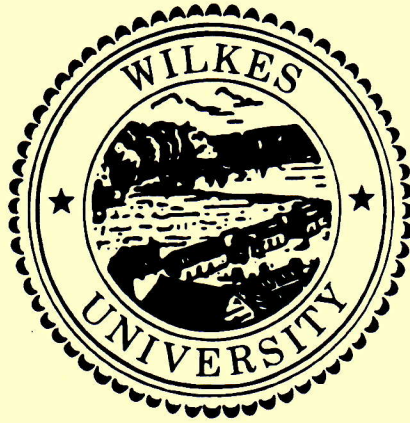


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For the Conferring of Degrees

*Saturday, May Twentieth
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Order of Exercises

FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL

President Garfield's Inaugural March John Philip Sousa
Arrangement, Dorothy Klotzman
Federal March Alexander Reinagle
Arrangement, Roger Smith

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

WELCOME MARAVENE LOESCHKE
Provost

INVOCATION FATHER ANDREW SINNOTT '71
Pastor, St. Boniface/St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

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

Arrangement, Bill Moffit

*(The words of America The Beautiful are printed on page 31 of the program.
The audience is requested to stand and join in the singing.)*

GREETINGS JOSEPH E. GILMOUR
President

ELIZABETH A. SLAUGHTER '68
Member, Board of Trustees

RICHARD G. RASPEN '67, '77
Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Associate Professor of Business Administration

JENNIFER MARIE RAMIL '06
Vice President, Class of 2006

Order of Exercises

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE

CHARLAYNE HUNTER-GAULT
Doctor of Humane Letters

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS CHARLAYNE HUNTER-GAULT

THE CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES JOSEPH E. GILMOUR

ALUMNI INDUCTION COLLEEN M. GRIES-GALLAGHER '81
*President
Wilkes University Alumni Association*

Alma Mater Eleanor C. Farley
Arrangement, Earl Orcutt

*(The words of the Alma Mater are printed on page 31 of the program.
The audience is requested to stand and join in the singing.)*

BENEDICTION REVEREND KAREN B. ALLEN
Pastor, Five Mountain Charge United Methodist Church

RECESSIONAL

Slow March from Scipio *Handel/Leidzen*

Music Provided By:

*Wilkes University Chorus
Dr. Stephen Thomas, Conductor
Wilkes University Civic Band
Philip G. Simon, Conductor*

Ceol Mor Pipe and Drum Band

HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS CHARLAYNE HUNTER-GAULT

For all of us, the experiences and lessons of childhood shape who we become and what we value as adults. **Charlayne Hunter-Gault**, to understand who you have become and all that you have accomplished is to appreciate the values instilled in you early on by the most powerful forces in your life — the church, your teachers, your community, and most importantly, the extraordinary influences of a mother and grandmother who, more than anyone else, taught you and nurtured in you a faith that has brought strength, comfort and inspiration in your most challenging of moments.

Your mother taught you early in life to follow your dreams. One of those dreams, inspired by hero comic book reporter Brenda Starr, would draw you to what would become an exemplary forty year career as an award-winning journalist. Having reported for this country's most venerable news organizations — *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, PBS, CNN and NPR, the honors you have earned include two Emmy awards, two Peabody Awards, and more than two dozen honorary degrees. You have been recognized by Amnesty International for your human rights reporting; and last year you were inducted into the National Association of Black Journalists Hall of Fame.

As is the case with anyone who chooses to be the first, you created a pathway to change when in 1961 you became one of the first African-American students to attend the University of Georgia in its 176 year history. Your pioneering spirit in the face of insurmountable resistance demonstrated to the world that you were a model of grace under pressure, a beacon of hope and a model for all who dreamed that the dignity of all individuals could someday be affirmed.

Throughout your career as journalist — par excellence — you have been a leading voice opening doors and exposing injustices in our own country and around the world. While today we celebrate all you have accomplished, you would be the first to remind us how much more requires our attention and resolve. In honoring you today we pay tribute to the values and principles that have always been at the core of your being — truth, compassion, fairness and justice.

By the power vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I hereby confer upon you, **Charlayne Hunter-Gault**, the doctorate of humane letters, Honoris Causa, with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining.

AWARDS

THE MABLE SCOTT WANDELL AND
STERLING LEROY WANDELL AWARDSANDREW AMOROSO '06
KATHRYN ANN CURRIER '06

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

MARAVENE LOESCHKE
Provost

ALUMNI AWARD FOR
LEADERSHIPANDREW AMOROSO '06

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

Presentation by COLLEEN M. GRIES-GALLAGHER '81
President, Wilkes University Alumni Association

ARMED FORCES RESERVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT
UNITED STATES AIR FORCEJOSHUA M. BEHLER '06
GERALDINE L. OJEIL '06
JOHN RICHARD UNTISZ '06
ALEXANDER BURTON WHITE '06

Presentation by JANE M. VESPERMAN
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY CANDIDATES

Summa Cum Laude

- ^{15,20} Lillian Opal Kang
^{1,20} Melanie Lynn Sarno

Magna Cum Laude

- ²⁰ Tiffany Ann Archavage
²⁰ Bethany Bucci
²⁰ Thomas J. Chmielewski, Jr.
²⁰ Marianne K. DeGreen
^{1,20,15} Amanda M. Edwards
^{1,15,20} Lindsey M. Hanna
^{1,20} Elizabeth A. Hill
^{1,20} Regina Eileen Hinkel
²⁰ Peter Frank Hlavinka
²⁰ Tarannum Mansuri
¹⁵ Tarra Jane Snyder
²⁰ Holly L. Whitner
²⁰ Eric J. Wolfgang

Cum Laude

- Johanna Ashley
Melissa Joan Baker
Stephanie Renee Bauman
Tyler William Bubb
Joanne R. Danowski
¹⁵ Clarissa Elizabeth Dudeck
Jacquelyn Anne Dwyer
Heather Elick
Amy A. Gutowski
James Michael Mason
* Mark Alan Menard
¹⁵ Haley Papps
Nathan Alan Smith
Daria Helen Sulla
Kimberly Dee Williams
¹⁵ Jamie Ann Rose Wood

¹ Alpha Chi

¹⁵ Phi Lambda Sigma

²⁰ Phi Eta Sigma

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Bria T. Demming
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Brooke Dougherty
Kristen Michelle Dulick
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¹⁵ Rosemarie Gerstein
Lori Grausam
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Allison Linsey Haupt
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Amy Hilstolsky
¹⁹ Sandra Leigh Hughes
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Nicholas Paul Zimmiski

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Business Administration Degree

- * Karen Barbini
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- * Robert Coalson
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- ⁶ Leslie R. Dotzel
- ⁶ Katherine Ann Franks
- Paula Marie Gavlick
- Crystal Lee Harris
- ⁶ Ann Marie Hudak
- Shambhu Jaiswal
- ⁶ Michael W. Jennings
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- ⁶ Brian Joseph Kasarda
- John V. Lubrano
- Aaron C. McHenry
- Johnnell Theresa Nidoh
- Jason M. Parrish
- * Michael Jay Rosenberg
- * Jeffrey E. Searfoss
- Sarah Lynn Siskovich
- ⁶ Jason R. Smith
- Tarra Jane Snyder
- Daria Helen Sulla
- * Judith Tobin Telechowski
- *⁶ Rhonda J. Thomas
- Anthony John Zigmont

Master of Science in Education Degree

- * Marianne Aboutanos
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- * Michael J. Adamshick
- * Michael Aaron Albee
- * Ashley Lynn Andreoli
- ¹³ Joseph James Baldan
- * Alison Julia Bambu
- * George Michael Banas
- * Joanne M. Barnowsky
- * Amy L. Bausher
- * Richard Adam Beach
- * Amy S. Beamesderfer
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- * Melisa Anne Benfield
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- * Heather N. Biehl
- * Cheryl L. Bigenho
- Sally Remington Bopp
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- * Erin Michael Brown
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- * Angela L. Dupes
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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

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Master of Science in Nursing

²² *Carol J. Caviston*

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BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Summa Cum Laude

- ^{1,19} Shanna Sarah Allen, Psychology
¹⁰ Ashley E. Ambirge, Communication Studies
Spanish, second major
^{1,21} Andrew Amoroso, English
^{11,19,12} Kathryn Ann Currier, Elementary Education
^{1,19} Jason Davenport, Psychology
^{1,18} Brandon Cole Ingraham, Political Science
History, second major
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Nichole Lee Redmond, Psychology
^{1,11,12,21} Shelby Schultz, English
Elementary Education, second major
^{1,11,12,19} Wendy Ellen Sinnott, Elementary Education
Kathryn Ann Skaluba, Criminology
^{1,12,14} Hugh Taylor, History
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Magna Cum Laude

- ¹⁰ Jamie Babbitt, Communication Studies
^{11,12} Alanna Marie Bath, Music Education
^{* ,14} Natalie Marie Baur, History
^{1,5,19} Erica Marie Buchholz, Psychology
Jennifer Grace Compton, Spanish
Rachel Ann Dyer, Theatre
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^{5,23} Kristin Marie Kile, Communication Studies
Andrea Lauren Kinal, Musical Theatre
Frank Leonard Knorek, Jr., Political Science
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Geraldine L. Ojeil, International Studies
¹⁹ Amanda Ratschof, Psychology
^{1,18} Brad L. Williams, Political Science

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The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Cum Laude

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- ¹² Janell M. Chwalek, Elementary Education
- ^{11,12,21} Tara Elizabeth Friedman, English
- ^{11,12} Michael S. Heater, Jr., Elementary Education
Sociology, second major
- Kevin Holbert, Theatre
- ¹⁹ Jennifer Marie Iwaniszyn, Psychology
Criminology, second major
Sociology, third major
- Jenilyn Megan Jung, Theatre
- ¹⁰ Megan Mance, Communication Studies
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- ^{5,11,12} Samantha Nicole Romeo, Elementary Education
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- Kate Vaughn Thomas, International Studies
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- ¹⁰ Jillian M. Wydra, Communication Studies
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Psychology, second major

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- Christopher Blair Oustrich
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Jody Post
* Gavin Robb
^{5,10} Alison Lynn Sherry
Michael B. Simon
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Criminology

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- David Andrew Gold
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* Charles J. Lamoreaux
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¹² Leanne Marie Kayes
¹² Catherine A. Klotz,
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^{12,21} Ryan J. Dippre
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- Sara Pegarella
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Jennifer A. Trate
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¹⁴ Thomas J. Hogans
^{12,14} David C. Holman
^{12,14} Nicholas D. Hufford
- Catherine A. Klotz
 Elementary Education, Second Degree
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The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences — *Continued*

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⁵ *April M. Ritz*
^{5,10} *Kalyn Ashley Rupert*
¹⁹ *Sara M. Shane*
¹⁹ *Michelle A. Strand*
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Crystal Rose Wah

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Nicole Witek
Criminology, second major

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⁵ *Erin L. Williams*

Theatre

Carlos Juan Candelario
⁵ *Scott Russell Cassidy*

Tasjaana Lee Smith
Thomas Daniel VanWhy, Jr.

⁵ *Chi Alpha Epsilon*

¹⁰ *Lambda Pi Eta*

¹⁹ *Psi Chi*

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BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Science and Engineering

Summa Cum Laude

- Daniel Evans, Computer Information Systems
¹ Matthew J. Madalis, Mechanical Engineering
Deana Mikhalkova, Biochemistry
^{1,4,25} Arvin Narula, Biology
^{1,11,12} Zachary T. Vaskalis, Mathematics

Magna Cum Laude

- ¹ Mark Hunter, Chemistry
^{1,4,25} Ashley Marie Joslin, Biology
Sarah Ann Libertoski, Biology
Frank G. LoPresti, Mechanical Engineering
^{4,7,19,23} Benjamin J. Palachick, Biology
Michael J. Pedley, Computer Information Systems
^{4,7,25} Christopher Pray, Biology
Shawn J. Serfass, Mechanical Engineering
^{4,7} John Richard Untisz, Biology
Joseph Michael Yutko, Mechanical Engineering
Engineering Management, second major

Cum Laude

- Joshua M. Behler, Mechanical Engineering
⁹ Rebecca A. Calimer, Environmental Engineering
^{4,5} Jason T. Cao, Biology
⁴ Ashley Marie McBrearty, Biology
^{4,7,23} Jennifer Marie Ramil, Biology
Cody A. Raspen, Computer Science
Jami L. Shuleski, Computer Information Systems
⁴ Christopher Yonki, Biology

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The College of Science and Engineering

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Sara Marie Grab
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BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Science and Engineering

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Mathematics

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Mechanical Engineering

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Sean Patrick Davies

Matthew John Della Rosa

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The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

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- ^{1,6} David Straub, Accounting
- ^{1,6} Gina Marie Tempesta, Accounting

Magna Cum Laude

- ⁶ Nicole Ann Matsko, Business Administration

Cum Laude

- ⁶ David Bingaman, Business Administration
- ⁶ Jennifer Lynn DeFalco, Business Administration
- ⁶ Richard Peterson, Business Administration
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*John Edward Lowe
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Michael A. Bridy
Michael Constantine
Benjamin Damick
Greg C. Eisenhower
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Stephanie A. Rodano
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BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing

Summa Cum Laude

²² Kelly Capece, Nursing

* Christine Rose Yatsko, Nursing

Magna Cum Laude

^{1,14} Kathleen Ann O'Hara, Nursing

Cum Laude

²² Melinda Anne Bauer, Nursing

²² Karen L. Congdon, Nursing

²² Melissa J. Fox, Nursing

²² Kristopher J. Mead, Nursing

²² Jamielee Schatzel, Nursing

¹ Alpha Chi

¹⁴ Phi Alpha Theta

²² Sigma Tau Delta

* Degree in Absentia

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing

Nursing

Elizabeth Marie Bleacher
^{5,22} Tara Marie Collins
Alicia Suzanne Conner
* Lauren Decker
²² Michelle L. Ent
Amber Froehlich
Sarah Grlica
Melanie Heard
Melissa A. Lavelle
Katrina Marie Lucarine
Deanna Derwin Mahon
²² Kristin Lynn Mangan
Megan Marie Meyers

Thomasina D. Miller
Brian Moran
Katherine R. Ravnikar
²² Jennifer Relyea
Erika Marie Rodriguez
Rachael M. Seroski
Diana Rae Szymanski
Tracy Lee Tracy
Christine Marie Wagner
Amanda White
Kristy Lee Wilcox
Michelle Ann Young
Anita M. Zurn

⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon

²² Sigma Tau Delta

* Degree in Absentia

Scholarly Societies and Special Designations

- ¹ Denotes Membership in Alpha Chi, the National College Honor Scholarship Society.
- ² Denotes Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Honorary Society in Sociology.
- ³ Denotes Membership in the Eta Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the honor society recognizing the academic excellence of adult part-time students.
- ⁴ Denotes Membership in Beta Beta Beta, the National Honorary Society in Biology.
- ⁵ Denotes Membership in Chi Alpha Epsilon, the Honorary Society which recognizes students who were admitted to the University through Higher Education Access Opportunity programs.
- ⁶ Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.
- ⁷ Denotes Honors in Biology.
- ⁸ Denotes Honors in English.
- ⁹ Denotes Honors in Engineering.
- ¹⁰ Denotes Membership in Lambda Pi Eta, the National Honorary Society in Communications.
- ¹¹ Denotes Membership in the Phi Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honorary Society in Education.
- ¹² Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.
- ¹³ Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Principal Certification.
- ¹⁴ Denotes Membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honorary Society in History.
- ¹⁵ Denotes Membership in Phi Lambda Sigma, the Pharmacy Leadership Society.
- ¹⁶ Denotes Membership in Phi Sigma Tau, the National Honor Society in Philosophy.
- ¹⁷ Denotes Membership in Pi Kappa Delta, the National Honorary Forensic Society.
- ¹⁸ Denotes Membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.
- ¹⁹ Denotes Membership in Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology.
- ²⁰ Denotes Membership in Phi Eta Sigma, the National Honor Society for College Freshmen.
- ²¹ Denotes Membership in Rho Chi, the National Honor Society in Pharmacy.
- ²² Denotes Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary Society in English.
- ²³ Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing.
- ²⁴ Denotes Membership in and acknowledgment by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.
- ²⁵ Denotes Tom Bigler Scholar.
- ²⁶ Denotes Pre-Medical Scholar.
- * Degree in absentia

2006 Student Awards

Academic Awards

Behavioral and Social Sciences

Pi Sigma Alpha	Naomi Rodriguez
Raymond R. Ritz Award	April Burko
Outstanding Graduate in Psychology	Shanna Allen

Biology, Chemistry and Health Science Programs

Rosenthal Memorial Award	Matthew Grammond
Outstanding Research Award	Charles Yurkon
Outstanding Senior Scholar in Biology	Arvin Narula
ACS Section Award	Timothy Oswald
Alfred W. Bastress Award	Ann Leotaud
Catherine M. Bone Award	Deana Mikhalkova

Business Administration and Accounting

Excellence in Business Administration	Nicole Matsko
Outstanding Student Award — MBA Program	Judy Telechowski
Academic Achievement Award in Business Administration	Jennifer Hendrix
PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting	Denise Cole
Academic Achievement Award in Accounting	Matthew Stuka

