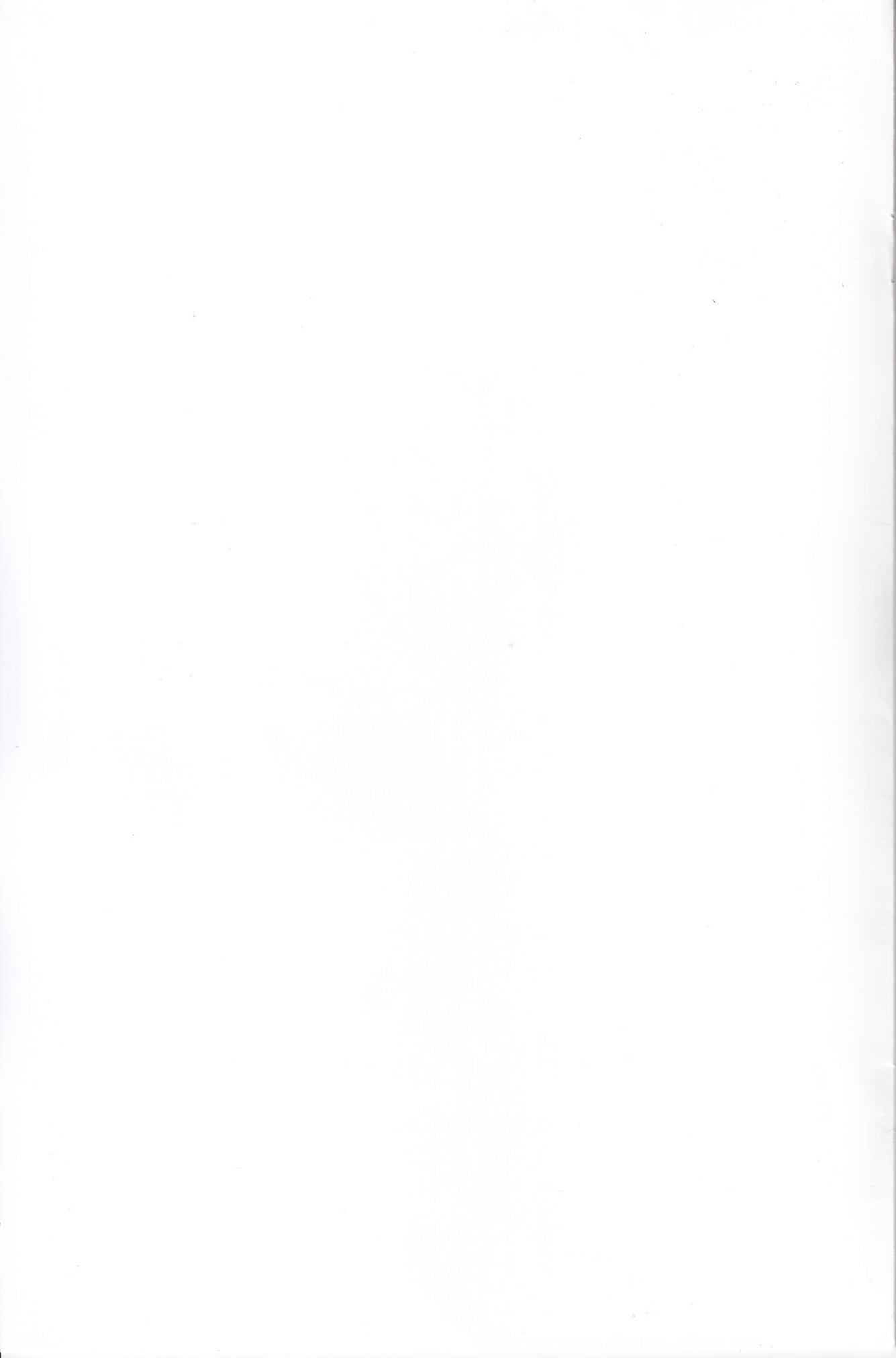
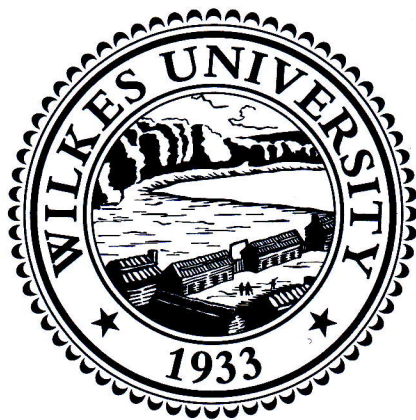




