



Wilkes University's Fifty-Fifth Annual

SPRING COMMENCEMENT

For the Conferring of Degrees

*Saturday, May Eighteenth
Two-Thousand and Two
11 a.m.*

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 or
Health Administration
- Pink — Music
- Brown — Fine Arts
- Olive — Pharmacy

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.

WILKES UNIVERSITY

*The Fifty-Fifth Annual
Spring Commencement
for the
Conferring of Degrees*

*Saturday Morning
May 18, 2002
at eleven o'clock*

Order of Exercises

FANFARE

Fanfare For The Common Man Aaron Copland

PROCESSIONAL

Entrance and March of the Peers from Iolanthe Arthur Sullivan

(The audience is requested to rise as the procession enters the area.)

WELCOME JAMES P. RODECHKO
Vice President for Academic Affairs

INVOCATION JANE O'BORSKI MBA '02

America, The Beautiful Words by Katherine Lee Bates
Music by Samuel A. Ward

*(The words of America, The Beautiful are printed on the back cover of the program.
The audience is requested to stand and join in the singing.)*

GREETINGS JOSEPH E. GILMOUR
President

WILLIAM H. TREMAYNE '57
Member, Board of Trustees

DEBORAH R. TINDELL
Assistant Professor of Psychology

DEBORAH BRANDT '02
President of the Class of 2002

Order of Exercises

THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE

LOUIS H. POLLAK
Doctor of Laws

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS LOUIS H. POLLAK

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES JOSEPH E. GILMOUR

Alma Mater *Eleanor C. Farley*

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

BENEDICTION BETH N. DANNER '02
Student Government President, 2001/2002

RECESSIONAL
March from Scipio *G. F. Handel*

Music Provided By:
Wilkes University Brass Ensemble
Terry Zipay, Conductor

Ceol Mor Pipe and Drum Band

HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF LAWS LOUIS H. POLLAK

A renowned educator, scholar and jurist, you have dedicated much of your life in distinguished service to advance the cause of civil rights in this country. A graduate of Harvard College and the Yale Law School, you served as law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Wiley Rutledge; worked as associate counsel for Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison, at the time the only interfaith, interracial Wall Street law firm; provided counsel for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union; served as an attorney for the United States Department of State and special assistant to Ambassador-at-large, Phillip Jessup; at both Yale and the University of Pennsylvania you were appointed Professor and Dean of their prestigious law schools; and now sit as Judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of PA, appointed by President Carter in 1978.

A council member for the American Law Institute since 1978 and vice president of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund for seven years, you have written scores of respected legal articles and a two-volume history of the Constitution and the Supreme Court.

Having argued cases before the United States Supreme Court and authored or shared authorship in numerous briefs for cases argued before the Supreme Court, you have had a unique opportunity to contribute to the development and reform of the law in the United States.

A recent Philadelphia Magazine cover story named you one of the 76 smartest Philadelphians. A prominent litigator quoted in the article described you as, "The sweetest, most scholarly and intellectual judge on the Pennsylvania bench — state, federal, trial or appeal."

Devoted husband to your lovely wife Katherine, this July you will celebrate 50 years of marriage. Father of five daughters and grandfather of eight, you have lived your extraordinary life always with a family-first philosophy.

In the last 50 years of our country's history, few have been eyewitness to civil rights reform with the same vantage point as yours. As a member of Thurgood Marshall's inner circle, you were an architect of the strategy and shared in writing the brief, for the argument of *Brown v. Board of Education* before the United States Supreme Court in 1954. The case launched the modern civil rights movement and led to other court decisions that struck down all forms of legalized racial discrimination. Your commitment to civil rights and liberties took you again and again to the battlegrounds of unrest in the 1960's. You were there for the Birmingham Boycott in 1963 to help mediate a settlement, and in Montgomery to intervene with the Justice Department on behalf of the Freedom Riders.

Public service takes many shapes and forms in our country and occurs at every level of our society, from grassroots activities to the senior levels of our national government. Although the level and scope of activity may differ, what is common among those most successful is that they place the interests of others ahead of their own. In this respect, you have been exemplar. You have dedicated your life to improve the human condition and refute injustice. Your faith in the power of human beings to surmount prejudice and oppression and live by the rule of law has made you a champion of justice. As a jurist you have demonstrated compassion, a depth and breadth of scholarship, keen powers of analysis, a lofty moral tone, and integrity. You enjoy the highest esteem and respect of your judicial colleagues and of the legal profession. Your entire life you have recognized the promise of democracy and been an example of humanity to which all of us should be beckoned.

