

The Fifty-Second Annual

SPRING COMMENCEMENT

for the Conferring of Degrees

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Saturday Morning
May 15, 1999
11:00 a.m.



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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 or
Health Administration*
- Pink — Music*
- Brown — Fine Arts*

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.

Order of Exercises

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

SANFORD J. UNGAR
THE HONORABLE JANET RENO

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES SANFORD J. UNGAR
THE HONORABLE JANET RENO

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH

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 MS. SUSAN HARPER
*Executive Director,
Wyoming Valley Council of Churches*

RECESSIONAL
Two Trumpet Tunes *Henry Purcell*

*Music provided by the Wilkes University Faculty Alumni Brass Ensemble —
William Teubner, Joseph DeVizia, John Stabinsky and Phil Ionna
and the Ceol Mor Pipe and Drum Band*

AWARDS

THE MABLE SCOTT WANDELL AND STERLING LEROY WANDELL AWARDS

BETH ANN FEDOR, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS
JEREMY C. NIGHTINGALE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

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

Presentation by J. MICHAEL LENNON
Vice President for Academic Affairs

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE FOR THE ARTS

BETH ANN FEDOR
Bachelor of Science, Mathematics

Presentation by BONNIE C. BEDFORD, Dean
College of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Studies

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

JEREMY C. NIGHTINGALE
Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering

Presentation by BONNIE C. BEDFORD, Dean
College of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Studies

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE FOR SCIENCES

KIMBERLY MARIE KUTCH
Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry

Presentation by BONNIE C. BEDFORD, Dean
College of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Studies

ALUMNI AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

MICHAEL J. ROSH '99

*This award is given by the Wilkes University Alumni Association to the member
of the graduating class considered to have made the strongest contribution to
student life and the student activities program of the University.*

Presentation by SANDRA A. BEYNON-NICHOLAS '85
Executive Director of Alumni and Development

AWARDS

THE EUGENE S. FARLEY MEMORIAL ALUMNI AWARD CLAYTON KARAMBELAS '49

The Eugene S. Farley Memorial Alumni Award is presented annually to an alumnus/a of any degree program at Wilkes University who epitomizes the characteristics of an educated person as formulated and adopted by the Wilkes faculty in the 1948 creed, "Marks of an Educated Person." The recipient of this award is selected by the Alumni Association Board of Directors from nominees evaluated by the nominations committee.

Presentation by GARFIELD JONES, JR. '72
Wilkes University Alumni Association

THE DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD KAREN DRAGON-DEVINE '87

This award is presented annually by the Wilkes University Alumni Association to that member of the alumni who best exemplifies the characteristics of an educated person and the traditions of Wilkes University.

Presentation by GARFIELD JONES, JR. '72
Wilkes University Alumni Association

ARMED FORCES RESERVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT UNITED STATES AIR FORCE DEIRDRE MARIE GURRY JANE M. KROOUZE JOHN LEWIS

Presentation by SCOTT R. PAPP
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force

WILKES INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER AWARD MARYBETH SCHLECK CONNOLLY Dunellen High School

Nominated by KELLY M. COSTELLO, CLASS OF 1999

Given in appreciation for dedication and effectiveness as a teacher with an outstanding record of success in preparing students for college and for the life of the mind.

Presentation by MICHAEL FRANTZ, Dean
Enrollment Services

HONORARY DEGREES

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS SANFORD J. UNGAR

Director-Designate of the Voice of America. Dean of Communications at the American University in Washington, D.C. since 1986. Graduate of Kingston (Pennsylvania) High School in 1962, Harvard College with an A.B. in Government, magna cum laude, in 1966, and of London School of Economics and Political Science with a Master of Sciences in International History in 1967. Print and broadcast journalist with an international perspective, having served as correspondent for United Press International, *Newsweek*, the *Washington Post* and the *Economist* of London. Former editor of the *Atlantic* and of *Foreign Policy* magazine; former co-host of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." Author of *Africa: The People and Politics of an Emerging Continent*. Board member of the International Human Rights Law Group, the National Immigration Forum and member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Son of European immigrants who settled in the Wyoming Valley and author most recently of *Fresh Blood: The New American Immigrants*. Ardent Defender of the First Amendment and of human rights, an educator of a global citizenry in search of peaceful human relationships throughout the world.

