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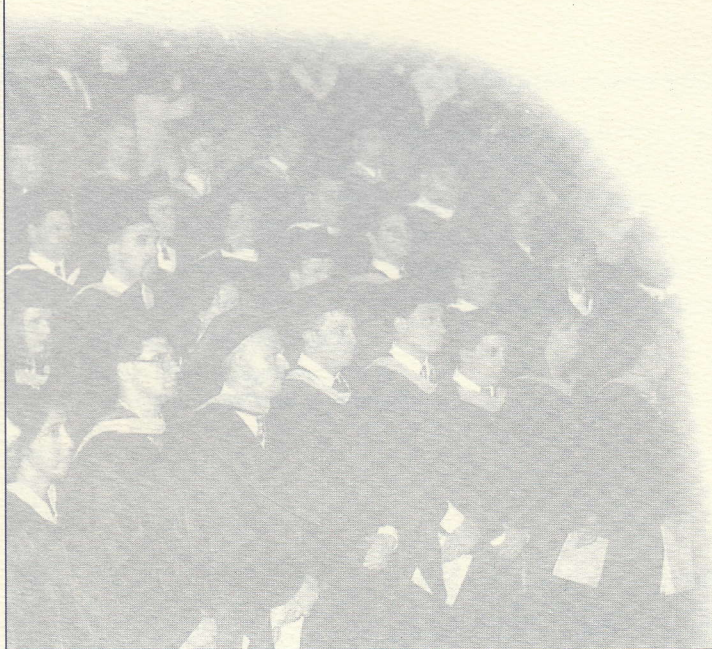
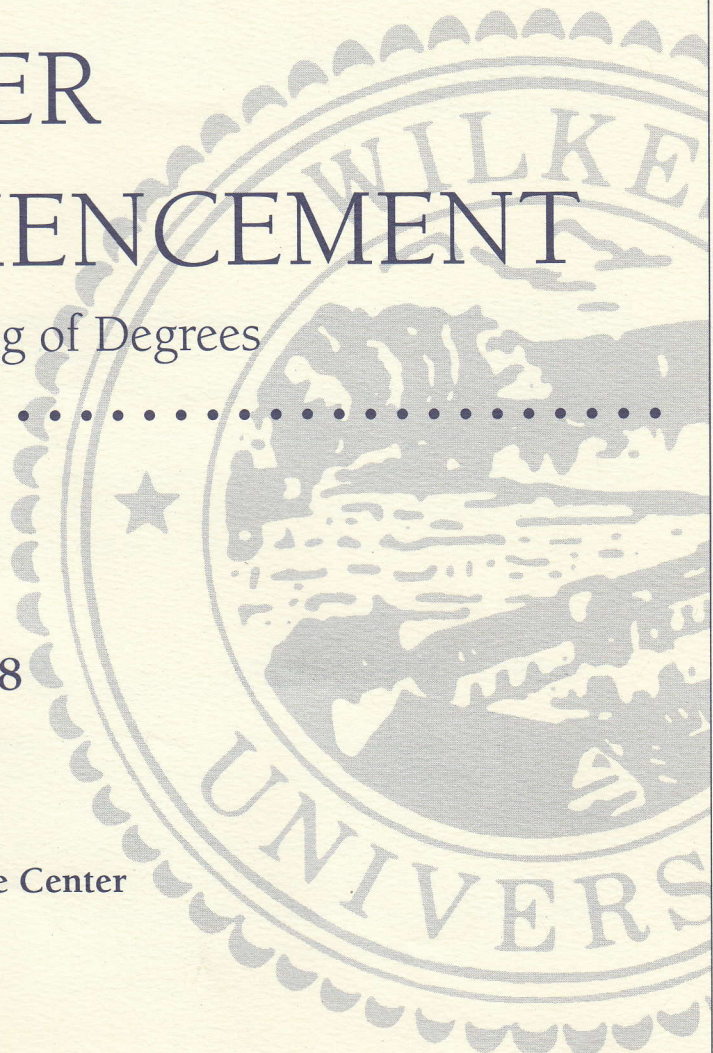
SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

for the Conferring of Degrees

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Sunday
September 7, 2008
2:00 p.m.