It is with distinct pleasure that I, by the authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University and by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, confer upon you, Louis H. Pollak, the degree, Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.

AWARDS

THE MABLE SCOTT WANDELL AND
STERLING LEROY WANDELL AWARDS JENNIFER KLAIPS '02
JEFFREY WARD '02

These awards are presented to the man and woman who have attained the highest academic average for the four years at Wilkes University.

Presentation by JAMES P. RODECHKO
Vice President for Academic Affairs

ALUMNI AWARD FOR
LEADERSHIP JESSICA ALFERIO '02
DEBORAH BRANDT '02

This award is given by the Wilkes University Alumni Association to the member of the graduating class considered to have made the strongest contribution to student life and the student activities program of the University.

Presentation by WILLIAM GOLDSWORTHY '76
President, Wilkes University Alumni Association

ARMED FORCES RESERVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE JOHN LANGSHAW '02
JUSTIN LEWIS '02
LANCE MABRY '02

Presentation by DONNA LYNN SMITH
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY CANDIDATES

Summa Cum Laude

¹⁸ Laura Nicole Gerard
^{1,18} Scott David Sobocinski
^{1,18} Lisa Anne Tomaine
¹⁸ Robert Andrew Waite
^{1,15,18} Erin Kathleen Walsh
¹⁸ Janice Ann Worobey

Magna Cum Laude

^{15,18} Ritu Chandel
¹⁸ Michelle Martin Emiliani
^{1,15,18} Kelly Marie Kozerski
¹⁸ Billie-Jo Michelle Moore
Ronald Michael Traeger
¹⁸ Leonardo R. A. Zoppa

Cum Laude

Brian Thomas Bryk
Danielle Marie Gratalo
⁵ Donald E. Miller II
Steven M. Procopio
April Victoria Vrabel

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY CANDIDATES

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| Bradley D. Bayer | ⁵ Renee Michelle Elizabeth Kolosinsky |
| Jason Malloy Brady | Daniel S. Longyhore |
| Susan Marie Butler | Daniel M. McConnell |
| Peter Chang | ⁵ Stacey Ann Mensch |
| Ryan Sherman Costello | ¹⁵ George Eugene Milevich |
| Alicia Ann Cymbala | Anne Tran Nguyen |
| ¹⁵ Adam Martin Czeponis | Jennifer Lynn Pheiff |
| ¹⁵ Ronald Scott Davis | ⁷ Jason Dennis Reynolds |
| Michelle Ann Duda | Marissa Beth Rovnick |
| Jennifer Alexandra Dunsavage | Kathryn Salvaggio |
| Heather Ann Ernest | Paul Michael Sawarynski |
| Jennifer Ann Gahwiler | Jason Sheakoski |
| ^{7,15} David George Germick, Jr. | Robert F. Shuder |
| ¹⁷ Ted Lee Hall II | Peter M. Shupenes |
| Craig J. Hendricks | ¹⁵ Bella Shvartsman |
| Jason Robert Howay | * Michael John Sovie |
| ¹⁵ Kara Ann Jones | ⁵ Mary Grace Tambasco |
| Brian Albert Karp | Khara Mae Thomas |
| Abeer Mosa Kazimi | |

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Business Administration Degree

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| * Nancy Perry Fera | David Eugene Peer |
| * ⁷ Megan Rae Fogle | ⁷ John Joseph Price |
| David George Germick, Jr. | Jason Dennis Reynolds |
| Terrance M. Hora | Marcella Beato Souza |
| ⁷ Gary T. LaTorre, Jr. | * Michael John Sovie |
| ⁷ Jane Lois O'Borski | ⁷ Leo J. Yerashunas, Jr. |
| * Michael John Pasonick III | |

Master of Health Administration Degree

Marguerite M. Salam

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education

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| * Alysia Ann Alaishuski | Jennifer Marie Dodd |
| Melissa K. Aquila | Kellie Marie Dulin |
| Heather Baldauff | * Eric Joseph Eisele |
| Melissa H. Baltzersen | * Chad James Evans |
| * Scott Allen Baylor | * Teri A. Eytcheson |
| * David C. Beck | * Michael Joseph Funke |
| * Eric Bellucci | Kelli Ann Gallagher |
| * Joelle Elizabeth Bender | * Elinamarie Gallo |
| * Kevin Scott Bender | * Fred Gerard Garm |
| * James T. Best | Brian J. Gasper |
| * Matthew Lewis Billman | * Margaret A. Gasper |
| Jason G. Blubaugh | * Jeanine E. Gengler |
| * Regina E. Braun | * Denise A. Gerber |
| * Stephanie Anne Bricker | * Janet L. Ghannam |
| Thomas E. Brogan | * Tricia M. Gilboy |
| Elizabeth R. Bruno | Margaretta Ann Gilhooley |
| * Cathleen M. Burgoyne | * Robin B. Glembocki |
| Gerard Burns, Jr. | * Maureen S. Golden |
| Allison Lynn Burrell | * Todd M. Gombos |
| Darcie H. Bursich | Kristin Suzanne Grosse |
| * William J. Callahan | Anthony Guerrero |
| * Jason M. Conrad | Donna M. Halpin |
| * Kyle Anthony Craven | Coleen S. Harleman |
| * John J. Curry, Jr. | * John Patrick Hawthorne |
| * Jill Ann Davis | Lynn P. Hedesh |
| Natalie Jane Delp | * Jean A. Heffelfinger |
| * Dean Jason DeTurk | * Jason Alan Henry |
| * Julie F. DiDonna | Kelly Hill |

* Absentia ⁷ Delta Mu Delta

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education (*continued*)

- Rhonda Lee Hope
- * David Michael Horvath
- Eula Frances Humphrey
- * Kristine K. Hyer
- Cathie Jo Jacobson
- * Mary Phillips Johnson
- Erin K. Keating
- Master of Science in Education,
Second Degree
- Suzanne Davis Kilcullen
- * Ronald J. Kirkutis, Jr.
- * Elizabeth Kreuzer
- * JoAnn Kristofic
- * Kristine M. Kunsman
- John Patrick Lamoreaux
- Heidi D. Landis
- * Gretchen E. Lange
- * Rachael Lee Lasco
- * Jennifer L. Lasko
- * Pamela Tice Leahey
- * Jacob Thomas Llewellyn
- * Megan Elizabeth Long
- Rosann Marie Luchansky
- Michelle Lukens
- * Anita M. Lukridge
- * Timothy P. Lynch
- Barbara Kakareka Malinowski
- Allyn-Jane Marks
- * Elizabeth H. Maurer-Minnich
- Bridget McAndrew
- * Christopher Michael McCaffrey
- * Lori A. McDevitt
- * Lisa M. McGee
- * James Andrew Melchor
- * Michael J. Metarko
- Edward M. Migliore
- * Reed M. Miller
- * Margaret Moncavage
- * Stephanie J. Moon
- * Yvonne M. Moore
- Judith Ann Mullisky
- Joya Muta
- Rita M. Myron
- * Ann L. Nobile
- * Jeffrey V. Null
- * Angela B. Orwig
- * Nancy T. Osborne
- * R. Bonnie Porter Pajka
- Dina Lynne Palski
- * Palmina Pavlico
- * Bernadine Pierontoni
- * Jeffrey Pierontoni
- * Suzanne Pierontoni
- Mary C. Polizzi
- * Mark Burleigh Potter
- Olga Milagros Ramirez
- * Denise L. Reinoehl
- Nancy L. Rissell
- Lisa Ann Rissinger
- * Kenneth S. Rossi
- Joseph Thomas Sainclair, Jr.
- * Michelle L. Sames
- * Adolph Louis Sappé
- * Kathleen A. Schaffer
- * Cari Taylor Schnitzenbaumer
- Kathleen Quinn Seargent
- Sarah E. Shipman
- * Marc Alan Shoenfelt
- * Amanda Jane Shuler
- * Tori L. Simmons
- * Melody Ann Singer
- * Mary Catherine Smith
- * Paul A. Sokoloski, Sr.
- * Scott Alan Spatz
- Milissa E. Spera
- * Kathleen Rita Stannard
- Theresa Ann Stimson
- * Elwood T. Strait
- Amy L. Talaber
- * Randy Lee Teter
- * Timothy Edward Tirjan
- Donald Terry Toth
- * Gina Traynor
- * Deborah Mary Lorsong Turton
- Kristy E. Veet
- Marlene F. Veet
- * Lisa Marie Walcott
- * Linda Webb Walsh
- * Brenda Christine Watkins
- * Eric Joel Weiland

* Absentia

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education (*continued*)

- * JoAnn Welch
- * Donna J. Widmer
- * Rebecca E. Wiener
- * Monique Huguetta Williams

- * Kevin Daniel Willson
- Barbara M. Worden
- * Danielle C. Feters Yoder
- * Michael Wayne Ziegler

