



WILKES UNIVERSITY'S SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL

Spring Commencement

FOR THE CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES

Saturday, May Eighteenth
Two-thousand and nineteen • 10 a.m.





WILKES UNIVERSITY'S SEVENTY-SECOND 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.)

The Wilkes University Commencement Band

WELCOME ANNE A. SKLEDER
Senior Vice President and Provost

INVOCATION KRISTIN M. OSIPOWER
Coordinator, Campus Interfaith

The Star-Spangled Banner *Words by Francis Scott Key*

*(The words to The Star-Spangled Banner are printed on page 16 of the program.
The audience is requested to stand and sing the National Anthem with the chorus and band.)*

The Wilkes University Commencement Band and Choir

Gaudeamus Igitur *Traditional*

GREETINGS JASON GRIGGS '90
Member, Board of Trustees

ANDREW P. MILLER
*Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Associate Professor, Political Science*

JAYSON POPE
Member of the Class of 2019

Order of Exercises

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS..... ANNE A. SKLEDER
Senior Vice President and Provost

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

ALUMNI INDUCTION.....COLONEL MARK A. RADO '80
United States Army (Retired)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGEPATRICK F. LEAHY

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

*(The words to the Alma Mater are printed on page 16 of the program.
The audience is requested to stand and join in the singing.)*

The Wilkes University Commencement Band and Choir

BENEDICTION..... KRISTIN M. OSIPOWER

RECESSIONAL

March of the Belgian Paratroopers..... Pierre Leemans

March from Scipio..... G. F. Handel

The Wilkes University Commencement Band

Music Provided By:

Wilkes University Commencement Band

Wilkes University Commencement Choir

Dr. Philip G. Simon, Conductor

Ceremony Interpreted By:

Jennifer Herrera and Carmen Lugo

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DOCTOR OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

The School of Education

Dr. Rhonda M. Rabbitt, *Dean*

Kaitlin Gilboy Besko
Michael J. Boccella
Jeanne S. Conahan
Anthony Conston, Jr.
Georgia Costalas
Cheryl Ann Doll

Robyn Ricketts Euker
Joshua Richard Farr
Victoria A. Jones
Gary Michael Magorien
Katherine Zielinski

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

The Passan School of Nursing

Dr. Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

Dawn Renee Ball
Esther Rani Benedict
Jeremy Brook
Janet Elizabeth Cipoletta
Elizabeth Cook
* Jennifer Marie Cox
Raeleen Delos Santos De Jesus
Shiny Mary Easo
23 Eufemia Nunñz Garcia
April Lee Gheller
Cornelia Racquel-Ann Gilpin
Karen Gonzalez
Vivian Delores Green
Mark Anthony Sison Gregorio
Jewel R. Haran
Shirl Hartzog Hargrove
Lisa-Marie Elizabeth Horne
Kenisha Latoya Linton

Abiola Lokoyi
Kimberly Ann Makuta-Michael
Florizel Bethune McCatty
Magdaline Mervil
Grace Isoken Ogala
Vivian Owusu-Mensah
Yanick Noel Price
Judy Ross
* Crystal Camille Roden
Yana Ryzhakova
Sherri Antoinette Sadler
Nancy Sanon
Clover Jean Smith
Loretta Margaret Sparkman
Ingrid Tatham
* Christa Jo Wall
Sheilah Kaye Yohn

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY CANDIDATES

The Nesbitt School of Pharmacy

Dr. Scott K. Stolte, *Dean*

Jamie Ronelle Akoury, *Magna Cum Laude*
21 Tyler Steven Bartol, *Summa Cum Laude*
Himayapsill Batista Quevedo
Amy Caroline Beckwith
Nikko Bonavoglia, *Cum Laude*
21 Amanda Elizabeth Boyer, *Magna Cum Laude*
29 Sabrina Lynn Brennan, *Magna Cum Laude*
15 Kathryn Ann Campf
Bethany Chmil
Morgan René Confer
Kendra Marie Croker, *Cum Laude*
Cadean Daugherty, *Cum Laude*