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS THE HONORABLE JANET RENO

Attorney General of the United States of America since 1993. Graduate of Coral Gables High School (Florida) in 1956, Cornell University with a B.S. in Chemistry in 1960, and Harvard Law School with an LL.B. in 1963. Between 1963 and 1978, practiced law, worked as staff counsel for the Florida Legislature, lost an election to represent Dade County in that body and worked within the Dade County State Attorney's Office. Appointed State Attorney of Dade County in 1978; elected five times thereafter. As State Attorney focused on reforming the juvenile justice system and on prevention programs, while managing the prosecution of 120,000 cases annually, including the full range of violent crimes. As Attorney General has presided over dramatic reduction in crime and violence in the nation, focusing again on prevention and early intervention with young people to turn them away from prison and towards productive lives. Sculpted a Department of Justice reflecting the diversity of the American people and their commitment to even-handed justice.

Daughter of a Danish immigrant father and a woman of the American South, voyager in the Everglades and Florida's coast, survivor of political wars and the fervor of mobs. Exemplar of integrity and humanity within our democratic government of, by and for the people.

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Business Administration Degree

*⁶ *Lisa M. Bleich*
⁶ *Gary H. Davenport*
⁶ *Adriana Ruth G. Espinheira*
⁶ *Paul Robert Jones*
*⁶ *Maria Bland LaWalt*
⁶ *Zhihua Miao*
⁶ *Joseph Craig Reilly*
⁶ *Mark V. Roberts*

Atul Saigal
⁶ *John Thomas Sedlak*
*⁶ *Nguyen N. Webster*
⁶ *Carl S. Yastremski*
⁶ *Anthony Vincent Yu*
Leah Ann Yurcho
David Robert Zagorski
⁶ *Jingming Zhang*

Master of Health Administration Degree

* *Keith Steven Armson*
Mary Ann Blosky
Patricia A. Brent

Leanne M. Falzetti
* *Anne M. Paniccia*

* *Degree in Absentia*

⁶ *Delta Mu Delta*

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education

* Debra L. Andre
 Heather A. Bannan
 Anthony R. Baronio
 * Jan Glenn Benton
 * Dede Mariruth Borden
 * Dean E. Brewer
 * Jody L. Brown
 * Rose Zita Brown
 * Michelle Marek Buckman
 Karen Ann Buttillo
 * Deborah Alice Caines
 Bryan G. Callahan
 * Carrie F. Campen
 * Bernadette M. Caridi
 * Valerie G. Collins
 Donna L. Conklin
 * Joanne P. Corbett
 * Kathleen J. Correll
 * Julie Beth Cresswell
 Kathleen Joanne Dickinson
 * Eugene Dieter II
 Daniel W. Doughton
 Beverly Drumheller
 * Karen Ann Firmstone
 * Christine Paulson Folk
 Rebecca G. Folk
 * Heather Ann Frigoletto
 Suzanne Jean Furey
 April L. Gavitt
 * Lisa M. Gilliard
 Kim McKeon Ginther
 Susan Elizabeth Golden
 * Kelly R. Gustin
 * Robert W. Gustin
 Sevgi Guzide
 Susan Marie Gyr
¹⁴ Darren Hack
 * Christine Marie Haggerty
 * Tammy L. Hinkle
 * Betsy Jones
 John Joseph Joyce
 Deborah Kapelan
 * Laura Lee Keiser
 * Jack Leslie Kocher

