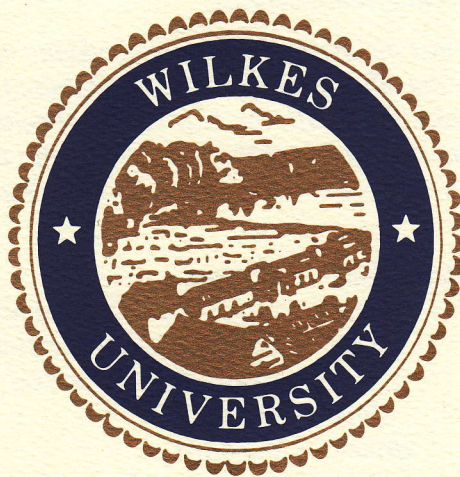


WILKES UNIVERSITY

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



*Saturday Afternoon
May 16, 1998
at two o'clock*

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.

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Order of Exercises

FANFARE

PROCESSIONAL

Crown Imperial William Walton

Wind Ensemble of Wilkes University
MICHAEL J. WILLIAMS, *Conductor*

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

WELCOME JAMES P. RODECHKO
Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs

INVOCATION FATHER J.A. PANUSKA, S.J.
President, University of Scranton

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

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

GREETINGS CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH
President

EUGENE ROTH '57
Chairman, Board of Trustees

MARY ANN MERRIGAN
Associate Professor of Nursing

MICHAEL T. BEACHEM
President of the Class of 1998

THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Order of Exercises

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

ANDREW J. SORDONI
FREDERICK RUDOLPH

ADDRESS FREDERICK RUDOLPH

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH

POETRY SELECTION

Invictus by William Ernest Henley MELINDA JUNE SORBER
Member of the Class of 1998

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 REVEREND RAYMOND F. DYMOND
*Pastor, American Presbyterian Church
West Wyoming, Pennsylvania*

RECESSIONAL

Sinfonias *Clifton Williams*

*(The audience and the graduates are requested to remain standing during
the recessional of the Platform Party and the Faculty.)*

AWARDS

THE MABLE SCOTT WANDELL AND
STERLING LEROY WANDELL AWARDS

AMY E. BLAKE, BACHELOR OF ARTS, BIOCHEMISTRY
JILL C. FASCIANA, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, BIOLOGY
BRIAN J. KASCHAK, BACHELOR OF ARTS, HISTORY
MICHAEL P. KASCHAK, BACHELOR OF ARTS, PSYCHOLOGY
WILLIAM F. LAVELLE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, BIOCHEMISTRY
JAMES P. REIL, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
REGINA B. TARONE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, ACCOUNTING; BACHELOR OF ARTS, FRENCH

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

Presentation by JAMES P. RODECHKO
Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs

THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, SOCIETY AND
PUBLIC POLICY AWARD REGINA B. TARONE
Bachelor of Science, Accounting; Bachelor of Arts, French

This award is given to the outstanding graduating senior of the School.

Presentation by ANNE HEINEMAN-BATORY, Interim Dean

THE SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS AND
HUMAN SCIENCES AWARD BRIAN KASCHAK
Bachelor of Arts, History
MICHAEL P. KASCHAK
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

This award is given to the outstanding graduating senior of the School.

Presentation by BONNIE BEDFORD, Interim Dean

AWARDS

THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
AND ENGINEERING AWARD AMY E. BLAKE
Bachelor of Arts, Biochemistry

This award is given to the outstanding graduating senior of the School.

Presentation by UMID R. NEJIB, Dean

ALUMNI AWARD FOR
LEADERSHIP CHARLES JASPER COPLEY, IV

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

THE EUGENE S. FARLEY
MEMORIAL ALUMNI AWARD DR. JOHN O. TURNER '61

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 WILLIAM J. GOLDSWORTHY, JR. '76
President, Wilkes University Alumni Association