29 Griffin Anthony DiBileo, *Cum Laude*
Lorena Rose DiGuiseppe
Michael A. DiMaggio
21 Arielle Domashinski, *Summa Cum Laude*
Ashley Rose Eden, *Cum Laude*
15 Alexandra Marie Fanucci, *Cum Laude*
15 Eileen Eilzabeth Friery, *Cum Laude*
Deanna Jean Getgen, *Cum Laude*
21 Matthew William Gorton, *Magna Cum Laude*
Mark Gryskevicz, *Cum Laude*
Brittany Gurreri
Carissa A. Hart

¹⁵ Phi Lambda Sigma ²¹ Rho Chi ²³ Sigma Theta Tau
²⁹ Alpha Lambda Delta * Degree in Absentia # January 2019 Graduate

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY CANDIDATES

(Continued)

- ^{21,29} Kayla Marie Hart, *Summa Cum Laude*
Christopher John Hartman
Michael Hasbrouck, *Magna Cum Laude*
Gabrielle Hayward
- ²⁹ Kayla Michelle Hiryak, *Magna Cum Laude*
- ^{1,21,29} Taylor Janice Hodle, *Summa Cum Laude*
- ^{21,29} Jessica Clair Huck, *Summa Cum Laude*
Michael Paul Hummel
Justin Kacyon
Johanna Shea Kelly
Meghan Lynn Kisela, *Magna Cum Laude*
- ^{15,21,29} Kacey Marie Knapp, *Summa Cum Laude*
- ²⁹ Emily Rose Kneeream
- ¹⁵ Aaron Wade Knopp, *Cum Laude*
- ²¹ Zachary Michael Koehler, *Summa Cum Laude*
Lucia Elizabeth McGettigan
William McLay
- ²⁹ Haley Jane Mesaros
Rubi Alexis Mink, *Cum Laude*
- ²¹ Laura Misiewicz, *Summa Cum Laude*
- ²⁹ Abigail Fay Nemeth, *Magna Cum Laude*
Kellie Ann Palko, *Cum Laude*
Autumn Lee Peck
- ²⁹ Rebecca Leigh Pfeffer, *Magna Cum Laude*
- ^{15,21} Alex Taylor Ponce, *Summa Cum Laude*
- ²¹ Olivia Ann Schlottmann, *Summa Cum Laude*
Master of Business Administration, Second Degree
- ²¹ Matthew Adam Seltzer, *Summa Cum Laude*
Katelyn Marie Shaffer, *Cum Laude*
- ²¹ Krushna S. Shah, *Summa Cum Laude*
Megan Elizabeth Sheriff
Leslie Ann Shumlas
Dylan Paul Smith, *Cum Laude*
- ²⁹ Sierra Nicole Smith, *Magna Cum Laude*
Kelly Rose Sones
Zackery Spears
Andrew Mark St. Clair, *Magna Cum Laude*
- ¹⁵ Abby Wilson Stevens, *Magna Cum Laude*
Madison Brooke Stine
Gina Marie Strauser, *Magna Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Laurel Tigner, *Magna Cum Laude*
Joshua Varghese, *Cum Laude*
Kristin Marie Veltri, *Cum Laude*
Amanda Leigh Walsh, *Magna Cum Laude*
Jacob Thomas Weaver, *Cum Laude*
- ⁵ Youstena Emad Zaki, *Cum Laude*
- ^{15,21} Erika Zarfoss, *Summa Cum Laude*

¹ Alpha Chi

⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon

¹⁵ Phi Lambda Sigma

²¹ Rho Chi

²⁹ Alpha Lambda Delta

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

- * Jeremiah Scott Blue
- Janine Pokrinchak Dubik
- * Camika Cheron Spencer
- * Karley Marie Stasko
- Danielle Watson

