Richard Eyler, *Cum Laude*
- <sup>1,6</sup> Jack Benjamin Fischer, *Summa Cum Laude Management, Second Degree*
- Brandon Stephen Gerhat
- <sup>6</sup> Michael E. Hauck, *Summa Cum Laude*
- Kyle Joseph Joyce, *Summa Cum Laude*
- Nicholas J. Poyer
- <sup>6</sup> Christine Laura Quinn, *Summa Cum Laude Management, Second Degree*
- Gerard Patrick Setteducato, *Magna Cum Laude Finance, Second Major*
- Alyssa Shaver
- <sup>6,30</sup> Amy Autumn Smith, *Magna Cum Laude Management, Second Degree*
- Joshua R. Stoll
- Aaron Joseph Strait
- Matthew A. Vanderham

### Business Administration

- \* Lorraine Avery
- \* Joshua Ellis
- Johanna A. Koch
- <sup>1</sup> Michelle M. Lenhart
- <sup>1</sup> Angus Collin Mead
- Natasha Milazzo, *Magna Cum Laude*
- Lucas F. Stamba
- <sup>6</sup> Debra Taylor
- \* Jason Gregory Troth, *Summa Cum Laude*

### Entrepreneurship

Joshua S. Gundle

### Finance

- Sultan Alaboudi
- <sup>6</sup> James John Benes, *Cum Laude*
- \* Jacob G. Brook
- Wyatt Cox
- \* Bo Cui
- Noah Thatcher Durnin, *Cum Laude Accounting, Second Degree Management, Second Major*
- <sup>6</sup> Kyle Gattuso, *Magna Cum Laude*
- Jorge Oscar Gonzalez, Jr.
- Austin M. Hackenberg, *Cum Laude*
- Nicole Ashley Harmer, *Cum Laude*
- <sup>6</sup> Jonathan P. Heroth, *Cum Laude*
- # Alexander Charles Premici
- # Amanda Janet Willis, *Magna Cum Laude*
- <sup>6</sup> Brady Wing, *Cum Laude*

### Hospitality Leadership

- <sup>6</sup> Jordan Nicole Adkins, *Magna Cum Laude*
- <sup>6,30</sup> Mingzhu Yue, *Magna Cum Laude Marketing, Second Degree Management, Second Major*

<sup>1</sup> Alpha Chi

<sup>6</sup> Delta Mu Delta

<sup>30</sup> Honors Program Graduate

\* Degree in Absentia

# January 2019 Graduate



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

### Management

- Abdullah Khaled Alhayek  
*Marketing, Second Major*
- Shyann Barrett
- <sup>31</sup> Madison Danielle Becker, *Cum Laude*  
*Spanish, Second Degree*
- <sup>6</sup> Kyra Maureen Boccio, *Cum Laude*  
*Accounting, Second Degree*
- Jaquelyn Sandra Castro
- # Bianca Figueiredo Cocozziello
- <sup>1,6</sup> Jack Benjamin Fischer, *Summa Cum Laude*  
*Accounting, Second Degree*
- # Dewitt Clinton Chase Haskins, Jr.  
*Marketing, Second Major*
- Joshua M. King
- Kya Antoinette Lewis
- Michael P. Malshefski
- Matthew John Maranca
- <sup>6</sup> Christine Laura Quinn, *Summa Cum Laude*  
*Accounting, Second Degree*
- <sup>5</sup> Fantasia Marie Rodriguez  
*Hospitality Leadership, Second Major*
- \* Caine V. Seidel
- <sup>6,30</sup> Amy Autumn Smith, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Accounting, Second Degree*
- <sup>5</sup> Brenda Raquel Velasquez
- Conroy Ricardo Yearde
- Jacee Marie Yorks, *Cum Laude*
- Melissa Zappala

