

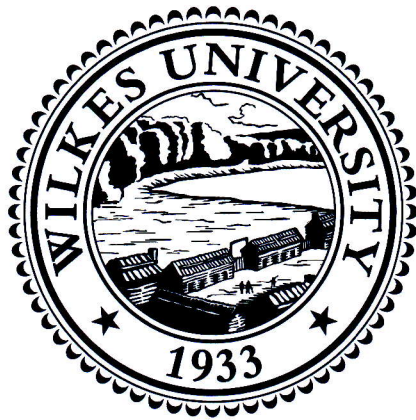
WILKES UNIVERSITY'S SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL  
**Spring Commencement**  
FOR THE CONFERRING OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES

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Saturday, May Eighteenth  
Two-thousand and thirteen • 2 p.m.







WILKES UNIVERSITY'S SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL  
**Spring Commencement**

# Order of Exercises

## PROCESSIONAL

*Entry and March of the Peers from Iolanthe* ..... Arthur Sullivan

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

WELCOME ..... TERESE M. WIGNOT  
*Interim Provost*

INVOCATION ..... REVEREND JOHN S. TERRY  
*Director, Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center*

America The Beautiful..... Samuel A. Ward  
*(The words to America The Beautiful are printed on page 24 of the program.  
The audience is requested to stand and join in the singing.)*

Gaudeamus Igitur ..... *Traditional*

GREETINGS ..... PATRICK F. LEAHY  
*President*

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

JUSTIN C. MATUS  
*Chair, Faculty Affairs Council  
Associate Professor, Business Administration*

MELANIE DEE NOLT  
*Member of the Class of 2013*



# Order of Exercises

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE  
RONALD A. RITTENMEYER  
Doctor of Humane Letters

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....RONALD A. RITTENMEYER '72

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

ALUMNI INDUCTION..... THOMAS N. RALSTON '80  
*President, Wilkes University Alumni Association*

Alma Mater.....Eleanor C. Farley  
*Arrangement, Earl D. Orcutt '69*

*(The words to the Alma Mater are printed on page 24 of the program.  
The audience is requested to stand and join in the singing.)*

BENEDICTION ..... AMANDA JOY BERNECKER  
*Chaplain Resident, St. Luke's University Hospital  
Bethlehem, PA*

RECESSIONAL  
*Slow March from Scipio* ..... G.F. Handel  
*Arrangement, Eric Leidzen*

## **Music Provided By:**

*Wilkes University Commencement Band*

*Dr. Philip G. Simon, Conductor*

*Wilkes University Commencement Choir*

*Dr. Steven Thomas, Conductor*

## **Ceremony Interpreted By:**

*Dr. Daniel B. Swartz, CI, CT, SC:L*

*360 Translations International, Inc.*

## HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS.....RONALD A. RITTENMEYER  
Native of Kingston, Pennsylvania; graduate of Wilkes College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce and Finance; graduate of Rockhurst University with a Master of Business Administration degree; chairman, president and chief executive officer of Expert Global Solutions, Inc.; former chairman, president and chief executive officer of Electronic Data Systems (EDS) where under your leadership EDS was returned to profitability making viable EDS' integration with Hewlett-Packard; senior leadership positions held at The Cypress Group, Safety-Kleen, Ameriservice Food Distribution, RailTex, RyderTRS, the Burlington Northern Railroad and Pepsico; member of public and private boards including the American International Group, the IMS Health Board, Tenet Healthcare, the advisory board for the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University, the National Defense University Board of Visitors, and just recently honored as the as the retiring chairman for the Army War College--

Because of your exemplary business career that has spanned five decades and included key executive roles at some of this country's most important companies; because you have achieved so much but have been so quick to redirect to your colleagues the credit that you are deserving; because of your unwavering devotion to those whose work is characterized by determination, high standards and loyalty; and because your passion for excellence, your hard driving style and your commitment to integrity makes you a model of organizational leadership to be shared and emulated, by the power vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I confer upon you, **Ronald A. Rittenmeyer**, the Doctor of Humane Letters degree, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.