Master of Science Degree with a major in Nursing

- ²¹ Barbara K. Buxton
- ²¹ Todd Brian Hastings
- ²¹ Kathleen B. Hubbard

- ²¹ John Bradley Mrugal
- ²¹ Mary Elizabeth Pacska

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies

Summa Cum Laude

- ^{1,17,22,24} Amanda Lee Carleton, Psychology
^{12,13,15,17} Colleen Marie Cole, Psychology
Elementary Education, Second Major
^{*21} Christian Fink, Nursing
^{1,15} Brian P. Kelly, Computer Science
^{10,12,13,15,20,23} Jennifer Klaips, English
Communications, Second Major
^{3,13} Cassandra Kostak, Psychology
Elementary Education, Second Major
^{1,4,8,15,22,24} Anthony George Luizza, Biology
^{7,15} Seth W. Nye, Business Administration
^{1,13,16} Timothy Gerald Phelps, Mathematics
^{15,22} Peter Lloyd Redmond, Physics
^{1,7} Connie M. Ryan, Accounting
^{1,4,8,15,22,24} Jennifer Vodzak, Biology
^{1,4,8,15,22,25} Jeffrey P. Ward, Biology
Spanish, Second Degree
^{1,15,23} Bethany J. Yenner, Communications

Magna Cum Laude

- ^{12,13} Jill Bonafede, Communications
Elementary Education, Second Degree
¹¹ Monica Marie DeAngelo, Environmental Engineering
^{2,17} Angela Dopko, Psychology
Sociology, Second Major
^{12,13,17} Jacqueline Ann Elmo, Psychology
Elementary Education, Second Major
^{*4,8,22,24} Jeffrey Taylor Gibbs, Biology
^{12,13,15} Kristy L. Jeremiah, Psychology
Elementary Education, Second Major
¹⁵ Mandy Lynn Kehler, Psychology
^{10,15} Matthew Koch, Computer Science
English, Second Major
^{4,8,22,25} Jennifer M. Lewis, Biology
^{4,8,22,25} Jaya R. Nemani, Biology
Brian Redmond, Physics
⁷ Thomas J. Regna, Accounting
^{10,12,20} Jennifer Mildred Reuss, English
^{*23} Shelby Lyn Rohwedder, Communications
^{4,8,15} Emily A. Sheston, Biology
^{12,13} Amy Lynn Swiatek, Mathematics
^{5,15} Steven R. Troutman, Art
^{5,10,12,13,15,20,23} Beth A. Weir, Communications
English, Second Degree
^{1,14} Krzysztof Wolanin, International Studies
^{1,4,8,15} Sara Zuchowski, Biology

* Absentia ¹ Alpha Chi ² Alpha Kappa Delta ³ Alpha Sigma Lambda ⁴ Beta Beta Beta ⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon ⁷ Delta Mu Delta

⁸ Honors in Biology ¹⁰ Honors in English ¹¹ Honors in Environmental Engineering ¹² Kappa Delta Pi

¹³ Pennsylvania Teacher Certification ¹⁴ Phi Alpha Theta ¹⁵ Pi Eta Sigma ¹⁶ Pi Sigma Alpha ¹⁷ Psi Chi

²⁰ Sigma Tau Delta ²¹ Sigma Theta Tau ²² Sigma Xi ²³ Tom Bigler Scholar ²⁴ Wyoming Valley Pre-Medical Scholar ²⁵ Guthrie Pre-Medical Scholar

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

Cum Laude

- ^{10,20} Jessica Alferio, English
¹³ Kathleen Ankenbrand, Psychology
 Elementary Education Second Major
⁷ Matthew Steven Bieber, Business Administration
^{15,16} Deborah Ellen Brandt, Political Science
 Criminology, Second Major
¹³ April Carlson, Psychology
 Elementary Education, Second Major
³ Michele Ann Castagna, Earth & Environmental Science
⁷ Michele K. Doran, Business Administration
^{*} John Edward Fielding, Jr., History
^{12,13,20} Aliceia Yvonne Fink, English
 Elementary Education, Second Degree
^{12,13} Lisa Marie Finnerty, Psychology
 Elementary Education, Second Major
 Wayne F. Griffiths, Business Administration
²¹ Valerie Ann Holly, Nursing
^{5,16} Brian Lee Hosler, Political Science
^{12,13} Kariannee Iskra, Mathematics
 Elementary Education, Second Major
²¹ April A. James, Nursing
^{13,20} Megan Elizabeth Joseph, English
 Elementary Education, Second Major
¹³ Danielle Kloss, Philosophy
 Elementary Education, Second Major
¹³ David Koptcho, History
 Elementary Education, Second Major
⁴ Robert William Lloyd, Biology
^{4,6,15} Lance M. Mabry, Biology
¹³ Jason Paul McDermott, Psychology
 Elementary Education, Second Degree
^{5,12,13,20} Joshua Gabriel Mendoza, English
 Spanish, Second Degree
^{4,13} Franklin M. Miller, Biology
 Jennifer Lynn Moklak, Accounting
 Eva Nasilowski, Communications
 Kimberly Plocicki, Psychology
^{15,22} Erin Theresa Priestman, Mechanical Engineering
^{4,8,22,25} Suraj Vishakha Puttanniah, Biology
 Ronald Serkosky, Biochemistry
¹⁷ Michelle Franko Skumanick, Psychology
¹³ Alyse Marie Srebro, Music
^{10,13,20} Carla Christina Stoeffler, English
^{12,13} Nancy A. Watkins, Psychology
 Elementary Education, Second Major
^{12,13} Angela Marie Wren, Psychology
 Elementary Education, Second Degree

