



2013 Academic Awards Ceremony

3:00 PM • FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2013

THE DOROTHY DICKSON DARTE CENTER
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

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

INTRODUCTION

Ms. Barbara E. King
Associate Dean, Student Affairs

GREETINGS

Dr. Terese M. Wignot
Interim Senior Vice President/Provost

THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Paul S. Adams
Vice President, Student Affairs

BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Pi Sigma Alpha	Brandon M. Wesneski	Canton, PA
Raymond R. Ritz Award	Dawn M. DiMaria	Forty Fort, PA
Outstanding Graduate in Psychology	Amy N. Asher	Endicott, NY
Jaroslav Moravec Award	Jonathan J. Casey	Warrior Run, PA

BIOLOGY & HEALTH SCIENCES

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Rosenthal Memorial Award	Christopher M. Bartlow	Muncy, PA
Outstanding Research Award	Jacquelyn H. Gallo Thomas B. Mike Bhumi B. Patel	Waynesboro, PA Shavertown, PA Mountaintop, PA

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION & ACCOUNTING

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Academic Achievement Awards -----		
ABBA	Kimberly M. Lyons	Stroudsburg, PA
Accounting	Melanie D. Nolt	Manheim, PA
Business Administration	Tyler Ryan	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Finance	Melanie D. Nolt	Manheim, PA
Management	Scott W. Skammer	Dallas, PA
Marketing	Anas Alghfily	Saudi Arabia
MBA	Lawrence Michalesko	White Haven, PA
PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting	Melanie D. Nolt	Manheim, PA
Dean's Awards for Excellence -----		
Business Administration	Joshua C. Haag	Center Valley, PA
Finance	Melanie D. Nolt	Manheim, PA
Management	Erin E. Donnelly	Parkesburg, PA
Marketing	Taurian K. Philip	N. Woodmere, NY
MBA	Jonathan E. Snyder	Weatherly, PA

CHEMISTRY

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Alfred E. Bastress Award	Caela R. Bernecker	Wilkes-Barre, PA
American Chemical Society Section Award	Sean E. Pidgeon	Jermyn, PA
Catherine Bone Award	Alison M. Duda	Wilkes-Barre, PA

COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Communications Studies Award	Kirstin J. Cook	Windham, ME
Tom Bigler Scholars Award	William John Thomas Kirstin J. Cook	Nanticoke, PA Windham, ME

EDUCATION

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Outstanding Elementary Teacher Education Student	Amanda B. Coombs	Hanover Twp., PA
Outstanding Middle Level Education Student	Amanda M. Shonk	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Outstanding Secondary Education Student Teacher	Ashley M. Zerfoss	Shavertown, PA
Outstanding Special Education Student Teacher	Philip M. Leid	Denver, PA
Marla Hosie Memorial Award	Jeanne E. Cannon	Coaldale, PA

ENGINEERING & PHYSICS

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Outstanding Achievement in Electrical Engineering	Nicholas J. Watkins	Courtdale, PA
Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical Engineering	Wyatt R. F. Culler	Nottingham, PA
Outstanding Achievement by a Transfer Student into Engineering	Andrew M. Razawich Ryan Pearson	Tunkhannock
Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Engineering - Academics	Yehia Al Zawaidah	Jordan
Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Engineering - Research	Songpo Li	Wilkes-Barre, PA

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & LEADERSHIP STUDIES

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Academic Achievement Award - Entrepreneurship	Olivia G. Waszkiewicz	Sauquoit, NY
Dean's Award for Excellence in Entrepreneurship	Nicholas J. Wesley	La Grange, IL

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING & EARTH SCIENCES

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Engineering	Elizabeth M. Helsel	Bloomsburg, PA
Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Science	Amber L. Uhrin	Drums, PA

HUMANITIES

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Annette Evans Humanities Award	Todd J. Oravic	Ashley, PA
Frank J. J. Davies Award	Jonathan R. Kadjeski Joseph S. Waichulis Ashley M. Zerfoss	Forty Fort, PA Nanticoke, PA Shavertown, PA
Phi Alpha Theta Book Award	Alexandra B. Madaya	Shavertown, PA
Outstanding Graduate in Spanish	Ryan J. Burdick	Madison, NY

INTEGRATIVE MEDIA & ART

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Outstanding Achievement in Integrative Media and Art	Erin E. Gallagher	Kingston, PA

MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
James G. DeCosmo Award in Mathematics	Nathan J. Sickle	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Computer Science Award	Eric R. Butler Ian McDevitt Lewis A. Stalbird	Allentown, PA Albrightsville, PA Duryea, PA
Computer Information Systems Award	Timothy H. Cheung	Kingston, PA

NURSING

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Outstanding Clinical Practice Award	Sarah M. Rollison	Spring Brook Twp., PA
Academic Excellence Award	Lacey C. Beckman	Sunbury, PA

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Music Award	Ryan J. Burdik	Madison, NY
Theatre Award	Luke Brady	West Pittston, PA

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Outstanding Graduate for the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences	Kirstin J. Cook	Windham, ME

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & SCIENCE

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Outstanding Graduate for the College of Science and Engineering	Thomas B. Mike Nicholas J. Watkins	Shavertown, PA Courtdale, PA

SIDHU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & LEADERSHIP

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Outstanding Graduate for the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership	Erin E. Donnelly	Parkesburg, PA

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
Outstanding Graduate for the College of Education	Abigail M. Kaster	Mountaintop, PA

STUDENT AFFAIRS

<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>HOME TOWN</i>
The Teresa Jordan and Frank Mehm Prize	Bethany R. Sharpless	Lansing, NY

PRESENTERS

Dr. Paul S. Adams
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*Dean, Sidhu School of Business
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Dr. Barbara A. Bracken
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Communications Studies*

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*Associate Professor,
Performing Arts*

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Associate Professor, History

Dr. Brian E. Whitman
*Associate Professor/Chair,
Environmental Engineering & Earth
Science*

Dr. Linda A. Winkler
*Dean, College of Arts, Humanities,
& Social Sciences*

*Thank you for attending
today's ceremony.*

*Immediately following the
ceremony, the President's
Reception for the Graduates
and their families will begin in
Weckesser Hall.*
