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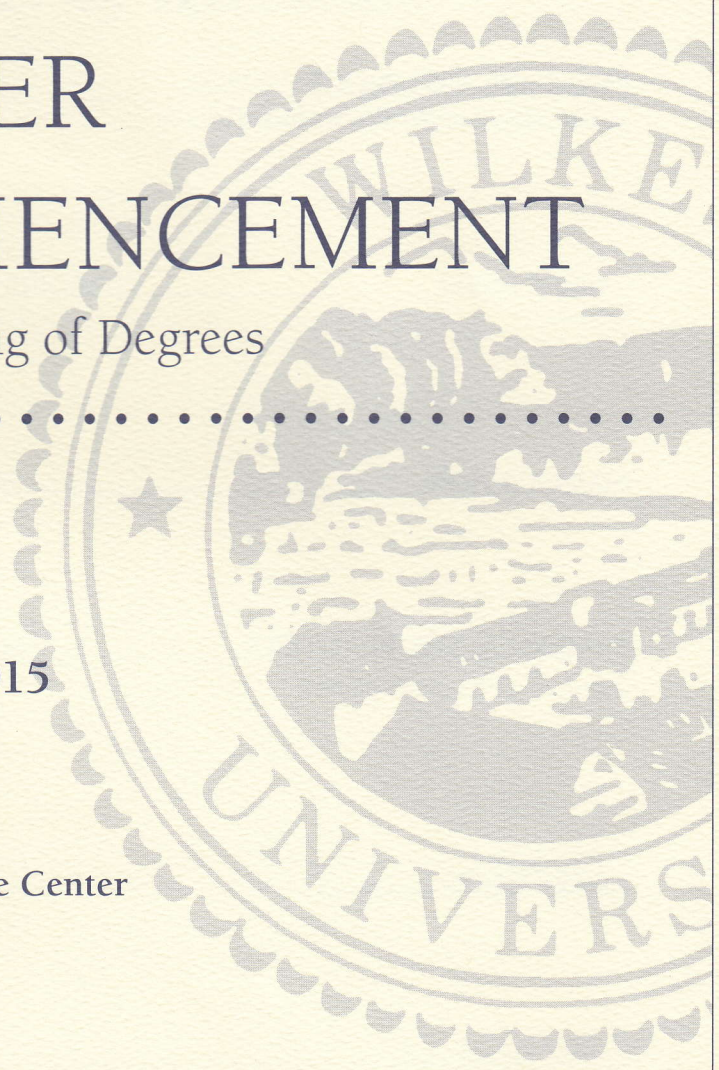
SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

for the Conferring of Degrees

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Sunday
September 13, 2015
1:00 p.m.

Arnaud C. Marts
Sports and Conference Center



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Order of Exercises

*FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL
War March of the Priests from Athalia *Felix Mendelssohn*

WELCOME *Anne A. Skleder*
Provost

*INVOCATION *Caitlin Czeh*
Coordinator, Campus Interfaith

*AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL *Words by Katherine Lee Bates*
Music by Samuel A. Ward
Arrangement, Philip G. Simon

GREETINGS *Jonathan D. Ference*
Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Associate Professor, Pharmacy

Ma. Angellica Ceballos
Member of the Graduating Class

**The audience is requested to rise.*

Order of Exercises

ADDRESS Marianne M. Rexer '85
Robert S. Capin Professor of Accounting

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES Patrick F. Leahy
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Patrick F. Leahy

*ALMA MATER *Eleanor C. Farley*
Arrangement, Philip G. Simon

*BENEDICTION Caitlin Czeh
Coordinator, Campus Interfaith

*RECESSIONAL
Fanfare Royale *Jean Joseph Mouret*
Arrangement, Alfred Pfortner

Music provided by the Wilkes University Chamber Orchestra
John M. Vaida, Conductor
Martina Barna '16, Vocalist

*The audience is requested to rise.