### Marketing

- <sup>6</sup> Thomas John Bowen, *Cum Laude*  
*Management, Second Major*
- Jakob Andrew Chiasson, *Cum Laude*
- Imani F. Claudine
- <sup>17</sup> Olivia G. Fakhoury
- Dylan John Farrow, *Magna Cum Laude*
- # Colin Gardner, *Magna Cum Laude*
- Trenton Michael Hagen
- <sup>30</sup> Patrice R. Lonardi, *Summa Cum Laude*  
*Management, Second Major*
- Nilab Mominzada
- Michael A. Murphy, *Cum Laude*
- Nicole Rose Rizzolino, *Cum Laude*
- # Jeffrey A. Roedell  
*Sports and Event Management, Second Major*
- Aislinn Niamh Speranza  
*Communications, Second Degree*
- Anne Stramara
- Zachary J. Walser
- <sup>29,30</sup> Christine Rose Walsh, *Magna Cum Laude*
- Travis James Woolfenden
- <sup>6,30</sup> Mingzhu Yue, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Management, Second Major*  
*Hospitality Leadership, Second Degree*

### Sports and Event Management

# Brandon M. Latierno

Kyle Matthew Price

### Sports Management

- Caitlin E. Brossman
- <sup>6,29</sup> James Lee Dotter, *Cum Laude*
- Connor M. Evans
- \* Ryan Greskewicz
- Megan Marie Lercara
- <sup>5</sup> Anthony T. Marcincavage
- Daniel H. Mashel
- Richmond Kwame Tweneboah Owusua
- Isaiah Davis Robinson
- Elmer J. Strollis
- Peter Joseph Terranova
- David F. Zydko, *Cum Laude*

<sup>1</sup> Alpha Chi    <sup>5</sup> Chi Alpha Epsilon    <sup>6</sup> Delta Mu Delta    <sup>17</sup> Pi Kappa Delta    <sup>29</sup> Alpha Lambda Delta  
<sup>30</sup> Honors Program Graduate    <sup>31</sup> Sigma Delta Pi    \* Degree in Absentia    # January 2019 Graduate

# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## The Passan School of Nursing

Dr. Deborah A. Zbegner, Dean

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|--|--|
| Amber Lynn Ankudovich  | Aaliyah Massey   |
| Kandace Antonelli, <i>Cum Laude</i>                          | Allyson Lee McLaughlin   |
| Alexandra Rose Balavage                                      | Ashley Elizabeth Miscavage                                     |
| * <sup>23</sup> Janice Bang Eckman, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>   | Katelyn Elizabeth Muraski                                      |
| <sup>23</sup> Allison Bednarski, <i>Cum Laude</i>            | Alyssa M. Myro   |
| Dominique C. Bergeron  | Allison Nelson   |
| <sup>23</sup> Jade Boris, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>             | Olivia Lynn Ozack  |
| Caitlin Christine Brown                                      | Brittany Paulson   |
| Olivia Rose Champion   | * David Penrose  |
| Amy Cherinko   | <sup>30</sup> Madalyn Marie Pfaff, <i>Cum Laude</i>            |
| Alvaro Fernandez Maldonado                                   | <sup>23</sup> Kelsey Lynn Phillips, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>     |
| Morgan Fuller  | * Lorraine Elizabeth Poliey                                    |
| Emily Patricia Glynn   | Melissa Anne Roberts, <i>Cum Laude</i>                         |
| Kaitlin Paige Harmon   | Erica Rose Schwartz, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>                    |
| Thomas E. Haskoor  | <sup>23,30</sup> Maura Elizabeth Serio, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| Jessyca Ellen Held   | <sup>23</sup> Peter Sidari, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>             |
| <sup>23</sup> Dannielle Hickok, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>       | Aliandra Alexis Smith  |
| Jared R. Hockley   | Bailey M. Smith  |
| Bryanna Louise Hurn, <i>Cum Laude</i>                        | <sup>23</sup> Stephanie Rae Smith, <i>Cum Laude</i>            |
| Joseph Thomas Jenkins  | Kayla Christine Stachokus                                      |
| Bernice Bradstad Johnson                                     | <sup>23,24</sup> Agnes Maria Stypulkowski, <i>Cum Laude</i>    |
| Kendell Anne Kocher  | Bailey Renee Tackett   |
| Olivia Taylor Kojadinovich                                   | <sup>23</sup> Gabriel Anthony Velez, <i>Cum Laude</i>          |
| <sup>23</sup> Alicia Marie Kotz, <i>Cum Laude</i>            | <sup>23</sup> Caleigh Jenna Vercusky, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>   |
| Anzhela Kozub, <i>Cum Laude</i>                              | Korri Rae Wandel   |
| Megan Teresa Kramer  | * Virginia L. Williams, <i>Cum Laude</i>                       |
| Haylea Marie Kuhn  | <sup>23,29</sup> Kaitlyn Marie Willis, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>  |
| <sup>19,23</sup> Kelly Nicole Kwolek, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | Noah J. Yurkanin   |
| <sup>23</sup> Ashley Theresa Lalik, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>   | Cierra Nicole Zimmerman, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>                |
| Taylor Mack  |  |

