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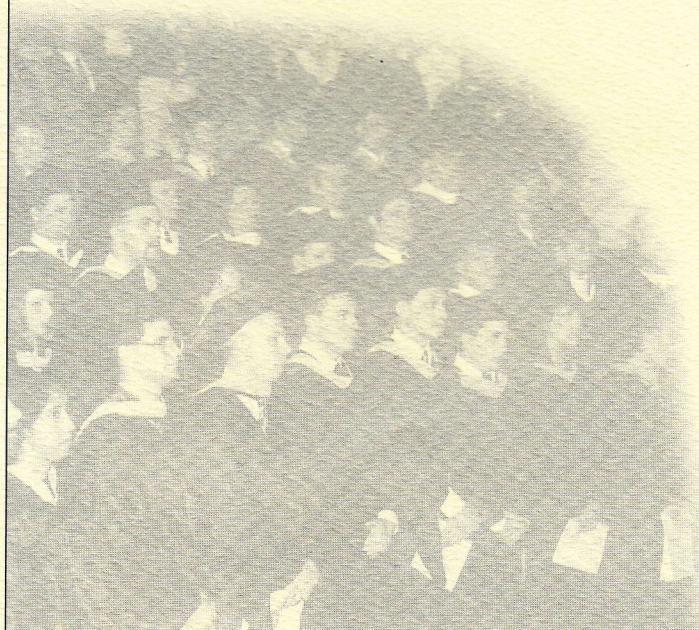
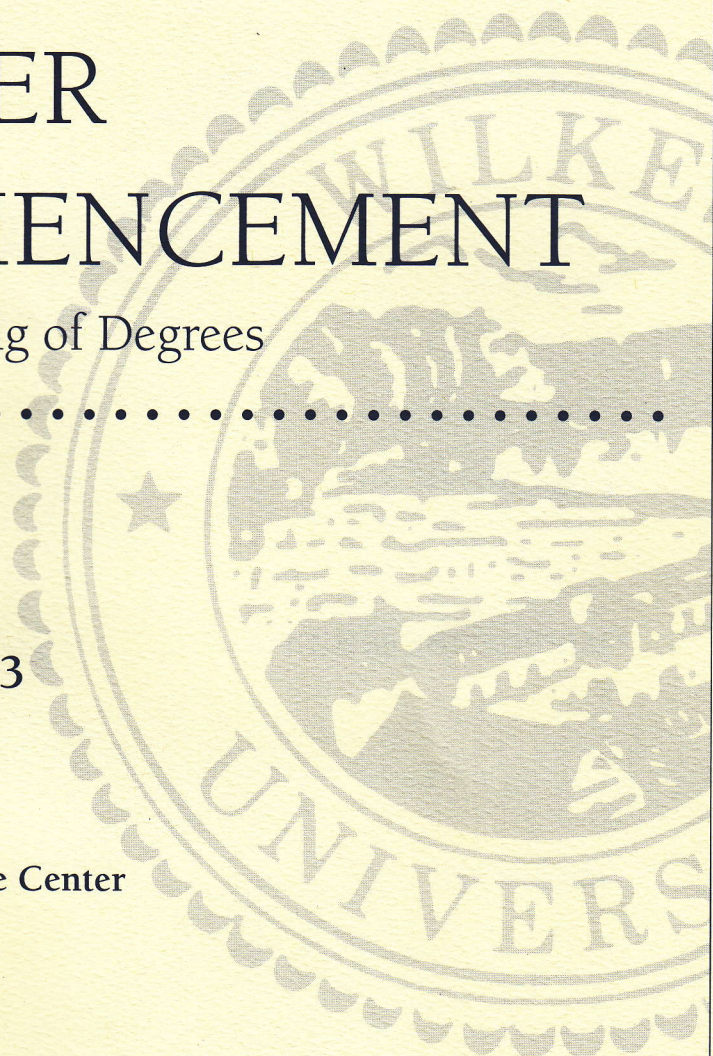
# SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

for the Conferring of Degrees

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Sunday  
September 8, 2013  
1:00 p.m.

