

Wilkes University's Fifty-Sixth Annual

SPRING  
COMMENCEMENT

For the Conferring of Degrees

*Saturday, May Seventeenth  
Two-Thousand and Three  
11 a.m.*





# **WILKES UNIVERSITY**

*The Fifty-Sixth Annual  
Spring Commencement  
for the  
Conferring of Degrees*

*Saturday Morning  
May 17, 2003  
at eleven o'clock*

# Order of Exercises

## FANFARE

Fanfare For The Common Man ..... Aaron Copland

## PROCESSIONAL

Entrance and March of the Peers from Iolanthe ..... Arthur Sullivan

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

WELCOME ..... MARAVENE LOESCHKE  
Provost

INVOCATION ..... REVEREND DONALD J. GRIMES, C.S.C., C.R.  
Vice President, Academic Affairs  
King's College

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

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

GREETINGS ..... JOSEPH E. GILMOUR  
President

ELIZABETH A. SLAUGHTER '68  
Member, Board of Trustees

ANNE HEINEMAN BATORY '68  
Professor of Business Administration

DAVID DiMARTINO '00  
MBA '03



# Order of Exercises

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE

RONALD L. SARGENT  
Doctor of Humane Letters

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... RONALD L. SARGENT

THE CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES ..... JOSEPH E. GILMOUR

Alma Mater ..... *Eleanor C. Farley*

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

BENEDICTION ..... KEVIN GAUGHENBAUGH  
*Coordinator, Campus Interfaith*

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

**Music Provided By:**  
*Wilkes University Brass Ensemble*  
*Terry Zipay, Conductor*

*Wilkes University Chorus*  
*Steven Thomas, Conductor*

*Ceol Mor Pipe and Drum Band*



# HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS ..... RONALD L. SARGENT

A man of conviction, commitment and focus, you have become the President and Chief Executive Officer of Staples, Inc., a Fortune 500 Company with \$11.6 billion in annual sales, 58,000 associates and more than 1,500 superstores worldwide.

The first in your family to attend college, your upbringing in the working class neighborhood of Covington, Kentucky instilled in you the values of hard work and perseverance. With a career in retail sales that started in your teens, you armed yourself early with an array of reliable skills and practices that focused on product and service quality. Whether it was stocking shelves, working the cash register, or staffing the mailroom, you distinguished yourself, no matter the role.

After earning undergraduate and graduate degrees from Harvard, it was 1989 when you made the courageous decision to leave a promising career as a young executive to accept a position as a regional vice president with the upstart Staples. You obviously chose wisely as evidenced by your success in climbing the Staples corporate ladder. In 13 years with Staples you have worked as a regional vice president, led the catalog and delivery divisions, ran the North American operation, served as Chief Operating Officer, and now lead the corporation as President and Chief Executive Officer.

Knowing that financial goals alone will not differentiate Staples from its competitors, you have guided the cultural transformation of the corporation through your new TeamCARE values. Focusing on teamwork, customers, associates, and the simplification of process, you lead by example with your sense of personal accountability and focus. As a leader who "walks the talk," you personify the Staples mission and vision by being a watchful steward of corporate assets and by undertaking meaningful change clearly connected to strategy. With compelling modesty, and ambition first and foremost for Staples' success, you have produced impressive results. Through innovation and inspiration, you guided Staples in 2002 to its most profitable year in the company's history.

While leading a corporation to the top of its industry might be reason enough for the recognition we bestow today, it is the power of your vision for the future, your passion for excellence, your integrity, and your hard-driving style that make you a model of organizational leadership to be studied and emulated, and the reason why we truly honor you. By the power vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I hereby confer upon you, Ronald L. Sargent, the doctorate of humane letters, Honoris Causa, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.



# AWARDS

THE MABLE SCOTT WANDELL AND  
STERLING LEROY WANDELL AWARDS ..... JESSICA SKUTACK '03  
ERIC ZUBER '03

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

MARAVENE LOESCHKE  
Provost

ALUMNI AWARD FOR  
LEADERSHIP ..... SARA ANNE CIOTOLI '03

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

ARMED FORCES RESERVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT  
UNITED STATE AIR FORCE ..... CANDICE M. ADAMS '03  
DONALD J. LEAVEY '03

*Presentation by DONNA LYNN SMITH  
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force*



# DOCTOR OF PHARMACY CANDIDATES

## *Summa Cum Laude*

- <sup>1,22</sup> Kristen Marie Graver
- <sup>22</sup> Francesca Ann Roberto
- <sup>22</sup> Adam VanWert

## *Magna Cum Laude*

- James Cavage
- <sup>22</sup> Lisa Charneski
- Nathan Dolk
- <sup>22</sup> Hanh Le Chau Duong
- Brooke Elizabeth Farley
- Natalee Helene Felten
- <sup>15,22</sup> Jonathan David Ference
- <sup>22</sup> Marcy Lynn Fritz
- <sup>5,22</sup> Melissa Lynn Gapinski
- <sup>22</sup> Sarah Gardner
- <sup>15,18,22</sup> James Hollands  
Psychology, Second Major
- <sup>22</sup> Michelle Macumber
- Lisa Klingaman Nallon
- <sup>22</sup> Vu Minh Phan
- Kevin M. Topa

## *Cum Laude*

- Rhonda Jean Hoagland-Thomas
- Robert A. Panzik
- <sup>16</sup> William M. Rowe
- George Waschko
- <sup>15</sup> Nokomie R. Welsh

<sup>1</sup> Alpha Chi   <sup>5</sup> Chi Alpha Epsilon   <sup>15</sup> Phi Lambda Sigma   <sup>16</sup> Phi Eta Sigma   <sup>18</sup> Psi Chi   <sup>22</sup> Rho Chi

# DOCTOR OF PHARMACY CANDIDATES

<i>Sarah Sue Beck</i>	<i>Kelly Lynne Lebo</i>
<i>Charlene Burrell</i>	<i>Jeremy Lisman</i>
<i>Cheryl M. Campenni</i>	<i>Priya S. Maheshwari</i>
<i>Alison J. Casey</i>	<i>Sean Nguyen</i>
<i>Kelly Rebekah Cassidy</i>	<sup>16</sup> <i>Julie Lynn Olenak</i>
<i>Greg Krikor Derderian</i>	<i>Jennifer Parrish</i>
<i>Michael J. Fox</i>	<i>Vishal Rashmikant Patel</i>
<i>Janet Lynn Gaito</i>	<i>Stacie Lynn Podrasky</i>
<i>Jeremy M. Gerber</i>	<i>Sara Pourshahriari</i>
<i>Jennifer Gordon</i>	<i>Melissa Riggleman</i>
<i>Sylvia A. Green</i>	<i>Donna Rothrock</i>
<i>Kari Lynn Hilbert</i>	<i>Susan Monica Sincavage</i>
<i>Kimberly Ann Hritzak</i>	<i>Heather Marie Tetlak</i>
<i>Kimberly Hulme</i>	<i>Jennifer J. Thibodeault</i>
<i>Brian Andrew Humpf</i>	<i>Philip August Tochelli III</i>
* <i>Thanh Huynh</i>	<i>Andrew Joseph Tomlinson</i>
<i>Erick Paul Knight</i>	<i>Elizabeth Ann Yablonski</i>
<i>Thomas F. Koscelnak</i>	

\* Absentia <sup>16</sup> Phi Eta Sigma



# MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## Master of Business Administration Degree

- <sup>7</sup> Amy R. Amato
- <sup>7</sup> James L. Caffrey
- <sup>7</sup> Adrienne Elizabeth Camp
- <sup>7,\*</sup> Jeremy Conrad
- <sup>7</sup> Preston Phung Dang
- <sup>7,\*</sup> Mark Jude Lewis DeBellis
- <sup>7</sup> David DiMartino
- <sup>7</sup> Jeremy M. Gerber
- <sup>7</sup> Martha L. Heffers
- Andrea Hinestrosa
- <sup>7</sup> Jennifer C. James
- <sup>7</sup> Robert Joseph Klepadlo
- Tara Ellen Kojza
- <sup>7</sup> Linda Elliott Learn
- <sup>7</sup> Jason J. Nocella
- <sup>7</sup> Ken Quoc Ong
- <sup>7</sup> Melanie Opalka
- <sup>7</sup> Natalia Andrianna Osadchuk
- <sup>7</sup> Katie Lynn Pearson
- <sup>7</sup> JoAnne Marie Potter
- <sup>7</sup> Donna Marie Pretko
- <sup>7,\*</sup> Erica Schultz Prowisor
- <sup>7</sup> Lee James Toussaint

## Master of Science in Education Degree

- \* John David Achille
- \* Jacqueline Alexander
- \* Lisa Anne Antonio
- \* Jacquelyn Marie Bain
- Stephen Stratford Batory
- \* Michele A. Beck
- Joan Ruth Bone
- \* Susan L. Brandt Bracht
- \* John A. Brander
- \* Tracy Sue Briskey
- \* Joel C. Buch
- \* Janelle E. Bushong
- Elizabeth Ann Chamberlain
- \* Robert Jeffrey Christiansen
- Cynthia L. Craig
- \* Meredith Morris Davison
- Laura Elizabeth Deibert
- \* Jennifer L. Dex
- \* David Anthony DiVito
- \* Jennifer Ann Dumas
- \* Dori Ann Dumbri
- \* Vicki Kaye Eggler
- \* Paul C. Eichelberger
- \* Joel Wayne Evans
- Tami C. Evans
- \* Gia M. Fahey
- Linda Jo Ferraro-Swearer
- Kerry A. Fitzgerald Festa
- \* Jean M. Fetzko
- Tammy Lyons Flannery
- Carole M. Francis
- \* Theresa C. Frank
- Gail L. Franko
- \* Gretchen G. Frischmann
- Marie A. Futer
- \* Jennifer A. Gaffney
- \* Heidi G. Gathany
- Russell J. Gavalis
- \* Karen M. Glenville
- \* Kenneth Patrick Glenville, Jr.
- Regina Gluchowski
- \* Richard W. Gober
- Susannah J. Graham
- \* Tammy M. Grega
- Raymond A. Guydish
- \* Jenni Rebecca Hagenbuch
- \* Jennie Lynn Hall
- \* Shanon L. Hall
- Sherrill Lyn Hall
- Rachel Savakinas Havrilla
- Deborah A. Heier
- \* Shawn K. Hershey
- Sean Christopher Hoffman
- \* Tami Lynn Hoffman
- \* Colleen D. Hoppes
- Karen L. Howard
- \* Michael James Hricko
- \* Marcy A. Huber
- \* Robin L. Hudak
- \* Robin B. Huffman
- Ruthann M. Hull
- \* Ralph N. Imdorf
- \* Danny E. Jarrah
- Tina L. Joline
- Thomas A. Kameronoski
- Lori M. Keister
- \* Joyce M. Keller
- \* Scott C. Kerper
- \* John J. Kirk
- \* Brian Lee Knaub
- \* Susan E. Koehler
- Connie Lyn Larson
- Sandra Yulee Lausch
- \* Janice Lawless

