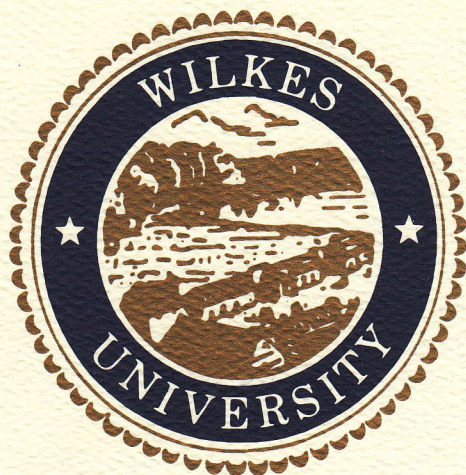


WILKES UNIVERSITY



COMMENCEMENT-CONVOCATION

Thursday
August 28, 1997
11:15 a.m.

Edward Darling, Jr. Theatre
Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts

Wilkes University
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

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*Summer Commencement
for the
Conferring of Degrees*

*Thursday Morning
August 28, 1997
at eleven fifteen o'clock*

Order of Exercises

*FANFARE Aurelio Bonelli

*PROCESSIONAL Sonata for Winds
G.F. Handel
arr. Wolff

WELCOME J. Michael Lennon
Vice President for Academic Affairs

*INVOCATION Rabbi Meir Rosenberg
Rabbi, Congregation, Ohav Zedek
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

*AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL Words by Katherine Lee Bates
Music by Samuel A. Ward

GREETINGS Eugene Roth '57
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Kenneth A. Broadt
Chair, Faculty Affairs Council

C.J. Copley '98
President, Student Government

EUGENE S. FARLEY ALUMNUS
MEMORIAL AWARD WILLIAM P. MONTAGUE '68, M '77

Presentation by ROBERT S. CAPIN '50
President Emeritus
Professor of Accounting Emeritus

*The audience is requested to rise.

Order of Exercises

CONFERRING OF
HONORARY DEGREE GEORGE L. FENNER, JR.
Presentation by CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH, President

ADDRESS Christopher N. Breiseth

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES Christopher N. Breiseth

*ALMA MATER *Eleanor C. Farley*

*BENEDICTION Reverend Dr. Robert M. Zanicky
*Pastor, First Presbyterian Church
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania*

*RECESSIONAL Ceremonial March
*J. S. Bach
arr. Wolff*

*Music by Wilkes University Brass Ensemble
Jerome Campbell, Conductor*

**The audience is requested to rise.*

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Business Administration Degree

³ Yi Chen
*Anthony C. Giardina

Edward J. Kowalczyk, Jr.
*James Patrick Thomas

Master of Health Administration Degree

Deborah Lynn Wood

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education

*Marie Ambrose
Robert Aulisio
Gail L. Barna
Kelly Anne Brislin
*Beverly L. Butt
*Anne M. Crabtree
*Evelyn M. Hinz Cunningham
*Susan M. DeBella
*Susan L. Dempsey
*Melissa Fron

Sandra Jean Goodwin
*Deanna Denise Harvey
*Matthew McCaffrey
*Paul Sawka
Rebecca A. Shedlock
Marianne D. Telincho
Joseph John Theobald
Melanie Jo Whitebread
David Taylor Williams

Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering

*Haitham M. Abul-Haija

Master of Science Degree with a major in Nursing

Brook B. Bower

⁶ Sheri Ann Narusewicz

Master of Science Degree with a major in Mathematics

John A. Loftus

Master of Science Degree with a major in Physics

⁵ Husam Hamza Abu-Safe

*Degree in Absentia ³ Delta Mu Delta ⁵ Sigma Pi Sigma ⁶ Sigma Theta Tau

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

School of Business, Society and Public Policy

Summa Cum Laude

¹*James L. Shander, Sociology*

Accounting

Stephen J. Peterson

**Jon C. Pitts II*

Philip Harris Siegel, Jr.

Edward A. Warunek, Jr.

Bachelor of Business Administration

**Michael K. Grohs*

Tammy Marie Hall

^{2,3}*Lisa M. Hannum*

Steven J. Rector

Michael R. Schaffner

**Paula A. Telep*

Business Administration

³*Donna Janet Evans*

Economics

Walter Michael Tucker, Jr.

Political Science

Kristina Renae Fish

**Degree in Absentia ¹Alpha Kappa Delta ²Alpha Sigma Lambda ³Delta Mu Delta*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Magna Cum Laude
Nicole Tavella, Psychology

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Mark Richard Wallace

Bachelor of Music

Christopher Hemmer

English

**Brenda Lynn Giza Orehotsky*

History

⁴Thomas John Stavitzski, Jr.

Psychology

Danielle Angley
²Ralph J. Coury
Kimberly D. Gerrity
Keri Ann McDermott
Christine Marie Perfetto
Elementary Education, Second Major
Holly Jean Spitalik

**Degree in Absentia ²Alpha Sigma Lambda ⁴Candidates for Pennsylvania Teachers Certification*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

School of Science and Engineering

Summa Cum Laude

^{5,7} Vinh Ngoc Pham, *Electrical Engineering*

Biology

** Douglas Lentz
Eleanor Heather Quick*

Computer Information Systems

** Augustus J. Wellings III*

Earth and Environmental Science

Geoffrey B. Little

Electrical Engineering

*John Franklin Hitchcock
Anthony M. Kniolek II*

Environmental Engineering

Charles L. Riddle

Mathematics

^{4,} Colleen McGarry*

**Degree in Absentia ⁴ Candidates for Pennsylvania Teachers Certification
⁵ Sigma Pi Sigma ⁷ Eta Kappa Nu*

Scholarly Societies

- ¹ *Denotes Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Honorary Society in Sociology*
- ² *Denotes Membership in the Eta Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the Honor Society recognizing the academic excellence of adult part-time students.*
- ³ *Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.*
- ⁴ *Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.*
- ⁵ *Denotes Membership in Sigma Pi Sigma, the National Honorary Society of Physics students.*
- ⁶ *Denotes Membership in Sigma Theta Tau, the National Honorary Society in Nursing.*
- ⁷ *Denotes Membership in the Kappa Beta Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, the International Electrical Engineering Honor Society.*
- * *Degree in absentia.*

Honor cords signify membership in a scholarly society.

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.

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