John K. Kosek
 Sue Anne Kulasinsky
 * Linda D. Kusy
 Elizabeth R. Kutsher
 * Michael A. Latoff
 Erica Levin
 * John J. Lewis
 * Amy McGarvey
 * Robert Andrew Melosky
 * John R. Meyer
 * Randy C. Miller
 * Sybil Cher Miller
 Kelly Marie Elana Millon
 Deanna R. Monroe
 Bruce I. Neifert
 Kathleen Rose Sharp Nied
 Robert Charles Nied
 Scott L. Oldroyd
 Loretta Louise Pacanowski
 Regina Clare Speaker Palubinsky
 Mary Kay M. Peregrim
 * Jean Marie Perez
 Marilyn Petorak
 * Cynthia Hope Pick
 Catherine Costantini Rachkowski
 * Anna M. Reichlen
 Debra DuBois Sachse
 * Alice Gable Savignano
 Jolene Marie Scalleat
 Maria Scalleat
 Christine L. Simrell
 Stacy A. Stone
 * Carl E. Sutton
 * Diane L. Switzer
 Pattian Trichilo
 * Eliza Vagni
 Karen Connors Vladika
 Danielle L. Vokes
 * Deborah L. Walter
 * Brenda Eisele Watson
 Mary Ann Wilcha
 Jessica M. Wisser
 * Tracy A. Woodward
 Scott Miller Zimmerman

* Degree in Absentia

¹⁴ Phi Alpha Theta

Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering

*Srinivas Bandi
Robert D. Haas
Sean Lockhead
Shivakumar K. Shastri*

⁷ *Ruochuan Tang
Padmaja Yamujala
Srinivas V. Yamujala*

Master of Science Degree with a major in Nursing

*Rey C. Ares
,¹⁹ Kimberly Kretchmer

¹⁹ *Deborah Stephenie Ketcha Lewis*

* *Degree in Absentia*

⁷ *Eta Kappa Nu*

¹⁹ *Sigma Theta Tau*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies

Summa Cum Laude

- ^{1,17} Eric Joseph Clothier, *Psychology*
^{1,13,15,21} Beth Ann Fedor, *Mathematics*
^{1,9} Eric Emil Gorka, *Mechanical Engineering*
^{*,6} Russell J. Haines, *Accounting*
^{1,2,15,18} Marcie B. Herman, *Sociology*
^{1,15} Kimberly Marie Kutch, *Biochemistry*
¹³ Jill Marie Mackay, *Art*
^{1,3,6} Carol Maculloch, *Business Administration*
^{7,9} Jeremy C. Nightingale, *Electrical Engineering*
^{1,8,15,20,22} Matthew J. Novak, *Biology*
^{1,15} R. Richard Pencek, *Biochemistry*
^{1,8,15} Tina Sidonio, *Biology*
^{12,17} James Carl Spagnola, *Economics*
Psychology, Second Major
¹⁵ Clint E. Taffera, *Chemistry*
^{15,20,22} Todd J. Vinovski, *Biochemistry*
^{*,1,13,18} Alyson Ann Wood, *English*
^{*,1} Sean Younker, *Medical Technology*

Magna Cum Laude

- ^{3,6} Denise M. Castellano, *Accounting*
³ Carolyn Crawford, *Psychology*
^{1,19} Francine Ellen Esther Faige Friedlander, *Nursing*
¹⁹ Linda Elaine Girlock, *Nursing*
¹ Julie A. Grimes, *Computer Information Systems*
Deena M. Guadagno, Communications
¹⁵ Courtney L. Gustafson, *Philosophy*
Biochemistry, Second Degree
^{13,15} Michele A. Homnack, *Mathematics*
^{15,18} Jennifer Lyn John, *Theatre Arts*
English, Second Major
Christina Louise Jones, Art
Philosophy, Second Major
⁹ Melany Kalmanowicz, *Materials Engineering*
^{20,22} Quinn Kirk, *Biochemistry*
¹⁵ David M. Lentowski, *Environmental Engineering*
Lori Ann Mihalko, Music
¹³ Frank Jude Nutaitis, *English*
⁶ Dawn Marie Ponko, *Accounting*
¹ Jamie R. Shambaugh, *Environmental Engineering*
^{12,16,21} Aaron Frederic Sherburne, *Political Science*
Economics, Second Major
²¹ Rekha Srinivasan, *Biology*
^{1,6,15} Mary Stella, *Accounting*
^{11,15,17} Julie Ann Vittori, *Psychology*
^{8,20,22} Lisa M. Werkheiser, *Biology*

