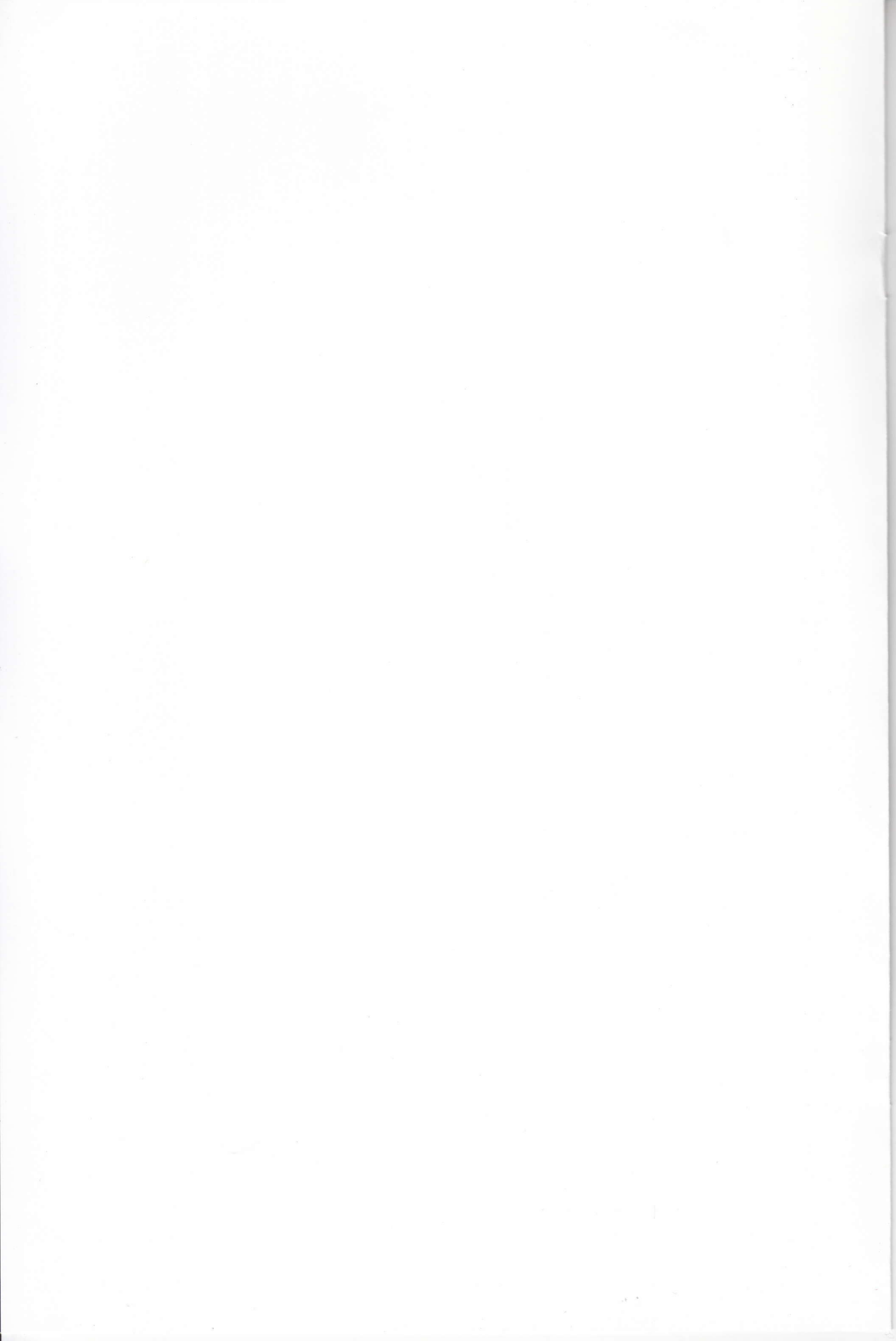




WILKES UNIVERSITY'S SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
Spring Commencement
FOR THE CONFERRING OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Saturday, May Seventeenth
Two-thousand and fourteen • 3 p.m.





WILKES UNIVERSITY'S SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
Spring Commencement

Order of Exercises

PROCESSIONAL

Entry and March of the Peers from Iolanthe Arthur Sullivan
(The audience is requested to rise as the procession begins.)

WELCOME TERESE M. WIGNOT
Interim Provost

INVOCATION RABBI LARRY G. KAPLAN
Temple Israel, Wilkes-Barre, PA

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

Gaudeamus Igitur Traditional

GREETINGS JOHN R. MILLER '68
Chairman, Board of Trustees

MARCIA K. FARRELL
*Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Associate Professor, English*

IAN FOLEY
Member of the Class of 2014

Order of Exercises

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE

STELIOS J. PATSIOKAS
Doctor of Science

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....STELIOS J. PATSIOKAS '75

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

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGEPATRICK F. LEAHY
President

Alma Mater.....Eleanor C. Farley
Arrangement, Earl D. Orcutt '69
*(The words to the Alma Mater are printed on page 24 of the program.
The audience is requested to stand and join in the singing.)*

BENEDICTIONRABBI LARRY G. KAPLAN
Temple Israel, Wilkes-Barre, PA

RECESSIONAL

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

Music Provided By:

Wilkes University Commencement Band
Dr. Philip G. Simon, *Conductor*

Wilkes University Commencement Choir
Dr. Steven Thomas, *Conductor*

Ceremony Interpreted By:

Ashley Garzia
360 Translations International, Inc.

HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE.....STELIOS J. PATSIOKAS
Native of Serres, Greece; graduate of Wilkes College in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering; graduate of Virginia Tech with both a Masters degree and PhD in Electrical Engineering; Director of Product Development for Motorola's Messaging Systems Group, developing the PageWriter 2000 two-way messaging drive, Motorola's first software centric device; appointed in 1998 as Senior Vice President of Engineering at XM Satellite Radio; promoted to Executive Vice President for Engineering in 2001; currently serving as Corporate Vice President and Chief Innovation Officer for Sirius XM Satellite Radio; holder of 35 United States patents; recipient of the Washington Immigrant Award; and member of the Space Technology Hall of Fame.

Because you have the vision to see what is possible and how to achieve it; because you have been a dedicated leader who has motivated colleagues to greater levels of competence and achievement; because your research and scientific contributions have defined the standards in the satellite radio field; and because your pioneering spirit and innovative research have changed many aspects of the way we are informed and entertained; by the power vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I confer upon you, **Stelios J. Patsiokas**, the Doctor of Science degree, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.

AWARDS

THE MABLE SCOTT WANDELL AND
STERLING LEROY WANDELL AWARDS.....KATHERINE C. DODSON '14
KYL A JACQUELINE HALSOR '14
ROBERT JOSEPH SPERAZZA '14

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

TERESE M. WIGNOT
Interim Provost

THERESA JORDAN AND FRANK MEHM PRIZE.....JORDYN B. MILLER '14
NIMITA B. PATEL '14

This annual prize recognizes an individual from the Wilkes community who by vote of a select committee, exemplifies moral courage, perseverance, formidable faith and a sense of unwavering optimism.

Presentation by PAUL S. ADAMS
Vice President, Student Affairs

ALUMNI AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IAN FOLEY '14

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

Presentation by THOMAS N. RALSTON '80
Wilkes University Alumni Association

ARMED FORCES RESERVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT
UNITED STATES AIR FORCEPATRICK SUTTON-BUSCAVAGE '14
THOMAS W. KANIOS '14
BRIANNA E. HOULE '14

Presentation by ANDY J. GREENFIELD
Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Air Force

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Thomas J. Baldino, *Interim Dean*

Communication Studies

- Zobaida Toma Azad
¹⁰ Brittany Battista, *Magna Cum Laude*
Rebecca Bolus
Michael Boylan
Jason Christopher Cochran
William Francis Conway
^{10,28} Dominick Costantino, Jr., *Summa Cum Laude*
^{1,10,19} Katherine C. Dodson, *Summa Cum Laude*
Psychology, Second Major
¹⁰ Morgan Marie Evans, *Magna Cum Laude*
- # Sarah E. Guth
^{10,25} Christine Marie Lee, *Magna Cum Laude*
Laura Preby
Samantha E. Rajczyk
¹ Kristina Marie Seiger, *Summa Cum Laude*
Jennifer Larene Villa, *Summa Cum Laude*
Theatre Arts, Second Major
¹⁰ Delisia Washington, *Cum Laude*
¹⁰ Carly Yamrus, *Magna Cum Laude*

Criminology

- Benjamin Philip Accardi, *Summa Cum Laude*
Psychology, Second Major
² William H. Baker Jr., *Cum Laude*
Sociology, Second Major
Sean T. Bennie
Sociology, Second Major
John S. Chaplick IV
Sociology, Second Major
Kayla Leigh Czapracki
Sociology, Second Major
Amanda Fleig
Sociology, Second Major
Calvin C. Garvin
Sociology, Second Major
Larissa Helen Gimble
Nicole Christina Krappa
Sociology, Second Major
Paige Kulsa
Sociology, Second Major
⁵ Tyler D. Lauchaire
Psychology, Second Major - Sociology, Third Major
Nguyen Hoang Le
Psychology, Second Major
Samantha Ann Lindo
Sociology, Second Major - Spanish, Third Major
Rhonda Elizabeth Lynch, *Cum Laude*
Sociology, Second Major
- Ryan Patrick McKeown
Sociology, Second Major
James E. Moran
Sociology, Second Major
^{2,19} Nimita B. Patel
Sociology, Second Major
Psychology, Second Degree
Hailee Politz
Sociology, Second Major
² Kenneth Alan Pugh II, *Magna Cum Laude*
Sociology, Second Major
Paul Joseph Purkall
Sociology, Second Major
^{1,2} Kassondra Rader, *Summa Cum Laude*
Sociology, Second Major
Ashley Ann Rash
Sociology, Second Major
Dawn Sikora
Sociology, Second Major
Shawn G. Sutter
Sociology, Second Major
Matthew Scott Transue
Sociology, Second Major
* Paul Vaughan