# AWARDS

THE MABLE SCOTT WANDELL AND  
STERLING LEROY WANDELL AWARDS..... CHRISTOPHER M. BARTLOW '13  
JACQUELYN H. GALLO '13  
ABIGAIL M. KASTER '13  
NICHOLAS J. WATKINS '13

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

TERESE M. WIGNOT  
Interim Provost

ALUMNI AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP.....MELANIE DEE NOLT '13

*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* THOMAS N. RALSTON '80  
Wilkes University Alumni Association

ARMED FORCES RESERVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE .....ROBERT A. CARP '13  
ERIC D. DANKO '13  
JENNIFER L. FOY '13  
BRENDAN A. KERR '13

*Presentation by* TODD A. PEACHEY  
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force



# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

Linda A. Winkler, *Dean*

### Communication Studies

- Rachel Borgna  
1,25 Kirstin Jean Cook, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Mike Dargatis  
10 Justin Kenneth Franiak  
Matthew Gaines  
10 Andrew Michael Grandinetti  
# Evan Katz  
Trevor Kurtz, *Magna Cum Laude*  
# Faith S. Lane  
Alyson Lark  
# Amanda Leonard, *Magna Cum Laude*
- 10 Corey Joseph Martin  
10,17 Sarah E. Mitrotz, *Cum Laude*  
Allison Marie Naumann  
*History, Second Major*  
Devoni Patrice Novak  
# Nicholas J. Riccio, Jr  
Brandon James Scott  
10,25 William John Thomas, Jr.  
10 Kyle A. Wolfe  
10 Ryan Michael Wood, *Magna Cum Laude*  
10 Alexandra Rose Zero

### Criminology

- Saud Alsubaie  
Karley Rae Atiyeh  
2 Channing N. Biggers, *Cum Laude*  
*Sociology, Second Major*  
1 Jonathan J. Casey, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Heather A. Compton  
John William Draxler, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Sociology, Second Major*  
Casey J. Elfvin  
Justin Thomas Fortin  
# Kathryn M. Gushanas  
Andrew Epes Harris IV  
*Sociology, Second Major*  
Jacqueline-Mashari Harrison  
\* Joseph Harsch
- 2 Brittany Herritt, *Magna Cum Laude*  
2 Bryan Hughes, *Cum Laude*  
*Sociology, Second Major*  
Jaymelyn T. Lendacky  
*Psychology, Second Major*  
Jana Martin  
*Sociology, Second Major*  
\* Stephen Morrissey  
Jeff Peterson  
*Sociology, Second Major*  
Michael W. Smith  
*Sociology, Second Major*  
Angelo Salvatore Trento  
2 Aubrey E. Zenda, *Cum Laude*

### English

- # April Bechtel  
\* Matthew Bishop, *Magna Cum Laude*  
8,22 Theodore J. Dennis, *Cum Laude*  
# James Gambucci  
8,22 Brittney Grizzanti  
8,22 Victoria E. Hevener, *Magna Cum Laude*  
# Jonathan R. Kadjeski, *Magna Cum Laude*
- Todd J. Oravic, *Cum Laude*  
1,8,18,22 Morgan Kay Palermo, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Joseph Samuel Waichulis, *Magna Cum Laude*  
8,22 Stephanie Wilkie  
# Sara R. Williams  
8,22 Emily Ann Yuscavage  
1,11,8,22 Ashley Zerfoss, *Summa Cum Laude*

### History

- 11,12,14 Heather Abrams  
11,14 Nicholas Gerard Barno II  
# Anthony J. Bergmann, Jr.  
14 Tyler Ross Berntsen, *Cum Laude*  
11,14 Brian Edward Carey, *Cum Laude*  
# Chad Casterline, *Cum Laude*  
\* Stanley Thomas Chickey III  
11,14 Christopher Grube  
Broc Alexander Hazlet  
11,14 Samantha Hunter, *Cum Laude*
- Brendan A. Kerr  
11,12,14 Philip Michael Leid, *Magna Cum Laude*  
# Alexandra Brooke Madaya, *Summa Cum Laude*  
1,14 Brian Redmond, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Garrett Thomas Schrader  
14 Robert M. Sebia, Jr.  
*Political Science, Second Major*  
11,14 Simon Christopher Tkach, *Cum Laude*  
1,14 Christopher Waugh, *Magna Cum Laude*

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<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>22</sup> Sigma Tau Delta  
<sup>25</sup> Tom Bigler Scholar    \* Degree in Absentia    # January 2013 Graduate

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

## Integrative Media

# Kathryn Lindsay Fissel, *Cum Laude*  
Erin E. Gallagher, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Johnathan Haydock

Brandon Eugene Helfrich  
Ethan Pidcock

## International Studies

<sup>1,18</sup> Kelci Taylor Scirrotto, *Summa Cum Laude*  
*Political Science, Second Major*

