

Wilkes University



Baccalaureate Service
Friday, May 21, 2010
Dorothy Dickson Darte Center
Wilkes University

Prelude Music
Tsukasa Waltich, Accompanist

Welcome
Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President, Student Affairs

Introduction
Caitlin Czeh, Campus Interfaith Coordinator

Lighting of the Candle & Invocation
Erin Wimer, Wilkes '10
Secondary Education English, Dance,
Women's Studies

O Lord,
Open my eyes that I may see the needs of others;
Open my ears that I may hear their cries;
Open my heart so that they need not be without succor;

Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of
the strong,
Nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.

Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,
And use me to bring them to those places.

Be with us Lord, on this night and as we continue on our
journeys to new places and new chapters of our lives;
Remind us that we are your hands and your feet and guide us to
always do what is right, even if it is not the easy thing to do.

And so open my eyes and my ears
That I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for
Thee.

Amen

Response
Krista Hill, Wilkes '10
Psychology

As We Begin (responsive)
By Morris Silverman (adapted)
From Maariv Le-Rosh Hashanah

Eternal God, as the twilight of the old year fades into the night that marks the birth of a new year, we gather with mingled emotions, mindful of life's blessings and sorrows.

Response: *You, O Lord, are without beginning and without end.
"A thousand years in Your sight are as yesterday."*

But as for us, our years are limited; every hour is precious.

Response: *And so we pray: "Teach us to number our days, That we may attain a heart of wisdom."*

As we ponder the flight of time, the vanity of our possessions, and the uncertainty of life, we seek to link our lives to that which is timeless and true.

Response: *May our prayers arouse within us lofty resolves and help us to give richer meaning to our daily lives.*

Response: *May we acknowledge You as our Father, and recognize all human beings as Your children. May the new year be, for us and for all the world, a year of sustenance and cheer, of peace and serenity.*

May this be a year in which Your spirit will guide our deeds,
And the love of You will fill our hearts. Amen.

Readings:

**Qur'an 1:1-2; 48:4; 2:269; 98:7-8; 57:21;
23:118**

**Anas Alkazimi , Wilkes '10,
Masters, Engineering Operation Systems**

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
Praise be to Allah, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the Worlds.

It is He Who sent down Tranquility into the hearts of the Believers, that they may add Faith to their Faith; --for to Allah belong the Forces of the heavens and the earth; and Allah is Full of Knowledge and Wisdom.

He granteth wisdom to whom He pleaseth: and he to whom wisdom is granted receiveth indeed a benefit overflowing; but none will receive admonition but men of understanding.

Those who have faith and do righteous deeds--they are the best of creatures.

Their reward is with Allah: Gardens of Eternity, beneath which rivers flow; they will dwell therein forever; Allah well pleased with them, and they with Him: all this for such as fear of their Lord and Cherisher.

Be ye foremost in seeking Forgiveness from your Lord, and a Garden of Bliss, the width whereof is as the width of Heaven and earth, prepared for those who believe in Allah and his messengers: that is the Grace of Allah, which He bestows on whom He pleases: and Allah is the Lord of Grace abounding.

So say; "O my lord! grant Thou forgiveness and mercy! for Thou art the Best of those who show mercy!"

Praise and thanks be to Allah, the Lord of all that exists.

“Do Lord”
Wilkes University Chamber Singers

Joshua 1:8
Joshua Walker, Wilkes ‘10
Communication Studies, Marketing

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Proverbs 16:3

Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established.

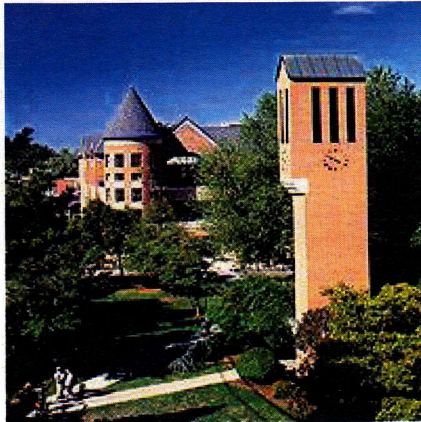


Don't Quit Erin Schaffer, Wilkes '10 Nursing and Studio Art

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but do not quit.

Often the goal is near than,
It seems to a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up,
When he might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out-
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit-
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit



Baccalaureate Address:

Rev. Jane O'Borski

Associate Pastor, United Methodist Church Old Forge, PA
Campus Interfaith Intern, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Time of Recollection & Book of Gratitude

Please take time to quietly reflect and remember the names of those who have been influential, helpful, or important to you. The graduates are asked to please come forward to write these names in the Book of Gratitude.

Benediction

Rev. John J. Victoria, Campus Chaplain

Recessional: Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee led by the Wilkes University Chorus

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began; Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life

CONGRATULTIONS & BLESSINGS TO THE CLASS OF 2010!

May God pour forth blessings upon all of you as you
continue on your journey!

THANK YOU!!!!

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Rev. Jane O'Borski, our speaker, for her wonderful words of
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GOD BLESS AND GO COLONELS!!!!