Arnaud C. Marts  
Sports and Conference Center



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# Order of Exercises

\*FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL

*War March of the Priests from Athalia* ..... *Felix Mendelssohn*

WELCOME ..... *Terese M. Wignot*  
*Interim Provost*

\*INVOCATION ..... *Caitlin Czeh*  
*Coordinator, Campus Interfaith*

\*AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL ..... *Words by Katherine Lee Bates*  
*Music by Samuel A. Ward*  
*Arrangement, Philip G. Simon*

GREETINGS ..... *Patrick F. Leahy*  
*President*

*Marcia K. Farrell*  
*Chair, Faculty Affairs Council*  
*Associate Professor, English and Philosophy*

*Dawn D'Aries Zera*  
*Member of the Graduating Class*

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ADDRESS..... Linda S. Gutierrez  
*Assistant Professor, Biology*

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES ..... Patrick F. Leahy  
*President*

\*ALMA MATER.....Eleanor C. Farley  
*Arrangement, Philip G. Simon*

\*BENEDICTION ..... Caitlin Czeh  
*Coordinator, Campus Interfaith*

\*RECESSIONAL  
*Fanfare Royale*.....Jean Joseph Mouret  
*Arrangement, Alfred Pfortner*

*Music provided by the Wilkes University Chamber Orchestra  
- Dr. Philip G. Simon, Conductor  
Amanda Thomas '15, Vocalist*

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# MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Catherine Donges      | Laurie Powers     |
| * Justin P. Kassab    | Rachel Wiren      |
| Kaitlin Angela Keller | Dawn D'Aries Zera |
| * Dana Marie Miller   |                   |

## Master of Arts in Creative Writing

- |                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Robert Antinozzi        | * Joshua Michael Penzone |
| Lorenzo E. Boone        | Bill Schneider           |
| * Dwann Eunique Cutler  | Nisha Sharma             |
| Trilby F. Greene        | Heather Ann Taylor       |
| * Deborah Nyemba Makuma | * Douglas James Troxell  |
| * Lois McAffrey-Lopez   | Alyssa Marie Waugh       |
| Linda Minh Chau Nguyen  |                          |

## Master of Business Administration

Jeffrey R. Alves, *Dean*

- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Swati Bhardwaj                             | * <sup>6</sup> Kyle K. Rountree   |
| <sup>6</sup> Monica Irene Zellner Griffith | <sup>6</sup> Robert Ruiz          |
| <sup>6</sup> Daniel Edward Haddle Jr.      | * Nicholas Richard Searles        |
| * Amanda L. Letoski                        | Shikha Sharma                     |
| <sup>6</sup> Thomas E. Markley             | <sup>6</sup> Jason W. Wagner      |
| * Jeffrey Scott O'Brien                    | <sup>6</sup> Sara Elizabeth Weron |
| Klaudia A. Perlinski                       |                                   |

## Master of Science in Education

Rhonda A. Waskiewicz, *Interim Dean*

- |                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| * Crystal D. Ackerman         | * Lori Ayers         |
| * Michael Christopher Agatone | * Todd M. Ayers      |
| Jessica Raye Agnello          | Laura Wade Baier     |
| * Kimberly Barone Albert      | * Jamie Anne Baldan  |
| Jodi L. Alderfer              | * Geoffrey L. Bell   |
| Ian Kodai Althouse            | Sarah Catherine Belt |
| * Jessica Ames                | * Melissa Sue Bender |
| * Shannon Rose Anderson       | * Sherry L. Bereznak |
| * Raelynn Antrim              | * Betty Jo Bergey    |
| * Ryan M. Arcangeli           | * Meghan Anne Bezler |
| * Graig Patrick Arcurie       | Justine Biechler     |
| * Ashley M. Ayers             | * Pamela Black       |