WILKES UNIVERSITY'S SEVENTIETH ANNUAL
Spring Commencement
FOR THE CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES

Saturday, May Twentieth
Two-thousand and seventeen • 10 a.m.





WILKES UNIVERSITY'S SEVENTIETH 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 **ANNE A. SKLEDER**
Senior Vice President and Provost

INVOCATION **KRISTIN M. OSIPOWER**
Coordinator, Campus Interfaith

The Star-Spangled Banner *Words by Francis Scott Key*
(The words to The Star-Spangled Banner are printed on page 16 of the program.
The audience is requested to stand and sing the National Anthem with the chorus and band.)

Gaudeamus Igitur *Traditional*

GREETINGS **JASON GRIGGS '90**
Member, Board of Trustees

ANDREW P. MILLER
Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Associate Professor, Political Science

TAYLOR ELIZABETH MOYER
Member of the Class of 2017

Order of Exercises

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....BERNARD W. GRAHAM
Dean, Nesbitt School of Pharmacy

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

ALUMNI INDUCTION.....MICHAEL G. NOONE '97
Wilkes University Alumni Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....PATRICK F. LEAHY

Alma Mater.....Eleanor C. Farley
Arrangement, Earl D. Orcutt '69

*(The words to the Alma Mater are printed on page 16 of the program.
The audience is requested to stand and join in the singing.)*

BENEDICTION.....KRISTIN M. OSIPOWER
Coordinator, Campus Interfaith

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:

Jamie Lynne Hill
360 Translations International, Inc.

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

Dr. Rhonda M. Rabbitt, *Dean*

Veronica M. Andes
Brian J. Costello
Joseph Edgar Kondisko
Ian J. McCoog
Janel McCormick
Anthony M. Naradko
Zella Louise Ondrey

Sandra Pesavento
Brenda Robertson
* Christopher C. Sutzko
Dina Piepoli Udomsak
Mirko Widenhorn
Cassandra Marie Zegarski

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Dr. Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

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Marie Jacques
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Jeanine O'Hagan-Murphy
Soralda Polanco
Cheryl Kay Ralyea
* Jamie Reed
Tina Carita Smith
Ellen Wilson-Dorsey
Blake M. Woods

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY CANDIDATES

Dr. Bernard W. Graham, *Dean*

Sarah Emily Allwein, *Cum Laude*
Noah C. Blackwell
Samantha Lynn Blincoe
Zachary R. Bollinger, *Cum Laude*
Krista Renee Bower
²¹ Michael C. Brabander, *Magna Cum Laude*
Elizabeth A. Bracco
Sarah Lynn Brozena, *Summa Cum Laude*
Courtney Lyn Calamia
Matthew Car, *Cum Laude*
²¹ Karryn Renee Crisamore, *Summa Cum Laude*
Amy Davies, *Cum Laude*
Urvish Desai, *Magna Cum Laude*
Olivia Rose Dworak, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{1, 21} Virginia Mae Edwards, *Summa Cum Laude*
^{1, 21} Sarah J. Fillman, *Summa Cum Laude*
^{15, 21} Amanda Jo Gerberich, *Summa Cum Laude*
Alexandra Giammanco
^{1, 15, 21} Shannon Gilhooley, *Summa Cum Laude*
Bethany Mae Gilson
Rebecca Gordon

Todd Grove, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{15, 21} Hillary Lee Harris, *Summa Cum Laude*
^{1, 15, 21} Rebekah Carol Harris, *Summa Cum Laude*
Sarah Hassinger, *Summa Cum Laude*
Corey A. Haupt, *Cum Laude*
Tracey Marie Hilker, *Magna Cum Laude*
Rebecca Lee Hoffner, *Cum Laude*
Emily N. Jones, *Cum Laude*
Hayley Elizabeth Kay, *Magna Cum Laude*
Nadia Kazimi
Jesse L. Kita
Michelle Laurel Kuzma, *Magna Cum Laude*
David D. Lalla, *Cum Laude*
Tyler Layton, *Cum Laude*
^{1, 15, 21} Troy Lynn Lewis, *Summa Cum Laude*
Kristen Marie Lopatofsky, *Magna Cum Laude*
Jordan Marks-Klebon
¹ Alex J. Matika, *Magna Cum Laude*
²¹ Anastasia Marie Mauger, *Summa Cum Laude*
Marissa May
Emily Elizabeth McGrath, *Cum Laude*

¹ Alpha Chi

¹⁵ Phi Lambda Sigma

²¹ Rho Chi

²³ Sigma Theta Tau

* Degree in Absentia

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY CANDIDATES

(Continued)

- Julie Kerri Miller
Justin Miller, *Magna Cum Laude*
Bradley D. Moore, *Magna Cum Laude*
¹⁵ Taylor Elizabeth Moyer, *Magna Cum Laude*
Megan Marie Myers, *Cum Laude*
Julia Mailinh Nguyen, *Cum Laude*
²¹ Stephen M. Olshemski, *Summa Cum Laude*
Tyler Panzarella, *Magna Cum Laude*
¹⁵ Paige Cameron Pientka
Anthony Leonard Possanza, *Cum Laude*
Suhayl A. Rahim
Ashley Ward Robold, *Magna Cum Laude*
Thomas Warren-Ryan Rowe
- Matthew D. Shortell
Alex M. Shreiber, *Cum Laude*
¹⁵ Jennifer Irene Smith, *Cum Laude*
Kirsten Marie Smith, *Magna Cum Laude*
Elena Stambone
^{1,21} Nicholas Daniel Stauffer, *Summa Cum Laude*
Jonathan P. Sytko, *Cum Laude*
Julie A. Umerich, *Cum Laude*
Jessica K. Waldron
^{15,21} Letitia Noelle Warunek, *Summa Cum Laude*
Eric Thomas Wild
^{1,21} Luke A. Zack, *Summa Cum Laude*

¹ Alpha Chi

¹⁵ Phi Lambda Sigma

²¹ Rho Chi

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

- * Anna Laurene Arnett
- * Molly Rebecca Barari
- * Renee N. Butts
- * Patrick G. Charsky
- Gabrielle M. D'Amico
- * Robert Holly
- * Suzanne Elise Ohlmann
- * Christopher Purita
- * Martha Haderlie Rallison
- * Caleb Michael Sizemore
- Hillary Grace Transue

Master of Arts in Creative Writing

- * Darcy Lynn Breault
- * Melody Breyer-Grell
- Joseph Bryan
- * Deborah Canon
- Jeffrey Bernard Ford
- * Allison Anne Foulke
- Donald Joseph Granza, Jr.
- * Carol L. MacAllister
- * Maura C. Maros
- * Luke Morris
- Robert Michael Peck
- * Donald Carl Roe
- * Joseph Robert San George
- * Ora Margaret Smith
- * Michael Joseph Soloway
- * Ronnie Stephens
- * Brian M. Thomas

Master of Business Administration

Dr. Abel Adekola, Dean

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- ⁶ Colleen Marie Barna
- * Ashley Elizabeth Baum
- * Nicole Elizabeth Berry
- * Michael Boylan
- ⁶ Joseph F. Buffa
- * Alexander J. Czopek
- Stephen G. Enders
- Gillyan R. Gowarty
- * Chendi Jiang
- * Opinder Preet Kaur
- Nevina Keskinewa
- *⁶ Tracy L. Mangum
- James Heath Markley
- Kevin Patrick Marsh
- * Kasey Ann Marsicano
- *⁶ Mark McHugh
- Shobhita Michra
- ⁶ Jon Phillip Petrochko
- * Katherine L. Podrasky
- William B. Robinson, Jr.
- ⁶ De-Ana Marie Susinskas
- Kate Jacquelynn Thomas
- ⁶ Katrina Suzanne Wallace
- ⁶ Kelsey Erin Zook

Master of Science in Education

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- * Amy Lovica Allen
- Jennifer Marie Angeli
- * Jessie Armbuster
- * Aysegul Arslan
- * Nicole Barley
- * Jeffrey William Bateman
- Nicole Ann Bleich
- * Katelin Marie Blevins
- * Robert S. Bloss
- * Darcy Ryan Blum
- * Sarah Jeanne Bowers
- Jessica Marie Breighner
- * Heather A. Brunozzi-Milewski
- * Jacob Allen Bucy
- * Katelyn Marie Burdan
- * Tiffany Lee Cappellano
- * Mariah Blake Carpenter
- * Karen N. Ceh
- * Michele Nichole Cheney

⁶ Delta Mu Delta * Degree in Absentia

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Education Degree — *Continued*

- * Ethan R. Chrismer
- * Justin Lee Clark
- * Amy L. Cline
Elise Capozza Collins
- * Arzu Cömert
- * Christina Ann Confer
- * Catherine Lynn Cooper
Michelle Nichol Correll
- * Tammy A. Corwin
- * Sami Jo Crivellaro
Michele Crofton
- * Joshua A. Curtis
Kristen Ann Danner
- * Barbara A. Dasher
Maureen S. Davis
Angelica DeLucia
Kristine Dengler
Rachel S. Derr
- * Amber Marie Dewire
- * Kelly Ann Di Pietro Edwards
- * Jann Diller
- * Andrew William Downs
Jordan Calla Downs
Thomas R. Eisler, Jr.
- * Rachelle Elneus
- * Eric William Ensley
- * Carly Fantauzzi-Quinones
- * Erin Farmer
- * Kayla Fehr
Bria D. Felmy
Marydenise McMenamin Feroce
- * Robin L. Fink
- * Eric Dennis Focht
- * Alaina Ashley Foresman
Heather Marie Formica
Laura Elizabeth Fragassi
- * Donna Hallman Fritz
- * Jodi Jennifer Funk
- * Arthur Gialanella
- * Kathryn Giovannini
- * Erin M. Glaser
- * Oliver Good
Walter V. Gower
- * Korilynn Marie Grady
- * Amanda Rose Greene
- * Alysia Sue Griffith
- * Christopher C. Grube
- * Travis Glenn Gundrum
- * Azra Hadzibegic
- * Nicole Ann Haller
- * Caryn Leigh Hanks
- * Christopher T. Hanusa
- * Holly Nicole Hebbard
- * Kathryn M. Heiser
- * MaryAnn Patricia Hess
Jordan Elizabeth Hinkle
- * Brittney Lynn Hix
- * Jodi L. Houck
- * April Marie Hughes
- * Amy Hunsberger
- * Rebecca Hyduk
- * Eric Ihling
- * Cassandra Marie Isaac
- * Marcel G. James
- * Joanne J. Jarrah
- * Samantha Kate Jroski
- * Jaime Rae Karichner
- * Angela M. Kauffman
- * Kristina Marie Kelchner
- * Jackie Kelley
- * Jennifer Marie Kessler
Bomi Kim-Myers
Christopher M. Kish
- * Kylie Michael Kissel
- * Christopher R. Kline
- * Ryan John Knarr
- * Michelle Ann Kokindo
- * Joshua Paul Korb
- * Michael J. Kostrobala
- * Kristen L. Kovalchick
Margaret Anne Kralj
- * Brandi Krayeski
Nanette Sacco Lauter
- * Sarah A. Lawrence
- * Rachel L. Leach
Kelly E. Leicht
- * Aaron Toloa Leota
Shelley Leslie
- * Matthew Edward Lippincott
- * Kristen E. Littley
- * Lori Jean Longenecker
- * Kayla Ashley Longshaw
- * Christopher J. Lucas
- * Amanda May Lutz
Gregory Clifford Macer
- * Deborah S. Macri
- * Kelly Anna Mahoney
Abigail E. Malloy

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Education Degree — *Continued*