Master of Arts in Creative Writing

- Sarah May Bedford
- * Todd W. Conatser
- * Patricia L. Naumann
- * Lindsey Lee Wotanis

Master of Business Administration

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

Dr. Abel Adekola, *Dean*

- ⁶ Zaid Mohammad Orsan Al-Daoud
- Elliot Alexander Baldwin
- ⁶ Cara N. Basile
- ⁶ Amy Marie Bozenko
- [#] Stephen Richard Brazon
- ⁶ Dawn Marie Britton
- ⁶ Michael John Connor
- Alanna Mari Denauski
- ^{#,6} Michele Gerette Foust
- ^{#,6} Jasmin Jaen
- Nicole Lee Jubin
- ⁶ Michaela Marie Keats
- [#] Shannon Marie Laul
- Ellen McBride Lohr
- ⁶ Justin Michael Marino
- [#] Thomas Adam Matthews
- ⁶ Stacie L. New
- ⁶ Claudia Nicolae
- * Benjamin M. Pippenger
- ⁶ Saidat Abidemi Sanni
- ²¹ Olivia Ann Schlottmann
- Doctor of Pharmacy, Second Degree*
- Eleni Blu Wechsler

Master of Science in Education

The School of Education

Dr. Rhonda M. Rabbitt, *Dean*

- Patrick Abdalla
- [#] Samantha Alicea-Swindell
- Amanda Melissa Altemose
- * Laura Ann Aquilante
- Megan Lynne Arvonio
- * Danielle C. Badders
- Peter T. Bard
- * Danielle Marie Bartholomew
- * Sarah Elizabeth Bauer
- * Megan B. Benevides
- * Jordan Blomgren
- Christine Blumenthal
- * Jennifer Bonanni
- Karen M. Bonfiglio
- * Brianna D. Bream
- * Rebecca Conner Brigman
- * Kayla Nicole Bringenberg
- Gretchen Kristine Brobst-Capan
- * Erin Leigh Brown
- * Angela Marie Bucci-Herb
- * Chrysan Buck Raymond
- Sarah Elizabeth Burkarth
- Leilani Cabrera
- Janene Lucille Cain
- * Jessica L. Campbell
- Nathan Royce Campbell
- * Robert Andrew Campbell
- * Madison Elizabeth Carr
- * Jenna Aleece Castellani
- * Dana Catanese
- Jodie Lynne Chappel
- Chris M. Chemerka
- Kathy Ciaciulli
- * Caitlin Potter Ciorletti
- * Amanda Elizabeth Cloud
- * Megan Elaine Coldsmith

⁶ Delta Mu Delta

²¹ Rho Chi

* Degree in Absentia

[#] January 2019 Graduate

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Education Degree — *Continued*