English

- ²² Miranda Kristine Baur, *Summa Cum Laude*
Michelle Alena Byrnes
^{1,11,12,22} Kaitlyn E. Carton, *Summa Cum Laude*
⁵ Alyssa Daniel
Christopher Hodorowski
²² Patrick Klus
^{*,12,22} Beth Ann Morgan, *Magna Cum Laude*
- *²² Briana R. Nissen
Ellen Kidwell Riley
^{1,11,12,22} Catelyn Mackenzie Sofio, *Summa Cum Laude*
Melissa Thorne
²² Anne Yoskoski, *Magna Cum Laude*
Communications, Second Major
²² Gabriella Zawacki, *Summa Cum Laude*

¹ Alpha Chi ² Alpha Kappa Delta ⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon ¹⁰ Lambda Pi Eta ¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi
¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification ¹⁹ Psi Chi ²² Sigma Tau Delta ²⁵ Tom Bigler Scholar
²⁸ Sigma Alpha Pi * Degree in Absentia # January 2014 Graduate

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

History

^{12,14} Nicholas L. Dawson, *Magna Cum Laude*
¹⁴ Kathryn Godek
^{*14} Joseph Anthony Grandinetti
Seth M. Gray

Lauren Ann Odland
^{1,14} Jessica Marie Scott, *Summa Cum Laude*
^{1,14} Richelle Mary Smith, *Summa Cum Laude*
Nicholas Jack Wilkins

Integrative Media

Greg Bowser
David John Brandt
Robert Carley III
Mitchell J. Frear
Chelsea Fufaro, *Magna Cum Laude*
Joseph R. Haley

Paul Kaspriskie
Samantha Ann Elizabeth Kerpovich, *Magna Cum Laude*
Evan Mark Kriner
¹ Eric Larsen, *Summa Cum Laude*
Eric M. Stull
Greg Thomas, *Summa Cum Laude*

Music Education

Rebecca Lynn Scales

Musical Theatre

Kelly Marie Pleva, *Cum Laude*

Philosophy

Zachary Jones, *Magna Cum Laude*

Political Science

David Allen Crane
Daniel Patrick Duggan IV
¹⁸ Nour Elbattah
International Studies, Second Major

^{10,18} Ian Foley, *Magna Cum Laude*
Communications, Second Major
^{17,18} Stephanie Wogan, *Magna Cum Laude*
International Studies, Second Major

¹ Alpha Chi ¹⁰ Lambda Pi Eta ¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification ¹⁴ Phi Alpha Theta
¹⁷ Pi Kappa Delta ¹⁸ Pi Sigma Alpha * Degree in Absentia # January 2014 Graduate

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

Psychology

- Adam Bailey
19 Allison Bicskei, *Cum Laude*
1,2,19 Alysha M. Bixler, *Summa Cum Laude*
Sociology, Second Major
*,19,28 Leanna Brisson, *Magna Cum Laude*
#,1,19 Julia Ann Cikota, *Summa Cum Laude*
19 Kristen M. Craven, *Magna Cum Laude*
19,28 Whitney L. Dartnell
19 Mariah Lynn DiGloria, *Cum Laude*
Laura Jean Downs
Dean A. Frutchey, *Cum Laude*
John Giustino
Tashya L. Huber
19 Brittany N. Lippert, *Cum Laude*
Myzar Mendoza
Political Science, Second Major
#,19 Melinda Marie Myers, *Magna Cum Laude*
19,28 Megan Neri, *Magna Cum Laude*
- Stephanie Lynn Orr
Unity Osoi-Owusu
Birjukumer Patel
Mital B. Patel
2,19 Nimita B. Patel
Criminology, Second Degree
Jennifer E. Pombo
Alyssa Marie Ralston
Dustin Raymer, *Summa Cum Laude*
Shaney Ashley Rivers
* Ashley Faith Scott
28 Donald R. Searfoss
Emily M. Travers
Nicole W. Weaver
Theatre Arts, Second Degree
Stephanie Williams
James W. Wismer
19 Jennifer Lynne Wood, *Magna Cum Laude*

Sociology

- 2,14 Dawn M. DiMaria, *Cum Laude*
Leigh C. Gerardi, *Cum Laude*
- Oneka Yearwood

Spanish

- 11,12 Elizabeth Mary Dollman
11,12 Milana Grigoriev, *Summa Cum Laude*
- Allison Kristofco, *Magna Cum Laude*
Marketing, Second Degree

Theatre Arts

- 22 James Michael Alderiso, *Magna Cum Laude*
English, Second Major
Cassidy Conroy
Timothy G. King
- * Gunnar R. Waldman
Nicole W. Weaver
Psychology, Second Degree

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¹⁹ Psi Chi ²² Sigma Tau Delta ²⁸ Sigma Alpha Pi * Degree in Absentia # January 2014 Graduate

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The School of Education

Rhonda A. Waskiewicz, *Interim Dean*

Elementary Education

^{11,12} Amanda Marie Bast, *Cum Laude*

Elementary & Early Childhood Education

^{#,11,12} Jamie L. Barlow, *Cum Laude*

^{11,12} Jessica A. Costantino, *Magna Cum Laude*

¹¹ Chase Daniel English

^{11,12} Krista Fetterman, *Magna Cum Laude*

¹² Jill Elizabeth Grasso, *Cum Laude*

^{11,12} Kelly Marie Lashock, *Magna Cum Laude*

^{#,12} Jonathan Andreas Martin, *Summa Cum Laude*

^{11,12} Marina L. Skevofilax, *Magna Cum Laude*

¹² Robin Elizabeth Sorber, *Cum Laude*

¹¹ Marjorie Viola Whispell
Middle School Education

^{11,12} Rachel Beavers, *Summa Cum Laude*

¹² Kimberly A. Gumaer, *Cum Laude*

Vicky I. Klem, *Magna Cum Laude*

^{11,12} Rebecca Ashley McMahon

^{11,12} Megan M. Petrochko, *Summa Cum Laude*

¹² Emilee Anne Segreaves

¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi

¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification

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BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Science and Engineering

Dale A. Bruns, *Dean*

Biology

- Benjamin Matthew Chelius
^{1,4,7,26} Aleona Michelle Chinikaylo, *Summa Cum Laude*
^{1,4,7,26} Luke Dombert, *Summa Cum Laude*
^{4,7,26} Brandon Scott Dudeck, *Summa Cum Laude*
⁷ Alexa Golecki, *Summa Cum Laude*
^{1,4,7} Kyla Jacqueline Halsor, *Summa Cum Laude*
[#] John J. Janosov
^{*} Andrew Kolansky
^{4,7} Kristopher David Krawchuk, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{4,7} Patrick R. Lello
^{4,19} Gregory P. McFarlane, *Cum Laude*
Anastasya Menaker
^{4,7} Bryant Morocho, *Cum Laude*
- ^{4,7,26} Anup Patel, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{1,4,7,26} Hiral Chandrakant Patel, *Summa Cum Laude*
^{4,7} Colleen M. Pike, *Magna Cum Laude*
⁴ Alicia A. Quinn
^{4,19} Nicole Christine Sheptock, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{1,4,7} Robert Joseph Sperazza, *Summa Cum Laude*
[#] Matthew Joseph Suchocki
⁴ Justin J. Szpilka
Samantha L. Tellip
⁴ Lorinette Williams Wirth
^{4,12} Mitchell David Yamrus
^{#,4} Michael Yuhua, *Magna Cum Laude*

Biochemistry

Phillip Leonard Eempio

Chemistry

- ^{11,12} Rachel Marie Gill
Natalia Gregorievna Petrochko
- Callie DiAnn Zerby

Computer Science

- Patrick Killian
Zachary Marcin
^{*} Joseph M. McGovern
- Mary Olson
Patrick Sutton-Buscavage
Craig A. Thomas

Earth and Environmental Sciences

- Elizabeth Rose Kura, *Cum Laude*
Tyler Marino
Kelly M. Rauschmeier
- Keri May Skvarla, *Summa Cum Laude*
John Smith
Lyndsie Yamrus, *Magna Cum Laude*

Electrical Engineering

- Ahmed Abdellatif
Alexandra Dini
⁹ Ryan Habib, *Summa Cum Laude*
Gregory Brian Lee, *Summa Cum Laude*
- Christopher Lesnefsky
Hasan Mufti
^{*} Tu Nguyen
Kevin Vanderhoof

¹ Alpha Chi ⁴ Beta Beta Beta ⁷ Honors in Biology ⁹ Honors in Engineering ¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi
¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification ¹⁹ Psi Chi ²⁶ Pre-Medical Scholar ^{*} Degree in Absentia [#] January 2014 Graduate

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Science and Engineering — *Continued*

Engineering Management

Abdulaziz Saad Alakeel
Edward John Bilder III
Mechanical Engineering, Second Degree

Anthony S. Mistretta

Environmental Engineering

²⁸ Kristen Rose Chorney
Megan Gershey
Matthew Glogowski

Sam Miller
William Cody Welgosh
Victoria A. Yakobosky

Mathematics

Krystina Baker, *Cum Laude*
¹² Kaitlyn Noel Bevans
^{11,12} Patrick Robert Furst, *Cum Laude*

¹² Ryan J. Prohaska
¹² Paige Marie Trusty

Mechanical Engineering

Hassan A. Alsalloum, *Cum Laude*
Andrew Kwasi Baah Asare
Alex J. Benne
¹ Andrew Bergey, *Summa Cum Laude*
Edward John Bilder III
Engineering Management, Second Degree
Matthew Richard Buono, Jr.
Ethan Chase Everett Culler, *Summa Cum Laude*
Hanna DiFresco, *Cum Laude*
Michael Dean English
Matthew Hayes

Tyler Holland, *Cum Laude*
Thomas W. Kanios
Jordyn B. Miller, *Cum Laude*
Michael J. Moletsky III
Bao Vu Nguyen
Nikita Patel, *Magna Cum Laude*
Sean Pilitowski, *Magna Cum Laude*
Ryan A. Pisaneschi
Nicholas Rosati
Frank S. Shimkus
Garth Dylan Todd, *Magna Cum Laude*