- * Samantha Lynn Markowski
- * Casey Marie Conway Marshall
Bianca Arintha Maselko
- * Kaylyn Nichole Massafra
- * Danielle McConnell
- * Jody-Lynne McElroy
Shelly Lynn McGowan
Melissa McKamish
- * Anthony J. Mckennas
- * Rachel McMahan
- * Kelly McPhail
- * Lisa McTavish-Steffan
- * Andrew Meeker
- * Meagan Ann Mellott
Ross Gerald Merieski
- * Dwain Messersmith, Jr.
- * Linda Marie Middleton
- * Barbara A. Miller
- * Eric Matthew Miller
Jessica Christine Miller
- * Krista Miller
- * Sara Good Miller
Annie Lea Moran
Emily Katherine Morgan
- * Shannon E. Morrison
- * Lauren Margret Mrsa
- * Scott Thomas Muller
- * Victoria Lee Mungavin
- * Hollie J. Nelson
- * Jessica Renee Nolan
- * Gail Eileen Nowak
- * Kathleen Nycz
- * Matthew John Ozimok
- * Christine Parent
Tiffane Renee Pierce
Robert J. Pipech III
Elizabeth Marie Potechko
- * Brittany Catherine Puckett
- * Justin Taylor Raffauf
- * Mary K. Raytek
Melissa Reider
- * Alyssa Lynne Reph
- * Emily Marie Repsher
- * Megan E. Revelt
- * Mark Gordon Richter
Michenzie Robinson
- * Michelle Lynn Rogozinski
- * Tedmund Vincent Romich
- * Anson Ruiz
- * Deanna Marie Russler
- * Courtney Ann Sanders
- * Emily Joy Sassaman
- * Kristie Ann Scala
Jane Marie Schaeffer
- * Mark Andrew Schiel
- * Molly Elizabeth Senft
Melanie Brooke Shepheard
- * Scott Dalston Shimp
- * Paul William Sigmans
- * Mary Sinnott
- * Kristen Marie Skulsky
- * Lacey Jane Smey
Michelle E. Souders
- * Amy Stafford
- * Kara Marie Stanton
- * Susanne E. Steen
- * Jessica H. Stolz
- * Hali Ashford Storm
- * Beth Eden Strayer
Ann Patricia Stufflet
- * Jennifer Swody
Leanna Tallamy
Storm Pringle Talluto
Loretta A. Tambasco
- * Justine L. Taylor
- * Cory Michael Thompson
Charlotte Tilley
Karan Ann Tomashunis
- * Thomas Harman Toone
- * Eric Edward Updegrove
- * Nesrin Uyar
Catherine Ward Vincent
- * Karin Marie Vogt
- * Jessica Fay Wagner
Gina Maria Walker
- * Patrick R. Wanamaker
Rachel A. Wargo
- * Andrew H. Weigold
- * Natalie Nicole Weller
- * Eileen Marie Welsh
Kathryn M. Whittaker
- * Sandra Kathleen Wilhelm
- * Ralph Derek Winterburn
- * Elise Wysocki
- * Alesha N. Yocum
- * Allison Claire Zell

* *Degree in Absentia*

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Bioengineering

Dr. William B. Hudson, *Dean*

* Jacob Henry David Short

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

Dr. William B. Hudson, *Dean*

Sanad Al Muqatash
Yasser Almangour

Aishwarya Reddy Nerallapally
Nicola Qarmout

Master of Science in Engineering Management

Dr. William B. Hudson, *Dean*

Jaber Saleh Alwadai
Muhamad Ali A Alasmari

* Waleed Abdulaziz Albalawi
Maan Alrefaei

Master of Science in Mathematics

Dr. William B. Hudson, *Dean*

Maria Grace Notaro

Timothy D. Shewczyk

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Dr. William B. Hudson, *Dean*

Yousif Ahmed Almomen

Eric P. Kleist

Master of Science in Nursing

Dr. Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

* Gina Beth Ackerman
* Vanessa Barriera
*,²³ Donna Lynn Bozak
²³ Janna Elizabeth Calk
Jacqueline M. Caruso
*,²³ Pamela Jane Clarida
²³ Sarah Dalessio
Oona Ingrid Ford
Kristina Griffiths
* Chrystal Dannette Gunn Gammon
Devin Lynn Krause