Communication Studies

Communication Studies Award	Kristin Kile
Tom Bigler Scholars Award	Sarah Herbert Kristin Kile

Education and Psychology

Outstanding Elementary Teacher Education Student	Kathryn Currier
Outstanding Secondary Teacher Education Student	Shelby Schultz
Outstanding Special Education Teacher Certification Student	Kathryn Currier
Marla Hosie Memorial Award	Sarah Noldy

Engineering and Physics

Electrical Engineering Achievement Award	James Shannon
Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical Engineering	Matthew J. Madalis Joseph Yutko
Outstanding Achievement in Engineering Management	Joseph Yutko

GeoEnvironmental Sciences and Engineering

Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Engineering	Rebecca Calimer Daniel Loughran
Outstanding Environmental Leadership and Service Award	Joshua Shoff

Humanities

Annette Evans Humanities Award	Natalie Baur Matthew Zebrowski
Frank J. J. Davies Award	Andrew Amoroso
Phi Alpha Theta Book Award	Hugh Taylor Natalie Baur
Outstanding Graduate in Spanish	Kate Thomas

Mathematics and Computer Science

Computer Information Systems Award	Cody A. Raspen
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2006 Student Awards (continued)

Extracurricular Awards

Athletic Department

The Correen Santoro Memorial Award.....	Rena Bolin Stacy Fimmano Nicole Hahn Jan Nunemacher Lindsay Thomas
Female Scholar Athlete of the Year.....	Jan Nunemacher
Male Scholar Athlete of the Year	Andrew Amoroso
Female Athlete of the Year	Laurie Agresti
Male Athlete of the Year	Kyle Follweiler

Center for Continued Learning

Adult Learner of the Year.....	Lynn Shymanski
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Communication Studies

Outstanding Leadership and Service Award.....	Myles Rumbel
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Community Service

Helping Hands Service Award	Jared Shayka Victoria White
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Cooperative Education

Outstanding Senior Intern.....	Jason Davenport
Keith Topfer Memorial Award.....	Joseph Yutko

Engineering and Physics

Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Leadership Award.....	Frank Lopresti
I.E.E.E. J. J. Ebers Memorial Award	Seth Peasley
Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Leadership Award	Stacey Berkoski
American Society of Mechanical Engineers Award	Andrew Curry

Multicultural Affairs

Leadership in Diversity Award.....	Nicole Witek
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Nursing

Leadership Award.....	Alicia Connor
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Student Affairs

Intercollegiate Leadership Wilkes-Barre.....	Katherine Baas Erica Buchholz April Burko Nicholette Doliva Jan Kolakowski John Lawzano Danielle Namiotka David Scordino
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2006 Student Awards (continued)

Emerging Leaders Award Theresa Brewer
 Alisha Cain
 Andrew Chase Deleo
 Robert Donahue
 Dana Zlotucha

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Shanna Allen	Kristin Kile
Andrew Amoroso	Jamie Malt
Jamie Babbitt	Arvin Narula
Elizabeth Bleacher	Nguyen Nguyen
Marvelyn Brentum	Jan Nunemacher
Erica Buchholz	Megan O'Brien
Denise Cole	Geraldine Ojeil
Tara Collins	Jennifer Ramil
Jennifer Compton	Erika Rodriguez
Alicia Conner	Myles Rumbel
Jennifer Defalco	Jared Shayka
Ryan Dippre	Melissa Steber
Kimberly Fowler	Joshua Swantek
Julie Gilbert	Erica Swatko
Richard Hannick	Nadine Taylor
Sarah Herbert	Stephanie Victor
Dimitri Iatrou	Crystal Wah
Brandon Ingraham	Victoria White
Jennifer Iwaniszyn	Nicole Witek
Lara Judson	Joseph Yutko

Student Government

Faculty Choice Award..... Dr. Donald Mencer
 Appreciation Award..... Ashley Joslin
 Ashley McBrearty
 Jonathan McClave
 Jared Shayka
 Andrew Steinberg
 Joshua Swantek
 Stephanie Victor
 Programming Board Presidential Incentive Award Stephanie Victor
 Programming Board Programmer of the Year Theresa Brewer

Class of 2006 OFFICERS

Stephanie L. Victor
PRESIDENT

Ashley M. McBrearty
SECRETARY

Jennifer M. Ramil
VICE PRESIDENT

April J. Kostick
TREASURER

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
- 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.

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.

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