¹ Alpha Chi

¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi

¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification

²⁸ Sigma Alpha Pi

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BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

Jeffrey R. Alves, *Dean*

Accounting

- Ibraheem Alfuaim, *Cum Laude*
* Kaitlin Chase, *Summa Cum Laude*
Katelyn Cocchi
Jaclyn Englehardt, *Cum Laude*
Gabriella Ford
28 Alexandria M. Genelow
Entrepreneurship, Second Degree
Pamela H. Grosner
6 Casey Marie Harding, *Cum Laude*
6 Megan Elizabeth Heverly, *Magna Cum Laude*
Finance, Second Degree
Robert W. Houseknecht
6 Jason Kieffer, *Magna Cum Laude*
Joshua J. Koslosky
Brian Victor Martinez, *Cum Laude*
Finance, Second Major
* Ashley Marie Mehall
Brandon James Michael
Justin P. Psaila
6 Theresa Gabriella Roman, *Summa Cum Laude*
Michael A. Shannon, *Magna Cum Laude*
Douglass J. Shuttleworth
Joel Paul Stitt
1,6 Emily Elizabeth Weary, *Summa Cum Laude*

Business Administration

- Dalton David Bennett
Stephen Blish
6 Edward Thomas Clancey III
Sarah K. Davis
Melissa Margaret Duda
Christopher DeMuro
William Fletcher
6 Renee Guida, *Summa Cum Laude*
Benjamin T. Haushalter
Terrence Grove Ives, Jr.
Nicole Angela Kerr-Stapleton, *Magna Cum Laude*
Aimee Marie MacFarlane, *Summa Cum Laude*
* Paul Migliorino
Kathleen Montz
Calvin A. Santiago
6 Carl Gregory Santoro
*6 Kelly Ann Trochak, *Summa Cum Laude*

Entrepreneurship

- Ryan Jon Asay
5 Jessica Marie Batchler
Cory Cesare
28 Alexandria M. Genelow
Accounting, Second Degree
Alexander George
Dominic Joseph Manzione, *Cum Laude*
5,6 Tory Lee Price, *Cum Laude*
* Joseph R. Pugliese

Finance

- Faisal Khalid Alharbi
Mark Allen Hartenstine
Megan Elizabeth Heverly, *Magna Cum Laude*
Accounting, Second Degree

¹ Alpha Chi
28 Sigma Alpha Pi

⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon
* Degree in Absentia

⁶ Delta Mu Delta
January 2014 Graduate

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership — *Continued*

Management

- Saeed Ghanem Al Mansoori, *Cum Laude*
Saleh Abdulaziz Alsuyayfi
Thomas V. Calabrese
6 Daniel V. Curry
6 Samantha Ann Fowler, *Magna Cum Laude*
Marketing, Second Major
Jacob S. Jardel
6 Andrew John Mihaly
Finance, Second Major
1 Deanna Moore, *Summa Cum Laude*
6 Alexandra Paranac, *Magna Cum Laude*
Marketing, Second Major
Anthony C. Peterson
Kevin J. Ruitenber
Brendan Scott Sheldon
6 Jonathon Slack
Robert Swetts
6 Jeremy F. Wiest, *Magna Cum Laude*
Marketing, Second Major
Auxence V. Wogou

Marketing

- Raymond E. Dungee, Jr.
David Bruce Evans
Drew Feniello
6 Allison Kristofco, *Magna Cum Laude*
Spanish, Second Degree
6 Nicholas Joseph Lynch, *Cum Laude*
6 Alexander Michael Makos, *Cum Laude*
Evana Manandhar
Joshua Rodriguez