- * Breanne Elizabeth Cole
- * Shannon Marie Collier
- * Ashlea Lynae Collum
Scott D. Conklin
- * Kendra J. Cook
Alexandra Rose Cooperman
Kayleigh Crockenberg
Cory Ann Crossin
- * Catherine Mary Dale
- * Christopher James Dauber
- * Christopher William Deily
Marianne Endslo Deose
Amanda L. Detrick
- * Corey Jon Detweiler
- * Lauren Margaret Dillinger
- * Megan K. Dinney
Caitlyn Brooke Doerner
- * Steven Dolak
- * Jeffrey L. Dougherty
Hayley Dutka
- * Tonisha Joann Elmore
- * Sarah Brittany Everitt
- * Devon Leigh Farley
- * Kathleen Marie Farrell
Christopher Paul Feger
- # Lindsay Elizabeth Feger
- * Emily Ann Fehrenbach
Marisa Ferenchick
- # Mariane C. Ferrantino
- * Heather Marie Flook
- * Ella Mae Fought-Martin
- * Alycia Anne Franks
- * Tammy Sue Fulginiti
- * Alyssa Brooke Fultz
- # Ashlie Funkhauser
Amanda Geiman
- * Alexandria Elizabeth Giovannangelo
Sindy Diane Goodhart
Morgan Lee McAdoo Gordon
Wendy L. Gornicz
- * Sharon Mary Graff
- * Mallory Lynn Grammer
- * Ashley Michele Grossman
- * Andrew Keith Gruver
- * John Andrew Hagerman
- * Claire Ann Marie Haja
Julie R. Haller
- * Melissa Hope Witt Hamby
Lamar R. Hayes
- * Megan Catherine Hayman-Rau
- # Katie Lynn Hennessey
- * Derek J. Herr
- * Nicholas H. Hessert
- * Elizabeth Christine Hockenbery
Stacey Hockenbroch
Michael Todd Hofmann, Jr.
- * Tiffany L. Hogg
- * Kimberly Marie Hoskins
- * Keri Angela Hove-Steiner
William Lee Hower
Robert Joseph Hudak
- * Meredith Kayley Hudome
- * Gerald G. Huesken, Jr.
- * Erin E. Hughes
- * Corrie Jane Hulihan
- * Angela Dawn Iula
- * Garrett John James
- * Rebecca Marie Jenkins
Brianna R. Johanson
- * Daniel M. Johnson
- * Katie E. Johnson
Kristin Johnson
Mack D. Johnson, Jr.
Heather Jones
Megan A. Jordan
- # Jennifer Michelle Kadjeski
- * Kevin Austin Kearney
Ashley Marie Keating
- * Scott L. Keller
- * Morgan L. Kelly
- * Rachael Kennedy
Amber Geist Kepler
- * Rachel Katherine Kern
- * Jamie Lee Kessler
- * Lindsay K. Kint
- * Erin Elizabeth Kirkpatrick
Vicky I. Klem
Jena Kramer
Kelly Kreitzer
- * Krystina Marie Kubeika
- * Courtney Elizabeth Leaidicker
- * Tonya Rae Lee
- * Caroline Jeanne Lehman
- * Jennifer Marie Lentine
- * Janel N. Lewis
Ashley Nicole Lichtenwalner
- * Judy Joy Lippy
Katherine Marie Little
- * Jessica Lloyd
- * Kacie Jeane Long

* *Degree in Absentia*

January 2019 Graduate

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Education Degree — *Continued*