Arnaud C. Marts
Sports and Conference Center



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Order of Exercises

*FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL

Federal March Alexander Reinagle
Arrangement, Roger Smith

WELCOME C. Reynold Verret
Provost

*INVOCATION Theresa A. Monaco
Coordinator, Campus Interfaith

*AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL..... Words by Katherine Lee Bates
Music by Samuel A. Ward
Arrangement, Bill Moffit

GREETINGS..... Joseph E. Gilmour
President

Jay S. Sidhu '73
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Arthur H. Kibbe
Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Chair, Pharmaceutical Sciences

Wanda M. Erb, MS
Northern Tioga School District
Member of the Graduating Class

*The audience is requested to rise.

Order of Exercises

ADDRESS.....Scott Kinney
Vice President, Discovery Education

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREESJoseph E. Gilmour
President

*ALMA MATER.....*Eleanor C. Farley*

*BENEDICTION.....Theresa A. Monaco
Coordinator, Campus Interfaith

*RECESSIONAL
Slow March From ScipioGeorge Frederick Handel
Arrangement, E. Leidzen

*Music provided by the Wilkes University Civic Band
Dr. Philip G. Simon, Conductor
Jennifer Smeraldo, Vocalist*

**The audience is requested to rise.*

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY CANDIDATES

Dimitri Iatrou

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Arts in Creative Writing

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| * <i>Adam D. Carpenter</i> | * <i>Barbara J. Taylor</i> |
| <i>James F. McCabe</i> | * <i>Kevin M. Voglino</i> |
| * <i>David C. Renshaw</i> | |

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

- | | |
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| * <i>Krista L. Caponigro</i> | <i>Donora Hillard</i> |
| <i>Craig Czury</i> | <i>Peter J. Kaszyk</i> |
| <i>Nicole DePolo</i> | * <i>Walter L. Lansberry</i> |
| * <i>Jennifer A. Freed</i> | |

Master of Business Administration

- | | |
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| * <i>Kevin C. Boylan</i> | <i>Bojan Milasinovic</i> |
| ⁶ <i>Lauren Lynn Brennan</i> | * <i>Brynn L. Mileski</i> |
| ⁶ <i>Kerri A. Davis</i> | <i>Michael D. Mooney</i> |
| <i>Yvonne M. Filer</i> | <i>Julian C. Morales</i> |
| * <i>Andrew Michael Gavlick</i> | * <i>Brad W. Petrick</i> |
| ^{6,*} <i>Denise Marie Granoski</i> | <i>Priyanka Singh</i> |
| ⁶ <i>April A. Humphreys</i> | <i>Rory M. Tobias</i> |
| * <i>Jennifer A. Knorr</i> | * <i>Robert Yonick</i> |

