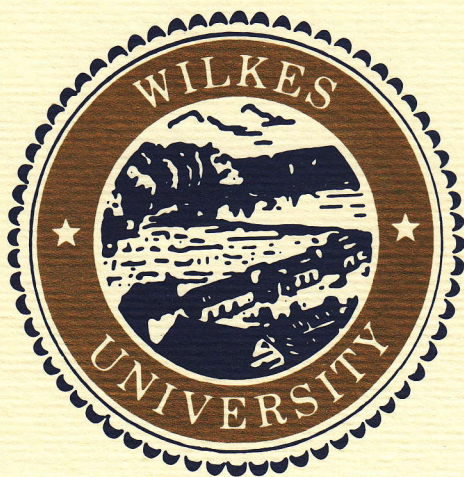


WILKES UNIVERSITY

*Winter Commencement
for the
Conferring of Degrees*



*Thursday
January 18, 1996
11:15 a.m.*

*The Henry Gymnasium
in the
Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center*

*Wilkes University
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania*

HONORARY DEGREES

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE THOMAS M. CHECK, D.D.S. '50

Thomas M. Check, Doctor of Dental Surgery. Native of Wilkes-Barre. Graduate of Sacred Heart Slovak Elementary School, Coughlin High School, Wilkes College and Temple University Dental School. Practicing dentist for more than four decades in Norristown, Pennsylvania. Founder and sustainer of Project Alpha, an incremental care dental clinic in Kingston, Jamaica, for orphans and abused children. Since 1962, he has contributed his own time and resources and mobilized the energies of others, including his wife Elizabeth, to save the teeth and improve the health of thousands of young Jamaicans. A man of great faith he serves as an example of devotion to his extended family of adopted children; his Slovak heritage; his profession and the children of the world.

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS VINCENT G. SORTINO

Vincent G. Sortino, Vice President, Wilkes-Barre Financial Services of Nabisco, Incorporated. Native of New York City. Graduate in Accounting from Fordham University. MBA degree from Baruch College. Chief Executive Officer of Nabisco's Wilkes-Barre facility since 1988. Community leader through board memberships on the Committee for Economic Growth, Catholic Youth Center, United Way of Wyoming Valley, Osterhout Free Library, Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic and College Misericordia. The leader in the growing partnerships between business and education through co-chairing of the Business Education Council of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, inspiring the Junior Achievement Elementary Project in the Wilkes-Barre School District, encouraging the Philosophy for Children Program at the Montessori School and taking the lead for business in Project LEARN for the entire education system in the Wyoming Valley.

Order of Exercises

- *FANFARE *Henry Purcell*
- *PROCESSIONAL Rondeau
Jean Joseph Mouret
- WELCOME J. Michael Lennon
Vice President for Academic Affairs
- *INVOCATION Reverend Monsignor Joseph W. Murray
*Pastor, St. Stanislaus Church
Lansdale, Pennsylvania*
- *AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL *Words by Katherine Lee Bates
Music by Samuel A. Ward*
- GREETINGS Patricia S. Davies
Member, Board of Trustees
- Christopher N. Breiseth
President
- Kellie Klein
*President, Student Government
Class of 1996*
- CONFERRING OF
HONORARY DEGREES Christopher N. Breiseth
- ADDRESS Bradford L. Kinney
Professor and Chair, Department of Communications
- CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES Christopher N. Breiseth
- *ALMA MATER *Eleanor C. Farley*
- *BENEDICTION Reverend Monsignor Joseph W. Murray
- *RECESSIONAL Trumpet Voluntary
Jeremiah Clarke

**The audience is requested to rise.*

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Business Administration Degree

⁵ Elizabeth Y. Anders
Cynthia Elizabeth Brown
⁵ Edward Francis Cywinski
*⁵ *Lisa Larina Holak*
**Richard N. Hudock*
John Joseph Julius
Terence P. Kevett
*⁵ *Charlene T. Klynowsky*
^{5, 8} Edward McGinnis
Erin Ann McHale
⁵ Britt Wayne Mowery
⁵ John J. Mulhern, Jr.
⁵ Linda G. Oberrender
**Joseph Thomas Racho*
⁵ Deborah Kay Ruggere
⁵ Susan Marie Searfoss
⁵ Richard D. Wisniewski

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education

**Holly Lear Baranick*
**Amy Beth Clark-Grubb*
Steven Daniel Distasio
Michaline A. Grzymiski
**Linda Carol Palamone*
**Debra L. Peters*
Cindy M. Shaner