# Thompson A. Palmer

## Musical Theatre

Luke Brady, *Cum Laude*

Cierra Arleen Cellerari

## Political Science

Brandon Dixon  
<sup>1,18</sup> Claire Malone Gothreau, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Brendon Myer

<sup>1,2,17,18</sup> Brandon Michael Wesneski, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Christine Shaneberger  
*International Studies, Second Major*

## Psychology

<sup>#,19</sup> Amy N. Asher, *Summa Cum Laude*  
<sup>19</sup> Leann Lynn Baer, *Summa Cum Laude*  
*Criminology, Second Major*  
<sup>19</sup> Ryan Jeffrey Burdick, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Spanish, Second Major*  
# Alyssa Maria Ceklosky  
David Cinalli  
Lyndsay Ellis  
# Ashley L. Flaherty, *Cum Laude*  
Haydn J. Fry  
Kayla M. Kinney  
<sup>28</sup> Alyssa Kathryn Lynn Klinitski  
# Rachel Earlene Kretz  
Hayden Benjamin Lerner  
<sup>1,19</sup> Austin Loukas, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Sociology, Second Major*

\* Ryan Thomas Maloney  
<sup>19</sup> Erin Mras, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ashley Rae Mundenar, *Cum Laude*  
Jessalyn L. Paveletz, *Cum Laude*  
<sup>28</sup> Amanda Readinger  
# Yessica N. Rojas Silva  
Alexandra N. Roman  
Alison Jeanette Schenke  
<sup>8,19,22</sup> Chelsey Schoch, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Anna Sierra  
<sup>27,19</sup> Rebecca Lyn Wahlers  
Nathan White  
Justine Ann Zaleski

## Sociology

\* Gena Panatieri

Lindsey Ann Smith

## Spanish

Edwin J. Colon  
Sarah Nicole Jones, *Summa Cum Laude*

Cody Null, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Pharmacy, Second Degree*

## Theatre Arts

James Basquill

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## The School of Education

Rhonda A. Waskiewicz, *Interim Dean*

### Elementary Education

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <sup>11,12</sup> Michael M. Bauman, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>         | <sup>#</sup> Courtney Rose Malast, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>      |
| <sup>5,11,12,19</sup> Rachael Ann Bernosky, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | Jennifer Menzies   |
| <sup>11,12</sup> Amanda Brittany Coombs, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>    | <sup>1,11,12</sup> Meagan L. O'Connell, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> |
| <sup>11,12</sup> Brittaney Costigan                                | <sup>11,12</sup> Joshua Olzinski, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>       |
| <sup>11,12</sup> Jennifer Michelle Earley, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>  | <sup>11,12</sup> Angela Marie Palmerio, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| <sup>11,12</sup> Amanda Audrey Fasciana, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>    | <sup>#</sup> Amanda Lorah Peters, <i>Cum Laude</i>             |
| <sup>#</sup> Rachel Fisher Greenlaw                                | <sup>#</sup> Jessica Edelle Sanders, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>    |
| <sup>11,12</sup> Cora Jo Gibson, <i>Cum Laude</i>                  | <sup>#</sup> Katherine Shoemaker, <i>Cum Laude</i>             |
| <sup>1,11,12</sup> Abigail Margaret Kaster, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | <sup>11,28,12</sup> Jessica Lynn Short, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| <sup>11</sup> Jill King, <i>Cum Laude</i>                          | <sup>11,12</sup> Lindsey Morgan Speck, <i>Cum Laude</i>        |

### Middle School Education

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|--|---|
| <sup>12</sup> Cara Goughenour                                  | Cartier Lavon Scott                                   |
| <sup>12</sup> Brittany Hess                                    | <sup>11,12</sup> Amanda Shonk, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| <sup>11,12</sup> Courtney Elizabeth Leighton, <i>Cum Laude</i> |   |

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## The College of Science and Engineering

Dale A. Bruns, *Dean*

### Applied Engineering Sciences

Moataz Aldaraweish

### Biology

<sup>1,4</sup> Christopher M. Bartlow, *Summa Cum Laude*

<sup>#</sup> Jacquice M. Davis

<sup>\*,1,7</sup> Lori Baker Fehlinger, *Summa Cum Laude*

<sup>4</sup> Jacquelyn Gallo, *Summa Cum Laude*

Janice L. Hoffert

Katie M. Jescavage

<sup>4</sup> Nisarg P. Joshi, *Summa Cum Laude*

<sup>4</sup> Nathaniel John Drick Lamoreaux, *Magna Cum Laude*

Joseph Jacob Marx

<sup>4</sup> Thomas B. Mike, *Summa Cum Laude*

<sup>1,4,28,19</sup> Bhumi B. Patel, *Summa Cum Laude*

Anthony F. Pero, Jr.

