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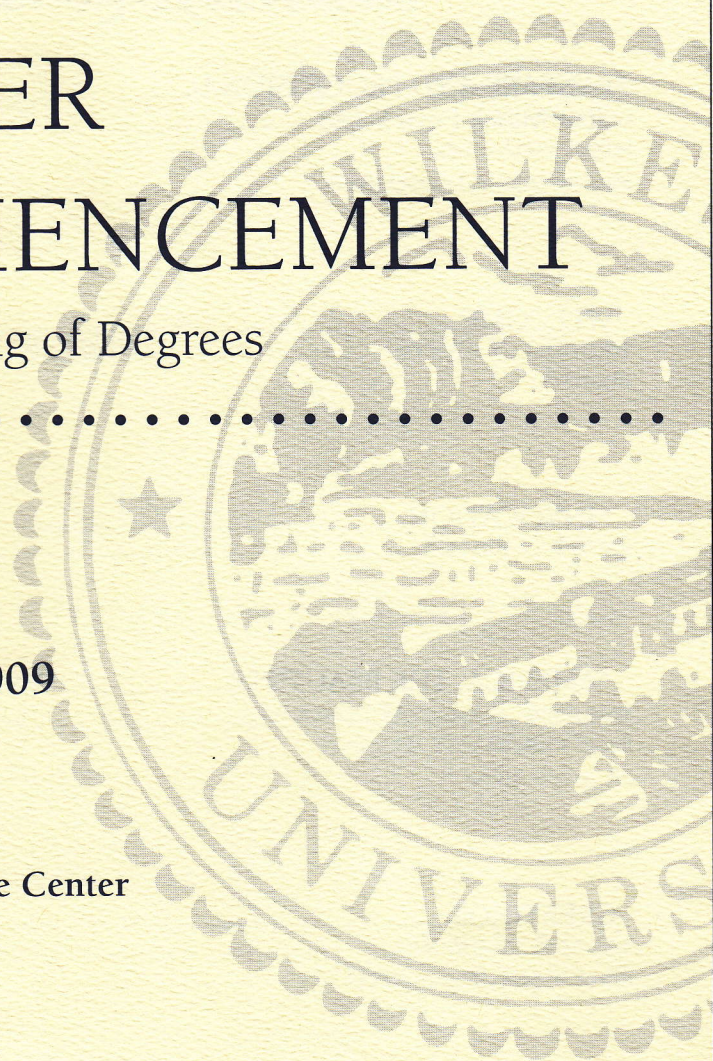
SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

for the Conferring of Degrees

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Sunday
September 13, 2009
1:00 p.m.

Arnaud C. Marts
Sports and Conference Center



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Order of Exercises

*FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL

Slow March From Scipio George Frederick Handel
Arrangement, E. Leidzen

WELCOME C. Reynold Verret
Provost

*INVOCATION Reverend John J. Victoria
Chaplain, Diocese of Scranton

*AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL Words by Katherine Lee Bates
Music by Samuel A. Ward
Arrangement, Bill Moffit

GREETINGS Joseph E. Gilmour
President

Reverend Michael E. Brewster
Board of Trustees

Arthur H. Kibbe
Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Chair, Pharmaceutical Sciences

Katrina M. Rosser, MS
Member of the Graduating Class

*The audience is requested to rise.

Order of Exercises

ADDRESS Steve Sassaman
Vice President
Mid-Atlantic Region
Performance Learning Systems

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES Joseph E. Gilmour
President

*ALMA MATER Eleanor C. Farley

*BENEDICTION Reverend Michael E. Brewster
Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Wilkes-Barre, PA

*RECESSIONAL
Federal March Alexander Reinagle
Arrangement, Roger Smith

*Music provided by the Wilkes University Civic Band
Dr. Philip G. Simon, Conductor
Ariel Anne Miller, Vocalist*

**The audience is requested to rise.*

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY CANDIDATES

Kevin Michael Fahey

MASTER OF FINE ARTS CANDIDATES

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| * Jonathan William Davies | Maureen O'Neill Hooker |
| * Jason W. Donnelly | * Andrea Janov |
| Sharon M. Erby | * Walter L. Lansberry, Jr. |
| Terry S. Friedman | * William E. Lowenburg |

* *Degree in Absentia*

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Arts in Creative Writing

- * Andrew Peter Hivam Clyde
- * Mark William de Jong
- * Ryan Edmund George
- * Shawn Hatten
- * Karen A. Kinley
- * Valerie J. McGovern
- * Arthur Posocco, Jr.