\* Degree in Absentia

<sup>6</sup> Delta Mu Delta

# MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## Master of Science in Education (continued)

- \* Emily Elizabeth Bliss
- Samantha Lee Bolen
- \* Kaitlin Marie Boyer
- Christine M. Bozart
- \* Daniel W. Brenner
- \* Heather R. Buehrer
- \* Julianne Burok
- \* Amy Lynn Busher
- \* Mary Beth Busteed
- \* Monica Elaine Caccese
- \* Carla Zaini Cain
- \* Caroline E. Campbell
- \* Amanda Evelyn Capriotti
- \* Kristine Ann Caputo
- \* Melissa Carnahan
- \* Meghan Julia Carothers
- \* Daniel Carpenter
- Miguel Carrillo-Valois
- Nora Ann Cavaluzzi
- \* Lisa A. Chemidlin
- \* Ryan J. Chlubicki
- \* Darryl Edward Chriss
- \* Jennifer Catherine Cianfaglione
- Anne Marie Clemens
- Wendy S. Cobb
- \* Sara Elizabeth Coleman
- \* Lisa M. Conrad
- \* Terri Marie Consevage
- \* Kimberly M. Cooney
- Deborah Cooper
- Daisha A. Copenhaver
- \* Elizabeth Ann Corcoran
- \* Ashley Elizabeth Cottengim
- Erin Corrine Crawford
- \* Stephanie A. Crump
- Stephanie Dawn Daniels
- Colleen Lynn Davidson
- \* Laurie Marie Decker
- \* Derek R. Denunzio
- Maureen Janine Devine
- \* Jason James Dickensheets
- \* Michael Vincent DiLiberti Jr.
- Karen Marie DiMascola
- \* Brenton T. Ditchcreek
- <sup>13</sup> Anthony Donnini
- Jill E. Dulay
- \* Joyce Dupont
- \* Denise M. Eisenhauer
- Damien J. Erdie
- \* Eric Todd Eshleman
- \* Dustin Wade Estep
- \* Terri Faust
- Marrissa Fedor
- Jennifer D. Ferro
- \* Matthew David Fittery
- \* Justin Joseph Flamini
- \* Kelly Ford
- Michael Joseph Fox
- \* Cheri E. France
- \* Erin Colleen Frantz
- Tiffany M. Frentzen
- \* Erin Patrice Gaffney
- \* Michael Galli
- Mollie Gearhart
- Allison Gever
- \* Todd Christopher Gibson
- \* Tara Marie Giles
- \* Megan Carinne Gotschall
- Alecia Marie Grandi
- \* Dana Nicole Grandinetti
- \* Robert Paul Gresko
- Courtney Ann Grieve
- Pamela Danae Grimminger
- \* Danielle Hack
- \* Tammy Jo Hahn
- \* Andrew John Hanadel
- \* Jennifer Ashley Hancz
- \* Jamie Lynn Harner
- \* Leah Harpel
- \* Ashley Harrer
- \* Kevin Matthew Harry
- \* Cody Hassler
- \* Mindi Hauck
- \* Jeremy Michael Hayman
- Janet Marie Heckman
- \* Joel McNeel Hill

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<sup>13</sup> Candidate for Pennsylvania Principal Certification