<sup>4</sup> Rachel Sluhocki

<sup>1,4,28</sup> Brielle Nicole Stanton, *Summa Cum Laude*

<sup>4</sup> Robert Terry, *Magna Cum Laude*

Robert W. Wirth, Jr.

### Biochemistry

Alison Marie Duda, *Cum Laude*

<sup>\*</sup> Sean Edward Pidgeon, *Cum Laude*

### Chemistry

Jaimee N. Ash

Caela R. Bernecker

Breanna Marie Conklin

<sup>\*</sup> Daniel M. Rae

### Clinical Laboratory Science

<sup>\*</sup> Danielle Ann Jurnak

### Computer Information Systems

Badr Hamad Alogaili

Timothy Cheung

Michael Tedeschi

### Computer Science

<sup>1</sup> Eric Butler, *Magna Cum Laude*

*Philosophy, Second Major*

<sup>\*</sup> Josh L. Elmore, *Cum Laude*

Thomas E. Heiser III

Jesse Logsdon

Ian T. McDevitt, *Magna Cum Laude*

Lewis A. Stalbird, Jr., *Magna Cum Laude*

### Earth and Environmental Sciences

Sarah-Jane Gerstman

Ronak Rajen Patel

Amber Leigh Uhrin

Nicholas E. Wierman

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## The College of Science and Engineering — *Continued*

### Electrical Engineering

James Carty, *Cum Laude*

Joseph Harvey

Michael Moody

<sup>9</sup> Ryan Scott Pearson, *Magna Cum Laude*

Elliott Simms

<sup>9</sup> Kyle Stair, *Cum Laude*

*Mechanical Engineering, Second Degree*

Christa M. Tutella

Mark Wallis

<sup>9</sup> Nicholas James Watkins, *Summa Cum Laude*

Ryan James Weber, *Cum Laude*

### Engineering Management

Phillip Dang LaBelle

*Mechanical Engineering, Second Degree*

### Environmental Engineering

Steven Adames

Thomas Andresen

Matthew Dicton Boyle

Robert Armstrong Carp

<sup>9</sup> Katherine Elizabeth Cirone

Kelli Cummings

Matthew Alexander Gunther

<sup>9</sup> Elizabeth Mary Helsel, *Magna Cum Laude*

<sup>9</sup> Brian Palmiter, Jr., *Cum Laude*

\* Kayla Paige Saxon

Cassidy Strickland

Gregory J. Weisenfluh

Jessica Weron

### Mathematics

<sup>17</sup> Kristy Lynn Barner

Brooke Ashley Edwards

# Christine S. Fleming

<sup>1,11</sup> Julie O'Leary, *Summa Cum Laude*

Nathan Sickle, *Cum Laude*

Matthew Walters

Bryan Wislosky

### Mechanical Engineering

Jenny Battenberg

\* Joseph Alan Brennan

# Michael J. Conville

<sup>9</sup> Wyatt R. F. Culler, *Summa Cum Laude*

Eric David Danko

Richard Thomas DiMarco

Marjorie Gelso

Dustin Tanner Hough

Phillip Dang LaBelle

*Engineering Management, Second Degree*

Griffin James Panicucci

<sup>9</sup> Matthew F. Parmenteri, *Cum Laude*

Thomas Pavlick

<sup>1,9</sup> Andrew Mark Razawich, *Summa Cum Laude*

Charles Austin Reilly

<sup>9</sup> Ryan Rozaieski, *Summa Cum Laude*

<sup>9</sup> Klye Stair, *Cum Laude*

*Electrical Engineering, Second Degree*

Altay Uzel

David Wodyka

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# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

Jeffrey R. Alves, *Dean*

### Accounting

- Kelly Bridger
- <sup>1,6</sup> Conor J. Clair, *Magna Cum Laude*
- <sup>1,6</sup> Anthony Cooper, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Cassandra L. Cronin
- <sup>6</sup> Mark W. Fowler II, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Business Administration, Second Degree*
- <sup>6</sup> Clarke Freeman, *Magna Cum Laude*
- \* Ryan Grabinski
- <sup>6</sup> Christopher D. Gustavson, *Cum Laude*
- <sup>5</sup> Jennifer L. Hartman, *Magna Cum Laude*
- <sup>6</sup> David B. Kratzer, *Cum Laude*
- \* James Joseph McDonough
- <sup>6</sup> Kerry Morton, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Business Administration, Second Degree*
- <sup>6</sup> Lorynn B. Niklas
- <sup>1,6,28</sup> Melanie Dee Nolt, *Summa Cum Laude*  
*Finance, Second Degree*
- \* Kevin O'Hara  
Ray Christian Sites  
Michael John Stone, Jr.  
John M. Sweeney, *Cum Laude*  
*Management, Second Degree*

### Business Administration

- Louis Abramo
- # Abdulaziz Aldabal  
Steven Lee Blanco  
George P. Brady  
Samuel A. Brand  
Tyler Joseph Breznitsky  
Russell Davis  
Jonathan M. Drebitko  
Jasmine Felisha Edwards  
Mark W. Fowler II, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Accounting, Second Degree*
- <sup>6</sup> Colby Gehers  
Dylan Miller Giombetti
- # Enliang Huang  
Zachary A. Lazar
- <sup>6</sup> Kimberly M. Lyons, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Ongelique Ann McGuire
- <sup>6</sup> Kerry Morton, *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Accounting, Second Degree*
- <sup>6</sup> Kathryn Pellish
- # Tyler F. Pierson  
Tyler Ryan, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ann Marie Sadusky  
Nicholas Sobeck  
David White

### Entrepreneurship

- Suzanne Ekstrom, *Cum Laude*
- <sup>6</sup> Joseph J. Feibus, *Cum Laude*
- <sup>6</sup> Angelina Marie Genelow  
*Business Administration, Second Major*
- Paige Forsyth Kessler
- <sup>1</sup> Olivia Grace Waszkiewicz, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Nicholas J. Wesley

### Finance

- Seth D. Johnston, *Cum Laude*  
*Management, Second Degree*
- Carmen Nicholas Lopresto, *Cum Laude*
- <sup>1,6,28</sup> Melanie Dee Nolt, *Summa Cum Laude*  
*Accounting, Second Degree*

### Management

- Peter J. Cimino
- Erin Donnelly, *Cum Laude*  
*Marketing, Second Major*
- Joshua Christopher Haag
- Kevin Jesse Hopper, *Cum Laude*
- Megan Wynne Kazmerski  
Heather Ramberger
- <sup>6</sup> Scott W. Skammer, *Magna Cum Laude*
- <sup>6</sup> John M. Sweeney, *Cum Laude*  
*Accounting, Second Degree*

### Marketing

- <sup>6</sup> Anas Alghfily
- Brandon Carling
- Taurian Philip

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# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## The Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing

Bernard W. Graham, Dean

### Nursing

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <sup>27</sup> Abbey Rose Agresti                        | <sup>27</sup> Taylor Lynn LeTourneau                               |
| <sup>27,23</sup> Kelsey Lee Augustine, <i>Cum Laude</i> | <sup>27</sup> Christine Liever                                     |
| <sup>27,23</sup> Sara Michele Ballasy                   | <sup>27</sup> Keelia Nicole Mailander                              |
| Ryan Joseph Baron                                       | <sup>5,27,23</sup> Noelle Elizabeth Miller, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| <sup>27,28,23</sup> Kaitlin Barrett                     | <sup>27</sup> Megan Mowery   |
| <sup>27,23</sup> Lacey Beckman, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>  | <sup>27,23</sup> Trang Nguyen                                      |
| <sup>27,28,23</sup> Maura Bernosky, <i>Cum Laude</i>    | <sup>27</sup> Sarah M. Novack                                      |
| <sup>27</sup> Sarah K. Bohanick                         | <sup>27</sup> Gina Ann Passeti                                     |
| <sup>27</sup> Kaitlin Bowalick                          | <sup>27</sup> Matthew D. Patzek                                    |
| <sup>27,23</sup> Johanna Mary Brocious                  | <sup>27</sup> Amanda Elizabeth Pawlowski                           |
| <sup>27,23</sup> Heather Danielle Bush                  | <sup>27,28</sup> Hilary Reinhard                                   |
| <sup>27,23</sup> Carly Cappello, <i>Cum Laude</i>       | <sup>27</sup> Theresa Marie Rider                                  |
| <sup>27</sup> Daina Marie Curcio                        | <sup>27</sup> Samantha J. Rohn                                     |
| <sup>27</sup> Alexa Noelle Curvey                       | <sup>27,28,23</sup> Sarah Maria Rollison, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>   |
| <sup>27</sup> Shakima A. Davis                          | <sup>27</sup> Katherine L. Sceia                                   |
| <sup>27,23</sup> Emily Catherine Decker                 | <sup>27</sup> Barbara J. Shaver                                    |
| <sup>27,23</sup> Diana Fissidas, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | <sup>27</sup> Patrick Joseph Shea                                  |
| <sup>23</sup> Jennifer Foy                              | <sup>27</sup> Dustin Slack   |
| Mary Foy  | <sup>27</sup> Gregory Daniel Snyder                                |
| <sup>27</sup> Brittani Lee Giampietro                   | <sup>27</sup> Marissa Spigelmyer, <i>Cum Laude</i>                 |
| <sup>27</sup> Cristen Danielle Hemstead                 | Jacob Stonelake  |
| # Jessica Khalil  | # Andrew Trout   |
| <sup>27</sup> Amanda Michele Kutulis                    | <sup>27</sup> Jacqueline Noel Virgilio                             |
| <sup>27</sup> Marissa Lynn Kwiatkowski                  | <sup>27</sup> Crystal Wagner                                       |
| <sup>27</sup> Christina Leetz                           | <sup>27</sup> Kathleen Widmer                                      |
| <sup>27</sup> Nicole Leshnow                            | # Krista Zawistowski   |