* Degree in Absentia ¹ Alpha Chi ² Alpha Kappa Delta ³ Alpha Sigma Lambda ⁶ Delta Mu Delta
⁷ Eta Kappa Nu ⁸ Honors in Biology ⁹ Honors in Engineering ¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi
¹² Omicron Delta Epsilon ¹³ Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification ¹⁵ Pi Eta Sigma ¹⁷ Psi Chi
¹⁸ Sigma Tau Delta ¹⁹ Sigma Theta Tau ²⁰ Sigma Xi ²¹ University Scholars ²² Premedical Scholars Programs

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies

Cum Laude

- ^{*,10,16,18} Keith Matthew Bubblo, Political Science
English, Second Major
- ⁷ James D. Calciano III, Electrical Engineering
Desirée Carr, Biology
- ¹⁵ Kelly Ann Casterline, Environmental Engineering
Ryan J. Chicheletti, Psychology
- ^{*} Carolyn Chronowski, Psychology
English, Second Major
- Robin DeLorenzo, Medical Technology
- ¹⁵ Michael Joseph Evans, Mechanical Engineering
- ¹³ David John Gorham, English
Elementary Education, Second Major
- ^{*} Brian Christian Hagan, Mechanical Engineering
- ⁴ Barbara Lynnette Hoffman, Nursing
- ⁶ Edward James Kaushas, Accounting
- ¹⁵ Scott James Kinane, Computer Science
Political Science, Second Major
- ⁶ Laurie J. Labbe, Business Administration
- ^{11,13} Erin Melinda Lear, Psychology
Elementary Education, Second Degree
- ^{13,18} Monica Marcinowski, English
- ⁹ Nick C. Marco, Mechanical Engineering
Brian Christopher Mengel, Computer Science
- ^{8,20,22} Alisa Joy Merolli, Biology
- ^{8,20,22} Chad Edward Pletnick, Biology
- ¹⁵ Keith T. Previc, Earth and Environmental Science
- ¹⁶ Steven David Redding, Political Science
Sarah M. Reed, Environmental Engineering
- ⁸ Gregg Anthony Severs, Biology
- ⁸ Alissa E. Shofkom, Biology
- ^{13,15} Jill Elizabeth Unice, Music

^{*} Degree in Absentia ⁴ Chi Alpha Epsilon ⁶ Delta Mu Delta ⁷ Eta Kappa Nu
⁸ Honors in Biology ⁹ Honors in Engineering ¹⁰ Honors in English ¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi
¹³ Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification ¹⁵ Pi Eta Sigma
¹⁶ Pi Sigma Alpha ¹⁸ Sigma Tau Delta ²⁰ Sigma Xi ²² Premedical Scholars Programs

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

Accounting

Keith D. Hess
Ronald S. Honick, Jr.
David J. Kerestes
Lorraine Frances Kosik
Joseph C. Penczkowski, Jr.

Gary L. Quinn, Jr.
* *Debra A. Ross*
Jason W. Troxell
William J. Weidner

Art

¹³ *Lisa Kelly Blanchard*
Leah C. Crescenzo

Thomas A. Urban
¹³ *Gabriella Maria Walck*

Bachelor of Business Administration

Timothy Michael Albert
Celeste Anderson
Jaime Brazenec
Nicole Capobianco
Laura J. Chowanec
* *Michelle Cicero*
Andrew L. Coolidge
Kelly M. Costello
Denis Goubksi
Yolanda Harris
*,⁶ *Shaun T. Korus*

Scott Kufro
* *Daniel McGowan*
Richard Matthew Minielly
Jeff G. Moisey
*,³ *Tina Dakun Nagle*
Marie Danielle Pascolini
Matthew Joseph Sumski
Eugene J. Tomassoni
Steven Deane Tourje
James J. Wynn

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Robert Christopher Cigarski

Bachelor of Music

* *Gabriel Gordon*

Biochemistry

Douglas Vincent Dolfi
Janet Lynn Faux

John M. Uscilowicz

* Degree in Absentia ³ Alpha Sigma Lambda
¹³ Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification ¹⁵ Pi Eta Sigma ²⁰ Sigma Xi