* *Degree in Absentia*

⁶ *Delta Mu Delta*

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Education

- Jane B. Abbott
* Harry William Ackerman, Jr.
Robert A. Adler
* Jonathan Thomas Alba
* David C. Althouse
* Malissa Amorim
* Erin M. Andretta
* Rochelle L. Angelo
* Lisa D. Anstine
* Rik S. Appleby
* Marie P. Arcarese
* David A. Arner
Jennifer C. Ashcroft
13,* Kathryn L. Asiello
* Patrick N. Austin
Jolie A. Bach
* Jenna L. Backer
* Pamela E. Bailey
Natalie A. Baldasari
* Jodi E. Barclay
* Kristin R. Barr
* Aimee B. Bechtel
* Jill S. Beck
* Brian E. Beears
* Vanessa Behl
* Julie Ray Beidler
Joyce E. Bereznak
* Donna L. Berry
Amber L. Beseda
* Shana R. Bigham
* Jenina Billman
* Jeremy E. Bingaman
* Michael E. Birnbaum
* Michelle L. Birney
* Barbara B. Black
13 Christine L. Bland
* Bonnie L. Blatt
Audrey Lorraine Blust
* Lisa A. Bonomo
Connie Z. Bookwalter
* Dana A. Borzellino
Carl J. Bower
* Erica M. Bower
Heather D. Bower
* Dorothy Boyd
* Jodi A. Boylan
* Daniel P. Bratton
* Shane Brewer
* Leah J. Brittain
* Ildiko C. Brown
* Christine I. Bunting
Amy L. Burke
* Jason M. Burke
Philip Aaron Burrell
* Margaret R. Caines
* Nina M. Camilli
Kelly T. Campagna
* Catherine C. Campbell
* Lynn Carroll
* Susan Hess Cassel
* Michael A. Cesariski
James Chaikowsky
* Michael A. Cherrybon
* Terry J. Chmil
* Michelle E. Christopher
* Pamela Marie Gianni
13,* Leo D. Ciullo
* Kimberly D. Clark
Jodi Lee Cogan
* James Colbert
* Joshua T. Cole
* Joshua U. Collins
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13,* Anthony Conston
13,* Regina M. Costanzo-Krieger
* Ashley M. Count
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* Carole J. Cremo
* Melinda S. Criswell
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* Kevin J. Dangle
* Kristina M. Daniel
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- * Nathan O. Donahue
- * Todd A. Driesbach
- * Sally J. Drosnock
- * Paula A. Drum
- * Kathleen Eccleston
- * Kristyn M. Ecenrode
- * Maureen M. Edwards
- * Patricia Eichorn
- * Michael Scott Eisenhart
Zeltha L. Ellis
- * Givon Ellison
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Kathy E. Falcone
- * Andrew M. Favini
- * Geraldine R. Featherby
- * Stephen D. Fedorak
- * Paula Marie Fehlinger
- * Mike J. Feliciani
- * Aubrey M. Felock
- * Shawn J. Feltenberger
- * Kathryn L. Ferree
Shannon L. Ferry
- * Lisa A. Ferster
- * Mark P. Ferster
- * Joseph T. Fiorito
- * Jeffrey R. Firmstone
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- * Brenna Elizabeth Flynn
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- * Jill R. Funk
- * Tawny B. Gallagher
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- * Michele R. Geczzi
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- * Linda K. Jolly
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- ¹³ Crystal L. Jordan
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- * Pamela J. Karwoski
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- * Angela B. Keefer
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- * Mark L. Kehl
- * Amanda J. Keller
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- * Michele L. Kerns
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- * Heather J. Kinney
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- * Nicole L. Kline
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- * Todd L. Kochersperger
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- * Jennifer L. Kopcza
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- * Natasha M. Lehman
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- * Ryan C. McGinley
- * Heather McGlaughlin
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- * Martin G. Meenan
- Jill A. Mendygral
- * Timothy D. Metz
- Alicia Milewski
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- * Alicia M. Noll
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- Vicki M. O'Hara
- * James O'Neill
- * Joseph D. Ott
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- * Jonathan R. Pallone
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- * Judith Ann Rakowsky
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- Holly L. Schovitz
- Joanne Schultz
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- * Darla M. Shank
- * Carolyn Jane Shemanski
- * Rose M. Shiner
- * Amy D. Shipe
- * Ryan E. Sholtes
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- * Janice G. Smith

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- * Lauren R. Spallone
- * Joseph W. Spang
- * Barry Spohn
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- * Cass H. Stapleton
- * Rachael L. Stark
- * Anthony J. Stavenski
- * Sharon K. Steager
- * Christine L. Steigerwalt
Faye D. Stein
- * Marisa A. Steinas
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- * Wilbur C. Stitt
- * Michelle L. Stone
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Kristine M. Stoppard
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- * Stephen R. Straka
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- * Angela M. Swartchick
- * Mark F. Szmigiel
- * Lisa L. Tait
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Barbara A. Talaska
- * Kristen R. Taramelli
- ^{13,*} Lee Ann Theony
Bridgid S. Thomas
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- * Daniel Charles Tigyer
- * Amy L. Tremel
- * Bradley E. Treweek
- * Nathan D. Trick
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- * Lisa M. Truesdale
James P. Tully
- * Melinda A. Tutko
- * Jamie Van Horn
- * Courtney L. Vanko
Marie A. Vieczorek
- * Julie A. Vinci
- * Darlene M. Vitale
- * Lee M. Vodofsky
- * Jennifer L. Vosburg
Robert D. Wachowski
- * Joshua A. Wagner
- * Lance K. Wagner
- * Sharida E. Walker
- * Justin W. Wall
- * Kelly M. Walsh
- * Chad M. Walters
- ¹³ Erica L. Walters
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Kristy L. Walters
- * Robert Franklin Harold Walters
- * Curtis Ross Waltman
- * Heather J. Wamsher
- ^{13,*} Elizabeth Watson
- ¹³ Suzanne E. Weadon
Julie A. Weiderhold
- * Jason R. Weigle
- * Julie Ann Weitzel
Cynthia K. Weller
- * Ashley E. Werner
- * Brent R. Wheeland
- * Arianne R. Wheeler
Ryan A. Wieand
- * Tara A. Wildmann
- * Daniel M. Williams
Gemena Y. Williams
James G. Wilson
- * Melanie L. Wisby-Bankus
- * Colleen A. Witzke
Cynthia L. Wozniak
- ^{13,*} Marc J. Wyandt
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Jennifer M. Yanuskavich
- * Sarah E. Yoder
- * Amanda M. Young
- * