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To the Class of 2009:

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## Congratulations to you!

The world awaits your talent and ambition. You'll experience a much "flatter" world than your parents encountered as they reached adulthood. Societies and economies intertwine like never before in oour history.

You have demonstrated the intellect and tenacity to earn you degree. We're proud of you and your accomplishments. We hope you employ the knowledge and experiences you've gained at Wilkes to make this world a better place, whether in big ways or small ways.

I hope as you prepare to move on, you'll take some time to reflect on and thank those who have contributed to your college experience: the faculty-mentors and staff who've steered you through Wilkes; parents, scholarship donors and others who may have helped financially; and the friends and family who offered guidance and support.

Remember that through your baccalaureate studies at Wilkes come to a close, the need for learning has not. You'll encounter new people, new technology and new challenges throughout life. Whether formal or not, the need for education never ends.

I urge you to stay connected with Wilkes, wherever life takes yoou. The Alumni Association is here for you, working to keep you in touch with friends and faculty, and looks forward to welcoming you. And as you attain levels of success, we hope you'll remember your university and seeks ways to give future generations the same access to an outstanding education as you've enjoyed.

My wife, Patty, and I join in wishing you well as you venture into life. Savor the journey!

Sincerely,
Tim Gilmour President


ALMA MATER
by Eleanor Farley

Wilkes, our Alma Mater, We pledge our hearts to thee, \$onor, faith, and courage, Truth and locality,
In our wort and in our pleasure, Guide us as a friend;
We shall always love thee, Loyal to the end.

Thou shall lead us onward In search of finer things. May we find the wisdom That thy spirits brings.
May our deeds of love and service Ever swell thy fame -
Wilkes - we stand to greet thee! Glory to thy name.


## Resident Halls



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## Missing Clubs \& Organizations

Pre Pharmacy Club • SAM • TV Station . Students for Environmental Sustainibility * Crew * Pep Band • ASME • Off Campus Council * Environmental * Circle K • APhA * Air \& Waste Management • Running Club • Kappa PSi • Pre-Law Society * Bacchus Education Club * Manuscript * Anime * Chorus * Commuter Council * Beacon * Fencing - Equestrian * Comic Book • SAE • SWEE * History * Kappa Delta Pi * Business \& Accounting



















## David Lewis

## David C. Lewis

Junior English/Communications major with Education minor

Why did you try out to be the colonel?
I tried out to be the Colonel because I like the idea of having a secret identity. Unfortunately its not a secret anymore, but its still cool to pretend.

What is the best quality you bring to the colonel?
The best quality I bring to the Colonel is my ability to put $100 \%$ effort into every gig I am involved in, even if it means I am sweating through the costume and onto people.

What is your favorite thing about being the colonel? My favorite thing about being the Colonel is seeing people's facial expressions due to seeing the Colonel. Humans don't receive the same reactions as mascots get.

What sporting event is your favorite to be at as the colonel?
Football games were my favorite venues to play Colonel for. There was alot of room mess around.

Would you be the colonel again next year and why? I would like to pass the Colonel on to future students who want to see Wilkes University through the eyes of its mascot. My class schedule is looking quite dense next year and I doubt I will be able to fit Colonel gigs in. However, if by a stroke of luck I find a way to continue being the Colonel, I would do it all over again!

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## Emilee Strubeck <br> Junior Elementary Education/English/ESL majo

Why did you try out to be the colonel?
Because everything about being a mascot perfectly reflects my personality, and apparently the judges I tried out in front of thoug so too.

What is the best quality you bring to the colonel?
I think I connect with the young crowd the best because of my ability to work well with kids...hence my major (El. Ed.).

What is your favorite thing about being the colonel? Being able to do whatever I want while in the costume... within reason of course. For example, I have sat behind the desk at the UCOM and "talked" on the phone, gone into the kitchen in the cafeteria, and danced in the middle of the endzone DURING a football game. I wouldn't be able to do any of that as Emilee Strubeck.

What sporting event is your favorite to be at as the colonel? I like basketball...mostly because I've played basketball all my life, and I feel most comfortable there.

