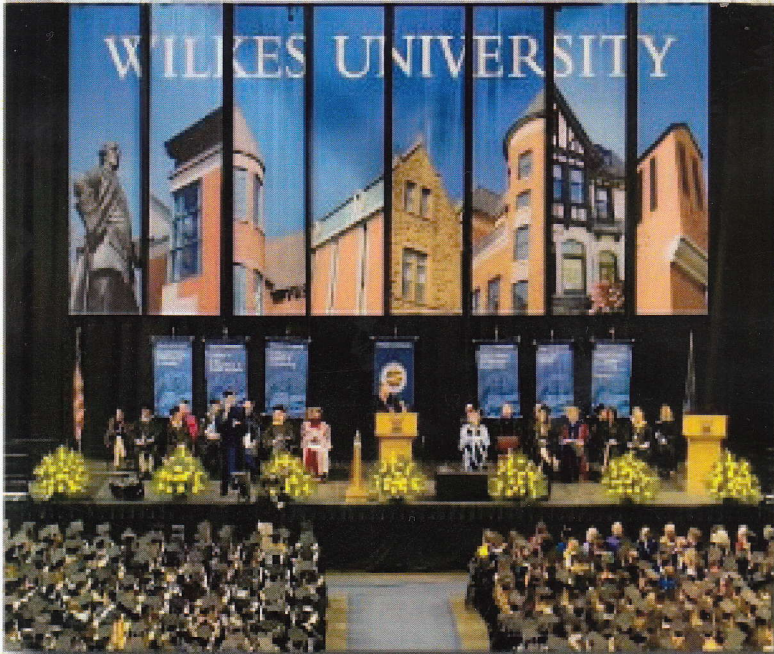


Wilkes University Baccalaureate Service



Friday, May 18, 2012
Dorothy Dickson Darte Center
Wilkes University

Prelude
Original Instrumentals
Devin Albrecht, Wilkes '12
Mechanical Engineering

Ushers:

Ian Foley, Wilkes, '14
Political Science, Communication

Amber Konopka, Wilkes, '14
Middle School Math & Science Education

Jordyn Miller, Wilkes, '14
Mechanical Engineering, Physics

Introduction
Caitlin Czeh, Campus Interfaith Coordinator

Welcome
Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President, Student Affairs

Lighting of the Candle & Invocation
Brielle Stanton, Wilkes '13
Biology, Pre-Medicine



Baccalaureate Address:
Rabbi Roger A. Lerner
Temple B'nai B'rith
Kingston, PA

Readings:

Qur'an AL Alaq, 96:1 to 96:15
Qur'an , Fatir, 35:28
A hadith of the importance of education
Dr. Ibrahim Al Maky,
Wilkes-Barre General Hospital

Holy Bible: 1 Corinthians 13

Christa Filipkowski, Wilkes '12
Biology

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”
Wilkes University Chamber Singers
Tsukasa Waltich, Accompanist

Life Stages

By Lawrence T. Kuhar
Marwa Al-Daraweish, Wilkes, '12
English

A Quote

By Stephen Grellet
Raina Connor, Wilkes '12,
Business Administration

Lakota Instructions for Living
Justine Adams, Wilkes'12
Psychology, Pre-Occupational Therapy,
Dance



Time of Recollection & 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 for Those Who Journey

By Joyce Rupp
Nicole Pollock, Wilkes, '12
Psychology

As we journey through life, we face fear of the unknown, doubts, hesitations, anxieties and insecurities.

Response: Draw near, O God, draw near!

Life is an unfolding and sometimes a wonderful discovery. When our hearts are restless because they are pilgrim hearts whose home is not here.

Response: Draw near, O God, draw near!

When our footsteps grow weary, when we stumble along the way, discouragement and doubt so easily come forth to greet us.

Response: Draw near, O God, draw near!

We are always learning what to leave behind and what to take with us as we move along the road of life. As we struggle to make good decisions.

Response: Draw near, O God, draw near!

We encounter you, God, continually in the constant cycle of setting out and coming home. Sometimes we allow life to be so busy as we travel that we miss your presence. When we need to slow our hectic pace.

Response: Draw near, O God, draw near!

Expectancy, anticipation, and courage rise up in our beings when we are open to your ways, God of the wilderness. As we search for reasons to hope.

Response: Draw near, O God, draw near!

In our journey, we need a strong conviction about the beauty and goodness of life, a vision of hope that endures the pain and struggle, and a thread of love that weaves through all of our dreams. When we try to hold on to what gives our life meaning and purpose.

Response: Draw near, O God, draw near!

Benediction

Rev. Greg Emery
Adjunct Professor, Wilkes University
Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian
South Wilkes-Barre

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.



Wilkes University

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS TO THE CLASS OF 2012!

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

THANK YOU!!!!

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GOD BLESS AND GO COLONELS!!!!