\* Absentia <sup>7</sup> Delta Mu Delta

# MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## Master of Science in Education Degree — Continued

- \* Christopher J. Lazevnick
- Angela M. Leo
- \* Theresa M. Leverage
- Michele Ann Levick
- Joseph F. Long, Jr.
- \* Dara Lopasky
- \* Anne E. Loving
- Kimberly A. Markowski
- John A. Mason, Jr.
- \* Matthew William Masters
- \* Carrie Donaldson McAndrew
- \* Kathleen M. McGeehan
- Jay Robert McHenry
- \* Thomas W. McLaughlin
- Scott Robert Michael
- Bethanne Thelma Moyer
- \* Wendy Kathe Neubauer
- Christina Marie Neyman
- \* Jonathan Michael Nyce
- Cynthia O'Malia
- Madonna Onesky
- \* Lisa G. Onkotz
- \* Thomas M. Orff
- Frances Margaret O'Shea
- \* Jennifer Lynn Paczewski
- <sup>13,\*</sup> Lucretia M. Page
- \* Adrien Melea Palmer
- \* Jane Ellen Pardue
- \* Joy René Pastor
- Michael G. Petersen
- \* Sharon Maus Pitoniak
- <sup>13,\*</sup> Andrew Marc Potteiger
- \* Beth A. Prokesch
- \* Denise L. Reaman
- Paul Joseph Reedy
- \* William F. Rennard
- \* Donna Zampetti Richards
- \* Tara Elizabeth Richards
- \* Kelly Richmond
- \* Nancy J. Ringler
- Daniel L. Rossino
- \* Race Roth
- \* René A. Roth
- Melissa Ann Rydbom
- \* Francis J. Sabina
- \* Keri L. Sapp
- \* Jennifer Anne Satz
- \* Lynnette Elaine Sauers
- Christy Anne Savakinas
- \* Amanda Erin Scheetz
- Susan E. Schneider-Morgan
- \* Brenda Scioli
- Susan Marie Seely
- Susan M. Shultz
- Amy Lynn Smith
- Guy Michael Smith
- \* Valerie A. Steppke
- Diana Luccia Stevenson
- \* Maria A. Strouse
- Thomas A. Swanson
- Melissa A. Tucker
- \* Laurie B. Vanderpool
- \* Susan M. Ventura
- \* Gary Gillespie Vink
- Ellen Marie Waggoner
- Tony Lee Waggoner
- \* Katherine A. Walker
- Jonathan A. Walz
- \* Diana M. Ward
- Timothy D. Weaber
- <sup>13,\*</sup> Eric H. Weidler
- \* Courtney Sherman Weikert
- Patricia Metz Werkheiser
- \* Margaret W. Whiskeyman
- \* Nicole Whitemaine
- \* Jerald Paul Wilczynski
- Ann M. Wolk
- \* Sandra L. Woodford
- \* Gregory Adam Woods
- \* Gilbert M. Zsolnay

## Master of Science in Electrical Engineering Degree

- \* Chandana Kalluri

## Master of Science in Nursing Degree

- <sup>19</sup> Sharon K. Davis
- \* Karen F. delaCruz

\* Absentia <sup>13</sup> Pennsylvania Principal Certification <sup>19</sup> Sigma Theta Tau



# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## College of Art, Sciences and Professional Studies

### Summa Cum Laude

- <sup>1,9,11,12,23</sup> Jenny S. Beach, English  
<sup>16</sup> Kevin Frank, Environmental Engineering  
<sup>9,12,23</sup> Leslie Lane Kraft, English  
<sup>1,11,12,18</sup> Melissa Leskosky, Psychology  
Elementary Education, Second Major  
Keith Michael Milden, Psychology  
<sup>1,7</sup> George Charles Morrison, Business Administration  
<sup>1,11,12,18</sup> Brooke Allison Quinn, Psychology  
Elementary Education, Second Major  
<sup>1,11,12,23</sup> Kristin Lee Roberts, English  
Elementary Education, Second Major  
<sup>9,17,23</sup> Peter E. Schmidt, Political Science  
English, Second Major  
<sup>1,11,16,23</sup> Erin A. Schultz, English  
Elementary Education, Second Major  
<sup>1,9</sup> Jessica Skutack, Communications  
English, Second Major  
<sup>12,16</sup> Desirae Triplett, Music  
Music Education, Second Major  
<sup>1,10,16</sup> Eric Zuber, Engineering Management

### Magna Cum Laude

- <sup>7</sup> Elizabeth Alles, Business Administration  
Chad Altieri, Communications  
Robert Jon Bierbower, Communications  
<sup>10,16</sup> Robert Marcel Calarco, Jr., Mechanical Engineering  
<sup>11,12</sup> Kathryn Elizabeth Cammerota, Psychology  
Elementary Education, Second Major  
<sup>11,12,23</sup> Kyla Marie Campbell, Communications  
<sup>16,19</sup> Sara Anne Ciotoli, Nursing  
<sup>7</sup> Diane Doran, Accounting  
Dennis Frank Ferenchick, Communications  
<sup>18</sup> Pamela Marie Gaughran, Psychology  
Dale R. Heller, Communications  
Theatre Arts, Second Degree  
<sup>11,12,23</sup> Laura Elizabeth Hoffman, English  
Elementary Education, Second Major  
<sup>7</sup> Jeffrey Kowalski, Accounting  
<sup>4,8,16,20</sup> Del M. Lucent, Biology  
Physics, Second Degree  
<sup>9,11,12,23</sup> Ann Marie Miller, English  
Elementary Education, Second Major  
<sup>3,7</sup> Jennifer Ann Quinn-Bulford, Accounting  
Christiana Joy Reid, Sociology  
Stacy A. Rizzo, Earth & Environmental Science  
<sup>11,12,18</sup> Stacey V. Rutt, Psychology  
Elementary Education, Second Major