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

Dr. Rhonda M. Rabbitt, *Dean*

William R. Andahazy
John A. Haas
Sara R. Moore
Brian S. Pipech

Grace Elizabeth Surdovel
Dawn R. Sutton
* Erin Sutzko
Melanie Berger Wiscount

* *Degree in Absentia*

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

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| * Austin Grant Bennett | Jonathan Wayne Pierce |
| Christopher Casino | Joseph Robert Stager III |
| * Elisabeth Suzanne Costanzo | * Barbara J. Taylor |
| Nichole Kanney | * Leah J. Vernon |

Master of Arts in Creative Writing

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| * Molly Rebecca Barari | * Michael Anthony Nixon |
| * Gabrielle M. D'Amico | * Corinne Alice Nulton |
| * Caryn DeVincenti | * Vanessa Taylor-O'Connor |
| * Richard Anthony Giamusso | Ezzel Thomas |
| * Robert Holly | * Hillary Grace Transue |
| Johanna Marie James | * John Darryl Winston |
| * Kimberly Behre Kenna | * Debra Ann Zucco |
| * Matthew J. Mimnaugh | |

Master of Business Administration

Dr. Jeffrey R. Alves, *Dean*

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| ⁶ Kathleen Ann Bennie | * Jaspreet Singh Kharoud |
| Ma. Angellica Ceballos | Allison M. Rogalewicz |
| * ⁶ Erin Lynne Connelly | * Jacqui Lynn Sabo |
| * Harkirat Dhaliwal | Sweta Sheth |
| Rachel Elizabeth Duda | Sanishchit Singh |
| Suzanne M. Ekstrom | * Raikirat Sohi |
| * ⁶ Amy Lynn Galabinski | * Spring H. Williams |
| Ramanpreet Kaur | Carolyn Workinger |

Master of Science in Education

Dr. Rhonda M. Rabbitt, *Dean*

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| * Donna L. Albertson | * Justin Berger |
| * Corinne Marie Altham | * Lesley Wirick Berry |
| * Amanda Jo Ambrocik | * Michael R. Betkowski |
| * Bonnie Anderson | * Daniel Cyrus Bingaman |
| Sheena Lea Armbruster | * Alyssa Bommentre |
| * Michael Bachman | * Nicole Theresa Bondarchuk |
| * Holly Banks-Fry | * Rachel M. Bontoyan |
| Lindsay Barkanic | * Adrienne Ann Borgia |
| * Robert Edward Barnhart III | * Jenna Bosworth |
| * Codie Darrell Bender | Lauren M. Boyer |
| * Nicholas J. Bender | * Theresa Renee Boyer |

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⁶ Delta Mu Delta

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Education (continued)