### Wilkes University — Salus University School of Optometry

Nicholas E. Sweeney, *Cum Laude*

<sup>5</sup> Chi Alpha Epsilon

<sup>23</sup> Sigma Theta Tau

<sup>27</sup> National Student Nurses Association

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Gina L. Elmy  
*Sociology, Second Major*

Kathryn Marie Gushanas  
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Taylor Sidler

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Kyle A. Turchetta

#### Integrative Media

Daniel Thomas Benson  
Phoebe Catherine Cutter, *Summa Cum Laude*

Kathryn L. Fissel, *Cum Laude*

#### International Studies

Thompson A. Palmer

#### Political Science

<sup>18</sup> Ashley Lynn Flaherty, *Cum Laude*

<sup>18</sup> Richard J. McGarry, *Summa Cum Laude*  
*Criminology, Second Major*

#### Psychology

<sup>19</sup> Amy N. Asher, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Alyssa M. Ceklosky  
James C. DaRe, *Cum Laude*  
*Criminology, Second Major*

Rachel Earlene Kretz  
Andrew Stephen Miele  
Brandon Joseph Prentice  
Yessica Nallely Rojas Silva

<sup>8</sup> Honors in English

<sup>17</sup> Pi Kappa Delta

<sup>10</sup> Lambda Pi Eta

<sup>18</sup> Pi Sigma Alpha

<sup>11</sup> Kappa Delta Pi

<sup>19</sup> Psi Chi

<sup>14</sup> Phi Alpha Theta

<sup>22</sup> Sigma Tau Delta

# 2013 January Graduates

## BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

### Sociology

Marie Mushinsky  
*Criminology, Second Major*

Carrie J. Poorman

### The School of Education

Rhonda A. Waskiewicz, *Interim Dean*

### Elementary Education

Rachel F. Greenlaw

<sup>11</sup> Courtney Rose Malast, *Magna Cum Laude*

Amanda Lorah Peters, *Cum Laude*

<sup>11</sup> Jessica Edelle Sanders, *Summa Cum Laude*

Katherine M. Shoemaker, *Cum Laude*

### Middle School Education

Marc B. Percing

## The College of Science and Engineering

Dale A. Bruns, *Dean*

### Biology

Jacquice Michelle Davis

### Mathematics

Christine S. Fleming

### Mechanical Engineering

Michael Joseph Conville

<sup>11</sup> *Kappa Delta Pi*



**2013 January Graduates**  
**BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES**  
**The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership**  
Jeffrey R. Alves, *Dean*

**Business Administration**

Sary Suhail Abu Nijem  
Abdulaziz Mohammed Aldabal  
Brian C. Dwyer, *Summa Cum Laude*

Enliang Huang  
Trisha O'Boyle  
Tyler Ryan, *Magna Cum Laude*

**The Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing**  
Bernard W. Graham, *Dean*

**Nursing**

Gregory S. Addvensky

**Pharmaceutical Science**

Jessica Khalil  
Andrew Charles Trout

Krista M. Zawistowski

# 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
- # January 2013 Graduate

# 2013 Student Awards

## Academic Awards

### *Behavioral & Social Sciences*

Pi Sigma Alpha .....	Brandon M. Wesneski
Raymond R. Ritz Award .....	Dawn M. DiMaria
Outstanding Graduate in Psychology .....	Amy N. Asher
Jaroslav Moravec Award.....	Jonathan J. Casey