HONORARY DEGREES

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS ANDREW J. SORDONI

Son of a proud and leading Wyoming Valley family, he took up the burdens of responsibility for the many Sordoni interests in his early twenties and helped secure the continued success of Sordoni Construction Company and Commonwealth Telephone Company. His love of art and music, particularly jazz, led him in early life to discover the pleasure of creative philanthropy, supporting those artists and institutions in projects compatible with his own passionate commitments. Wilkes University and the Wyoming Valley community are the happy beneficiaries of this support through the Sordoni Gallery of Art and the "Jazz at Wilkes" series featuring many of the greatest jazz musicians. In Chiaroscuro, a jazz recording company, he has sought to preserve for all time top quality performances by the best jazz musicians. A nurturer of others, both in his own family and in the family of artists and jazz musicians, he has made this Valley and the world more beautiful. As his friend Dick Hyman says, "Andy Sordoni has a rare and precious talent for helping nice things to happen."

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS FREDERICK RUDOLPH

Product of the Wyoming Valley and celebrated graduate of Wyoming Seminary in 1938, of Williams College with a B.A. in 1942, of Yale University with an M.A. in 1949 and a Ph.D. in 1953. Historian of Williams College, his home for life, he analyzed the historical derivation of the liberal arts college ideal in his early book, *Mark Hopkins and the Log*. In his own teaching over more than three decades, Dr. Rudolph, the Mark Hopkins Professor of History, demonstrated this ideal of the teacher at one end of the log and the student at the other in his relationship with generations of fortunate Williams undergraduates. Pioneer of the American Studies movement, he also became the leading historian of American colleges and universities and of the evolution of college curricula over more than three centuries. National leader in assuring the integrity of the liberal arts curriculum in a period of profound change, Professor Rudolph's learned and urbane voice has been resonant in behalf of America's liberal arts tradition and educational mission.

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Business Administration Degree

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| <i>Firas Mohammed Tayb Azaizeh</i> | ⁵ <i>Matthew David Kopetchny</i> |
| ⁵ <i>James A. Bruck</i> | ⁵ <i>Valerie J. Love</i> |
| ⁵ <i>Richard D. Bullaro</i> | ^{*,5} <i>Marylou Ann Mauney</i> |
| ⁵ <i>Susan M. Drake</i> | ⁵ <i>Nicholas R. Mirigliani</i> |
| ⁵ <i>John Patrick Ford</i> | ^{*,5} <i>Susan Lynn Richardson</i> |
| ⁵ <i>Hélène Olecki Garibay</i> | <i>John J. Serafin</i> |
| ⁵ <i>Wayne Alan Hinkin</i> | ⁵ <i>Jacinta Maria Vrabel</i> |
| ⁵ <i>Thomas F. Hornkohl</i> | [*] <i>William Wagner</i> |

Master of Health Administration Degree

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| [*] <i>Lori Renee Biacchi</i> | [*] <i>Jane W. Richardson</i> |
| <i>Joseph Raymond Palka</i> | |

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education

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| <i>Robert Aulisio</i> | <i>Norman John Maza</i> |
| [*] <i>Joyce M. Bloom</i> | [*] <i>Anne Straub Pelak</i> |
| <i>Carolyn Marie Casino</i> | <i>Thea J. Sangiuliano</i> |
| <i>Susan B. Coughlin</i> | <i>Sherry Lee Schafer</i> |
| <i>Katherine Anne Doll</i> | <i>Ann R. Schweighofer</i> |
| [*] <i>Laning J. Harvey</i> | <i>Mary Nanorta Stchur</i> |
| [*] <i>Lisa C. Koski</i> | <i>Stewart P. Thomas</i> |
| [*] <i>Christine Marinko</i> | <i>Michael F. Thornton</i> |
| [*] <i>Theodore Steven Marmorstein</i> | |