²³ Cathy A. Kurtz
²³ Allison Rebecca Latif
*,²³ Susan Heather Pecha
Melanie J. Rittenhouse
Katherine L. Sceia
* William Jerome Schultz
²³ Rita Andrea Diane Smith
Fawn Travis
* Dumebi Uchendu
Karon Elaine Walters
²³ Ruth Weiscarger

²³ *Sigma Theta Tau* * *Degree in Absentia*

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.
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2017 Student Awards

Academic Awards

Nesbitt School of Pharmacy

APhA Mortar and Pestle Professionalism Award	Taylor Moyer
Dean's Outstanding Student Award	Letitia Warunek
School of Pharmacy Excellence in Clinical Practice Award.....	Sarah Fillman
School of Pharmacy Community Service Award	Nicholas Stauffer
The Barbara L. Nanstiel Pharmacy Information Award	Alex Shreiber
Department of Pharmacy Practice Research Award	Corey Haupt
TEVA Pharmaceuticals Outstanding Student Award	Virginia Edwards Sarah Fillman Troy Lewis
Mylan Excellence in Pharmacy Award.....	Hillary Harris
The Luzerne County Pharmacists Association Academic Achievement Award.....	Luke Zack
CVS Health Community Practice Award	Sarah Hassinger Elizabeth Bracco
The Wolters Kluwer Excellence in Clinical Communication Award.....	Shannon Gilhooley
Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association Outstanding Pharmacy Student Award.....	Jennifer Smith
Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Recognition Award	Tyler Layton
Lackawanna County Pharmacists Association Academic Graduate Award	Urvish Desai
Lackawanna County Pharmacists Association Jurisprudence Award	Sarah Fillman
Rule Sisters Pharmacy Award.....	Stephen Olshemski Nicholas Stauffer
The Arthur H. Kibbe Excellence in Pharmaceutical Science Research Award	Karryn Crisamore

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
- Brown — Fine Arts
- Olive — Pharmacy
- Blue — Education
- Apricot — Nursing

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.

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.

Platform Party

Graduate and Professional Commencement Ceremony

Paul Adams	Vice President, Student Affairs
Mark Allen	Dean of Students
Abel Adekola	Dean, Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership
Bonnie Culver	Director, Creative Writing
Bernard Graham	Dean, Nesbitt School of Pharmacy
Jason Griggs	Member, Board of Trustees
Jamie Lynn Hill	360 Translations International, Inc.
Kathleen Hirthler	Chair, Graduate Nursing
Susan Hritzak	Registrar
William Hudson	Dean, College of Science and Engineering
Joseph Kultys	Associate Registrar
Patrick Leahy	President
Karim Letwinsky	Chair, Department of Educational Leadership
Ellen Lohr	Associate Registrar
Thomas MacKinnon	Vice President, Advancement
Andrew Miller	Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Taylor Moyer	Student Speaker
Michael Noone	Wilkes University Alumni Association
Julie Olenak	Assistant Dean, Nesbitt School of Pharmacy
Kristin Osipower	Coordinator, Campus Interfaith
Loren Prescott	Vice President, Finance and Support Operations/General Counsel
Rhonda Rabbitt	Dean, School of Education
Paul Riggs	Dean, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science
Philip Ruthkosky	Associate Dean, Student Affairs
Anne Skleder	Senior Vice President and Provost
John Stachacz	Dean, Eugene S. Farley Library
Wagiha Taylor	Faculty Marshal
Terese Wignot	Associate Provost
Michael Wood	Special Assistant to the President
Gretchen Yeninas	Associate Dean, Student Affairs
Deborah Zbegner	Dean, Passan School of Nursing

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 First Floor Lounge of the Henry Student Center immediately following the ceremony.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

*O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
Through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched,
Were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare,
The bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there.
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave?*

*Words by Francis Scott Key
Arranged by John Philip Sousa
Harmonized by Walter Damrosch*

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