<sup>1</sup> Alpha Chi   <sup>4</sup> Beta Beta Beta   <sup>7</sup> Delta Mu Delta   <sup>8</sup> Honors in Biology   <sup>9</sup> Honors in English   <sup>10</sup> Honors in Engineering  
<sup>11</sup> Kappa Delta Pi   <sup>12</sup> Pennsylvania Teacher Certification   <sup>15</sup> Phi Lambda Sigma   <sup>16</sup> Phi Eta Sigma  
<sup>17</sup> Phi Sigma Alpha   <sup>18</sup> Psi Chi   <sup>19</sup> Sigma Theta Tau   <sup>20</sup> Sigma Xi   <sup>23</sup> Sigma Tau Delta

# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## College of Art, Sciences and Professional Studies

— Continued

### **Magna Cum Laude** — Continued

- <sup>19</sup> Sheri Lynn Saraka, Nursing
- <sup>4,8</sup> Samuel Saylor, Biology
- <sup>17</sup> Dawn Marie Schwartz, Political Science
- <sup>11,12,18</sup> Kevin Richard Sickie, Psychology  
Elementary Education, Second Major
- <sup>11,12,18</sup> Courtney Stolarski, Psychology  
Elementary Education, Second Major
- <sup>1,7</sup> Talon Torressen, Business Administration
- <sup>2,14</sup> Amy K. Westgate, History  
Sociology, Second Major

### **Cum Laude**

- <sup>6</sup> Candice Marie Adams, Communications
- <sup>16,18</sup> Justin Scott Bagley, Psychology
- <sup>11,12,16</sup> Kelly Marie Bogansky, Sociology  
Elementary Education, Second Major
- Kristen Marie Bradigan, Communications
- <sup>18</sup> Jennifer M. Butler, Psychology
- <sup>9</sup> Justin H. D'Angelo, Communications  
English, Second Major
- <sup>18</sup> Heather Fanucci, Biochemistry
- <sup>11,12</sup> Faithe C. Fedor, Psychology  
Elementary Education, Second Degree
- <sup>5</sup> Philip C. Gibbons, Theatre Arts
- <sup>18</sup> Mark Edward Gonsky, Psychology
- Kenneth Hassenbein, Psychology
- Ruth E. Hough, Chemistry
- <sup>12,18</sup> April Jones, Psychology  
Elementary Education, Second Major
- <sup>7</sup> Seth Kudrick, Business Administration
- <sup>11,12</sup> Jennielle Marie Lagana, Psychology  
Elementary Education, Second Major
- Melissa D. Lasecki, History
- <sup>14</sup> Jennifer Lukesh, Psychology
- <sup>19</sup> Kimberly Ann Manganiello, Nursing
- <sup>4,20,24</sup> Steven J. Manierre, Biology
- Aaron J. Moreck, Electrical Engineering
- <sup>5,12</sup> Lorelei Anne Morgans, Psychology  
Elementary Education, Second Major
- <sup>17</sup> Kristin Marie Patchell, Political Science
- Brooke Elaina Shreaves, Business Administration
- <sup>5,11,12</sup> Matthew Smallcomb, Music Education
- <sup>21</sup> Marcus Edward Sowcik, Communications
- <sup>12</sup> Erik Donald Stahlnecker, Mathematics
- <sup>18</sup> Brian Joseph Walter, Psychology

<sup>1</sup> Alpha Chi   <sup>2</sup> Alpha Kappa Delta   <sup>4</sup> Beta Beta Beta   <sup>5</sup> Chi Alpha Epsilon

<sup>6</sup> Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in United States Air Force   <sup>7</sup> Delta Mu Delta   <sup>8</sup> Honors in Biology

<sup>9</sup> Honors in English   <sup>11</sup> Kappa Delta Pi   <sup>12</sup> Pennsylvania Teacher Certification   <sup>14</sup> Phi Alpha Theta   <sup>16</sup> Phi Eta Sigma

<sup>17</sup> Phi Sigma Alpha   <sup>18</sup> Psi Chi   <sup>19</sup> Sigma Theta Tau   <sup>20</sup> Sigma Xi   <sup>21</sup> Tom Bigler Scholar   <sup>24</sup> Pre-Medical Scholar



# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## College of Art, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

### Bachelor of Arts

Mary E. Dougherty  
(posthumously)

### Accounting

\* Amy B. Augustine  
Marybeth Cologie  
Jonathan Robert Else

Nicole V. Ference  
Santo Gencarelli, Jr.

### Applied & Engineering Sciences

Christopher Gerard Tedesco

### Biochemistry

Derek B. Gilpin

Amanda Ann Hvizda

### Biology

<sup>16,18</sup> Melissa A. Babcock  
Christa Marie Chmarney  
<sup>12</sup> Ted Jackson

\* Jason J. Kohut  
Shamima A. Sarker  
Debra S. Stillman

### Business Administration

Jennifer A. Bowman  
Ty R. Bowman  
<sup>7</sup> Steve S. Cho  
Kevin Richard Engelman  
Steven B. Eynon  
Scott D. Fenstermacher  
Francine Anne Katherine Johanson  
\* Kristi Kurilla  
Jeffrey Marshman  
Travis Miller

Jason E. Mina  
Tina Marie Mooney  
Nafid Nabi  
Johnnell Theresa Nidoh  
Matthew Olson  
Russell C. Silcox  
Joanne Sromovski  
Karen Van Ness  
Joseph Waschko

\* Absentia <sup>7</sup> Delta Mu Delta <sup>12</sup> Pennsylvania Teacher Certification <sup>16</sup> Phi Eta Sigma <sup>18</sup> Psi Chi

# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## College of Art, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

### Chemistry

Bradley Sechler

### Computer Information Systems

Jayshree Ajmera

Ariston Chua

<sup>5</sup> Robert C. Diefenderfer

Richard A. Dunkailo

Corey Fleisher

Corey Hughes

Michael James Knothe

Roshani Patel

Owen Searfoss

Eric D. Swendsen

Randy J. Vautour

### Communications

Jeanette Bell

Michael D. DaRe

Gary Ferentino

<sup>5</sup> Melissa A. Gallup

Jeffrey Gaydoscik

Ariel Selene Hermele

John A. Kosich III

<sup>6</sup> Donald Joseph Leavey, Jr.

<sup>16</sup> Timothy I. Millard

James Moran

Adam F. Polinger

Roger Joseph Rossi

Natalie Scarantino

### Computer Science

Bernard William Graham

Michael Macasek

Mark Robert Mittrick

<sup>20</sup> Leo John Plocicki III

Mark N. Semkew

Computer Information Systems, Second Major

John E. Thomas, Jr.

### Criminology

Matthew Lee Beck

Paul R. Olson

### Earth & Environmental Science

Benjamin L. Bulishak

\* Eric J. Coslett

Jennifer L. Dittmar

James W. Mack

Robert Rabe

Cory Martin Rosenberger

Kimberly A. White

\* Absentia    <sup>5</sup> Chi Alpha Epsilon    <sup>6</sup> Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in United States Air Force  
<sup>16</sup> Phi Eta Sigma,    <sup>20</sup> Sigma Xi



# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## College of Art, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

### Economics

*John R. Sopp*

### Elementary Education

<sup>12</sup> *Lottie Olson*  
*Psychology, Second Degree*

### Electrical Engineering

<sup>10</sup> *Aman Chadha*  
*Michael R. Chaump*  
*John Dabbieri*  
*Joan Colleen Joyce*

*Andrew S. Litak*  
*Jeffrey Brian Olson*  
*Jed J. Starner*  
*Henry Albert Michael Turchanik III*

### Engineering Management

*Rob Gebhard*

### English

<sup>23</sup> *Laura Brody*  
*Communications, Second Major*  
<sup>12,23</sup> *Kelly Durkin*

<sup>12,23</sup> *Joanne Grace Holgate*  
*Mauranita M. Miller*  
<sup>9,23</sup> *Bridgette Nadine Petro*

### Environment Engineering

*William M. Bezts*  
*Mark Vincent Dudinyak*

*John Evarts*  
*Emanuel T. Posluszny, Jr.*

### History

\* *Julio P. Caprari*  
*James Bernard Ford*  
\* *Robert Emmett Gallagher*  
*Sean J. Gorman*  
<sup>12</sup> *Michael A. Grasso*

*Jason Matthew Leach*  
<sup>12</sup> *Richard Lee Leibig, Jr.*  
*Elementary Education, Second Major*  
*Dennis Robert Moore, Jr.*  
\* *Timothy R. Walsh*

\* Absentia    <sup>9</sup> Honors in English    <sup>10</sup> Honors in Engineering    <sup>12</sup> Pennsylvania Teacher Certification    <sup>23</sup> Sigma Tau Delta

# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## College of Art, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

### Individualized Studies

<sup>5</sup> Martha M. Zabriski

### International Studies

<sup>17</sup> Jennifer M. Lastovica  
Spanish, Second Degree

### Mathematics

<sup>12</sup> Michael A. Amitia  
<sup>12</sup> Joshua Cole

<sup>12</sup> Michael S. Lorady

### Mechanical Engineering

Sonia L. Ebert  
\* James S. Hower  
Timothy E. Letcher

Joseph D. Paone  
Robert R. Russick, Jr.  
Thomas Wighard, Jr.

### Medical Technology

Kelly Delguercio

### Nursing

Marc B. Baron  
Dawn D. Demchak  
Kimberly Ann Harris  
Crystal Saxe Jimmie  
Kerry Karpinski  
Deborah DiBiasi Keezer  
Michelle M. Marchetti

<sup>19</sup> Patricia C. Scholing  
<sup>19</sup> Kimberly Ann Serano  
<sup>5,19</sup> Heidie Lynn Shappell  
<sup>19</sup> Lori Elizabeth Smith  
Amber Marie Nichole Toma  
<sup>19</sup> Georgette A. Van Horn

\* Absentia <sup>5</sup> Chi Alpha Epsilon <sup>12</sup> Pennsylvania Teacher Certification <sup>17</sup> Phi Sigma Alpha <sup>19</sup> Sigma Theta Tau



# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## College of Art, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