<sup>19</sup> Psi Chi      <sup>23</sup> Sigma Theta Tau      <sup>24</sup> Sigma Xi  
<sup>29</sup> Alpha Lambda Delta      <sup>30</sup> Honors Program Graduate      \* Degree in Absentia



# 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.
- 29 Denotes Membership in Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society.
- 30 Denotes Honors Program Graduate.
- 31 Denotes Membership in Sigma Delta Pi, the National Hispanic Honor Society.
- \* Degree in Absentia
- # January 2019 Graduate

# 2019 Student Awards

## Academic Awards

### BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Pi Sigma Alpha Award in Political Science .....	Geraldine Ojukwu - Corrine Bonnerwith
Outstanding Graduate in Psychology .....	Rachel Kubicki
Outstanding Graduate in Neuroscience Award .....	Leana Pande
Raymond R. Ritz Award (Sociology) .....	Valerie Lower

### BIOLOGY & HEALTH SCIENCES

Outstanding Scholar in Biology (highest GPA) .....	Ana Rahman Zoya Rahman
Outstanding Research Award .....	Dillon Davis Isaiah Pinkerton Zachary Walter
Rosenthal Award .....	Madelyn Dolinsky Laura Solomon
Outstanding Service Award in Biology .....	Ashley Wojciechowski

### ABBA

Academic Achievement Award — ABBA .....	Michelle Lenhart
Dean's Award for Excellence — ABBA .....	Jason Troth

### ACCOUNTING, FINANCE & MANAGEMENT

Academic Achievement Award — Accounting .....	Kyle Joyce
Academic Achievement Award — Finance .....	Gerard Setteducato
Academic Achievement Award — Management .....	Patrice Lonardi
PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting .....	Jack Fischer
Professor Ted Engle Award for Excellence in Finance .....	Kyle Gattuso
Dean's Award for Excellence in Management .....	Patrice Lonardi

### MARKETING, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, LEADERSHIP, SPORTS MANAGEMENT & HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Academic Achievement Award — Marketing .....	Christine Walsh
Academic Achievement Award in Sports Management .....	James Dotter
Academic Achievement Award in Hospitality Leadership .....	Jordan Adkins
Dean's Award for Excellence in Marketing .....	Dylan Farrow
Dean's Award for Excellence in Sports Management .....	David Zydko
Dean's Award for Excellence in Hospitality Leadership .....	Mingzhu Yue

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Academic Achievement Award — MBA .....	Saidat Sanni Olivia Schlottmann
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### CHEMISTRY

American Chemical Society's College Senior Award .....	Darren Dolan
Alfred W. Bastress Award for Outstanding Research .....	Holly Arcure
Catherine H. Bone Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement and Service .....	Nicholas Fitzpatrick



# 2019 Student Awards

## Academic Awards (continued)

### COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES

Outstanding Communications Studies Award ..... John-Michael Rey  
Tom Bigler Scholar Award ..... Nicholas Filipek

### TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Outstanding Elementary & Early Childhood Teacher Education Student ..... Shayna Fehrle  
Outstanding Middle Level Education Student ..... Emily Messinger  
Outstanding Secondary Education Student ..... Lauren Bezek  
Brooke Giarratano  
Outstanding Special Education Education Student ..... Abigail Baur  
Marla Hosie Memorial Award ..... Laura Cassaro

### ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & PHYSICS

Dr. Umid R. Nejib Award for Outstanding Achievement  
in Electrical Engineering ..... Ryan Marshall  
Electrical Engineering Service Award ..... Michael Vanchieri  
Outstanding Bioengineering Graduate Student Award ..... Stephen Seibert

### MECHANICAL ENGINEERING & ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical Engineering ..... Matthew Schreiber  
Top Academic Performer in Mechanical Engineering ..... Justin Higgs  
Mechanical Engineering Service Award ..... Joseph Rutledge

### ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING & EARTH SCIENCES

Outstanding Achievement in Earth and Environmental Science ..... Ellen Weber  
Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Engineering ..... Denise Shuey  
Outstanding Leadership Award in  
Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences ..... Alexander Criswell

### ENGLISH

Annette Evans Humanities Award ..... Mackenzie Egan  
Frank J. J. Davies Award ..... Matthew Judge  
Patricia Boyle Heaman & Robert J. Heaman Scholarship ..... Brianna Schunk  
Taft Achilles Rosenberg Naparstek Scholarship ..... Maddison Black

### GLOBAL CULTURES

Phi Alpha Theta Award ..... Brooke Giarratano  
Outstanding Graduate in Spanish ..... Sierra Musa

### INTEGRATIVE MEDIA, ART & DESIGN

Outstanding Achievement in Integrative Media, Art & Design ..... Kate Landis  
Lisa Blackwell  
Richard Fuller Excellence in the Arts Award ..... Laura Kessler

### MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE

James DeCosmo Memorial Award ..... Lauren Bezek  
Lindsey Jacobs  
Outstanding Senior Award in Computer Science ..... Matthew Brice  
Ryan Roskowski  
Robert Sperazza

# 2019 Student Awards

## Academic Awards *(continued)*

### NURSING

Outstanding Clinical Practice Award..... Joseph Jenkins  
 Academic Excellence Award..... Erica Schwartz  
 Outstanding Leadership Award ..... Megan Kramer

### PERFORMING ARTS

Music Award ..... Romeo Rosario  
 Dance Award ..... Rachel Lazevnick  
 Theatre Award ..... Justin Gaskill

### HONORS PROGRAM

Honors Program Undergraduate Distinction Award ..... Patrice Lonardi

### COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Outstanding Graduate for the  
 College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences..... Rachel Kubicki

### COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Outstanding Graduate for the College of Science and Engineering ..... Lindsey Jacobs  
 Ryan Marshall

### SIDHU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & LEADERSHIP

Outstanding Graduate for the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business..... Patrice Lonardi

### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Outstanding Graduate for the School of Education ..... Lauren Bezek

### PASSAN SCHOOL OF NURSING

Outstanding Graduate for the Passan School of Nursing..... Peter Sidari



# 2019 Student Awards

## Extracurricular and Leadership Awards

### OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

Alumni Association Volunteer Award..... Cody Morcom

### DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

Scholar Athlete of the Year (Male)..... Jack Fischer

Scholar Athlete of the Year (Female)..... Haley Walker

Athlete of the Year (Male)..... Donald Flynn

Athlete of the Year (Female)..... Haley Gayoski

Colonels Elite..... Cole Walters

Keaton Allison

Jonah Harder

Nicholas Malatesta

Nolan Ott

Brandon Reno

Haley Gayoski

Kyra Boccio

Corey Cowitch

Nathan Hunter

Edward Lukowski

Xavier Abdella

Jivan Sidhu

Nicolas Lorenzo

Gerard Setteducato

Daniel Mack

Alec Levin

Kevin Singhel

Celine Podlesney

Haley Welker

Kristie Najdek

Gianna Roberts

Michael Brown

Nicholas Racanelli

Thomas Stokes

Catherine Gregoire

Nicole Harmer

Courtney Stanley

Shayna Fehrle

Julie Murphy

Kaitlin Sutton

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES

Outstanding Leadership & Service Award..... Nicholas Filipek

### OFFICE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Helping Hands Service Award - WISE..... Fantasia Rodriguez

Nicole Gaetani

# 2019 Student Awards

## Extracurricular and Leadership Awards *(continued)*

Helping Hands Service Award - LEAP ..... Erica Martzen  
Cassie Merrill  
Jasmine Quintana  
Summer Rivera  
Morgan Burton

### OFFICE OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT & INTERNSHIPS

Outstanding Senior Intern..... Morgan Novakovich  
David Zydko  
Keith Topfer Memorial Award ..... Jarrett McSpirit-Brush

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Teacher Education Service Award..... Lauren Bezek

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING & EARTH SCIENCES

Environmental Engineering & Earth Sciences  
Extracurricular Achievement Award..... Macy Phillips  
Scott Heffelfinger

### CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION & DIVERSITY

Nada Vujica Memorial Award ..... Nilab Mominzada  
Imani Claudine

### PASSAN SCHOOL OF NURSING

Nursing Leadership Award..... Megan Kramer

### OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

RA of the Year..... Megan Kramer  
Outstanding Service and Dedication Award..... Cody Morcom  
Resident Assistant (Graduating Seniors)..... Jordan Adkins  
Dylan Fox  
Benjamin Gibson  
April Haupt  
Sarah Hughes  
Kimberly Jones  
Megan Kramer  
Theodore Marines  
Erica Martzen  
Cody Morcom  
Jacob Plank  
Romeo Rosario  
Justine Seymour  
Evan Steward  
Ernest Stiner  
Jacee Yorks



# 2019 Student Awards

## Extracurricular and Leadership Awards *(continued)*

### OFFICE OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

e-Mentor (Graduating Seniors).....	Shyann Barrett Caitlin Brossman Harrison Eckert Dylan Fox Ashton Gyenizs MariaKatherine Hubbard Kya Lewis Emily Messinger Cody Morcom Romeo Rosario Kaitlyn Swartz Emily Taylor Ymari Williams
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### WILKES UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Faculty Choice Award .....	Dr. Michael Steele
Staff Choice Award.....	Jill Price
Two Years of Service .....	Jasmine Quintana Ian Valles Harrison Eckert Caitlin Brossman Alexandra Panek Ashley Wojciechowski Kya Lewis Alyssa Korman Zara Mirza Rima Avasatthi Neha Kansal Ellen Weber Jeremy Tomaine

## Class of 2019 OFFICERS

**Jasmine Quintana**  
PRESIDENT

**Lexie Panek**  
VICE PRESIDENT

**Zara Mirza**  
SECRETARY

**Alyssa Korman**  
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*

*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.*

## **University Center on Main McHale Athletic Center**

**FIRST AID** — Medical personnel are available for first aid assistance at the First Aid Station in the Engel Room just off the lobby. Should you need assistance please contact the usher or a Public Safety Officer.

**PICTURE TAKING** — Because of the 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-taking. A photograph will be taken of each graduate as the diploma is presented by the President.

**REST ROOMS** — Rest rooms are accessible from the lobby and on second floor. A woman's restroom is available at the rear of the McHale Athletic Center.

**BEVERAGES** — Water is available at the drinking fountains on the first floor of the building. Starbucks will be open during the ceremony.

*A post-commencement reception will be held in the First Floor Lounge of the Henry Student Center immediately following the ceremony.*



## Platform Party

### 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Commencement for the Conferring of Bachelor's Degrees

Paul Adams .....	Vice President, Student Affairs
Mark Allen .....	Dean of Students
Abel Adekola .....	Dean, Sidhu School of Business and Leadership
Robert Bruggeworth .....	Honorary Degree Recipient
Raymond Dombroski .....	Member, Board of Trustees
Jonathan Ference .....	Associate Provost
Jason Griggs .....	Member, Board of Trustees
Susan Hritzak .....	Registrar
Joseph Kultys .....	Associate Registrar
Patrick Leahy .....	President
Kya Lewis .....	Student Speaker
Ellen Lohr .....	Associate Registrar
Andrew Miller .....	Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Prahlad Murthy .....	Interim Dean, College of Science and Engineering
Kristin Osipower .....	Coordinator, Campus Interfaith
Loren Prescott .....	Vice President, Finance and Support Operations/General Counsel
Rhonda Rabbitt .....	Dean, School of Education
Paul Riggs .....	Dean, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Philip Ruthkosky .....	Associate Dean, Student Affairs
Anne Skleder .....	Senior Vice President and Provost
Elizabeth Slaughter .....	Member, Board of Trustees
Ronald Simms .....	Honorary Degree Recipient
John Stachacz .....	Dean, Eugene S. Farley Library
Margaret Steele .....	Chief Development Officer
Scott Stolte .....	Dean, Nesbitt School of Pharmacy
Wagiha Taylor .....	Faculty Marshal
Terese Wignot .....	Interim Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing
Michael Wood .....	Special Assistant to the President
Gretchen Yeninas .....	Associate Dean, Student Affairs
Deborah Zbegner .....	Dean, Passan School of Nursing