^{*} Absentia ¹ Alpha Chi ² Alpha Kappa Delta ³ Alpha Sigma Lambda ⁴ Beta Beta Beta
⁶ Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in United States Air Force ⁷ Delta Mu Delta ⁸ Honors in Biology ¹⁰ Honors in English
¹² Kappa Delta Pi ¹³ Pennsylvania Teacher Certification ¹⁵ Pi Eta Sigma ¹⁶ Pi Sigma Alpha ¹⁷ Psi Chi
²⁰ Sigma Tau Delta ²¹ Sigma Theta Tau ²² Sigma Xi ²³ Tom Bigler Scholar ²⁵ Guthrie Pre-Medical Scholar

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

Accounting

David J. Lack
Christina Marie Pantucci

* David P. Yagalla, Jr

Applied & Engineering Science

* Brett Ramon Queipo

Art

¹³ Andrea Lee Bryant
* Stacey Ann Gluc

Abigail L. Redmond

Bachelor of Business Administration

Ryan J. Barhight
MaryJo A. Cunningham-Pitcavage
John Dustin
Debra T. Gibson
Adeline Sarah Groblewski
Gregory Andrew Harcher
Lisa Ann Hartman
Jennifer L. Hauber
Jill Pamela Henry
Communications, Second Degree
Scott Victor Henshaw
Justin Mark Kalina
Michael Daniel Klein
Wesley S. Kovach
James Krysinski
Jennifer Elaine Lazorack
Garol A. Lehmajian
Spanish, Second Major

Matthew Nathan Litz
John J. Maloney
Brian William May
Ronald Arzel McIntyre
Ronald Michael Metcho II
David M. Muldoon
Amy Nesevich
Joshua A. Oswald
Adrian Rachel Pianelli
Patricia A. Ritchie
⁷ Susan Margaret Lesnefsky Shiposh
Gerald Superko, Jr.
Stephanie M. Troutman
Demetrios Tzovolos, Jr.
Jason G. Warrelmann

Bachelor of Music

¹³ Tina Marie Mong

¹³ Joyce Elaine Soska

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

Biology

⁴ Erika J. Baltrusaitis
^{4,17} William S. Chase II
Psychology, Second Major
⁸ Sandra Leigh Hughes

^{4,17} Sandra Jane Mullen
Melissa Tracey
Gregory A. Wojnar

Chemistry

James Kovach

Communications

John Broody
¹⁵ Beth N. Danner
Matthew A. Diltz
Robert E. Hansen
Jill Pamela Henry
Business Administration, Second Degree
Robert J. Hersker
Mark S. Howard

Jill Katharine Lacy
⁶ John D. Langshaw
⁶ Justin David Lewis
Kyle Robert Masteller
Shawn E. Perrine
Elizabeth Rosenberg
Nicole Marie Wilmoth
Keith Witkowski

Computer Information Systems

Robert S. Clark, Jr.
* Patricia A. McKenzie
* David Thomas Skoronski

¹⁵ Kevin Walsh
Jessica Rose Webb

Computer Science

John Kushmerick
Aaron Linville

* Ellen Marie Raineri
¹⁵ Joseph Roback

* Absentia ⁴ Beta Beta Beta ⁶ Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in United States Air Force
⁸ Honors in Biology ¹⁵ Pi Eta Sigma ¹⁷ Psi Chi

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

Criminology

Thomas Stambaugh

Earth & Environmental Science

* Marco Christian
Mark A. Hendry
Aaron William Kuzmick

John Leedock, Jr.
Grant Mitchell Weber

Electrical Engineering

²² Nidhi Agarwal
^{9,22} Ravikant Agarwal
^{9,22} Ashish Bassi
²² Sarvadaman-K-Chaudhari
²² Gerald Jayaraj Dannel
Kathleen Gallagher Dennis
Nicholas R. Dewey
²² Pranshu Gupta

Robert William Harding
^{9,22} Siddharth Malik
Snigdha Mittal
²² Ankur Sharma
Hemant Singh
Sumit Tevathia
Mark J. Waskovich, Jr.

Engineering Management

²² Jason T. Folck

English

^{13,20} Jennifer Bromfield
^{13,20} Dara Lynn Gruschow
^{13,20} Maria Nicole Rallo
Elementary Education, Second Major

^{13,20} Meghan Lynn Strasburger
Psychology, Second Major
²⁰ Colleen Yacovelli

* Absentia ⁹ Honors in Engineering ¹⁰ Honors in English
¹³ Pennsylvania Teacher Certification ²⁰ Sigma Tau Delta ²² Sigma Xi

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

Environmental Engineering

Justin Robert Carl

Kyle R. Zimmerman

French

Kristi Tara Clune

History

^{*,13} Stacie A. Herbert

¹³ Elijah D. Shutt

^{13,14} Anthony J. Stavenski III

International Studies

Vildana Harba

Spanish, Second Major

French, Third Major

Mathematics

¹⁵ Timothy J. Fedor

Computer Science, Second Major

Charles Brian Potter

Mechanical Engineering

Christopher J. Davey

²² Shambhu N. Jaiswal

Paul Monkoski

Piyush Sabharwall

²² William Cameron Schneider

⁹ Versha Versha

* Absentia ⁹ Honors in Engineering ¹³ Pennsylvania Teacher Certification ¹⁴ Phi Alpha Theta ²² Sigma Xi

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College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

Nursing

- ²¹ Louise Bitzer
²¹ Kristen Ann Cheslick
Mark J. Kurlandski
Allison Mecca
²¹ Tracy Ann Mikula

- ²¹ Christina Lynn Rodzinak
Angela Rebecca Satar
* Kristen L. Strack
Jennifer M. Welsh

Nursing Education

- * Barbara Morris Benesky

Political Science

- R. Andrew Bomgardner
Seamus Tighe Geddis

- * Joseph T. Ziegler, Jr.

Psychology

- R. Frank Alexander
¹³ Gregory David Barrouk
Elementary Education, Second Major
Lynda Bates-Williams
Sociology, Second Major
¹³ Gerald A. Blazick, Jr.
Elementary Education, Second Major
Judith Ann Carter
Philosophy, Second Major
Kimberly Lynn Chapman
Sociology, Second Major
¹³ Peter Arellano Czwilina
Melissa Sue DeWitt
¹³ Larissa L. Giza
Elementary Education, Second Major
¹³ Stefanie Jean Henninger
Elementary Education, Second Major

- Kristin Ann Hobbs
¹⁷ Tracey P. Horrocks
Kimberly Kosierowski
^{13,15} Lori Ann Mackowski
Elementary Education, Second Major
¹³ Mollie Elizabeth McGlynn
Elementary Education, Second Major
Lorey Danielle Molick
French, Second Major
Donald Thomas Mosley
² Karyn A. Pall
Sociology, Second Major
* Cory Ian Shafer
Sociology, Second Major
Sarah M. Shotto
Cheryl A. Snyder
Michael Verton

* Absentia ² Alpha Kappa Delta ¹² Kappa Delta Pi
¹³ Pennsylvania Teacher Certification ¹⁵ Pi Eta Sigma ²¹ Sigma Theta Tau