- # Megan Gillis Long
- Sara E. Longenecker
- # Danielle Marie Lonzinski
- Alexandra Kay Madden
- Nicolle Marie Maioriello
- * Sara Lyn Makovsky
- * Christa Lauren Mantz
- * Ginger Louise Martin
- Mary Francesca Martin
- * Lauren Matarazzo
- Kristen H. Matthew
- Holly Beth McCalla
- * Cornelius J. McHugh, III
- Rachael Mariana McInturff
- Kayla Rae F. McKenna
- Keli Maria Melhorn
- * Carol Ann Metz
- Ashley Marie Miller
- * Abigail Moore
- * Maud Moore
- * Cory Murphy
- Michelle Lauren Musto
- * Cinzia Messina Neary
- * Daniel Alan Nichols
- * Starr Ann Nordgren
- * Patrick Joseph Nork
- Donna Colangelo Novicki
- * Sara Ann Olechovski
- Carolyn O'Neill
- * Steven Orendorff
- * Mary Catherine Osmolenski
- * Alison Oxley
- * Marion A. Parry
- * Linda Marion Patterson
- * Jessica Penilla
- * Ralph A. Peschek
- Holly Rebecca Pethick
- * Susan N. Pifer
- Erin D. Pleskach
- * Faith Price
- * Travis Wayne Quici
- Sarah Taglioli Raber
- * Ryan Scott Rabuck
- # Anna L. Radspinner
- Caitlyn Nicole Raub
- * Andrew William Read
- Kali Reb
- * Scott Allen Reininger
- * Robert Richard Reitz
- * Deedra A. Rhodes
- * Rachel Marie Rhody
- * Andrew Paul Rice
- * Kacey Beth Rice
- * Allison Diana Ritchey
- David Paul Roberts
- Abbey Elizabeth Robertson
- Amanda M. Robinson
- * Danielle Rohrer
- NaTasha Gabrielle Rosenberry
- * Nicole Marie Rothrock
- * Anthony Charles Rotondo
- * Brandy Michelle Sawyer
- * Jennifer Lynn Sayers
- Linda Lai Yin Scaletta
- Rachel Leigh Scarano
- * Jennifer Lee Schloo
- * Kaitlin Elizabeth Scott
- * Lauren Anne Seamon
- * Meagan Louise Shaffer
- * Tyler Edward Shappell
- * Douglas Scott Shatzer
- * Amanda Marie Shelley
- * Colleen Mulkerin Shimko
- * Leah Simendinger
- * Edward Slatky
- Vivian Smallwood
- Amber Falyn Smith
- * Erika Nicole Smith
- * Jayci Lynn Specht
- # Anthony William Spinnraker
- Jacquelyn Maria Stabach
- Molly Stahl
- * Jennifer Stancombe
- * Aleksandra Stapp
- * Laura Suzanne Stark
- * Amy Lynn Staub
- * David M. Stauffer
- * Jena Stauffer
- * Melanie Louise Steele
- * Michael James Stein
- * Sherry Steppe
- * Trisha Marie Stetts
- Jennifer Ann Stevens Schiding
- * Brian Joseph Stevko
- * Bobbie Stine
- Kristen Michelle Stout
- Sara Louise Strohm
- * Kayla Ann Summers
- * Joseph F. Svetecz
- * Diane Szader

* *Degree in Absentia*

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Education Degree — *Continued*

- * Lauren Elizabeth Tarwater
- * Emily Elizabeth Taylor
- * Brooke N. Thoman
- * Meghan E. Tomcykoski
- # Bobbie Lynn Tondora
- * Andrea D. Torres
- * Megan Renae Trate
- * Jessica T. Trichilo
- # Krista Marie Tully
- * Janis Marlene Umberger
- * Lee Michael Vodofsky
Kelly Jo Walker
Matthew Vincent Walters
- * John Joseph Warminsky
- # Jessica Harless Wash
Sarah Washkau
- * Kathryn Marie Wasickanin
- * Alyssa Ann Wawroski
- * Jamie Lynn Weingart
- * Matthew D. Weiser
- * Christina Marie Wenclewicz
- * Thomas Howard Whitmyer III
- * Amanda Elizabeth Willson
- * Kelly Marie Winegardner
- * Courtney Lynn Wolgemuth
- # Jennifer Rose Yasinskas
- * Courtney P. Yerger
- * Kasee D. Yingling
Alyssa Marie Young
- * Mary Zajac
- # Ann Marie Zanicky
- * Katelyn Zapp
- * Kate Zech