¹ Alpha Chi

⁶ Delta Mu Delta

* Degree in Absentia

January 2014 Graduate

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing

Bernard W. Graham, *Dean*

- ²⁷ Renee Alshefski
^{23,27} Alyssa Nicole Amerosa, *Cum Laude*
^{23,27} Kate Lynn Elizabeth Augustine, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{23,27} Stephanie Bacchus, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{23,27} Kaci Leigh Birosik, *Cum Laude*
²⁷ Kathryn Blakeslee
²⁷ Danelle Brewer
^{23,27} Alyssa Jane Brown, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{23,27} Jessica Nicole Buzinski, *Cum Laude*
²⁷ Gabriella Maria Cesare
²⁷ Emily Jo Christian
^{23,27} Jicenda Betty Contreras, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{23,27} Lauren Croasmun, *Cum Laude*
²⁷ Alicia Marie Daro
^{23,27} Melissa Demianovich, *Cum Laude*
²⁷ Anthony Dobranski
^{23,27} Kayla Jean Ellmann, *Summa Cum Laude*
^{27,28} Christina Ashley Emmer
²⁷ Lindsay Frontino
^{23,27} Rosalie Garcia, *Summa Cum Laude*
²⁷ Richard David Gortva, Jr.
²⁷ Alexandra T. Grippo
²⁷ Garrett Hann
^{5,27} Samantha Kate Hazelton
²⁷ Melissa Elizabeth Helmer
²⁷ Brianna Elizabeth Houle
²⁷ Njemile Isoke
- ^{23,27} Julicia Remona Jones
²⁷ Amanda L. Kempa
^{23,27} Samantha Lynn Kornfeld, *Magna Cum Laude*
²⁷ Hannah Livingston
²⁷ James J. Malizia
²⁷ Leah Lillian Marchise
^{23,27} Rachel Dawn Matteucci, *Summa Cum Laude*
²⁷ Daniel Joseph Merva
²⁷ Amanda Nicole Montgomery
²⁷ Melodie Morgan
^{23,27} Priyanka D. Patel, *Magna Cum Laude*
²⁷ Angelia Prebich
^{23,27} Alicia Dawn Roses, *Magna Cum Laude*
²⁷ Theresa Anne Saffioti
²⁷ Emily Rose Saliba
^{5,27} Paige Kathryn Sankey
²⁷ Samantha Nadine Schuler
²⁷ Nina Marie Shayka
²⁷ Maria Shmakov
²⁷ James William Simon
²⁷ Whitney Ann Storms
²⁷ Anthony Micheal Swain
^{23,27} Kellie Anne Taylo, *Summa Cum Laude*
²⁷ Laci Caitlin Thomas
^{23,27} Lauren Ashley Wood, *Cum Laude*
^{1,23,27} Lisa Yumen, *Summa Cum Laude*

Wilkes University — Temple University School of Dentistry

- ^{4,7} Nipa Parikh, *Magna Cum Laude*

⁷ Honors in Biology ¹ Alpha Chi ⁴ Beta Beta Beta ⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon
²³ Sigma Theta Tau ²⁷ National Student Nurses Association ²⁸ Sigma Alpha Pi

2014 January Graduates
BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES
The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Thomas J. Baldino, *Interim Dean*

Communication Studies

Rebecca Bolus
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Ashley Rae Hahn
Samantha E. Rajczyk

Criminology

Kayla Leigh Czapracki
Sociology, Second Major
Robert J. Dervin, Jr.
Sociology, Second Major

Larissa Helen Gimble
Nguyen Hoang Le
Psychology, Second Major

English

Christopher Hodorowski

Thomas J. Matern, Jr., *Magna Cum Laude*

Integrative Media

Greg Bowser
David John Brandt

Mitchell J. Frear

Political Science

Saleem Sheikh

Psychology

^{1,19} Julia Ann Cikota, *Summa Cum Laude*
Tashya L. Huber
¹⁹ Melinda Marie Myers, *Magna Cum Laude*

Unity Osoi-Owusu
Emily M. Travers

Sociology

Leigh C. Gerardi, *Summa Cum Laude*

Theatre Arts

Timothy G. King

¹ *Alpha Chi* ¹⁹ *Psi Chi*

2014 January Graduates

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The School of Education
Rhonda A. Waskiewicz, *Interim Dean*

Elementary And Early Childhood Education

^{11,12} Jamie L. Barlow, *Magna Cum Laude*

¹² Jonathan Andreas Martin, *Summa Cum Laude*

The College of Science and Engineering

Dale A. Bruns, *Dean*

Biology

John J. Janosov
Matthew Joseph Suchocki

⁴ Michael Yuhas, *Magna Cum Laude*

Electrical Engineering

Jonathan D. Anderson

Engineering Management

Abdulaziz Saad A. Alakeel

Mathematics

Krystina Baker, *Cum Laude*

Mechanical Engineering

Nicholas Rosati

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

Jeffrey R. Alves, *Dean*

Business Administration

Melissa Margaret Duda
Benjamin T. Haushalter

Nicole Angela Kerr-Stapleton, *Magna Cum Laude*
⁶ Nicole M. Tarnalicki, *Magna Cum Laude*

Entrepreneurship

Michael McDade

Vigen Anthony Kadysewski

Management

Saleh Abdulaziz Alsuyayfi
Brianna Arcarese

Kevin J. Ruitenber
Robert Swetts

Marketing

David Bruce Evans

⁴ Beta Beta Beta

⁶ Delta Mu Delta

¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi

¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification

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.
- * Degree in Absentia
- # January 2014 Graduate

2014 Student Awards

Academic Awards

BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Pi Sigma Alpha Award in Political Science	Nour Elbattah
	Stephanie R. Wogan
Raymond R. Ritz Award	Rhonda E. Lynch
Outstanding Graduate in Psychology	Julia A. Cikota
Jaroslav Moravec Award	Alysha M. Bixler

BIOLOGY & HEALTH SCIENCES

Outstanding Research Award	Colleen M. Pike
Outstanding Scholar (highest GPA)	Robert J. Sperazza
Rosenthal Award	Patrick R. Lello

CHEMISTRY

Alfred E. Bastress Award for Senior Research	Phillip L. Eempio
American Chemical Society Section Award	Phillip L. Eempio
Outstanding Freshman Chemistry Award	Jarret S. Colvin

COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES

Communications Studies Award	Dominick D. Costantino, Jr.
Tom Bigler Scholars Award	Christine M. Lee