Would you be the colonel again next year and why?
For at least half of the year, yes. Spring semester I may be going abroad


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Jason Woloski
Junior Biochemistry major
Why did you try out to be the colonel？
I have always enjoyed making people laugh．In the past，I have dressed up as Elmo and Tigger for many local parades．I knew，therefore，that stepping into the role of＂The Colonel＂would provide me an outlet to express my enthusiasm and school spirit and help me put a smile on the face of others．

What is the best quality you bring to the colonel？
I believe I help the Colonel achieve a personality，which，in turn，has helped people personally relate to the Colonel．For example，I love to dress the Colonel for holidays by having him wear a Santa hat around the Christmas season，a heart necklace for Valentine＇s Day，and even suspenders，a tie，and a leprechaun hat for St．Patrick＇s Day．This helps people see that behind all those muscles，the Colonel is still warm and lovable．

What is your favorite thing about being the colonel？
My favorite thing about being the Colonel is the ability to lose one＇s sense of＂self＂and transform into a new identity．After all，only the Colonel can get away with spraying public safety officers with silly string or shining a spectator＇s bald head with his glove！

What sporting event is your favorite to be at as the colonel？ Basketball games are top on my list．The Colonel is able to stand and cheer directly behind the basket with the cheerleaders，only feet away from the live action of the game．The Colonel takes part in the half time stunts with the cheerleaders and interacts closely with spectators who are in the gymnasium； and when a bad call is made in the game，the Colonel can point at the referees and show them that he means business．

Would you be the colonel again next year and why？
I would definitely be the Colonel another year．Especially since next year is
my senior year，I want to continue to represent the University and spark excitement on campus．This past year has been a truly extraordinary experience，allowing me to witness first－hand the major role a mascot plays in campus activities and sporting events，as well as in the community． hope to expand even further the Colonel＇s impact next year！

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What Began as a junior college under Bucknell University in 1933 has now grown into. one of the major universities in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The early university would be housed within Conyngham Hall (which burned down in 1968 and was reconstructed): Becoming its own independent institution in 1947 (then known as Wilkes College), Wilkes 5 would offer many four-year programs in the arts, seiences, and a number of professional fields as well as a full program of extra-curricular activities. Wilkes College would see a much greater expansion in 1989, when it gained full university status. Now known as Wilkes University, the institution would further see its academics grow with the opening of the School of Pharmacy in 1996 and the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership in 2004.
2. Wikes also has a deep history outside of the classroom as well as in. In 1936, the firs issue of Bucknell Beacon, the campus's first newspaper, was published. April 1943 saw Weckesser Hall become the Headquarters of the 6th Training Detachment of the Army Air Force, The first football game by Wilkes would be held in 1946, one year before becoming its own institution. Wilkes's athletics would gain two major improvements in 1.950 with the opening of Wilkes Gymnasium, and in 1953 with the hiring of John Reese as the school's wrestling coach. In his 42 years as a head coach, Reese would lead Wilkes to 40 winning seasons. They would win 14 Middle Atlantic Conference titles and the 1974 NCAA Division III national championship during his time as coach. The 50 's and 60 's were a time of expansion and prosperity at Wilkes. With the openings of Stark Hall (1957), Pickering Hall (1966), and the Farley Library (1968), Wilkes began to build a strong foundation towards becoming a major institution. The 1960s would also be a time of dominance on the football field as well. Beginning in 1965, the Golden Horde era of Wilkes Football would begin, in which the team would win 32 consecutive games over a five year period. Despite the flood brought upon by Hurricane Agnes and the devastation it caused throughout Wilkes-Barre in 1972, Wilkes continued to grow as a college, showing the same resilience ingenuity, and determination that it attempts to pass on to its students as the school rebuilds itself after the flood.

The face of the university has also seen its fair amount of change over the years. 1975 would see the completion of the expansion of Stark Hall. To accommodate the rising need for on-campus housing, Evans Hall would open in 1982. The second half of the 1980s would see other projects being finished, such as the opening of the Marts Center (1989), and the completion of the Burns Bell Tower (1987). 1995 would also add to the appearance of the university; with the opening of the Classroom and Office Building (later named Breiseth Hall) and the dedication of the statue of John Wilkes. The Frank and Dorothea Student Center would open in 1999, closing out the 20th century for the university. More recent additions include the University Center on Main in 2006 and the dedication of Chesapeake-Delaware Hall (later remained Max Roth Hall) in 2007. These events and structures, as well as the people that have gone through them, have helped give Wilkes University a deep and rich history that will only continue to grow.


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This is the first year Wilkes has had a Men's and Women's Cross Country Team in 13 years. Both team participated in 8 meets throughout their season.

The team competed in their first meet at the NEPA Classic hosted by King's College. The men's team came in 8 th and the women's team could not score due to only having four runners for the meet. Their second meet was the Ursinus Invitational where the men came in 7th and the women came in 5th. Their third meet was the Cedar Crest Invite where the men came in 9th and the women 7th. Their fourth meet was the Misericordia Invitational where once again the men came in 9th and the women 7th. Their fifth meet was a dual meet against King's College held at Kirby Park. Both men's teams participated but on the Wilkes women's team competed. The sixth meet was the Battle for the Buggy Invite where the men came in 15th and the women 12th. Their 7th meet was the MAC Championship where the men finished 12th overall and the women only had four runners so did not score in the overall competition. Finally their eight meet was the NCAA Mid-East Regional where the men finished 41st overall and the women finished 38th overall.

Seniors Tom Larrabee and Christina Yesu and sophomore Alexander Caicedo were all named to the 2008 Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation Fall Academic Honor Roll.


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The Men's Basketball Team finished the year off with an overall record of 15-11 and 10-6 in conference.

The Colonels got off to an impressive 2-0 start before suffering the first loss of the season in a close 1 point margin of defeat. Chris DeRojas lead the Colonels with a 37 point performance verus Alvernia that featured him making 7 three-point shots. Chris DeRojas would also lead the colonels with 17.2 points pergame average for the year. Season rebound leaders included Tom Kresge and Steve Kline with 218 and 177 total rebounds respectively. Steve Kline ended the season scoring his 1000th point and making 500 rebound club while playing DeSale's.

For the season Wilkes outscored it's opponents showing strong second half performances overall. The teams biggest victory of the season came by sweeping cross town rival Kings. Over the last ten minutes the Colonels lead by over 10 points.

Players John DeFeo, Anthony Gabriel, Chris Gulla and Josh Pstrak were all named to the MASCAC Winter Academic Honor Roll for their performances both on the court and in the classroom.



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The Women's Basketball Team had a trying season with a final record of 11 wins and 13 losses.

The season started off strong with wins against Arcadia and PSU-Hazelton. The next two back to back wins were against Eastern and Keystone and then Fdu-Florham and Delaware Valley after that. The team then had three losses followed by two more back to back wins against Eastern and King's. The team then suffered five losses in a row but came back to win the final game of the season against Misericordia 49-43.

The team was lead by head coach Rachel Hartung Emmerthal, graduate assistant Kirby Lutz, and assistant coach Jennifer Everett.


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The Women's Field Hockey Team had a very rewarding season with a total of 16 wins and 2 losses in their normal season. They participated in the Freedom Conference Tournament. They played their first game of the tournament against King's College and won with a score of 1-0. In the second game, Wilkes hosted Eastern University at their home field but feel a bit short of expectations with a loss (2-1). The field hockey team also participated in the ECAC Tournament. They won their first game at Artillary Park against Washington \& Jefferson College, 2-1. Then three days later the girls lost to Kean University, 3-4. So the girls completed their season with a record of 18-4 overall.

Junior Brittany Sines (Afton, N.Y./Afton Central) was named by the The Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation to its annual sportsmanship teams for the fall 2008 conference sports. These teams include a player from each conference school who has demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship through their actions on and off the field during the season. The players are selected by the players and coaches from their respective schools.

Six members of the team were named to the 2008 Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation Fall Academic Honor Roll. Those girls are: seniors Alyssa Koncelik, Devon McKay and Diana Wright, juniors Jennifer Keegan and Kim Baldino and sophomore Angela Passamonte.



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The Men's Golf Team had a rewarding season making it to the Freedom Conference Tournament.

The team participated in eight tournaments throughout their regular season. In the first two tournaments, they came in 14th out of 20 in the Moravian Invitational and 3rd out of 18 in the Susquehanna Invitational. The rest of the season was a mix of high and low ranks but the team had a strong showing in the opening round of the Freedom Conference Championships on Sunday afternoon. The team posted a team score of $328(+40)$ at Blue Ridge Country Club in Harrisburg. The Colonels then sat in third place, just one stroke behind second place King's College and 12 strokes behind leader FDU-Florham.

The team was lead by head coach Mike Hirthler and assistant coach Guy Rothery. Players consisted of seniors Jamie Montville and Matthew Nagar, sophomores Sean Madden, Michael Turano, and freshman Mark Buonomo, Jonathan Nagar, and Douglas Taylor.



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The Men's Soccer had an up and down season with wins and losses leaving them with an overall record of 11 wins, 8 losses, and 3 ties. The started off the season on the right foot with a win against Ursinus, 3-0. The then lost their next to games against Aracadia and Messiah but then came back strong winning the next two games 2-0 against Muhlenberg and Widener. The team then took another hit with two more losses against Dickinson and Elizabethtown but once again came back with two wins against Baptist Bible, 5-0, and Manhattanville, 3-0. The team then bounced up and down for the rest of the season but ended the regular season with a win against FDU-Florham, 4-2. The soccer team made it into both the Freedom Conference Tournament as well as the ECAC Tournament. In the Freedom Conference Tournament, they won their first game against Manhattanville 2-0 and then tied their second game against Misericordia 1-1. In the ECAC Tournament they won the first game during overtime against PSU-Behrend but lost in the second game against King's 0-4.

This year the Men's Soccer team landed four of its player to the Freedom All-Conference Team: junior midfielder Sean Vona and junior defender Arthur Jankowski were named to the first team while junior forward Greg Miller and sophomore midfielder Doug Moore grabbed spots on the second team. They also named 7 players to the 2008 Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation Fall Academic Honor Roll: juniors Greg Miller, Sean Vona, Arthur Jankowski, Troy Gibson and Keith Gardiner and sophomores Tom Joyce and Matt Sankey.



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The Wilkes Girls Softball team came out this year 18-21 with their longest winning streak being 4 games. The team played 13 games on their home field at Ralston, and 26 away games. The girls team won 6 games at home and lost 7. Of their away games they came out 9-9 and at the neutral game sites they managed 3-5. Attendance was high no matter where the games were held, averaging 76 people at the 39 different games.

Within the Freedom Conference the girls came out 10-6, so an overall good season. The last game of the season versus Kings College, our Wilkes team lost only slightly 2-3 thus ending the season at 18-21. The girls were lead by head coach Frank Matthews, assistant coach Phil Stortz and Tome Dunsmuir, and their graduate assistant Katie Orr.

Wilkes Junior Gina Stefanelli was named to the All-Freedom conference first team and voted player of the year for the second year in a row. Seniors Melisa Barcone and Erin Plank and sophomore Lindsay Behrenshausen were named for the second team.

The team played each college twice and won some hard games during the season versus UVA Wise, Peace College, Shenandoah, Lycoming twice, Desales, Scranton, Misericordia, FDU Florham twice, Easton University twice, Kings once Manhattanville twice, Lebanon Valley, Alvernia University, and William Paterson.






The Men's Tennis Tea an overall record of 16 wins the Freedom Conference Tc Individual Tournament.

The team was on fire against teams such as Maryv DeSales, and Moravian just only loss came on April 9th Manhattanville at their hom The colonels took wins at bc Conference Tournament ag Manhattanville (5-3) which Men's Freedom Conference

The team was lead by assistant coach Bobby Cozil



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The Women's Tennis Team played a great season coming out undefeated with a final record of 17-0. The team also made it to the Freedom Conference tournament as well as MAC Individual Tournament.

The team player one of their best seasons ever against teams such as Labanon Valley, Eastern, Lycoming, Misericordia, and Albright just to name some. Out of their 17 winning games, 12 of those games were complete shut outs. There closest winning game was against Lebanon Valley with a score of 5-4. The team won both freedom Conference Tournament games against Alvernia and Misericordia 5-0.

The team was lead by head coach Chris Leicht and assistant coach Bobby Cozillio.



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The Men's Wrestling had a very rewarding season with a final record of 17 wins, 6 losses, and 2 ties. The team made it to the Metropolitian Championships as well as the NCAA Championships.