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|--|-------------------------------|
| Stacie Spanos Hiras                      | Colleen Elizabeth Leppo       |
| * Linda R. Hixson                        | Tara Lindsay                  |
| * Rachel Katherine Hoffman               | * Christopher Lloyd           |
| * Daniel M. Hogan                        | * Caitlyn Elizabeth Locke     |
| * Adrienne Elizabeth Hopple              | Jessica Danae Lockwood        |
| * Thomas P. Houck Jr.                    | * Lisa R. Loughry             |
| * Amy Elizabeth Howard                   | Stephen Michael Lucas         |
| * Sharon Elizabeth Howell                | * Jennifer Megon Lueck        |
| * Adam Ronald Huggins                    | * Zachary August Lukashewski  |
| * Jill N. Hulse                          | * Lisa Marie Maderic          |
| Lindsey Christina Hunt                   | * Maureen J. Mahoney          |
| * Jennifer Ingerick-Outman               | Jennifer L. Makowski          |
| * Michele Lynn Irby                      | Christen Marie Manari         |
| * <sup>13</sup> Frank L. Isenberg III    | * Joan M. Manchak             |
| Alisha Renee Johnson                     | Alison Mannello-Moyer         |
| * Alyse Johnson                          | * Trev M. Marcks              |
| * Scott Josuweit                         | Amy Elaine Martin             |
| * Jonathan J. Juka                       | * Kellie Michele Matthews     |
| Shirley Ann Kachelries                   | * Tricia Marie McElmoyle      |
| * Charlotte Kan                          | * Chelsea Suzanne Mearig      |
| * Dana Dowden Karsh                      | * Jennifer B. Mee             |
| Ashley Rose Keath                        | * <sup>13</sup> Andrew Meeker |
| Megan Kay Keeney                         | Andrew Lawrence Melillo       |
| * <sup>13</sup> Stephen Bradford Kimball | * Laurie E. Melos             |
| * Erika S. Kindoll                       | Jillian Kersteen Michaels     |
| * Audra Kathleen King                    | * Erin Micklo                 |
| Gopu Ambari Kiron                        | * Amber Dawn Miller           |
| * Vivien Marie Kloss                     | * Angela Marie Miller         |
| * Daniel Koishal                         | * Jamie Ryan Miller           |
| * Edward Stanley Kopec Jr.               | * William Milne               |
| * Joseph S. Kovalewski Jr.               | * Laura Pattison Mitchley     |
| * Eugene William Kraus                   | * Karin Mohr                  |
| * Janelle Kathryn Krenitsky              | * Marta Monroig               |
| Mary E. Kummerer                         | * Lisa Renee Moore            |
| * Christopher D. Kurowski                | * James Theodore Moro         |
| * Rachel Dawn Lance                      | * Robert Jacob Mosier         |
| * Carrie A. Lapsley                      | * Teresa C. Mosser            |
| * Katie J. Laudenslager                  | * Kelly Marie Moul            |
| * David Sol Lavin                        | * Patrick Samuel Mulligan     |
| * Jennifer Lynn Lechner                  | * Jennifer L. Myer            |
| Carrie Rae Lehman                        | * Cristy Myers                |
| * Kerry M. Lehman                        | Lindsay Ann Nash              |
| * Matthew David Lehman                   | * Diana Neglia                |

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- \* Suzanne Cook Newlin
- \* Katherine Niederoest
- \* Meagan Elizabeth Nolt
- \* Kimberly Ray Osborne  
Esmeralda A. Osorto
- \* Colleen F. Pagano
- \* Carly Marjorie Part
- \* Allison Paruch
- \* Stacey Patrick
- \* Nicole Marie Patton
- \* Alyssa Paul  
Jessica Phillips  
Kristen Marie Phillips
- \* Meredith Leigh Piatt
- \* Christopher E. Plaviak
- \* Alicia Leigh Plever
- \* Larissa K. Pompili
- \* Mindy Marie Ponter
- \* Micheal Poorman
- \* Felicia Marie Pritchard  
Christine Elizabeth Pusateri
- \* Diane Louise Raab
- \* Jenna Ashley Rau  
Kirsten E. Raymond
- \* Laura Recene
- \* Jonathan David Regino
- \* Danielle Marie Ricchini
- \* Joy Lynn Richards
- \* Crystal Lee Richardson
- \* Kasey J. Riddell
- \* Andrew Risser
- \* Jessica K. Rohrbach-Baker
- \* Lauren M. Rood
- \* Dana N. Rosenberger
- \* Brooke Elyse Roush  
Jill S. Ruch  
Shauna Rose Ruddy
- \* Theresa Marie Rudnick  
Chelsea Gale Salome
- \* Dayna Lee Savko
- \* Elizabeth Schrack
- \* Megan Taylor Seymore
- \* Bo Shappell
- Chandler Matthew Sheaffer  
Diane Irene Sheaffer
- \* Pamela S. Shealer
- \* Jeremy Shenk
- \* Terrance Michael Shepler
- \* Jacob Robert Shuey
- \* Ashley Alain Smith  
Dorothy Ann Smith
- \* Rachael E. Smith
- \* Kimberly Ann Snyder
- \* Thomas W. Sperow Jr.
- \* Ryan Russell St. Clair
- \* Alfred T. Stamp III  
Jessica Ann Stauffer
- \*<sup>13</sup> Jeffrey Michael Stellar
- \* Danielle Nicole Stem
- \* Robert W. Stepenaskie II
- \* Pamela J. Stevens
- \* Derek Ryan Strohl
- \* Alison L. Sullivan
- \* Lindsay Super
- \* Kelly Svecz
- \* Joseph Lee Talarico
- \* Megan Blair Tanguay
- \* Michelle Taylor
- \* Jamie S. Thomas
- \* Laura Dawn Thompson
- \* Tracy Lynn Toole  
Audie R. Torres
- \* Amie Kalyn Tracy  
Albert Mark Tramontina
- \* Laura Jo Trimarco
- \* Kayla L. Trumbo
- \* Corey Turkish
- \* Lisa Michelle Vender  
Natisha Marie Versuk
- \* Christopher Michael Vilello  
Kelly Lynn Vinton
- \* Marc C. Vogle  
Danika Leigh Wall
- \* Melissa Star Ward
- \* Heather S. Waring
- \* Kimberly Ann Warriner