- * Ann Bragan
- * Sara Beth Bray-Ulrich
- * Nicole E. Briggs
- * Chante Michelle Bright
- * Brent Brockman
- * Jennifer Lauren Brotman
- * Marnie Alysha Caffrey
Sandy Cammarata
- * Amy Lynn Carrelli
Melanie A. Carroll
- * David Vincent Caruso
Kealy J. Chipman
Shaylon Rose Claypoole
- * Emily Katherine Corcoran
- * Elaine A. Cramer
- * Lindsey T. Davenport
- * Jaclyn Davis
Nichole R. Davis
- * Andrew Joseph Dellinger
- * Tracy L. Derban
- * Silvio Peter D'Ercole
Ruth Ann DeSantis
- * Darlene F. DiCarlo
- * Jason James Dickensheets
Josephine Joy Doughton
- * Travis T. Dresch
- * Blake Dutweiler
- * Kelli M. Earp
- * David Joseph Echelmeier
- * Kenneth Gordon Eck, Jr.
Crystal Jill Eisenhauer
Dana Marie Evans
- * Jeanmarie Evans
- * Cassie Kay Marie Eyer
- * Angela R. Faust
- * Matthew Castelot Ferreira
- * Alesha M. Ferrett
- * Joanna Firmin
- * Jennifer R. Fish
- * Brooke Lauren Froehlich
- * Jenna Garber
- * Kaylee E. Garguilo
Ryan W. Geoffroy
- * Angela Lynn Gerber
- * Alison Hope Gerke
- * Lauren Rae Gerst
Alyssa Marie Getz
- * Gordon Edwin Gibbs
Angela Marie Giglia-Morrison
- * Justin Allen Giles
- * Scott J. Guidos
- * Stephanie S. Hackenberg
William Joseph Hall
- * Rebecca Jane Haller
Jessica Michelle Hammaker
- * Stacey C. Hampton
- * Beau Paul Hansen
- * Jeffrey Haraschak
Ashley Brooke Harned
- * Nickole Hart
- * Belinda Elizabeth Harvey
- * Shana Lynn Heffelfinger
- * Christa G. Hein
Wendy Widdowson Hess
- * Christy Lorraine Hetrick
- * Stephanie Ann Hicks
- * Melissa Nicole Houck
- * Alicia Moody Houser
- * Beth Ellen Hudlow
- * Karina Hurtado
- * Jennifer L. Johnson
- * Amanda Eve Kane
Ariel R. Kavulich
Helen S. Kelley
- * Amber Faith Kessler
- * Michele Kirsch
Jacqueline Klahold
Ashley Tiara Knight
- * Ayca Kocer
Matthew Alan Koehler
- * Angelika Koerner
- * Daniel R. Kotran
- * Amanda Kraft
- * Erin Marie Kreis
- * Kirsten Elizabeth Krimmel
- * Peter Brian Kruppenbacher

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Education (continued)

- * Alison Marie Kruth
- * Lisa C. Kuilman
- * Ruby M. Kupsho
- * Trisha Kurtz
- Shirley Kutz
- Diane Lacombe
- * Amy Lee Lapchak
- * Wendy D. Leleux
- * Kevin Walter Lenhart
- * Noelle Lesisko
- * Robin Sue Letts
- * Meghan Elizabeth Lloyd
- * Brooke A. Maddox
- * Rebecca Maley
- * Sherri Lynn Markiw
- * Jeffrey William Marx
- * Gwendelen Ruth Mayo
- * Kelley McConnell
- * Paul McCourt
- * Michelle L. McHale
- Mark Russell McKenzie
- Katherine Ann McMaster
- Samantha M. Melusky
- * John Peter Mentrikoski
- * Robert Edmund Merski
- * Adam Joshua Miller
- * Katrina Lynn Mitchell
- * Ryan Charles Moon
- * Tina Mooney
- * Jenna Rae Morgan
- * Luke Isiah Morgan
- Michael B. Murphy
- * Noelle Diane Nicholas
- * Tanya Denise Novik Winters
- * Heather Oneal
- * Steven Michael O'Neil
- * Yasemin Ozugumus
- * Jonathan M. Pack
- Michael Joseph Pasquariello
- * Melody S. Pauly
- * Michael Peck
- * Hilary Cabbage Perry
- * Lynnette Maurer Peterschmidt
- * Joseph Harvey Porr
- * Cassandra L. Pribanich
- * Shannon Sue Raines
- * Amanda Marie Rauenzahn
- * Nicholas L. Rauh
- Michelle Reich
- * Christine Marie Rice
- * Matthew Owen Robinson
- * Danielle Helene Runkle
- * Michael Joseph Rupp
- * Carolyn H. Rutter
- * Kristen Lee Ryan
- * Ritish Sanal
- * Jaimi Saxton
- * Kristin Margaret Schlotter
- * Jessica Scholl
- John C. Schuh
- * Joy Christine Schwenk
- * Kristal Ann Sedlak
- Ashley Marie Sekel
- * Renee Aline Serafini
- * Theodore P. Settas
- * Matthew A. Shedletsky
- * Robert Joseph Shipp
- * Joannette L. Shurer
- * Marya B. Siergiej
- * Nuriye Sirinoglu Singh
- * Patrick W. Sisk
- * Mahnon C. Smith
- Shawna Smith-Wentzel
- * Meagan R. Smyers
- * Billy Solderich
- * Mandy L. Sommer
- * Amanda Sue Steele
- * Michaela Steele
- * Keith Noel Stefanowicz
- * Amanda Marie Stephan
- * Rachel Stern
- * Ashli Nicole Stetter
- * Kathleen Steuer
- * Paula Jo Stinson
- * Audrey Elizabeth Stoothoff
- Tanya P. Strausser