The team started off the season coming in second in the King's Tournament and winning their first 6 games. They then came in 1st in the Messiah Petrofes Tournament and tied the next game 18-18 against Oneonta. They won their next game against Gettysburg but then lost the next to games to Merchant Marine and Wisconsin-LaCrosse. The following three games were winners against Case Western, Lycoming, and John Carroll. The teams next winning streak was four games in a row against Gettysburg, Kutztown, Plymouth State, and Elizabethtown. The ended their regular season with a win against King's 29-9.

The team was lead by head coach Jon Laudenslager, graduate assistant Trevor, and assistant coach Mitch Marcks.







## Homecoming

## Starting Friday night

 with a band on the Greenway outside of Evans Hall, Homecoming was celebrated all the way through Saturday's game and the dance at night. Between the weekend's activities of music, games, and pie eating competitions, to the parade game and dance, Homecoming


Different clubs were represented in the parade, such as the History club who decorated one of their new member's jeeps quite elaboratelly.

Week was full of events to attend and fun things to do.






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## Alternative

## Spring Break


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Trips to New Orleans and Dominican Republic







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Programing board hosted many events over the fall and spring senmesters. One event of the events was in the personalized persona cards that students could purchase.




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In Loving Memory of a Teacher, Fellow Faculty Member, and Most Importantly a Friend, Matthew J. Zukoski



On January 31, 20 of Dr. Matthew J. Zukos

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He always put his your project at 2 in the needed help with somet you to stop by at 10 pm River Street late at night to him whether it was he would work independer could order us a pizza, c sandwiches for us. He professor.

It was this unique to students, regardless o forms every semester

It seems as though that no matter what was this enthusiastic, joyful ( colleagues, to his studeı

Jason Wagner '09, Com

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On January 31, 2009, the Wilkes community was shocked by the sudden and unexpected passing of Dr. Matthew J. Zukoski, associate professor of computer science.

To many students, he was a course instructor and an advisor. To others, he was the man peddling down River Street on his bicycle, five minutes late for class, who had the amazing ability to take off his helmet, step off his bike, and begin walking all at the same time. But regardless of whether you were a computer science student who he advised and had for half a dozen classes, or a student who he just met in passing with a quick "hello", he was a friend who would do anything to make your day even just a little bit better.

He always put his students first, no matter what else he had going on. If you needed help with your project at 2 in the morning, you could email him and have a reply within half an hour. If you needed help with something but you were unavailable throughout the day, he didn't care; he'd just tell you to stop by at 10 pm when you were finished with your classes. It was more unusual to go down River Street late at night and see that his office light was off than it was to see it on. It didn't even matter to him whether it was help with one of his classes or a class taught by somebody else. Even as students would work independently through meals in the computer lab, he would always stop by and ask if he could order us a pizza, or even bring in a loaf of bread and cheese, and offer to make toasted cheese sandwiches for us. He went above and beyond what any student on campus could expect of a professor.

It was this unique relationship with his students that made him one of the most likeable professor to students, regardless of the fact that he used candy as a bribe on the days when he distributed SRS forms every semester.

It seems as though he was never without a giant grin on his face. He always gave the impression that no matter what was happening, it wasn't worth getting upset over, and that it could be fixed. It was this enthusiastic, joyful outlook on life that he tried to spread to everybody around him. To his colleagues, to his students, to his family, or even to strangers he passed on the street.

Jason Wagner '09, Computer Science/Mathematics




Anthony Carvale Communications/History

Amanda Cawley Communications/ Spanish/Marketing

Brian Chapman Mechanical Engineering
 Business Administration


K-C-Ann Creque Biology/Chemistry






Joseph Graziano Business Administration/

Marketing
Michael Griesemer Biology/Chemistry

Evonne Groody
Nursing




Gregory Koneschusky Engineering/Physics

Nicole Kosloski Businees Administration

Alicia Kravetz
Nursing

Bruce Krell Business Administration

## Allison Kulik

 Communications/ BusinessAmanda Kunkel Education

Brian Lang Mechanical Engineering

Stephanie Langner Elementary Education/ Music

Thomas Larrabee Computer Science

Elizabeth Lewis Accounting/ Entrepreneurship

Alissa Lindner Communications

Jake Mancuso Biology
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Matthew Nighbert
Biology
Christopher Noll
History/Women's Studies
Valerie Nunes
Nursing/Psychology


Jessica Otway
Sociology/
Criminology/Psychology
Krista Overstrom
Nursing
Michelle Pace
Accounting/Businees
Administration