^{*}*Degree in Absentia*

⁵*Delta Mu Delta*

Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering

⁶ *Ahmad Mohammed Tayb Azaizeh*
David R. Carey

Mark Rutkowski
⁶ *Christopher M. Scarba*

Master of Science Degree with a major in Nursing

Mary Rebecca Johnson
²¹ *Cherie Ann Soprano*

^{*,21} *Sandra L. Walton*

**Degree in Absentia*

⁶ *Eta Kappa Nu*

²¹ *Sigma Theta Tau*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

School of Business, Society and Public Policy

Summa Cum Laude

Theresa A. Kramer, International Studies
German, Second Major

^{1,5} *Charles Joseph Pierce, Business Administration*

^{3,5} *Mary Ann Riccardella, Accounting*

^{5,13} *Timothy Makoto Straub, Business Administration*
Economics, Second Major

^{1,5,23} *Regina Elizabeth Tarone, Accounting*
French, Second Degree

Magna Cum Laude

⁵ *Karen L. Guitson, Accounting*

⁵ *Lucia Helena R. Niero, Business Administration*

^{*,3,5} *Ricky D. Smith, Business Administration*

Cum Laude

^{3,17} *Sandra L. Argeanas, Political Science*

⁵ *Shannon L. Crake, Business Administration*

² *Rebecca Johnson, Sociology*

Melanie Meyer, Accounting

^{15,17} *David Joseph Mrochko, Political Science*

⁵ *Jason J. Nocella, Business Administration*

⁵ *George G. Pawlusch IV, Accounting*

Jason F. Poplaski, Business Administration

¹³ *Kevin Proctor, Economics*

¹⁵ *Adrienne Dennè Sheasley, International Studies*

^{*} Degree in Absentia ¹ Alpha Chi ² Alpha Kappa Delta ³ Alpha Sigma Lambda
⁵ Delta Mu Delta ¹³ Omicron Delta Epsilon ¹⁵ Phi Alpha Theta
¹⁷ Pi Sigma Alpha ²³ University Scholars

School of Business, Society and Public Policy — *Continued*

Accounting

* *Robert K. Ace, Jr.*
* *Francine E. Black*
Pramila Kadvekar

Donna Marie Pretko
^{1,5} *Harry L. Scatton*

Bachelor of Business Administration

Michael N. Barrouk
Anthony Joseph Biscotto
Charles Jasper Copley IV
Mary Doris Dymond
Douglas L. Ely
Kristi Lynn Fehlinger
^{*,1,3,5} *Dennis Gabriel Giordano*
^{*,3,5} *Connie L. Goff*
John Charles Hutchinson
Amy Shiree Jancouskas
Jessica Ann Jones
* *Joseph A. Kelly*

Curtis A. Kroesen
* *Donna P. Mackiw*
Mitchell N. Morgan
Beverly Olds
James William Phares
Chrysta Rohland
* *Lisa Marie Saita*
Joseph S. Shunnara
Mary Anne Turcic
Judith J. Vendel
Melissa Ann Wall
Erick M. Yurkanin

Business Administration

Thomas D. Harman

Bernard J. Radecki

International Studies

Blair Scott Bowman

César Alberto Vincés

**Degree in Absentia*

¹*Alpha Chi*

³*Alpha Sigma Lambda*

⁵*Delta Mu Delta*

School of Business, Society and Public Policy — *Continued*

Political Science

James J. Dougherty, III
Joseph John Drach
Scott Lee Gomb
Jeffrey T. Gray
Gail Hughes

** Richard Harvey Jones*
Eric H. Piechota
Edward Joseph Saracino
Joseph Michael Walsh
¹⁷ Angela Barbara Zawatski

Sociology

Thomas A. Buzzerd
Psychology, Second Degree
² David Anthony Plevyak
^{2,17} Jill Ann Roth
Political Science, Second Major

Jeremy Powell Shelton
² Linda Shupp
Jennifer Ruth Sisler

**Degree in Absentia*

²Alpha Kappa Delta

¹⁵Phi Alpha Theta

¹⁷Pi Sigma Alpha

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Summa Cum Laude

- ^{15,18} Christopher E. Cavanaugh, Psychology
Philosophy, Second Major
- ^{1,11,14,16,23} Mary Rose Dymond, Bachelor of Music
- ^{*,1,18} Karen Ann Gillan, Psychology
- ^{10,20} Margie Greskewicz, English
- ^{2,15} Brian Joseph Kaschak, History
- ^{16,18,22,23} Michael Peter Kaschak, Psychology
- ^{1,3} Joann Francine Katorkas, Psychology
Sociology, Second Major
- ^{1,16,18} Cynthia Marie Sieto, Psychology
- ^{1,5,23} Regina Elizabeth Tarone, French
Accounting, Second Degree