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

Sociology

² Rosemary D. Cabanillas
Carley Alexandra Clement
Jason W. Hills

Jennifer Alison Raych
^{2,3} Tomoko Shibayama
^{*,2} Wayne Woznikaitis

Theatre Arts

Nancy Fattorini
Christie Lee Gilbert
Jermiane N. Hinkle

Avra Dannielle Myers
Rachanee Michelle Oeller
Brian Burke Toll

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 Commissioned Second Lieutenant, United States Air Force.
- ⁷ Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.
- ⁸ Denotes Honors in Biology.
- ⁹ Denotes Honors in Engineering.
- ¹⁰ Denotes Honors in English.
- ¹¹ Denotes Honors in Environmental Engineering.
- ¹² Denotes Membership in the Phi Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honorary Society in Education.
- ¹³ Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.
- ¹⁴ Denotes Membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honorary Society in History.
- ¹⁵ Denotes Membership in Phi Eta Sigma, the National Honor Society for College Freshmen.
- ¹⁶ Denotes Membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.
- ¹⁷ Denotes Membership in Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology.
- ¹⁸ Denotes Membership in Rho Chi, the National Honor Society in Pharmacy.
- ²⁰ Denotes Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary Society in English.
- ²¹ Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing.
- ²² Denotes Membership in and acknowledgment by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.
- ²³ Denotes Tom Bigler Scholar.
- ²⁴ Denotes Wyoming Valley Pre-Medical Scholar.
- ²⁵ Denotes Guthrie Pre-Medical Scholar.
- * Degree in absentia

2002 Student Awards

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies

Biology, Chemistry and Health Science Programs

Rosenthal Memorial Award	Chioma Ngumezi
Outstanding Research Award	Jennifer M. Lewis
Outstanding Senior Scholar in Biology	Jeffrey P. Ward
ACS Section Award	Peter L. Redmond
Alfred W. Bastress Award	Peter L. Redmond
Catherine M. Bone Award	Peter L. Redmond

Business Administration and Accounting

Excellence in Business Administration	Susan Margaret Shiposh
Outstanding Student Award — MBA Program	John J. Price
PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting	Thomas J. Regna

Education and Psychology

Outstanding Elementary Teacher Education Student	Nancy A. Watkins
Outstanding Secondary Teacher Education Student	Jennifer Klaips
Outstanding Graduate in Psychology	Amanda L. Carleton

Engineering and Physics

Electrical Engineering Achievement Award	Ravikant Agarwal
Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical Engineering	Michael W. Jennings
Outstanding Physics Student	Peter L. Redmond Dr. Brian Redmond

GeoEnvironmental Sciences and Engineering

Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Engineering	Monica M. DeAngelo
Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Science	Mark A. Hendry

Humanities

Annette Evans Humanities Award	Jessica Alferio Joshua G. Mendoza
Frank J. J. Davies Award	Nina L. Kocylowski Jennifer Klaips Christina M. Baigis
John F. Kennedy Award	John E. Fielding
Phi Alpha Theta Book Award	Liam P. Casey

Mathematics and Computer Science

Computer Information Systems Award	David T. Skoronski
Computer Science Award	Brian P. Kelly
Mathematics Award	Timothy G. Phelps

Nursing

Outstanding Clinical Practice Award	Louise Bitzer
Academic Excellence Award	April A. James
Academic Excellence Award	Christian J. Fink

2002 Student Awards (continued)

Social Sciences and Communications

Communications Department Award	Bethany J. Yenner
Tom Bigler Scholars Award	Bethany J. Yenner Kristen M. Bradigan
Pi Sigma Alpha	Brian L. Hosler
Dr. Jaroslav G. Moravec Award	Angela M. Dopko
Raymond R. Ritz Award	Rosemary D. Cabanillas

Visual and Performing Arts

Outstanding Art Student	Steven R. Troutman
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Student Affairs

Theresa Jordan and Frank Mehm Prize	Jermaine N. Hinkle
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College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies

Outstanding Graduate for the Arts	Jennifer Klaips
Outstanding Graduate for Professional Studies	Peter L. Redmond
Outstanding Graduate for the Sciences	Jeffrey P. Ward

Nesbitt School of Pharmacy

AphA-ASP Mortar and Pestle Professionalism Award	Daniel Longyhore
Roche Pharmacy Communications Award	Laura Gerard
TEVA Pharmaceuticals Outstanding Student Award	Scott Sobocinski
Pfizer U.S. Pharmaceuticals Outstanding Leader Award	Lisa Tomaine
GlaxoSmithKline Patient Care Award	Stacey Mensch
Mylan Pharmaceuticals Excellence in Pharmacy Award	Robert Waite
Eli Lilly Achievement Award	Ritu Chandel
CVS Excellence in Community Pharmacy Practice Award	Michelle Emiliani
Perrigo Award of Excellence in Non-prescription Medication	Jason Brady
Facts and Comparisons Award of Excellence in Clinical Communication	Janice Worobey
Luzerne County Pharmacists Association Academic Achievement Award	Lisa Tomaine
Luzerne County Pharmacists Association Excellence in Community Pharmacy Award	Khara Thomas
Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association Outstanding Pharmacy Student Award	Erin Walsh
American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Student Leadership Award	Alicia Cymbala
Dean's Outstanding Student Award	Leonardo Zoppa
Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Recognition Award	Ted Hall
Pfizer Non-prescription Drug Therapy Award	Kelly Kozerski
Rite Aid Award for Excellence in Community Pharmacy Practice	Michelle Duda

2002 Student Awards (continued)

Extracurricular Awards

A.F.R.O.T.C.