Master of Science in Bioengineering

The College of Science and Engineering

Dr. Prahlad N. Murthy, *Interim Dean*

Nuzhat Ahmed
Austin Bryan Ford

Daniel Ryan Goetz
Stephen H. Seibert

Master of Science in Engineering Management

The College of Science and Engineering

Dr. Prahlad N. Murthy, *Interim Dean*

- * Kerry Williams

Master of Science in Mathematics

The College of Science and Engineering

Dr. Prahlad N. Murthy, *Interim Dean*

- * Anthony J. Bianco

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Nursing

The Passan School of Nursing

Dr. Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

- #,23 Amy Acosta
- Reza Stephen Armaghan
- * Charlotte Marie Ballard
- Elizabeth Bendas
- * Katherine Elizabeth Benson
- * Camille L. Bocker
- Mary Frances Bosek
- * Arthur Edward Brouse
- * Susan Marie Cacciatore
- * Jennifer Carangio
- 23 Debora Clark
- 23 Mary Creeden-Redan
- #,23 Melody L. Danko-Holsomback
- * Justin Randall Day
- Carline Desir
- * Bridgette Doyle
- * Vanessa Felicia Fernandez
- Jude Mary Gaughan
- Christiana Rose Gebhardt
- Nancy Dee Georgetson
- #,23 Theresa Green
- Carla Rená Gruber-Webb
- * Kimberly Haskett
- 23 Dana M. Hatwig
- #,23 Nicole Marie Heffner
- Tanya M. Hendrickson
- #,23 Stephanie M. Herman
- Kerry Ann Hoffman
- Ana Linsangan Hunt
- Ideana Shanta Hunter
- Carey Lynn Johnson
- * Jacinda Kennedy
- Denisse Leon
- * Elisabeth Dawn Lipperini
- * Phoebe Sue Long
- * Monica Lei Louis
- Florence Maffeu Tamwo
- # Tabitha Michelle Martin
- * Nhlanhla Moyo
- * Jerrod William Nestor
- # Obianuju Okpala
- * Carol A. Omara
- Hyangsook Lee Patel
- Melissa Sue Perri
- Karrie Dawn Peterson
- # Stephanie L. Philpott
- * Mary Richards
- Colleen Flynn Ries
- Ebony Shuntrece Rockwell
- * Marlene Rosell
- * Courtney Rosu
- * Ann Marie Rusnak
- * Matthew D. Scott
- Sheryl M. Seifer
- * April Marie Shearing
- Mallory C. Sponenberg
- Claire Elizabeth Steininger
- 23 Grace Ann Trutt
- 23 Molly Urbancic
- 23 Amanda Victoria Walter
- * Bridgette Chevelle Warnsley
- * George W. Weaver
- Yanina Wiegand
- Alyce R. Williams
- Lawrence E. Wood
- * Elizabeth Anne Wray
- * Lisa Elaine York
- * Shelly Brink Youshock

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 Beta Beta Beta, the National Honorary Society in Biology.
- 5 Denotes Membership in Chi Alpha Epsilon, the Honorary Society which recognizes students who were admitted to the University through Higher Education Access Opportunity programs.
- 6 Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.
- 7 Denotes Honors in Biology.
- 8 Denotes Honors in English.
- 9 Denotes Honors in Engineering.
- 10 Denotes Membership in Lambda Pi Eta, the National Honorary Society in Communications.
- 11 Denotes Membership in the Phi Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honorary Society in Education.
- 12 Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.
- 13 Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Principal Certification.
- 14 Denotes Membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honorary Society in History.
- 15 Denotes Membership in Phi Lambda Sigma, the Pharmacy Leadership Society.
- 16 Denotes Membership in Phi Sigma Tau, the National Honor Society in Philosophy.
- 17 Denotes Membership in Pi Kappa Delta, the National Honorary Forensic Society.
- 18 Denotes Membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.
- 19 Denotes Membership in Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology.
- 20 Denotes Membership in Phi Eta Sigma, the National Honor Society for College Freshmen.
- 21 Denotes Membership in Rho Chi, the National Honor Society in Pharmacy.
- 22 Denotes Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary Society in English.
- 23 Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing.
- 24 Denotes Membership in and acknowledgment by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.
- 25 Denotes Tom Bigler Scholar.
- 26 Denotes Pre-Medical Scholar.
- 27 Denotes Membership in the National Student Nurses Association.
- 28 Denotes Membership in Sigma Alpha Pi, the National Society of Leadership and Success.
- 29 Denotes Membership in Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society.
- 30 Denotes Honors Program Graduate.
- 31 Denotes Membership in Sigma Delta Pi, the National Hispanic Honor Society.
- * Degree in Absentia
- # January 2019 Graduate