Magna Cum Laude

- ^{1,14} Jennifer J. Adam, Bachelor of Music
- ¹⁴ Amy L. Beardsworth, Bachelor of Music
- ¹² Erin Lynn Buckey, Communications
- ^{*,14} Jennifer DiLissio, Bachelor of Music
- ^{7,18} I. Michael Fras, Psychology
- ^{1,18} Maria Susan Chippi Giunta, Psychology
- ^{10,20} Bernard Paul Kovacs, Jr., English
- ^{11,14} Deedra G. Taffera, Psychology
Elementary Education, Second Major
- Lisa Marie Yech, Nursing
- ¹² Joy Ann Zimmerman, Communications

Cum Laude

- ^{1,14} Diane Mary Arale, Bachelor of Music
- ^{12,16} Michael Thomas Beachem, Communications
- ¹⁸ Laurine Ann Cognetti, Psychology
- ^{*} David Sommers, Bachelor of Music
- ^{*,10,18,20} Catherine R. Stine, English
Psychology, Second Major
- ²¹ Kimberly Ann Stroup, Nursing
- ^{11,12} Christine M. Tondrick, Communications
- ^{2,18} Jerry Michael Wright, Psychology

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⁵Delta Mu Delta ⁷Guthrie Scholar ¹⁰Honors in English ¹¹Kappa Delta Pi
¹²Lambda Pi Eta ¹⁴Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification
¹⁵Phi Alpha Theta ¹⁶Pi Eta Sigma ¹⁸Psi Chi ²⁰Sigma Tau Delta
²¹Sigma Theta Tau ²²Sigma Xi ²³University Scholars

The School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences — *Continued*

Art

Michael J. Cahill
* *Gail A. Hirsh*
¹⁴ *Melissa M. Peeler*

Amy Plucinik
Patricia Ann Swantek

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Lionel J. Plummer

Bachelor of Music

¹⁴ *LeaAnn Dewey*
¹⁴ *Kerry Lynn Gregory*
¹⁴ *Carrie Hatton-Lawlor*

¹⁴ *Deborah Lydon*
¹⁴ *Melissa Hope Rasnick*
¹⁴ *Bradley Michael Walsh*

Communications

Jaime Lynn Barbacci
Amy M. Connelly
Kerri Nicole Gosling
Michael G. Marano
Emily Ann Mika
Joshua Pesta
Edward Philbin

Denise Schembari
Amy Virginia Sosik
Danette Troxell
* *Alan Trybulski*
Tracie Marie Vacula
Ericka Wright

Elementary Education

¹⁴ *Valerie Kris Jones*
Psychology, Second Degree

¹⁴ *Theresa Ann Malinowski*
History, Second Degree

*Degree in Absentia

¹² Lambda Pi Eta

¹⁴ Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification

The School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

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English

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| <p><i>Amy K. Appleyard</i></p> <p>²⁰ <i>Heather Marie Genevieve Bonner</i></p> <p>²⁰ <i>Karen Heller Handley</i></p> <p>^{12,20} <i>Colleen Lynn Herron</i>
<i>Communications, Second Major</i></p> | <p>^{14,20} <i>Lisa Anne Niewinski</i></p> <p>¹⁴ <i>Michael W. Petherick</i></p> <p>* <i>Judith Tobin Telechowski</i></p> |
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French

- Christine Marie Gaydos*
International Studies, Second Major

History

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| <p><i>Jay J. Berardelli</i></p> <p>¹⁵ <i>Michael D. Coach</i>
<i>Matthew Conway</i>
<i>Carl T. Daubert</i></p> <p>¹⁴ <i>James Domzalski</i></p> | <p>¹⁴ <i>Emily Forman</i>
<i>Stephen Thomas Hedden</i></p> <p>¹⁴ <i>Theresa Ann Malinowski</i>
<i>Elementary Education, Second Degree</i></p> |
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Nursing