ENGINEERING & PHYSICS

Dr. Umid R. Nejb Award for Outstanding Achievement in Electrical Engineering	Ryan T. Habib
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ENGLISH & PHILOSOPHY

Annette Evans Humanities Award	Catelyn M. Sofio
Frank J. J. Davies Award	Miranda K. Baur
	Gabriella K. Zawacki
	James M. Alderiso

ENTREPRENEURSHIP, LEADERSHIP STUDIES & MARKETING

Academic Achievement Award — Entrepreneurship	Allison M. Kristofco
Academic Achievement Award — Marketing	Dominic J. Manzione
Dean's Award for Excellence in Entrepreneurship	Tory L. Price
Dean's Award for Excellence in Marketing	Evana Manandhar

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING & EARTH SCIENCES

Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Science	Keri M. Skvarla
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FINANCE, ACCOUNTING, & MANAGEMENT

Academic Achievement Award — Accounting	Kaitlyn A. Chase
Academic Achievement Award — Business Administration	Kelly Trochak
Academic Achievement Award — Finance	Megan E. Heverly
Academic Achievement Award — Management	Deanna N. Moore
Academic Achievement Award — MBA	Gopu Kiron
PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting	Kaitlyn A. Chase
Dean's Award for Excellence in Business Administration	Carl G. Santoro
Professor Ted Engle Award for Excellence in Finance	Megan E. Heverly
Dean's Award for Excellence in Management	Daniel V. Curry

GLOBAL HISTORY & LANGUAGES

Phi Alpha Theta Book Award	Richelle M. Smith
Outstanding Graduate in Spanish	Milana Grigoriev
	Elizabeth M. Dollman

2014 Student Awards

Academic Awards *(continued)*

INTEGRATIVE MEDIA & ART

Outstanding Achievement in Integrative Media and Art Samantha Ann E. Kerpovich
Eric N. Larsen
Richard Fuller Excellence in the Arts Award Chelsea D. Fufaro

MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE

James G. DeCosmo Award in Mathematics Krystina M. Baker

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING & ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical Engineering Andrew J. Bergey
Ethan C. E. Culler

NURSING

Outstanding Clinical Practice Award Alyssa N. Amerosa
Kellie A. Taylo
Academic Excellence Award Lisa R. Yumen

TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Outstanding Elementary and Early Childhood
Teacher Education Student Jamie L. Barlow
Outstanding Middle Level Teacher Education Student Megan M. Petrochko
Outstanding Secondary Teacher Education Student Catelyn M. Sofio
Outstanding Special Education Teacher Education Student Jonathan A. Martin
Marla Hosie Memorial Award Kristen A. Santey

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Music Award Kelly M. Pleva
Theatre Award James M. Alderiso

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Outstanding Graduate for the College of Arts, Humanities,
and Social Sciences Katherine C. Dodson

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Outstanding Graduate for the College of Science and Engineering Ethan C. E. Culler

SIDHU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & LEADERSHIP

Outstanding Graduate for the
Jay S. Sidhu School of Business & Leadership Jessica M. Batchler

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Outstanding Graduate for the College of Education Jonathan A. Martin

2014 Student Awards

Extracurricular & Leadership Awards

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Correen Santoro Memorial Award.....	Alysha Bixler	Christine Klingel
	Casey Bohan	Ashley Ream
	Katelyn Cocchi	Abigail Sanders
	Gabriella Ford	Kate Thomas
Female Scholar Athlete of the Year		Sarah Fillman
Male Scholar Athlete of the Year		David Marr
Male Athlete of the Year.....		Mark Hartenstine
Female Athlete of the Year.....		Allison Kristofco

CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION & DIVERSITY

Nada Vujica Memorial Award.....	Evana Manandhar
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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Helping Hands Service Award	Kassandra Bugg
	Rebecca Gordon
	Brianna Houle
	Natalie Smirne

Adam Bailey Special Olympics Above & Beyond Award (given by Luzerne Co. Special Olympics Partnership)	Adam Bailey
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COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES

Outstanding Leadership & Service Award	Brittany Battista
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COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Outstanding Senior Intern	Chelsea Fufaro
	Dominick Costantino
Keith Topfer Memorial Award	Daniel Lykens

EDUCATION

Teacher Education Service Award	Samantha Purdy
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ENGINEERING & PHYSICS

I.E.E.E. J. J. Ebers Memorial Award.....	Ahmed Abdellatif
Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Leadership Award	Nikita Patel
Electrical Engineering Leadership Award	Bernard Socha
American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Leadership Award	Zachary Tomasura
Engineering Student Advisory Committee Leadership Award	Ethan Culler

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND EARTH SCIENCES

Extracurricular Achievement Award.....	Sam Miller
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INTERFAITH

Interfaith Leadership Award	Shivani Patel
Interfaith Service Award	Dominick Costantino

NURSING

Nursing Leadership Award	Emily Christian
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RESIDENCE LIFE

Resident Assistant of the Year	Heath Tanner Dresch
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Faculty Choice Award.....	Dr. Jeffrey Stratford
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2014 Student Awards