### Philosophy

<sup>5</sup> Madi Bobb  
English, Second Major

### Political Science

James J. Hanson, Jr.  
International Studies, Second Major  
Tania Lynn Noecker

\* Ryan L. Riboldi

### Psychology

<sup>12</sup> Michael David Bergeski  
Elementary Education, Second Major  
Kylee N. Gostony  
Scott Dwight Hunter  
\* Caitlin Elizabeth Lee  
Criminology, Second Major  
Anna Lucia Montalbano  
Nicole L. Neidlinger  
<sup>12</sup> Lottie Olson  
Elementary Education, Second Degree  
<sup>5,12</sup> Jason Francis Pantzar  
Elementary Education, Second Major

<sup>2,18</sup> Kimberly Claire Paquette  
Criminology, Second Major  
Matthew Schiefen  
Roxanne Marie Shema  
<sup>12</sup> Holly Rachael Shiber  
Reneé Elizabeth Sloat  
Joseph Tarity  
Liza Ann Timchack  
Jennifer Marie Ward

### Sociology

Rachel Marie Fosco  
Lori Ann Gialanella  
Heather Lynn Hite

Judy Ann Rodriguez  
Jill M. Struckus

### Spanish

<sup>17</sup> Jennifer M. Lastovica  
International Studies, Second Degree

### Theatre Arts

Alexander William Paul Kashatus

\* Absentia    <sup>2</sup> Alpha Kappa Delta    <sup>5</sup> Chi Alpha Epsilon    <sup>12</sup> Pennsylvania Teacher Certification    <sup>17</sup> Phi Sigma Alpha    <sup>18</sup> Psi Chi

## Scholarly Societies and Special Designations

- <sup>1</sup> Denotes Membership in Alpha Chi, the National College Honor Scholarship Society.
- <sup>2</sup> Denotes Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Honorary Society in Sociology.
- <sup>3</sup> Denotes Membership in the Eta Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the honor society recognizing the academic excellence of adult part-time students.
- <sup>4</sup> Denotes Membership in Beta Beta Beta, the National Honorary Society in Biology.
- <sup>5</sup> Denotes Membership in Chi Alpha Epsilon, the Honorary Society which recognizes students who were admitted to the University through Higher Education Access Opportunity programs.
- <sup>6</sup> Denotes Commissioned Second Lieutenant, United States Air Force.
- <sup>7</sup> Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.
- <sup>8</sup> Denotes Honors in Biology.
- <sup>9</sup> Denotes Honors in English.
- <sup>10</sup> Denotes Honors in Engineering.
- <sup>11</sup> Denotes Membership in the Phi Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honorary Society in Education.
- <sup>12</sup> Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.
- <sup>13</sup> Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Principal Certification.
- <sup>14</sup> Denotes Membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honorary Society in History.
- <sup>15</sup> Denotes Membership in Phi Lambda Sigma, the Pharmacy Leadership Society.
- <sup>16</sup> Denotes Membership in Phi Eta Sigma, the National Honor Society for College Freshmen.
- <sup>17</sup> Denotes Membership in Phi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.
- <sup>18</sup> Denotes Membership in Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology.
- <sup>19</sup> Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing.
- <sup>20</sup> Denotes Membership in and acknowledgment by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.
- <sup>21</sup> Denotes Tom Bigler Scholar.
- <sup>22</sup> Denotes Membership in Rho Chi, the National Honor Society in Pharmacy.
- <sup>23</sup> Denotes Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary Society in English.
- <sup>24</sup> Denotes Pre-Medical Scholar.
- \* Degree in absentia

# 2003 Student Awards

## College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies

### *Biology, Chemistry and Health Science Programs*

Rosenthal Memorial Award .....	Steven Manniere
Outstanding Research Award .....	Del M. Lucent
Outstanding Senior Scholar in Biology .....	Del M. Lucent
ACS Section Award .....	Ruth E. Hough
Alfred W. Bastress Award .....	Amanda A. Hvizda
Freshman Chemistry Award .....	Mark S. Hunter

### *Business Administration and Accounting*

Excellence in Business Administration .....	George C. Morrison
Outstanding Student Award — MBA Program .....	Lee J. Toussaint
PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting .....	Whitney B. Bull

### *Education and Psychology*

Outstanding Elementary Teacher Education Student .....	Courtney L. Stolarski
Outstanding Secondary Teacher Education Student .....	Christina Baigis
Outstanding Graduate in Psychology .....	Melissa Leskosky

### *Engineering and Physics*

Electrical Engineering Achievement Award .....	Aaron J. Moreck
Outstanding Achievement in Engineering Management .....	Eric R. Zuber
Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical Engineering .....	Robert M. Calarco

### *GeoEnvironmental Sciences and Engineering*

Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Engineering .....	Kevin Frank
Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Science .....	Stacy A. Rizzo

### *Humanities*

Annette Evans Humanities Award .....	Leslie L. Kraft
Frank J. J. Davies Award .....	Jenny S. Beach
	Laura M. Osborn
John F. Kennedy Award .....	Amy K. Westgate
Phi Alpha Theta Book Award .....	Melissa D. Lasecki

### *Mathematics and Computer Science*

Computer Information Systems Award .....	Adriana Solorzano
Computer Science Award .....	Leroy Mrozowski
	Leo J. Plocicki
Mathematics Award .....	Erik D. Stahlnecker

### *Nursing*

Outstanding Clinical Practice Award .....	Kimberly A. Serano
Academic Excellence Award .....	Sara A. Ciotoli
Academic Excellence Award .....	Michele Lakitsky