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| <p><i>John M. Amico</i></p> <p>²¹ <i>Robert Ryan Banko</i>
<i>Cathy Ann Bernetski</i>
<i>Sandra L. Casey</i></p> <p>²¹ <i>Theresa Elizabeth Cimino</i>
<i>Filomena Colella</i></p> <p>²¹ <i>Gina Marie Drost</i>
<i>Victoria Leigh Geller</i>
<i>Tara Gorman</i>
<i>Jennifer Ann Harmonosky</i>
<i>Shawn E. Havens</i></p> <p>²¹ <i>Janet Marie Hunsinger</i>
<i>Travus Anthony Jadus</i></p> | <p><i>Susan Maculloch</i></p> <p>²¹ <i>Lisa Marie Nardone</i>
<i>Amy Lynn Reilly</i></p> <p>²¹ <i>Sandra L. Rush</i>
<i>William Joseph Shaver</i></p> <p>²¹ <i>Debra Ann Stemrich</i></p> <p>⁴ <i>Jill Noel Tosca</i>
<i>Teri Lynn Tryba</i>
<i>J. Christine Tyrrell</i>
<i>Elaine Anne Viadock</i></p> <p>²¹ <i>Jennifer S. Webb</i>
<i>Denise Winters</i>
<i>Christie Yurko</i></p> |
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^{*}Degree in Absentia ⁴Chi Alpha Epsilon ¹²Lambda Pi Eta
¹⁴Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification ¹⁵Phi Alpha Theta
²⁰Sigma Tau Delta ²¹Sigma Theta Tau

The School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

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Psychology

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| <p><i>Mia Bartoletti</i></p> <p>* <i>Jodi Bryk</i>
<i>Sociology, Second Major</i></p> <p>¹⁸ <i>Elizabeth M. Buckland</i>
<i>Thomas A. Buzzerd</i>
<i>Sociology, Second Degree</i></p> <p>¹⁴ <i>Christine Marie Chiodo</i>
<i>Elementary Education, Second Major</i></p> <p>¹⁴ <i>Kristen Cookus</i>
<i>Elementary Education, Second Major</i></p> <p>¹⁸ <i>Lynn Marie Evans</i>
<i>Michelle Festa</i>
<i>Philosophy, Second Major</i></p> <p>* <i>Ronald J. George, Jr.</i>
<i>Mary Elizabeth Heffers</i></p> <p>¹⁴ <i>Valerie Kris Jones</i>
<i>Elementary Education, Second Degree</i></p> <p>¹⁴ <i>Danielle Ann Kleber</i>
<i>Elementary Education, Second Major</i></p> <p><i>Holly A. Mannear</i>
<i>Kelly Ann McDermott</i>
<i>Elementary Education, Second Major</i></p> | <p><i>Risa McGinty</i></p> <p>* <i>Jennifer Lynn McKenzie</i>
<i>Brenda Melucci</i></p> <p>¹⁴ <i>Daniel Gerard Moretski</i>
<i>Elementary Education, Second Major</i></p> <p><i>Alison M. Nowak</i>
<i>Shannon Mary O'Neill</i></p> <p>¹⁴ <i>Sara Elizabeth Perugini</i>
<i>Elementary Education, Second Major</i></p> <p>¹⁴ <i>Jennifer M. Plumbo</i>
<i>Elementary Education, Second Major</i></p> <p><i>Elias F. Saba</i>
<i>Robert Jack Shumaker</i>
<i>Nicole Marie Sisson</i>
<i>Meghan Terrill-Haddad</i></p> <p>* <i>Danae Tetlak</i>
<i>Sociology, Second Major</i></p> <p><i>Phillip James Torres</i>
<i>Jennifer R. Yarnal</i></p> |
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*Degree in Absentia

¹⁴ Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification

¹⁸ Psi Chi

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The School of Science and Engineering

Summa Cum Laude

- ^{1,7,16,22} Amy Elizabeth Blake, Biochemistry
^{1,23} Kendra L. Dolan, Biology
⁹ Jonathan R. Fanning, Engineering Management
^{1,7,16,22} Jill C. Fasciana, Biology
^{1,8} Laura E. Gantz, Biology
William F. Lavelle, Biochemistry
^{1,7,8,16,22} Preeti Rajnikant Patel, Biology
^{1,9,19} Lori Ann Perch, Mechanical Engineering
Computer Science, Second Degree
¹⁹ Joseph A. Petrillo, Mathematics
^{1,9,19} James Patrick Reil, Mechanical Engineering