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| * Kristen Weinstein      | Gina Wolfgang         |
| * Jennifer Louise Werner | Brian Woodruff        |
| Trisha Stone Westermann  | * Brian Yohannan      |
| * Chad E. Whitesel       | * Stefanie Renee Yost |
| * Jessica L. Will        | * Gregory K. Zahm     |
| * Bradley Dean Willow    | * Annamarie Zeky      |
| * Shaun E. Wilson        | Jillian Leigh Ziegler |
| Ross Alan Winegardner    | * Amber Lea Ziembra   |
| * Beth Ann Wolfel        |                       |

## Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

Dale A. Bruns, *Dean*

- \* Jeffrey Ronald Koscil

## Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Dale A. Bruns, *Dean*

- \* Mohammed Yahya Ali Tharwan

# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## The College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Linda A. Winkler, *Dean*

### Communication Studies

Bryan Joseph Calabro  
*Integrative Media, Second Major*

\* Sarah Anne Kennelly

### Integrative Media

\* Nona Corrine Poehler

### Political Science

\* Amanda Ruth Kowalek

### Psychology

\* Amie Elizabeth McNunis

\*,<sup>19</sup> Alyssa Sheluga

### Sociology

\* Meera Patel

# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## The College of Science and Engineering

Dale A. Bruns, *Dean*

### Biology

Kristi Ann Ciaston

Ryan Keiser

### Electrical Engineering

\* Suliman Alhojairi

Stephen John Castrignano

### Mathematics

\* Kevin M. Johnson

### Mechanical Engineering

Andrew M. Kosco  
Tyler Daniel Kunkel

John Sathra  
\* Taylor Patrick Schadel

# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## The Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing

Bernard W. Graham, *Dean*

### Nursing

Robert Blake Abda  
Michelle Yvonne Bookholt  
Margarite Emily May Carter  
Deborah Chielli  
Suzanne Ciarcia  
Giovanna DiBlasi  
Barbara Ann DiCaprio  
Alyssa Elmy

Michelle Gaus  
Victoria Marie Kishbaugh  
Erica Naperkowski, *Cum Laude*  
Nina Marie Sparacino  
Sarah Toth  
Amanda Watson  
Erica Ann Whitebread  
Gemena Williams

## 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 Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.
- <sup>7</sup> Denotes Honors in Biology.
- <sup>8</sup> Denotes Honors in English.
- <sup>9</sup> Denotes Honors in Engineering.
- <sup>10</sup> Denotes Membership in Lambda Pi Eta, the National Honorary Society in Communications.
- <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 Sigma Tau, the National Honor Society in Philosophy.
- <sup>17</sup> Denotes Membership in Pi Kappa Delta, the National Honorary Forensic Society.
- <sup>18</sup> Denotes Membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.
- <sup>19</sup> Denotes Membership in Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology.
- <sup>20</sup> Denotes Membership in Phi Eta Sigma, the National Honor Society for College Freshmen.
- <sup>21</sup> Denotes Membership in Rho Chi, the National Honor Society in Pharmacy.
- <sup>22</sup> Denotes Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary Society in English.
- <sup>23</sup> Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing.
- <sup>24</sup> Denotes Membership in and acknowledgment by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.
- <sup>25</sup> Denotes Tom Bigler Scholar.
- <sup>26</sup> Denotes Pre-Medical Scholar.
- <sup>27</sup> Denotes Membership in the National Student Nurses Association.
- <sup>28</sup> Denotes Membership in Sigma Alpha Pi, the National Society of Leadership and Success.
- \* Degree in absentia

# **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.



## **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

*A reception for graduates and their families will be held in the Ballroom of the  
Henry Student Center immediately following the ceremony.*