Christopher Papayannakos Biology/Chemistry

Sheldon Paprota Political

Erin Parry
Psychology

Kelly Patchell Psychology Kinjal Patel Pharmacy Payal Patel Pharmacy



Christina Pimble Psychology

Nicole Popek Psychology
Kristen Potsko
Spanish Education

Michelle Pribula
Pharmacy
Jason Prushinski
Earth \& Environmental
Science \& Special Education

Gregory Pstrak Business Administration

Stefane Reigel
Biology/Chemistry/ Neuroscience

Ryan Resanovich History/Women's Studies

Kyle Riedinger Integrative Media

Sarah Rodriguez
Nursing
Vanessa Russick
Nursing
Ashley Ryan Biology


Lindsey Sabol<br>Psychology/Neuroscience/

Biology
Nitasa Sahu
Nursing/Spanish
Asya Saleh
Nursing/Sociology

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Eric Skoglund
Mechanical
Mechanical
Engineering/Physics
Steven Skoranski Electrical Engineering

Ashley Skorupa Nursing

Jody Snyder
Computer Science
Michael Snyder
Mechanical Engineering
Jillian Stark
Biology/Neurosciencel
Psychology



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Francisco Velez Biology/Chemistry/ Physics

Jason Wagner
Computer Science/
Mathematics/Computer
Information Systems
Matthew Wagner
Mechanical
Engineering/Physics



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Elementary \& Special
Education/Reading

## Congratulations



## Best of Tuck

 to theClass of 2009









# In Memory of suzanne Cochi, <br> a Student \&e a Friend 


"Life doesn't give you the people you want, it gives you the people you need: to help you; to hurt you; to love you; to leave you: to make you into the person you were meant to be"




Lindsey,
Congratulations on work well done at Wilkes. Best wishes and much success at Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO).
We're all so proud of you! Love,
Mom, Dad, Laura, \& Stuart


No family could be prouder than we are of you.
With Love, from all of us


Paul,
When you set a Goal for yourself you achieve it overwhelmingly!
Congratulations! We're proud of you and love you. Good Luck in all your future endeavors. Love, Mom \& Dad


Congratulations Richard. You worked very hard and we are so rpoud of you. Love Mom, Dad, \& Grandma


To a great young man who we are proud to call our son. Now, That you successfully completed your college career, it is time to take on the challenges of the real world. "Best Wishes" for all of the success in your future endeavors. Love always,
Dad \& Mom


David,
Congratulations on all your achievements. Words can not express how proud we are of you. You are on your way to making all your dreams come true. We know that you will succeed in everything you do. Love,
Mom \& Dad


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Ashley,
We are so proud of you for all of your hard work, determination, and accomplishments. We know you will continue to strive and excel in you next venture. Love always, Mom \& Dad


Son, you never cease to amaze us! We want to tell you how very proud we are of you and wish you much success as you take the next step in your journey called "Life." Congratulation's you are Our Heart and We Love You.


Elizabeth,
We are so proud of you! Congratulations on a job well done. May God continue to bless as you graduate and follow His lead and your dreams. Love,
Dad, Mom, and Josh


Congratulations Matthew, You're the Best
Son a Dad can ever have, I am so Very Proud of You...


Of all the obstacles you've crossed you overcame them through hard work and determination. Keep striving for the best but never lose touch with were you can from. Congratulations my son. Love always and forever, Mom


BRIAN ... YOU are OUR Dream. Now, "Climb EVERY mountain.. 'til YOU find YOUR dream"!! Love,
YOUR PROUD Mom and Dad


Dear Melissa,
I am very proud of you for finishing your degree in Psychology. I know it was very difficult but you did it and did it well. I hope you keep up the good work and become a Forensic

Psychologist. Good Job.

> Love,
> Mom


Congratulations:
To my precious daughter
Cathyann. I am so proud of you achieving your Nursing Degree! With All my Love and Affection Mommy.