Magna Cum Laude

- ¹⁹ Rebecca Ann Baker, Environmental Engineering
^{16,22,23} Jennifer A. Bartels, Chemistry
^{8,22} Danie Mark Bishop, Biology
^{7,16,22,23} Carrie Ann Bohenick, Biochemistry
^{1,6,9,19,22} Gregory C. Burda, Electrical Engineering
^{8,22} Natalie Olena Karpinich, Biology
¹⁴ Sarah Kovacs, Mathematics
^{1,16} Tricia Mary Petrucelli, Biology
^{7,8,16,22} Elizabeth Victoria Purdy, Biology
French, Second Major
^{1,7,8,22,23} Niral A. Shah, Biology
^{6,9,19,22} Stanley Stanski, Electrical Engineering
^{7,8,16,22,23} Tara Lynn Wilson, Biology

Cum Laude

- ¹⁹ James P. Connor, Environmental Engineering
¹⁹ Shawn Daniel Falchetti, Mechanical Engineering
¹⁴ Anastasia A. Gurdock, Biology
^{7,8,22} Kelly Jean Kellmel, Biology
Karen Ann Mazuka, Computer Science
⁸ Malika Mohseni, Biology
^{4,6,22} Lan-Phuong Ngoc Pham, Electrical Engineering
^{8,18,22} Melinda June Sorber, Biology
Shannon Elizabeth Maura Stair, Biology
^{7,8,22} William Su, Biology
Lisa A. Tabbitt, Biology
William James Ulicny, Environmental Engineering
^{3,22} Theresa Marie Ziemba, Chemistry

¹ Alpha Chi ³ Alpha Sigma Lambda ⁴ Chi Alpha Epsilon ⁶ Eta Kappa Nu
⁷ Guthrie Scholar ⁸ Honors in Biology ⁹ Honors in Engineering
¹⁴ Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification ¹⁶ Pi Eta Sigma
¹⁸ Psi Chi ¹⁹ Sigma Pi Sigma ²² Sigma Xi ²³ University Scholars

The School of Science and Engineering

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Applied and Engineering Sciences

Ime Okon Etim
Electrical Engineering, Second Degree

Biochemistry

Daniel Paul Haradem

Biology

^{8,22} *Salvatore J. Agosta*
Jennifer C. Brzegowski
²² *Robert P. Burry, Jr.*
Carrie Ann Marie Chipeco
¹⁴ *David H. Clancy*
Maria Costello
Amie Michelle D'Angelo
Dante Michael Grassi

²³ *Jane Marie Jesse*
Sandra Lynn Nicole Mayerski
James Oliver Poepperling
Jason J. Ruscavage
Daniel D. Siani
Betsy Snyder
²² *Nishu Mahesh Trivedi*
Chemistry, Second Degree

Chemistry

Tara N. Mayka

²² *Nishu Mahesh Trivedi*
Biology, Second Degree

⁸ Honors in Biology
¹⁶ Pi Eta Sigma

¹⁴ Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification
¹⁸ Psi Chi ²² Sigma Xi ²³ University Scholars

The School of Science and Engineering — *Continued*

Computer Information Systems

Lawrence M. McGurgan
Kelly Dawn Yashimski
Christopher J. Ziemba

Computer Science

* *John J. Bradigan*
* *Joel Michael Buckey*
Michael Shygelski

Eric Werner
^{16,23} *Jeffrey A. Zapotoczny*
Philosophy, Second Major

Earth and Environmental Science

Gregory Michael Davis
¹⁴ *Steven David Glasson*

Joseph E. Stella
Jason C. Wesolowski

Electrical Engineering

Christopher S. Antall
⁹ *Charles J. Bakker*
Richard S. Bekanich
Ime Okon Etim
Applied and Engineering Sciences, Second Degree

† *Paul W. Klimek*
Brian J. Szczygiel
* *Robert Ziegenfus*

* *Degree in Absentia* ⁹ *Honors in Engineering* ¹⁶ *Pi Eta Sigma*
¹⁴ *Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification* ²³ *University Scholars*
† *Commissioned Second Lieutenant, United States Air Force*

The School of Science and Engineering — *Continued*

Engineering Management

Christopher J. Kutish

Environmental Engineering

Benjamin John Ewing

* *Scott M. Fleming*

Matthew F. Kreder

Daniel Rickard

Materials Engineering

Jonathan P. Dougher

Edward Michael Hollock

Mechanical Engineering

John Imperial

John Richard McCrea

Michael John Mecir

Brian Allen Smith

Medical and Health Physics

Robin L. Rodriguez-Gilroy

Medical Technology

Lynn A. Maguschak

Michelle Marie Miller

Jeffrey Joseph Vols

** Degree in Absentia*

Scholarly Societies

- 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 Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.*
- ⁶ *Denotes Membership in the Kappa Beta Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, the International Electrical Engineering Honor Society.*
- ⁷ *Denotes Membership in the Guthrie Premedical Scholars Program.*
- 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 Lambda Pi ETA, the National Honorary Society in Communications.*
- ¹³ *Denotes Membership in Omicron Delta Epsilon, the National Honorary Society in Economics.*
- ¹⁴ *Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.*
- ¹⁵ *Denotes Membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honorary Society in History.*
- ¹⁶ *Denotes Membership in Phi Eta Sigma, the National Honor Society for College Freshmen.*
- ¹⁷ *Denotes Membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.*
- ¹⁸ *Denotes Membership in Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology.*
- ¹⁹ *Denotes Membership in Sigma Pi Sigma, the National Honorary Society of Physics students.*
- ²⁰ *Denotes Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary Society in English.*
- ²¹ *Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing.*
- ²² *Denotes Membership in and acknowledgment by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.*
- ²³ *Denotes Membership in University Scholars.*
- ^{*} *Degree in absentia*

1998 Student Awards

School of Business, Society and Public Policy

PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting	Regina E. Tarone
Excellence in Business Administration	Timothy Straub
Excellence in Economics	Kevin Procter Timothy Straub
Outstanding Student Award — MBA Program	Richard D. Bullaro
Pi Sigma Alpha Award	David Mrochko
Dr. Jaroslav G. Moravec Award in Sociology	Marcie Herman
Raymond R. Ritz Award	Vanessa Johnson

School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Annette Evans Humanities Award	Bernie Kovacs
Human Sciences Award	Michael Kaschak
Outstanding Secondary Teacher Education Student	Sarah Kovacs
Outstanding Elementary Teacher Education Student	Brenda Skoronski
Frank J.J. Davies Award	Margie Greskewicz Sean Flannery
Peking Chef Award for International Understanding	Theresa Kramer
Phi Alpha Theta Book Award	Brian Kaschak
John F. Kennedy Award	Michael D. Coach
Presser Scholarship	Jennifer Adam
Highest GPA in Nursing	Kimberly Stroup
RN with the Highest GPA	Lisa Yech
Nursing Clinical Award	Christine Yurko
Nursing Leadership Award	Robert Banko
Outstanding Graduate in Psychology	Michael Kaschak

1998 Student Awards

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School of Science and Engineering

The Association of Engineering Colleges of Pennsylvania Award Lori Perch
Rebecca Baker

Department of Biology

Academic Achievement Award Jill Fasciana
Outstanding Research Award Dan Bishop
Rosenthal Memorial Award Sal Agosta

Department of Chemistry

Catherine H. Bone Award Amy Blake
William Lavelle
Dr. Alfred W. Bastress Award Theresa Ziemba
American Chemical Society Section Award Jennifer Bartels
Analytical Chemistry Award Richard Pencek
Outstanding Freshman Chemistry Award Pia Chatterjee

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Electrical Engineering Achievement Award Vinh Ngoc Pham
IEEE J. J. Ebers Memorial Award Gregory Burda
Outstanding Electrical Engineering Graduate Student Award David Carey
Electrical Engineering Graduate Assistant Award Ahmad Azaizeh

Department of Geoenvironmental Sciences and Engineering

Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Engineering Rebecca Baker

Department of Math and Computer Science

Computer Science Award Lori Perch
Eric Werner
Computer Information Systems Award Lawrence McGurgan
Mathematics Award Joseph Petrillo

Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering

Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical Engineering Lori Perch
James Reil
Outstanding Achievement in Engineering Management Jonathan Fanning

University College

Adult Learner of the Year Beverly Olds

Student Affairs

Nada Vujica Memorial Award Lucia H. Niero
Theresa Jordan & Frank Mehm Prize Robert Banko
Michael Beachem
Special Wilkes Humanitarian Award Tom Mayka
Leslie Nelson
Patricia Peck-Olenick

1998 Student Awards

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Student Activities

Programming Board

Programmer of the Year Quinn Kirk

Presidential Incentive Award Jennifer Kutler

Society of Women Engineers

Leadership Award Natalie Miller

Cooperative Education

Outstanding Senior Intern Blair Bowman

Keith Topfer Memorial Award Rebecca Baker

Athletic Department

Female Athlete of the Year Rebecca Baker

Male Athlete of the Year J. J. Fadden

Female Scholar Athlete of the Year Rebecca Baker

Male Scholar Athlete of the Year Jay Williams

Volunteer Services

• Helping Hands Service Award

Alyse Bauman Kristen Cookus
Andrew Clark Marc Eakin

Beth Fedor
Dora Lam

Kathleen Terrenoire
Cindy Sieto

• Circle K Service Award

Beth Fedor Kim Kutch

Dora Lam

Kathleen Terrenoire

Amnicola

• Editorial Award

Michael Beachem Marcie Herman
Angie Cardoso Colleen Herron
Alicia Cymbala Sarah Karalavage

Bernie Kovacs
Katie Kulesa
Jarrad Max

Melinda Sorber

Student Government

• Faculty Choice Award Dr. Patricia Siplon

• Appreciation Award

Michael Beachem Amy Blake
Amy Jancouskas Jason Nocella
Chris Sung Tara Wilson

C. J. Copley
Tricia Petrucelli
Jill Fasciana

Melinda Sorber

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Robert Ryan Banko
Michael Thomas Beachem
Amy L. Beardsworth
Amy Elizabeth Blake
Carrie Ann Bohenic
Heather Marie Genevieve Bonner
Christine Marie Chiodo
Kristen Cookus
Charles Jasper Copley, IV
Kendra L. Dolan
James Domzalski
Mary Rose Dymond
Jill C. Fasciana
Christine Marie Gaydos
Marla Susan Chippi Giunta
Kerri Nicole Gosling
Anastasia A. Gurdock
Daniel Paul Haradem
Colleen Lynn Herron
Natalie Olena Karpnich

Brian Joseph Kaschak
Michael Peter Kaschak
Bernard Paul Kovacs
Emily Ann Mika
Jason J. Nocella
Beverly Olds
Preeti Rajnikant Patel
George G. Pawlusch, IV
Tricia Mary Petrucelli
Jason F. Poplaski
Adrienne Denné Sheasley
Cynthia Marie Sieto
Melinda June Sorber
Lisa A. Tabbitt
Regina Elizabeth Tarone
Christine M. Tondrick
Tara Lynn Wilson
Jeffrey A. Zapotoczny
Christopher J. Ziembra

Class of 1998 OFFICERS

Michael Beachem
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Amy Blake
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Kristen Cookus
C. J. Copley
Mary Rose Dymond
Jill Fasciana
Christine Gaydos
Kerri Gosling
Amy Gutowski
Daniel Haradem

Colleen Herron
Amy Jancouskas
Jessica Murray
Jason Nocella
Beverly Olds
Melissa Pammer
Michael Rosh
Jill Roth
Jeanette Snyder
Melinda Sorber
Christine Todrick
Tara Wilson
Joy Zimmerman

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 at the Classroom/Office Building, room 110. An ambulance is positioned by the side entrance of the Classroom/Office Building. 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.

PICTURE-TAKING — Because of space limitations, safety and control, no one, except the professional photographer and members of the press with appropriate credentials, will be allowed access to the stage area for the purpose of taking pictures or video-taping. A photograph will be taken of each graduate as the diploma is presented by the President. A videotape of the entire ceremony will also be made available to interested graduates.

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

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