Extracurricular & Leadership Awards *(continued)*

Staff Choice Award.....Ms. Sandy Anthony
Two Years of Service (minimum)

Adam Bailey	Julie Miller
Amanda Bast	Michal Ogar
Kassandra Bugg	Stephen Sawka
Christopher Cousin	Samantha Schuler
Ian Foley	Catelyn Sofio
Amber Konopka	Jaleel Sterling
Kelly Lashock	

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

E-Mentors

Brittany Battista	Amanda Holyk	Alexander Makos
Samantha Bickert	Tyler Lauchaire	Jordyn Miller
Hanna DiFresco	Christine Lee	Nikita Patel
Ian Foley	Katrina Lynn	Nimita Patel

Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities

Andrew Asare	Gabriella Ford	Nikita Patel
Zobaida Azad	Kyla Halsor	Nimita Patel
Adam Bailey	Stephanie Horger	Trina Patel
Amanda Bast	Brianna Houle	Lauren Pawling
Brittany Battista	Patrick Killian	Ashley Rash
Miranda Baur	Allison Kristofco	Amanda Rossi
Alysha Bixler	Tyler Lauchaire	Emily Saliba
Leanna Brisson	Christine Lee	Calvin Santiago
Kassandra Bugg	Nicholas Lynch	Emilee Segreaves
John Carroll	Rhonda Lynch	Marina Skevofilax
Emily Christian	Alexander Makos	Keri Skvarla
Dominick Costantino	Evana Manandhar	Joel Stitt
Christopher Cousin	Dominic Manzione	Catelyn Sofio
Ethan Culler	Ashley Mehall	Nicole Weaver
Daniel Curry	Jordyn Miller	Marjorie Whispell
Whitney Dartnell	Deanna Moore	Lorinette Williams
Hanna DiFresco	Megan Neri	Lauren Wood
Dawn DiMaria	Mary Olson	Anne Yoskoski
Elizabeth Dollman	Jaclyn Palumno	Kristopher Krawchuk
Nour ElBattah	Lauren Para	
Phillip Esempio	Nipa Parikh	
Drew Feniello	Anup Patel	
Ian Foley	Birjukumer Patel	

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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
- Pink — Music

The style of the gown distinguishes graduates by the degree they have earned. Those earning the bachelor's degree wear a simple black gown with elongated pointed sleeves. Holders of the master's degree wear gowns with a longer, closed, square cut sleeve. The doctoral gown is trimmed with velvet stripes on the sleeves and panels of velvet on the front closure of the gown.

Some American universities have adopted doctoral gowns in their distinctive colors. You will notice the slate of Columbia, the red of Cornell, the burgundy of the University of Pennsylvania, the bright blue of the University of Michigan.

To have earned the privilege of wearing academic costume regalia signifies not only the completion of a program of studies, but entrance into the comradery of scholarship.

ARNAUD C. MARTS SPORTS AND CONFERENCE CENTER

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

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

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

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

Local police will divert traffic from the front of the Marts Center following the ceremony. Please cooperate with the police officers and follow their directions as they attempt to alleviate traffic congestion.

A post-commencement reception will be held in the third floor Dining Room of the Henry Student Center immediately following the ceremony.

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

Words by Katherine Lee Bates

Music by Samuel A. Ward

ALMA MATER

*Wilkes, our Alma Mater,
We pledge our hearts to thee,
Honor, faith, and courage,
Truth and loyalty,
In our work and in our pleasure,
Guide us as a friend;
We shall always love thee,
Loyal to the end.
Thou shalt lead us onward
In search of finer things.
May we find the wisdom
That thy spirit brings.
May our deeds of love and service
Ever swell thy fame —
Wilkes, we stand to greet thee!
Glory to thy name.*

Words and Music by Eleanor C. Farley

Platform Party

Paul Adams	Vice President, Student Affairs
Jeffrey Alves	Dean, Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership
Mark Allen	Dean of Students
Thomas Baldino	Interim Dean, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Dale Bruns	Dean, College of Science and Engineering
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Rachel Duda	Assistant Registrar
Marcia Farrell	Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Ian Foley	Student Greeter
Ashley Garzia	Interpreter, 360 Translations International, Inc.
Bernard Graham	Dean, Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing
Andrew Greenfield	Lieutenant Colonel, AFROTC
Jason Griggs	Member, Board of Trustees
Susan Hritzak	Registrar
Larry Kaplan	Rabbi, Temple Israel, Wilkes-Barre
Barbara King	Associate Dean, Student Affairs
Patrick Leahy	President
John Miller	Chair, Board of Trustees
Stelios Patsiokas	Commencement Speaker
Loren Prescott	Vice President, Finance and Support Operations/General Counsel
Thomas Ralston	President, Wilkes University Alumni Association
Philip Ruthkosky	Associate Dean, Student Affairs
John Stachacz	Dean, Eugene S. Farley Library
Michael Speziale	Vice President, Strategic Initiatives
Wagiha Taylor	Faculty Marshal
Melanie Wade	Vice President, Enrollment Services
Rhonda Waskiewicz	Interim Dean, School of Education
Terese Wignot	Interim Provost
Michael Wood	Vice President, Advancement

