



Wilkes University
Baccalaureate Service

6:45 P.M. • FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016

DOROTHY DICKSON DARTE CENTER

PRELUDE:

Tsukasa Waltich, *Accompanist*

Ushers:

Jeremy Miller, Wilkes, '16
English

Lyssa Scott, Wilkes, '16
Digital Design and Media Art

Kayla Wall, Wilkes, '16
Psychology

INTRODUCTION

Caitlin Czeh
Interfaith Coordinator

WELCOME

Dr. Paul Adams
Vice President, Student Affairs

OPENING PRAYER

Very Rev. Joseph Martin
Head Chaplain, VA Medical Center
Past Pastor, Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Wilkes-Barre

READINGS:

Ancient Hindu Scripture

Amal Pillai, Wilkes, '16
Mechanical Engineering, Physics

Holy Bible

Philippians 4:4-9
Olivia Questore, Wilkes, '16
Biology/Pre-Med, Chemistry

Leaving a Legacy from the Soul

David Morse, Wilkes, '16
*Entrepreneurship, Business Administration, Accounting,
Management, Spanish*

Who you have beside you

Megan Powers, Wilkes, '16
Accounting, Management

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Wilkes University Chamber Singers
Tsukasa Waltich, *Accompanist*

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS:

Monsignor Joseph Rauscher
Pastor, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre

Time of Recollection and 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.

Interlude:

Instrumentals by Tsukasa Waltich

Prayer When Facing the Unknown

Jessica Drebot, Wilkes '16
*Criminology, Sociology, International Studies, Political Science,
Women's and Gender Studies*

Closing Prayer

Dr. Linda M. Paul
Associate Professor of Philosophy

RECESSIONAL:

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*led by the Wilkes University Chorus
Tsukasa Waltich, Accompanist*

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.

**CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS
TO THE CLASS OF 2016!**

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

The Office of Campus Interfaith would like to thank the following:

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this evening together.

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Dr. Linda M. Paul, for her prayers.

Dr. Steven Thomas, Coordinator of Music and Director of Choral
Activities, and the members of the Wilkes University Chamber Singers
for their wonderful musical selections.

Ms. Tsukasa Waltich, for her beautiful piano playing.

Dr. Paul Adams, *Vice President of Student Affairs*

Dr. Mark Allen, *Dean of Students*

Dr. Philip Ruthkosky, *Associate Dean, Student Development*

Student Development Staff

GOD BLESS AND GO COLONELS!