## 2003 Student Awards (continued)

### *Social Sciences and Communications*

Communications Department Award .....	Kyla M. Campbell
Tom Bigler Scholars Award .....	Marcus E. Sowcik
Pi Sigma Alpha .....	Peter E. Schmidt
Dr. Jaroslav G. Moravec Award .....	Amy K. Westgate
Raymond R. Ritz Award .....	Rachel M. Fosco

### *Student Affairs*

Theresa Jordan and Frank Mehm Prize .....	Kelly M. Bogansky
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### *College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies*

Outstanding Graduate for the Arts .....	Dale R. Heller
Outstanding Graduate for Professional Studies .....	Whitney B. Bull
Outstanding Graduate for the Sciences .....	Del M. Lucent

## Nesbitt School of Pharmacy

AphA-ASP Mortar and Pestle Professionalism Award .....	Nokomie Welsh
Roche Pharmacy Communications Award .....	Sarah Gardner
TEVA Pharmaceuticals Outstanding Student Award .....	Adam Van Wert
Pfizer U. S. Pharmaceuticals Outstanding Leader Award .....	James Hollands
GlaxoSmithKline Patient Care Award .....	Kimberly Hritzak
Mylan Pharmaceuticals Excellence in Pharmacy Award .....	Jonathan Ference
Eli Lilly Achievement Award .....	Julie Olenak
CVS Excellence in Community Pharmacy Practice Award .....	Alison Casey
Perrigo Award of Excellence in Non-prescription Medication .....	Priya Maheshwari
Facts and Comparisons Award of Excellence in Clinical Communication .....	Francesca Roberto
Luzerne County Pharmacists Association Academic Achievement Award .....	Lisa Charneski
Luzerne County Pharmacists Association Excellence in Community Pharmacy Award .....	Alison Casey
Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association Outstanding Pharmacy Student Award .....	Elizabeth Yablonski
Dean's Outstanding Student Award .....	Julie Olenak
U S Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award .....	Nokomie Welsh
American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Student Leadership Award .....	Johanne Duong
Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Recognition Award .....	Alison Casey
Pfizer Non-prescription Drug Therapy Award .....	Lisa Charneski
Rite Aid Award for Excellence in Community Pharmacy Practice .....	Kevin Topa

# 2003 Student Awards (continued)

## Extracurricular Awards

### *Athletic Department*

The Correen Santoro Memorial Award .....	Jennifer G. Compton Tara E. Friedman
Female Scholar Athlete of the Year .....	Whitney B. Bull
Male Scholar Athlete of the Year .....	Peter E. Schmidt
Female Athlete of the Year .....	Whitney B. Bull
Male Athlete of the Year .....	Corey J. Fleisher

### *Business Administration and Accounting*

SIFE Scholars .....	Richard L. Billings Brandon M. Clark Emily L. Gabardi Abhishek K. Nemani Tara M. Smith Ward Stanford
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### *Center for Continued Learning*

Adult Learner of the Year .....	Andrew S. Litak
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### *Community Service and Campus Interfaith*

Helping Hands Service Award .....	Cindy M. Staviski
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### *Cooperative Education*

Outstanding Senior Intern .....	Dale R. Heller
Keith Topfer Memorial Award .....	Nicholas A. Romanowski

### *Engineering and Physics*

American Society of Mechanical Engineers Award .....	Nicholas A. Romanowski
I.E.E.E. J. J. Ebers Memorial Award .....	Aman Chadha

### *GeoEnvironmental Sciences and Engineering*

Outstanding Environmental Leadership Award .....	Jennifer L. Dittmar Stacy Ann Rizzo Kasandra M. Saffioti Joseph J. Stein
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### *GeoEnvironmental Science and Engineering*

Extracurricular Award .....	Mark Weir
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### *Nursing*

Leadership Award .....	Michele M. Marchetti
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### *Residence Life Office*

Residence Life Distinguished Service Award .....	Elizabeth A. Roveda
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## 2003 Student Awards (continued)

*Student Affairs*

Intercollegiate Leadership Wilkes-Barre ..... Kristophor C. Kostura  
 Melissa T. Merok  
 Elizabeth A. Roveda  
 Madhan K. Srinivasan  
 Michael P. Vigoda

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Candice M. Adams	Melissa T. Merok
Michelle A. Auker	George C. Morrison
Justin S. Bagley	Leroy F. Mrozowski
Kelly M. Bogansky	Susan E. Pellock
Allisa K. Bowen	Brooke A. Quinn
Ty R. Bowman	Nicole L. Ripper
Jeffrey R. Brittain	Brian R. Sheakoski
Whitney B. Bull	Holly R. Shiber
Kyla M. Campbell	Kevin R. Sickle
Sara A. Ciotoli	Adriana D. Solorzano
Kevin Frank	Marcus E. Sowcik
Jason M. Leach	Talon J. Torressen
Danielle M. McDonald	Kimberly A. Whipple

*Student Government*

Faculty Choice Award ..... Dr. William Terzaghi

Appreciation Award

Jeffrey R. Brittain	Jason M. Leach
Kyla M. Campbell	Nicole L. Ripper
Jason E. Kishbaugh	Brian R. Sheakoski

## Class of 2003 OFFICERS

**Peter Nguyen**  
PRESIDENT

**Jason Kishbaugh**  
VICE PRESIDENT

**Scott Fenstermacher**  
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.*

## FENNER QUADRANGLE

**FIRST AID** — Medical personnel are available for first aid assistance and emergencies. They are located in Breiseth Hall, room 103 and in the tent to the left of the audience, near the stage. An ambulance is positioned by the side entrance of Breiseth Hall. Should you need assistance please contact an usher or a security officer.