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

Biology

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| <i>William A. Allen</i> | ⁸ <i>Douglas James Kovatch</i> |
| <i>Jessica Marie Azarewicz</i> | ^{5,8} <i>Jane M. Kroouze</i> |
| <i>Psychology, Second Degree</i> | <i>Lynn M. Milewski</i> |
| <i>Rose Mary Veronica Bartoletti</i> | <i>Marissa Catherine Gabrielle Noto</i> |
| <i>Jennifer C. Burick</i> | <i>Josette Marie Panettieri</i> |
| ^{8,15} <i>Randy Adam Engelman</i> | <i>Anthony J. Petrolonis, Jr.</i> |
| <i>Brian Edward Gryboski</i> | <i>Jaclyn Elizabeth Serafin</i> |
| ¹³ <i>Amy A. Gutowski</i> | <i>Jennifer Ann Serafin</i> |
| <i>Jiin Kim</i> | <i>Valentino J. Valenti II</i> |
| <i>Laurene M. Kocylowski</i> | ⁸ <i>Brian F. Weidlich</i> |

Business Administration

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| <i>Randal Joseph Kotzer</i> | [*] <i>Michael C. McCree</i> |
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Chemistry

- James Michael Lauer*

Communications

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| ¹⁵ <i>Neil Andress</i> | <i>Cynthia E. Kern</i> |
| ¹³ <i>Carrie Lynn Bruno</i> | <i>Thomas N. Lavan</i> |
| <i>Elementary Education, Second Degree</i> | <i>Sarah Susan Shone</i> |
| <i>Diana Davis</i> | ¹³ <i>Angelique R. Ronchetti Thorne</i> |
| <i>Jason W. Dongas</i> | <i>Elementary Education, Second Degree</i> |
| ¹⁸ <i>Sarah E. Karlavage</i> | <i>Frank Tomaszewski</i> |
| [*] <i>Mark Francis Katchur</i> | <i>Carl J. Witkowski III</i> |

Computer Information Systems

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| <i>Guy Esgro</i> | <i>Susan Smith</i> |
| <i>Jason Owens</i> | <i>Mary Beth S. Yemola</i> |
| <i>Colby J. Shocker</i> | |

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⁸ Honors in Biology ¹³ Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification
¹⁵ Pi Eta Sigma ¹⁸ Sigma Tau Delta

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

Computer Science

*Melanie L. Lear
Robert Notari*

* *William M. Stockdell*

Economics

Lucia Maria Piccolino

Earth and Environmental Sciences

*Brandon Berretta
Jeffrey J. Ghannam
Nicholas J. Kapelan
Scott David Kuchta
¹³ John P. Mayernick, Jr.*

* *Dale Robert Nat
James J. Perfetto
Charles D. Vennarini
Andrew S. Yenser
Michael J. Zuba*

Electrical Engineering

*Robert M. Mancuso
Kevin Milewski
⁷ Hetul B. Patel
Kamini Patel*

⁷ *Scott Robert Smith
Christopher M. Thompson*
* *Matthew R. Traugh*

Elementary Education

¹³ *Carrie Lynn Bruno
Communications, Second Degree*
¹³ *Carla Ann Decker
Sociology, Second Degree*

¹³ *Angelique R. Ronchetti Thorne
Communications, Second Degree*

Engineering Management

* *Carmen Stephen DeBella*
⁹ *Thomas Leonard Miller*

Thomas R. Quinnan

* Degree in Absentia ⁷ Eta Kappa Nu ⁹ Honors in Engineering
¹³ Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification ¹⁵ Pi Eta Sigma

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

English

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| ¹³ Sherry Ambrose
Elementary Education, Second Major | ¹⁸ Colleen M. McKinnon |
| ^{1,13,18} Theresa E. Dillon | ¹⁸ Elizabeth Pisano |
| * Christopher Milton James
Theresa Martincavage Mahon | ¹⁸ James F. Warner
Psychology, Second Degree |

Environmental Engineering

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| Scott Thomas Cleveland | Matthew Joseph Peleschak |
| Ryan H. Doran | Michael J. Rosh |
| Robert C. Frederick | Robert Christopher Yurick |
| Brian Joseph Mackowski | Tracy Lynn Zaykoski |

History

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| Mary A. Cōzzi | |
| ¹³ Terry Lee Martin | ¹³ Jeffrey Joel Tighe |