### *Biology & Health Sciences*

Rosenthal Memorial Award .....	Christopher Bartlow
Outstanding Research Award .....	Jacquelyn H. Gallo Thomas B. Mike Bhumi B. Patel

### *Business Administration & Accounting*

Academic Achievement Award — ABBA .....	Kimberly M. Lyons
Academic Achievement Award — Accounting.....	Melanie D. Nolt
Academic Achievement Award — Business Administration.....	Tyler Ryan
Academic Achievement Award — Finance .....	Melanie D. Nolt
Academic Achievement Award — Management .....	Scott W. Skammer
Academic Achievement Award — Marketing .....	Anas Alghfily
PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting.....	Melanie D. Nolt
Dean's Award for Excellence in Business Administration.....	Joshua C. Haag
Dean's Award for Excellence in Finance .....	Melanie D. Nolt
Dean's Award for Excellence in Management .....	Erin E. Donnelly
Dean's Award for Excellence in Marketing .....	Taurian K. Philip

### *Chemistry*

Alfred E. Bastress Award .....	Caela R. Bernecker
American Chemical Society Section Award.....	Sean E. Pidgeon
Catherine Bone Award.....	Alison M. Duda

### *Communications Studies*

Communications Studies Award.....	Kirstin J. Cook
Tom Bigler Scholars Award .....	William John Thomas Kirstin J. Cook

### *Education*

Outstanding Elementary Teacher Education Student .....	Amanda B. Coombs
Outstanding Middle Level Education Student .....	Amanda M. Shonk
Outstanding Secondary Education Student Teacher.....	Ashley M. Zerfoss
Outstanding Special Education Student Teacher .....	Philip M. Leid
Marla Hosie Memorial Award .....	Jeanne E. Cannon

### *Engineering & Physics*

Outstanding Achievement in Electrical Engineering.....	Nicholas J. Watkins
Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical Engineering .....	Wyatt R. F. Culler
Outstanding Achievement by a Transfer Student into Engineering .....	Andrew M. Razawich Ryan Pearson
Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Engineering — Academics.....	Yehia Al Zawaidah
Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Engineering — Research.....	Songpo Li



# 2013 Student Awards

## Academic Awards — Continued

### *Entrepreneurship & Leadership Studies*

Academic Achievement Award — Entrepreneurship .....	Olivia G. Waszkiewicz
Dean's Award for Excellence in Entrepreneurship .....	Nicholas J. Wesley
Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Engineering .....	Elizabeth M. Helsel
Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Science.....	Amber L. Uhrin

### *Humanities*

Annette Evans Humanities Award .....	Todd J. Oravic
Frank J. J. Davies Award.....	Jonathan R. Kadjeski Joseph S. Waichulis Ashley M. Zerfoss
Phi Alpha Theta Book Award .....	Alexandra B. Madaya
Outstanding Graduate in Spanish .....	Ryan J. Burdick
Outstanding Achievement in Integrative Media and Art .....	Erin E. Gallagher

### *Mathematics & Computer Science*

James G. DeCosmo Award in Mathematics .....	Nathan J. Sickle
Computer Science Award.....	Eric R. Butler Ian McDevitt Lewis A. Stalbird
Computer Information Systems Award.....	Timothy H. Cheung

### *Nursing*

Outstanding Clinical Practice Award .....	Sarah M. Rollison
Academic Excellence Award.....	Lacey C. Beckman

### *Visual & Performing Arts*

Music Award.....	Ryan J. Burdick
Theatre Award .....	Luke Brady

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

Outstanding Graduate for the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences .....	Kirstin J. Cook
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### *College of Science and Engineering*

Outstanding Graduate for the College of Science and Engineering.....	Thomas B. Mike Nicholas J. Watkins
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### *Sidhu*

Outstanding Graduate for the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business ....	Erin E. Donnelly
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### *College of Education*

Outstanding Graduate for the College of Education.....	Abigail M. Kaster
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### *Student Affairs*

The Teresa Jordan and Frank Mehm Prize .....	Bethany R. Sharpless
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# 2013 Student Awards