Master of Business Administration

- *⁶ Frank J. Carey III
- * Scott L. Ettinger
- ⁶ Cheryl A. Jaworski
- Mohammad Saleh Kabli
- Seth Opeil
- ⁶ Thomas Ryan Rebuck

Master of Science in Education

- * Joseph A. Alcaro
- * Paul A. Altmare
- * Ryan C. Amos
- * Tricia L. Anderson
- Joseph R. Anderton
- * Timothy Charles Anspach
- * Juliann S. Appleby
- *¹³ Micah Joel Artz
- * Nathaniel Alan Artz
- Ann Marie Ashton
- * Vanessa L. Aslan
- * Jennifer Lynn Auchenbach
- * Jason J. Azarovich
- *¹³ Patricia Mary Bachman
- * Kathryn A. Bakey
- * John J. Balasavage
- * Anna L. Baldini
- * Amanda Leigh Baldwin
- *¹³ Greg A. Baney
- Autumn Leigh Barna
- * James Barna
- * Douglas S. Barndt
- Maria R. Barney
- * Christopher R. Barnic
- * Jennifer L. Barreiros
- * Tracey L. Barrell
- * Erica Joy Barrera
- * Debra Barthold
- ¹³ Thomas Paul Bartholomew
- * Alissa J. Bastian
- * Karla Marie Beadle
- * Jessica L. Beckish
- * Kelly Lee Bears
- * Toni Jo Beisel
- * Kelly L. Bell
- Jeffrey Michael Bellas
- * Rebecca L. Beller
- * Megan B. Benevides
- * Jonathan C. Bennett
- * Jamie Lynn Berry
- * John Scott Berta
- * Karen Bevan
- * Brian A. Beward
- Rosemary Bilinski
- * Wendy Jean Boarder
- * Melissa Lynn Bodnar
- * Ashley Bollinger
- * Amy J. Boltz
- * Alice C. J. Bond
- * Gina N. Bongiovanni
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- * Cody L. Bottiger
- * John F. Brass
- * Myronda L. Braun
- * Scott Eric Breidinger
- *¹³ John P. Brennan
- * David A. Brobst
- * Christopher Thomas Brockman
- * Nicole Susan Bryk
- * Amy Lynn Buffington
- * Dawn L. Burkart

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⁶ Delta Mu Delta

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Education (continued)

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- * Mary K. Byler
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- Susan E. Carroll
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- * Sharon J. Castano
- * Margaret M. Castellano
- * Colleen Marie Catto
- * Erica A. Centak
- * Danny Min Kyu Chang
- * Jonathan H. Chase
- * Randy S. Chilcoat
- * Rachel Lynn Christian
- Leslee Marie Clark
- * Michael Anthony Cleffi II
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- * Emilie Kuhns
- * Kevin Joseph Kuna
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- * Melissa S. LaCagnina
- * Sara Atiyeh Lakatosh
- * Susan M. Langkamer
- * Matthew Laub
- * Carrie Elizabeth Laure
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- * Heather Milewski
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- * Jennifer Miller
- * Kristin Michelle Miller
- * Melissa Beth Miller
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- * Nathan Daniel Moore
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Kristel S. Orsulak
- * Gina Liberata Ortiz
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- * Ryan J. Peck
- * Marissa Lynn Perez
- * Lauren M. Piccione
Heather M. Pitcavage
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- * Michael Plytage
- * Nicholas J. Pompei
- *,¹³ Frederick R. Porter, Jr.
- *,¹³ Adam R. Raines
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- * Misty Lee Rakus
- * Lindsey K. Rascavage
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- * Lynne Zimbar Reichl
- * Jeffrey L. Reiniger
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- * Emily M. Rossman
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- * Carol Roth
- * Kristen Rubeck
- * Kimberly Ann Rudolph
- * Stacy Michelle Ryzewski
- * Elizabeth S. Samuelson
- * Scott A. Sanderson
- * Lisa Arnold Sands
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- * Jenny R. Schmutzler
- * Michael P. Schneider
- * Emmy Jo Schott
- * Susan Collette Schulz
- * Brenda Jean Schweighofer
- * Ronda S. Scirrotto
- * Jessica L. Scott
- * Janet E. Seifert
- William Stephen Sellars
- * Bryn Leigh Sensenig
- * Allison Sergi
- * Erin M. Settle
- *¹³ Ronda Lee Seymour
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- * Miranda Lynn Shipp
- * Debra L. Shuman
- * Elijah D. Shutt
- * Kevin Richard Sickle
- * Joshua E. Silver
- Melissa Jane Sindaco
- * Carol Wenda Slatt
- * Jeanene May Sleeter
- James Awana Smith III
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- ¹³ Shawn P. Smith
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- * Jeni Souza
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- * Elizabeth S. Stark
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- * Ryan Richard Stetler
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- * Amy M. Stever
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- Abby L. Stottlemeyer
- *¹³ Richard A. Strausburg
- * Brian Benjamin Strazdus
- Candin Lee Streit
- * Lesley A. Stricker
- * Caitlin A. Sublette
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- * Courtney Ann Swigert
- Laura A. Szymanski
- Cristina Tackett
- * Kimberly Marie Tassinaro
- Stacey A. Thierry
- * Anne M. Thomas
- Sarah M. Tillotson
- * Tina T. Tilton
- * Nicole Tolerico
- * Brenda L. Tomlinson
- Tracy Lynn Toole
- * Kathleen A. Topper
- * Denise Kathleen Trafidlo
- * Jennifer Lynn Trout
- * Melissa A. Trouts
- Erin Marie Unruh
- * Robert Christopher Urenko
- *¹³ Marc C. Valentine
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| *, ¹³ Holly A. Vazquez | * Michael John Williams |
| * Robert M. Veight, Jr. | Joel V. Wilson |
| * Patricia A. Verdon | *, ¹³ Kathryn A. Wilson |
| * Kevin M. Vest | * Kristen Jean Wilson |
| * Christine Rebecca Vidumsky | * Elizabeth A. Winey |
| * Evie Virbitsky | Donna Ann Wolfe |
| Lori Lee Vital | * Jason Donald Woodall |
| * Andrew L. Wagner | * Todd Steele Woodling |
| * Jeffrey D. Walker | * Kara E. Wrubel |
| * Ryan Campbell Wallace | * Michele Yakubowski |
| * Lisa A. Warren | * James Kenneth Yates |
| * Michael M. Webster | *, ¹³ Amanda Ashley Yeager |
| * Lauren Beth Weiser | *, ¹³ Alison B. Yoder |
| * Jennifer B. Weiss | * Maria Joan Zaharick |
| * Steven Arthur Werner | * Nicole Zakrewsky |
| Melissa M. Weston | *, ¹³ Robert Elwood Zell |
| *, ¹³ Rebecca L. Wetzel | * Michael R. Zendt |
| * Tara M. Wheeler | Edward J. Zigerell |
| *, ¹³ Brandon Lee White | * Brian Zoeller |
| * Joy L. White | * Leanne Zoeller |
| * Amanda Lynn Williams | * Melissa R. Zullinger |

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

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| Vasu Reddy Gaddamwar | * Karthik Bharadwaj Keshannagari Radha Krishna |
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Master of Science in Nursing

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| ²³ Tamatha Lyn Limongelli | ²³ Michele Swida |
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Master of Science in Professional Nursing

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| Elizabeth A. Bubser | Katrina Marie Rosser |
| William Chase Cooper | Michael Shay |
| * Joy M. Darby | Laura M. Shedlock |
| Adrian Anthony Dormans II | Jamie Elizabeth Trexler |
| Chad Michael Gensemer | Christina Eve Walsh |
| Kiel James Kelly | |

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Political Science

* Joseph B. Pannick

* Ryan Eric Zarkesh

Psychology

⁵ Denise Ann Katz

Spanish

* Alek J. Kreiger

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⁵ *Chi Alpha Epsilon*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Science and Engineering

Biology

Allison Marie Perini

Computer Information Systems

Christian Makuza

Earth and Environmental Sciences

* Matthew Phillip Shope

Environmental Engineering

Nafissatou Mizin-yawa Bizo

Mechanical Engineering

* Mark Robert Small

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

Accounting

Michael G. Weir, Jr.

Business Administration

Mark Anthony Buonomo

* Susan B. Jones

Adam Levine

Lacey Lynn Sitas

Entrepreneurship

Danielle N. Duffek

The Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing

Nursing

Lauren J. Samsell

Pharmaceutical Science

Melissa Mendolia, *Cum Laude*

* *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.
- * Degree in absentia

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 the Ballroom of the
Henry Student Center immediately following the ceremony.*