2019 Student Awards

Academic Awards

Nesbitt School of Pharmacy

APhA Mortar and Pestle Professionalism Award	Kayla Hiryak
Dean's Outstanding Student Award	Ericka Zarfoll
School of Pharmacy Excellence in Clinical Practice Award.....	Eileen Friery
School of Pharmacy Community Service Award	Alex Ponce
The Barbara L. Nanstiel Pharmacy Information Award.....	Kristin Veltri
Department of Pharmacy Practice Research Award.....	Sierra Smith
Mylan Excellence in Pharmacy Award.....	Olivia Schlottmann
The Luzerne County Pharmacists Association Academic Achievement Award.....	Taylor Hodle
Nesbitt School of Pharmacy Academic Achievement Award	Kayla Hart
The Wolters Kluwer Excellence in Clinical Communication Award.....	Amanda Walsh
Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association Outstanding Pharmacy Student Award	Alexandra Fanucci
Lackawanna County Pharmacists Association Jurisprudence Award.....	Jamie Akoury
Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists Award.....	Abby Stevens
Rule Sisters Pharmacy Award.....	Gina Strauser Olivia Schlottmann
The Arthur H. Kibbe Excellence in Pharmaceutical Science Research Award	Abigail Nemeth Kacey Veltri

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

Academic Achievement Award –MBA.....	Saidat Sanni Olivia Schlottmann
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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
- Brown — Fine Arts
- Olive — Pharmacy
- Blue — Education
- Apricot — Nursing

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 comradeship of scholarship.

The University Mace and Presidential Chain of Office

The mace and the presidential chain of office used in academic celebrations represent traditions dating to the sixteenth century. The mace symbolizes the authority of the university and the chain of office designates the presidential leadership of the academy.

The Wilkes University mace and presidential chain of office were gifts of local donors and were first used in 1970 at the inauguration of the second president of Wilkes. They were designed by Ottie Hill Chwalek '61 and executed by Kurt Matzdorf, a nationally recognized gold and silversmith from the State University of New York at New Paltz.

The University Mace

The sterling silver mace has a gilt knob at its base and a gilt circle at the top bearing the inscription "Wilkes College 1933." The bowl, rising above the neck of the mace, signifies Wilkes-Barre's role as a melting pot, forming a new and vigorous community of people from many different backgrounds. This theme is reiterated in the inscription of the University's motto "Unity Amidst Diversity" which surrounds the upper part of the bowl. The gilt flame symbolizes the enlightenment gained from higher education, while the piece of anthracite coal set in the center of the flame commemorates the origin of the University in a community known for its coal mining past.

The Presidential Chain of Office

The Presidential Chain of Office, created from sterling silver, has alternating bowls and gilt flames, repeating the motif of the mace: On the front of the four-foot chain hangs a gilt seal of Wilkes which is suspended from a cluster of oak leaves with acorns, suggesting the strength and sturdiness of future generations. On the back of the Presidential Chain of Office is a silver portrait of Dr. Eugene S. Farley, the first President of Wilkes. Dr. Farley's portrait is surrounded by gilt oak leaves commemorating his strong leadership of the emerging institution.

University Center on Main McHale Athletic Center

FIRST AID — Medical personnel are available for first aid assistance at the First Aid Station in the Engel Room just off the lobby. Should you need assistance please contact the usher or a Public Safety Officer.

PICTURE TAKING — Because of the 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-taking. A photograph will be taken of each graduate as the diploma is presented by the President.

REST ROOMS — Rest rooms are accessible from the lobby and on second floor. A woman's restroom is available at the rear of the McHale Athletic Center.

BEVERAGES — Water is available at the drinking fountains on the first floor of the building. Starbucks will be open during the ceremony.

A post-commencement reception will be held in the First Floor Lounge of the Henry Student Center immediately following the ceremony.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

*O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
Through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched,
Were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare,
The bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there.
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave?*

*Words by Francis Scott Key
Arranged by John Philip Sousa
Harmonized by Walter Damrosch*

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

Platform Party Graduate and Professional Commencement Ceremony

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