## Extracurricular/Leadership — *Continued*

### Extracurricular/Leadership

#### *Athletic Department*

The Correen Santoro Memorial Award.....	Erin Donnelly Megan Kazmerski
Female Scholar Athlete of the Year .....	Melanie Nolt
Male Scholar Athlete of the Year.....	Joseph Dantas
Female Athlete of the Year .....	Katy Fissel Melanie Nolt
Male Athlete of the Year .....	Kris Krawchuk

#### *Communication Studies*

Outstanding Leadership & Service Award.....	Trevor Kurtz
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#### *Community Service*

Helping Hands Service Award.....	Dawn DiMaria Megan Myers Christine Shaneberger Bethany Sharpless
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#### *Cooperative Education*

Outstanding Senior Intern .....	Haydn Fry
Keith Topfer Memorial Award.....	Brielle Stanton

#### *Education*

Teacher Education Service Award .....	Jennifer Earley Cora Gibson
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#### *Engineering and Physics*

I.E.E.E. J.J. Ebers Memorial Award.....	Lucas Domulevicz
Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Leadership Award.....	Rachel Lacek Nikita Patel
American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Leadership Award.....	Corey Hohol Zachary Tomasura
Engineering Student Advisory Committee Leadership Award.....	Wyatt Culler

#### *Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences*

Extracurricular Achievement Award .....	Katherine Cirone Brian Palmiter Cassidy Strickland
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#### *Indian Cultural Association*

Leadership Award.....	Birjukumer Patel
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#### *Interfaith*

Interfaith Leadership Award .....	Harnisha Patel Ryan Webb
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#### *Nursing*

Nursing Leadership Award .....	Sara Ballasy Kathryn Sceia
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#### *Programming Board*

Presidential Incentive Award.....	Jessica Short
Programmer of the Year.....	Lindsey Coval

#### *Residence Life*

# 2013 Student Awards

## Extracurricular/Leadership — *Continued*

Leadership Award..... Christian Victoria

### ***Student Government***

Faculty Choice Award..... Col. Mark Kaster (Ret.)

Staff Choice Award ..... Ms. Sharon Castano

Two Years of Service (minimum)..... Samantha Bickert

Melissa Caprio

Lindsey Coval

Meribeth Derkach

Kristofer Rivers

Bethany Sharpless

Jessica Short

John Sweeney

Nicholas Wierman

Kyle Wolfe

### ***Student Affairs***

E-Mentors..... Sara Ballasy

Jefferson Bohan

Eric Butler

Conor Clair

Meribeth Derkach

Aakash Dheri

Cora Gibson

Erin Hanley

Kevin Hopper

Phil Leid

Courtney Leighton

Corey Martin

Kerry Morton

Mike Ogar

Nipa Parikh

Anthony Pero

Sarah Rollison

Jessica Short

Dustin Slack

Brielle Stanton

Robert Terry

Trey Tietz



# 2013 Student Awards

## Extracurricular/Leadership — *Continued*

### Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities

Karley Atiyeh	Lauren Machell
Sara Ballasy	Corey Martin
Lacee Beckman	Noelle Miller
Brian Bedwick	Kerry Morton
Samantha Bickert	Melanie Nolt
Matthew Boyle	Devoni Novak
Ryan Burdick	Julie O'Leary
Melissa Caprio	Todd Oravic
Conor Clair	Brian Palmiter
Kirstin Cook	Megan Parsi
Anthony Cooper	Bhumi Patel
Lindsey Coval	Neepa Patel
Wyatt Culler	Kristofer Rivers
Meribeth Derkach	Sarah Rollison
Erin Donnelly	Kathryn Sceia
Jennifer Earley	Chelsey Schoch
Justin Franiak	Brandon Scott
Haydn Fry	Cartier Scott
Erin Gallagher	Bethany Sharpless
Cora Gibson	Jessica Short
Joshua Haag	Brielle Stanton
Erin Hanley	John Sweeney
Jennifer Hartman	Olivia Waszkiewicz
Amanda Holyk	Nicholas Watkins
Nisarg Joshi	Ryan Weber
Megan Kazmerski	Brandon Wesneski
Brendan Kerr	Nathan White
Kristen Marie Konosky	Nicholas Wierman
Nathaniel Lamoreaux	Kyle Wolfe
Austin Loukas	Ryan Wood
Katrina Lynn	

### Class of 2013 Officers

**Meribeth L. Derkach**  
PRESIDENT

**John M. Sweeney**  
VICE PRESIDENT

**Michal A. Ogar**  
SECRETARY

**Melissa A. Caprio**  
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.

## **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 Public Safety 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.

**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.

**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 in the third floor Dining Room of the Henry Student Center 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*