Christine,
You have always set high goals for yourself and then worked very, very hard to make them a reality. We are so proud of you. Congratulations, with all our love.
Mom, Dad and Amy


Congratulations Kerry
We are really proud of you
Best Wishes for a wonderful future in nursing Love,
Mom, Dad, Mike and Brian


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Dear Amanda,
You have come a long way to reach this point, and on your journey, you have become a beautiful, strong independent young women who we are very proud of you. Your students will be so lucky to have you for their teacher! You will be one of the best! Love,
Mom \& Dad


Dear Chel,
Congratulations on a huge accomplishment! You are going to be a wonderful nurse! We are very proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad


Vanessa,
We are SO proud of you. Love, Luck and much Prosperity. Congratulations! Love,
Mom, Ben, Brian, Gia, Orion, and Austin


Pete,
Congratulations as you ride forward into the world to engineer and imagineer your life.

We're proud of you! Love,
Mom, Dad \& Allie


Congratulations Melissa Lyn! You are the light of our lives $x_{x}$ and we are so very very proud of you. Keep following you dreams, we have faith you will achieve them all.


Jordon, Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matterand those who matter don't mind....
Love, Mom, Dad, Allyse, Ty \& Ian


Andrea,
Congratulations on a job well done! We are so proud of you and of all you have accomplished in the last four years. We can't wait to watch you go out into the world and make your mark. The profession you have chosen is one you can be proud of and we have so much confidence that YOU are really going to make this world a better place.
"WAY TO GO, ANDREA"
We love you,
Dad, Mom and Kelly


We are so proud of all your accomplishments during the last 4 years at Wilkes. Mario you will imspire many young people in your career. They couldn't have a better example. You are the light of our lives, and we wish you all the happiness, success, and love in the world. May all your dreams and wishes come true because you deerve everyone. We will love you forever and ever. Mom, Dad, and Michelle


Things haven't always come easy for you. You toiled and sweated each day; whether flexin g your mental muscles or your body's muscles, you made every effort you best effort. And every morning you greeted each day with a smile and a deeper conviction to make this your best day! Alyssa, our sweet, sweet daughter ---

Go! Go to your destiny!
With deepest pride and joy, All our love, all our lives, Mom and Dad


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We are so proud of all of your hard work and effort through the last four years! We know that you will do wonderful things in the furture!
We love you so much! Love always,
Mom, Dad, Gina, Ryan, and Brandon

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John,
We are so proud of you and love you more than you will ever know! You have worked for this day, and the possibilities are endless. As you move forward into this next phase, please remember to seek the Lord first and never forget He has so much more planned for you than you can every imagine.
:Behold... and reguard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days which ya will not believe, though it be told to you." Hab (1:5)
Love, Mom and Dad


Brian,
We are so proud of you. You are truly extraordinary in so many ways. You never cease to amaze is with your continuous achievements \& accomplishments. Trying to find the words to say just how much we love, appreciate, and admire you is hard to do ... because words are too small to express what we feel inside. Congratulations on your Wilkes University graduation!

Love always,
Mom \& Dad


Your days of formal education may be coming to a close, but always remember that life has many more lessons to teach that do not take place in a classroom. As you venture out into the world , we have no doubt that you will continue to set high standards for yourself ... and reach them. Congratulations Petey. We are so very very proud of you. Love, Mom \& Dad
PS - Look out world!! Peter Jostan George is on his way!
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## HEATHER

 DREAMS REALLY DO COME TRUE AND TODAY THEY ARE HAPPENING FOR YOU! CONGRATULATIONS, YOU HAVE FOUND THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL. WE LOVE YOU AND COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD LOVE MOM, DAD, AND ANTHONYNick, your family is so proud of you! We are amazed by your drive to achieve in this challenging field of study. We see your dedication to acquiring real knowledge, and using it in your caring attitude towards patients. Everyone is impressed by you ability to successfully juggle the demands of school. long hours at work, time with family, and recreation with friends. Not bad time -management! There are a lot of things we love about you. Your inherent gentle kindness and the positive slant you put on life are two. We can't think of you without your sense of humor coming to mind! You are such an instigator! Your role in the family is changing a little. We appreciate how you take charge when you are needed. We will miss you when you leave to work in Phoenix - but we do understand the call of the sunshine! Remember, your parents are proud of you, and love very much, the young man you have become.
Love, Mom, Dad, Peter, Daniel, James, and Grandparents

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To the Class of 2009, I wish all of you the best of luck in the future! Congratulations, you are officially an Alumni of Wilkes University!

To anyone I may have forgotten, THANK YOU!!
-Amanda Karaffa



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