Materials Engineering

- Benjamin Elias Spencer

Mechanical Engineering

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| ⁵ Deirdre Marie Gurry
Atsuko Ono | Andrew L. Solinski |
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College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

Nursing

* *Diane Bridget Durkin*
Nicole Foytack
Lisa M. Gromelski
Kathleen M. Haggerty
Bonnie Hepplewhite
* *Jeffrey M. Isaacs*
Lisa Anne Johnson
David Brian Jones
Jill Ann Kemrite
James Allan Koch
MaryAnn Kolativa

¹⁹ *Kimberly Ann Kondraski*
¹⁹ *Daria Jean Kroatavich*
^{5,19} *John Jacob Lewis*
Danielle L. Lillis
^{2,4,15,19} *Ryan M. López*
¹⁹ *Elaine L. Moran*
Caroline Elizabeth Nelson
Margaret G. Redmond
Sophia Rush
*¹⁹ *Diana Marie Tarone*
Brian Robert Znachko

Philosophy

Neil R. Rine

Physics

¹³ *John J. Hopkins*

Political Science

Robin L. Bachstein

Thomas J. Loftus

* *Degree in Absentia* ² *Alpha Kappa Delta* ⁴ *Chi Alpha Epsilon*
⁵ *Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in United States Air Force*
¹³ *Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification* ¹⁵ *Pi Eta Sigma* ¹⁹ *Sigma Theta Tau*

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

Psychology

- Mary C. Agrapides*
Jessica Marie Azarewicz
Biology, Second Degree
Karen Ann Bell
^{*,11,13} *Jaime Lynn Derhammer*
Elementary Education, Second Major
² *Kimberly J. Gensel*
Sheri H. Greenfield
Tammy Kaczmarczyk
Sarah Keisling
^{*,15,17} *Jennifer Kutler*
¹⁷ *Jennifer M. McDonnell*
Nicole Marie Metzger
Emily Desirée Powell
Brian K. Reilly
- Brianna Lea Rutkowski*
³ *Arthur R. Seymour*
^{*,13} *Joseph M. Sinkovich*
Elementary Education, Second Major
Joshua J. Sipsky
Colleen Kimberly Smith
Lance J. Stange, Jr.
Laura Taylor
Michael Anthony Viglone
Colleen Marie Ward
Elizabeth-Ann Witkowski
James F. Warner
English, Second Degree
^{*} *Ronald J. Wunner*

Sociology

- ¹³ *Carla Ann Decker*
Elementary Education, Second Degree
Eric J. Garecht
Dawn Maria Gatelli
- ² *Rebecca Lee Griffiths*
James Pysniak
³ *Kelly S. Randolph*
Melissa L. Rossi

Theatre Arts

Corinna Ann Sowers

Larue Byron Stackhouse

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¹³ Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification ¹⁵ Pi Eta Sigma ¹⁷ Psi Chi

Scholarly Societies and Special Designations

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

1999 Student Awards

College of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Studies

Biology, Chemistry and Health Science Programs

Outstanding Senior Scholar in Biology Matthew Novak
Outstanding Research Award Anthony Petrolonis
Rosenthal Memorial Award Robert Wasilewski
Catherine M. Bone Award Kimberly Kutch
Alfred W. Bastress Award Clint Taffera
American Chemical Society Section Award R. Richard Pencek

Business Administration and Accounting

Excellence in Business Administration Carol Maculloch
Outstanding Student Award - MBA Program Zhihua Miao and Jingming Zhang
PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting Gary L. Quinn, Jr.