President's Award John D. Langshaw

Athletic Department

The Correen Santoro Memorial Award Katharine Green
Stephanie Henninger

Female Scholar Athlete of the Year Mandy L. Kehler

Male Scholar Athlete of the Year Seth W. Nye

Female Athlete of the Year Jill P. Henry

Male Athlete of the Year Matthew A. Diltz

Business Administration and Accounting

SIFE Scholars	Richard L. Billings	James M. Krynski
	Ty R. Bowman	Ronald M. Metcho
	Brandon M. Clark	George C. Morrison
	Jeffrey Doran	Matthew A. Olson
	Emily L. Gabardi	Tara M. Smith
	Justin M. Kalina	David A. Spath

Cooperative Education

Outstanding Senior Intern Bethany J. Yenner

Keith Topfer Memorial Award Kathleen G. Dennis

Engineering and Physics

American Society of Mechanical Engineers Award Christina M. Rubillo

I.E.E.E. J. J. Ebers Memorial Award Jeffrey B. Olson

S. W. E. Leadership Award Kathleen G. Dennis

Multicultural Affairs

Leadership in Diversity Award Jermaine N. Hinkle

Nursing

Nursing Service Award April A. James

Leadership Award Tracy A. Mikula

Residence Life Office

Residence Life Distinguished Service Award Sara A. Ciotoli

Student Affairs

Adult Learner of the Year Louise Bitzer

Intercollegiate Leadership Wilkes-Barre

Sarah M. Bogusko	Brooke Quinn
Beth N. Danner	Brian Sheakoski
Rajitha Devadoss	Albert A. Sidhom
Kathryn Anne Gianfagna	Talon Torressen
Elizabeth Miller	

2002 Student Awards (continued)

Nada Vujica Memorial Award Versha Versha

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Jessica Alferio	John D. Langshaw
Tila Paris Angley	Kelly Lynne Lebo
Sarah M. Becker	Justin D. Lewis
John D. Bosh	Joshua G. Mendoza
Karen M. Bradley	Jeanna A. Miller
Deborah E. Brandt	Brian L. Miller
Rosemary D. Cabanillas	Rachanee M. Oeller
Denisse Cruz	Karyn A. Pall
Beth N. Danner	Joseph A. Roback
Monica M. DeAngelo	Elizabeth M. Rosenberg
Matthew A. Diltz	Melissa Tracey
Jill P. Henry	Kevin R. Walsh
Michael C. Hetzel	Casey L. Williams
Jermaine N. Hinkle	Kristin M. Yarrish
Jill K. Lacy	Bethany J. Yenner

Student Government

Faculty Choice Award Dr. Anthony J. Kiessling

Appreciation Award

Sarah M. Becker	Jaya Nemani
John D. Bosh	Suraj Puttanniah
Deborah E. Brandt	Melissa Tracey
Beth N. Danner	Bethany J. Yenner
Adeline Groblewski	

Class of 2002 OFFICERS

Deborah E. Brandt
PRESIDENT

Sarah M. Becker
VICE PRESIDENT

Melissa Tracey
TREASURER

Bethany J. Yenner
SECRETARY

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, New Paltz, New York.

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.

FENNER QUADRANGLE

FIRST AID — Medical personnel are available for first aid assistance and emergencies. They are located in Breiseth Hall, room 103 and in the tent to the left of the audience, near the stage. An ambulance is positioned by the side entrance of Breiseth Hall. Should you need assistance please contact an usher or a security officer.

PHOTOGRAPHS and VIDEOTAPING — 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 photographs or videotaping. A photograph will be taken of each graduate as the diploma is presented by the President. A videotape of the entire ceremony will also be made available to interested graduates.

REST ROOMS — Rest rooms are available on the first floor of Breiseth Hall and in the first floor lobby of the Stark Learning Center.

BEVERAGES — Water is available at different locations around the Commencement site. Vending machines are available in the lobby of the Stark Learning Center.

TELEPHONE — Pay telephones are available in the lobby of the Stark Learning Center and at Breiseth Hall.

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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 security 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. A videotape of the entire ceremony will also be made available to interested graduates.**

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.

TELEPHONE—Pay telephones are available on the lower level and the second floor.

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 on the Kirby/Chase lawn immediately following the ceremony.

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