Master of Science Degree with a major in Physics

¹¹ Neil Andres

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

School of Business, Society and Public Policy

Magna Cum Laude

³ *Judith Ann Grzybowski Hollenbeck, Business Administration*

^{2,3} *Linda Ruth Harvey, Sociology*

⁵ *Corinne Marie Thomas, Business Administration*

Cum Laude

*Ann Morgan Myers, Sociology
Psychology, Second Major*

⁵ *Charles Rowe Swientisky, Business Administration*

Eric Bercarich, Business Administration

**David D. Bruno, Business Administration*

³ *Philip J. Calabro, Jr., Business Administration*

^{3,5} *Kimberly B. Jayne Carr, Business Administration*

**Gail A. Cupani, Accounting*

Maureen E. Gaughan, Business Administration

Debora Madden Hill, Business Administration

**Christopher Lee Johnson, Business Administration*

William R. Keiderling, Accounting

Political Science, Double Degrees

Anthony M. Mallon, Business Administration

**David Lad Obal, Sociology*

Erika Obser, Business Administration

Robert Kristopher Oley, Accounting

⁹ *Jason Christopher Parise, Political Science*

Stephanie Sciandra, Business Administration

Jo A. Singer, Sociology

**Joel C. Smith, Business Administration*

Paul Anthony Summa, Business Administration

⁹ *Claudia Barbara Zain, Political Science*

^{*} *Degree in Absentia*

⁵ *Delta Mu Delta*

² *Alpha Kappa Delta*

³ *Alpha Sigma Lambda*

⁹ *Pi Sigma Alpha*

School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Summa Cum Laude

^{1, 2, 10} Sandra L. Brown, Psychology
Sociology, Second Major

¹⁰ Julie Ann Crawford, Psychology

¹² *Jon M. Dietrick, English

Magna Cum Laude

^{2, 3} Linda Ruth Harvey, Psychology, Second Degree

^{2, 4, 10} Nicole Cherie Mack, Psychology

^{1, 6} Jodi Nammar, Communications

^{3, 7} Robin Marie Waters, Psychology
Elementary Education, Double Degrees

Cum Laude

⁷ William P. Bratten, Bachelor of Music

⁷ Timothy Scott Williams, Elementary Education

Francine Caporali, Psychology

Diana Drozdis, Psychology

⁷ Keith Douglas Fox, Psychology
Elementary Education, Second Major

Lev Garbar, Bachelor of Music

Carole Ann Gerchak, Psychology

Mary Beth Marie Gillespie, Communications

Jill Elizabeth Hughson, Psychology

Alex Lindgren, Philosophy

¹⁰ Maryellen McDonald, Psychology

¹⁰ Scott Robert Minkoff, Psychology

Raymond C. Monzon, Communications

¹⁰ *Jill Nammar, Psychology

Eric John Nelson, Communications

⁷ Amy René Peacock, Psychology
Elementary Education, Second Major

³ *Charlotte B. Zaccagni Raup, Philosophy

¹⁰ *Karen A. Ruduski, Psychology

*Degree in Absentia

⁴ Chi Alpha Epsilon

¹⁰ Psi Chi

¹ Alpha Chi

⁶ Lambda Pi Eta

² Alpha Kappa Delta

⁷ Candidate for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification

³ Alpha Sigma Lambda

¹² Sigma Tau Delta

School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences *(cont.)*

Michael J. Sabatella, History

Gia Marie Serino, Psychology

**Stanley J. Solarczyk, History*

*Eileen E. Tamanini, Communications
Psychology, Second Major*

⁷Bradley James Timbrell, Bachelor of Music

Stefanie G. Weinstock, Nursing

Lynne Marie Wright, Psychology

School of Science and Engineering

Magna Cum Laude

¹ *Betsy Maines, Computer Science

Cum Laude

¹³ Joseph Stephen Antonishak, Biology
Biochemistry, Second Major
Igor Kleyman, Biology

Joseph L. Balay, Environmental Engineering
Eric Dotzel, Biology

¹³ Jay Kirstin Franus, Biochemistry

*Jeffrey J. Gocek, Environmental Engineering
Viet Bao Huynh, Electrical Engineering

Christopher Datice Langley, Environmental Engineering

Marny Kraft Mead, Earth and Environmental Sciences

Kerrin E. Pantucci, Computer Information Systems

Gregory P. Parrs, Engineering Management

Brenda Anne Ragni, Earth and Environmental Sciences

Lawrence Robert Roman III, Computer Science

*Richard E. Schiavo, Computer Information Systems

¹³ Donna A. Silinski, Biochemistry

Jennifer Ruth Trapane, Computer Information Systems

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 Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.*
- ⁶ *Denotes Membership in Lambda Pi Eta, the National Honorary Society in Communications.*
- ⁷ *Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.*
- ⁸ *Denotes Membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honorary Society in History.*
- ⁹ *Denotes Membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Honor Society.*
- ¹⁰ *Denotes Membership in Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology.*
- ¹¹ *Denotes Membership in Sigma Pi Sigma, the National Honorary Society of Physics students.*
- ¹² *Denotes Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary Society in English.*
- ¹³ *Denotes Membership in and acknowledgment by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research 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.

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

*A reception for graduates and their families will be held in Rumours,
lower level of the Marts Center, immediately following the ceremony.*

*Members of the Wilkes University Brass Ensemble, under the direction of
Jerome W. Campbell, are performing for this morning's Commencement celebration.*