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Education (continued)

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| * Joseph David Surridge | * Robert Waynick |
| * Sophie Jane Thiesen | * Michael Warren White |
| * Megan Ann Thomas | * Meredith Jennifer Wickard |
| Krista Joy Thompson | * Lauren Ann Wiedl |
| * Emily Thoms Daprano | John Joseph Woloski III |
| * Randy Eugene Thornton | * Lori N. Woods |
| * Joseph Francis Varano | * Bryan D. Wyllie |
| * Nikole Vernamonti | * Joanne Rose Yanchick |
| * Jo Ann Voda | * Louis P. Yanni |
| * Mark A. Vogel | Danielle Yurko |
| Thy Minh Vuong-Schmick | Ashley Irene Zehner |
| * Jacki Elizabeth Watkins | Kathleen N. Zehner |
| * Katherine Claire Watkins | * Kara L. Zelko-Mease |
| * Nicole Jennifer Watters | * Laura Ann Zimmerman |

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Dr. William B. Hudson, *Dean*

Mosaad Mohamad Aldohishi
Hisham Mohammed Alshehri

Essa Ahmad Bakri
Islam Ahmed Mohamad

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Dr. Paul T. Riggs, *Dean*

Criminology

Abdullah Alghamdi

Psychology

Kelsea Lynne Kleinbauer

Theatre Arts

Erin Elizabeth Reese

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Science and Engineering

Dr. William B. Hudson, *Dean*

Biology

Abdullatif K. Alghusn
Nicholas Ryan Bogumil
Marc Matthew Davis

*.⁴ Adrienne Alexys Feisel, *Magna Cum Laude*
* Justin Ryan Healey
Abbey Nicole Phillips

Computer Science

* Jesse Goble

Earth and Environmental Sciences

* Patrick Verrastro

Alexander T. Zagorsky

Electrical Engineering

* Lucas James Buffington

Engineering Management

Ahmed Abduldaem

Mechanical Engineering

Samer S. Abu Nijem
Timothy Charles Glen Adams
Ahmed Alkhaldi
Corey D. Hohol

Adam Jaworski
Scott Pantalone
Daniel Pisanchyn

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⁴ *Beta Beta Beta*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

Dr. Jeffrey R. Alves, *Dean*

Accounting

Brad M. Woznisky

Business Administration

*⁶ William B. Robinson, Jr., *Summa Cum Laude*

⁶ Julia Ann Sinnott

Finance

Abdullah A. Alanazi
Abdulrahman Mahja D. Alruwaili

Abdulaziz Bin Eid

Management

Hajar Almehairi
Faisal Mohdtajuddin B. Alturky
* Jeremy R. Aulisio
William J. Balasavage, Jr.
Marketing, Second Major
* Paul Gaffney
Kevin Apolinar Hernandez
Spanish, Second Major

* Brandon Lawrence Kuhar
Grady Alexander Noonan
* Boas Osei Owusu
Asrar Sulaimani
* Steven Wilson

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

School of Nursing

Dr. Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

Julianne Jennifer Brieling	Jennafer Marie Possessky
Megan Paye Delp	Alyssa Regan
Lyndsay Marie Ellis	* Esther Schnaidman
Christiana Rose Gebhardt	Alyssa Sheluga
Erica M. Hersh	Nicole Christine Sheptock, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Heather T. Horsley	Rachel Sluhocki
Maura Lea Mattick	Justyna Wozniak
* Renée Danielle Poesnecker	Jordan Yatsko

Wilkes University — Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

* Ashley Kristen Legg, *Magna Cum Laude*

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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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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.*