**PHOTOGRAPHS and VIDEOTAPING** — Because of 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 photographs or videotaping. A photograph will be taken of each graduate as the diploma is presented by the President. A videotape of the entire ceremony will also be made available to interested graduates.

**REST ROOMS** — Rest rooms are available on the first floor of Breiseth Hall and in the first floor lobby of the Stark Learning Center.

**BEVERAGES** — Water is available at different locations around the Commencement site. Vending machines are available in the lobby of the Stark Learning Center.

**TELEPHONE** — Pay telephones are available in the lobby of the Stark Learning Center and at Breiseth Hall.

## ARNAUD C. MARTS SPORTS AND CONFERENCE CENTER

**FIRST AID** — Medical personnel are available for first aid assistance at the First Aid station located in the lobby. Should you need assistance please contact an usher or a security officer.

**PICTURE-TAKING** — **Because of 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-taping. A photograph will be taken of each graduate as the diploma is presented by the President. A videotape of the entire ceremony will also be made available to interested graduates.**

**REST ROOMS** — Rest rooms are accessible from the first and second floor lobbies. Rest rooms are also located on the lower level.

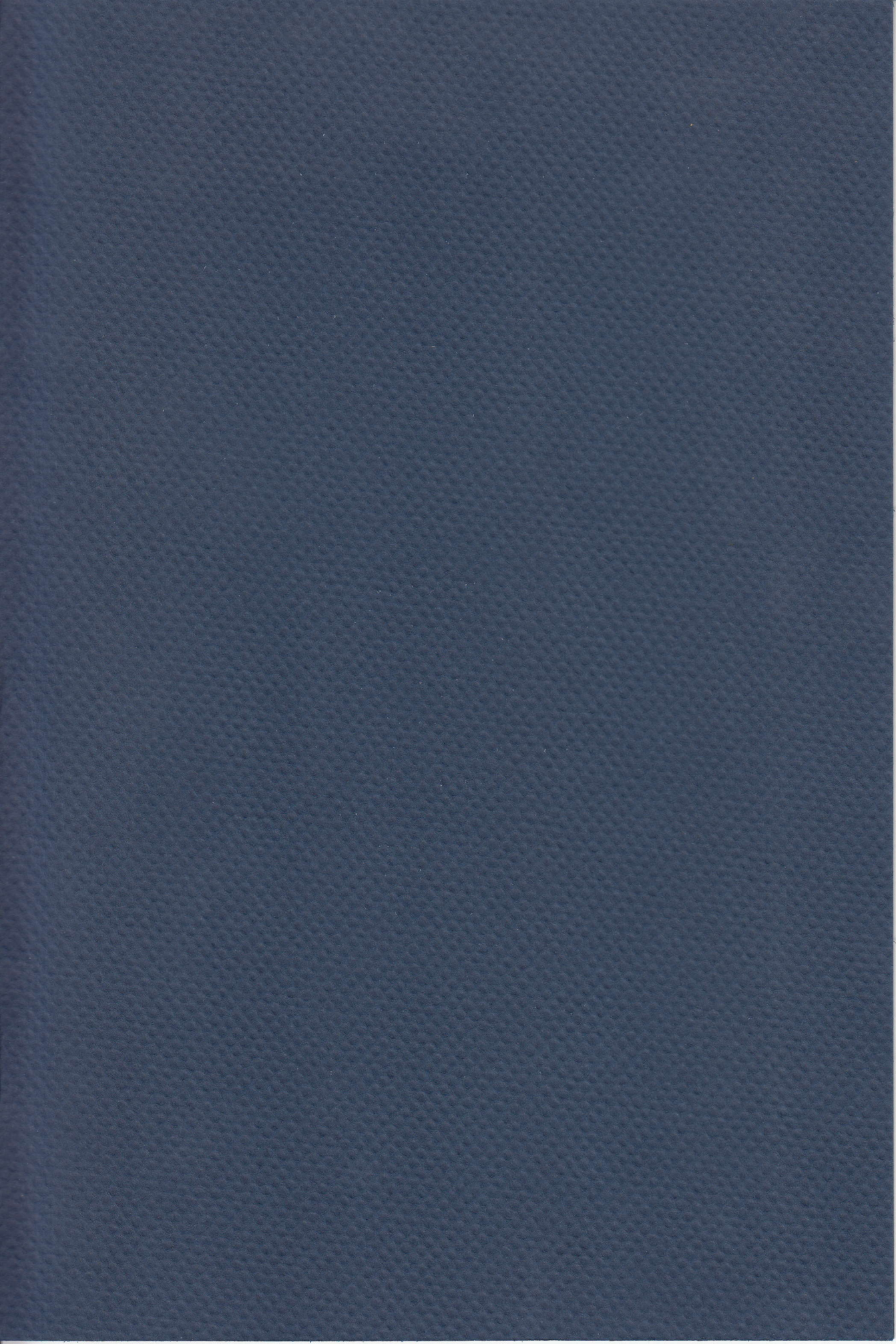
**BEVERAGES** — Water is available at the drinking fountains on the first floor of the building.

**TELEPHONE**—Pay telephones are available on the lower level and the second floor

**Local police will divert traffic from the front of the Marts Center following the ceremony. Please cooperate with the police officers and follow their directions as they attempt to alleviate traffic congestion.**

*A post-commencement reception will be held on the Kirby/Chase lawn immediately following the ceremony.*







## 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*