Education and Psychology

Outstanding Elementary Teacher Education Student Tom Duffy
Outstanding Secondary Teacher Education Student Alyson Ridout Wood
Outstanding Graduate in Psychology James Spagnola

Engineering and Physics

Electrical Engineering Achievement Award Jeremy Nightingale
I.E.E.E. J.J. Ebers Memorial Award Matthew Traugh
Outstanding Achievement in Engineering Management Thomas Miller
Outstanding Achievement in Materials Engineering Melany Kalmanowicz
Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical Engineering Eric Gorka
Society of Women Engineers Leadership Award Sarah Reed

Geo-Environmental Sciences and Engineering

Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Engineering Jamie Shambaugh
Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Science Keith Previc

Humanities

Annette Evans Humanities Award Jennifer John
Frank J. J. Davies Award Keith Bubblo and Alyson Ridout Wood
John F. Kennedy Award James Calciano
Phi Alpha Theta Book Award Krista Evans

Mathematics and Computer Science

Computer Information Systems (CIS) Award ... Julie Grimes and Mary Beth Yemola
Computer Science Award Brian Mengel and Robert Notari
Mathematics Award Beth Fedor

Nursing

Clinical Award Elaine Moor
Highest GPA in Nursing Francine Friedlander
Leadership Award Francine Friedlander
RN with the Highest GPA Diane Durkin

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Social Sciences and Communications

Communications Award Deena Guadagno
Excellence in Economics Aaron Sherburne and James Spagnola
Pi Sigma Alpha Aaron Sherburne
Dr. Jaroslav G. Moravec Award Kelly Randolph
Raymond R. Ritz Award Rebecca Griffiths

University College

Adult Learner of the Year Mary Beth Yemola

Student Affairs

Theresa Jordan and Frank Mehm Prize Beth Fedor

Athletic Department

Correen Santoro Memorial Award Alice Fink, Kerrienne Geist,
Shanna Henninger and Jill Ronkowski
Female Athlete of the Year Robyn Mendygral
Male Athlete of the Year David Jannuzzi
Female Scholar Athlete of the Year Lisa Werkheiser
Male Scholar Athlete of the Year Matthew Novak

Student Activities

Cooperative Education

Outstanding Senior Intern Mary Agrapides and Diana Davis
Keith Topfer Memorial Award Ben Spencer

Multicultural Affairs

Leadership in Diversity Award Terry Martin

Programming Board

Presidential Incentive Award Jennifer Kutler and Christopher Thompson
Programmer of the Year Nathaniel Martin

Volunteer Services and Campus Interfaith

Helping Hands Service Award Beth Fedor and Jane Kroouze

Student Government

Faculty Choice Award Dr. Ming Lew

Student Government Appreciation Award

Brandon Berretta	Stephanie Follmer	Amy Gutowski	Quinn Kirk
Jennifer Kutler	Lisa McClintock	Jeff Moisey	Michael Rosh
Maria Shahda	Aaron Sherburne	Heather Tahan	Beth Ann Witkowski

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Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Obed Addo	Kimberly Kutch
Christine Anderson	Terry Martin
Brandon Berretta	Lisa McClintock
Kristine Caro	Megan Merrick
Desiree Carr	Jeff Moisey
Karen Cook	Marie Pascolini
Jaime Derhammer	Rick Seipp
Marc Eakin	Maria Shahda
Janet Faux	Aaron Sherburne
Beth Fedor	Colby Shocker
Stephanie Follmer	Heather Tahan
Francine Friedlander	Christopher Thompson
Deirdre Gurry	Michael Viglone
Amy Gutowski	Brian Weidlich
Quinn Kirk	Kelly West
Jennifer Kutler	Beth Ann Witkowski
Jane Kroouze	Ann Wotring

Class of 1999 OFFICERS

Quinn Kirk
PRESIDENT

Jaime Brazenec
VICE PRESIDENT

Aaron Sherburne
SECRETARY

Obed Addo
TREASURER

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, New Paltz, New York.

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 the Classroom/Office Building, room 103 and in the tent to the left of the audience, near the stage. An ambulance is positioned by the side entrance of the Classroom/Office Building and to the left of the audience. 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 the Classroom/Office Building and in the first floor lobby of the Stark Learning Center.

BEVERAGES — Soda is available for purchase at the rear of the Commencement site.

TELEPHONE — Pay telephones are available in the lobby of the Stark Learning Center and at the Classroom/Office Building.

A reception following Commencement will be held on the lawn between Kirby and Chase Halls immediately following the ceremony. If the weather is inclement, the reception will be held at the Pickering Dining Hall.

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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.

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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. Soda is available for sale at the concession stand in the lobby. Proceeds from the sale of soda will benefit the General Scholarship Fund.

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.

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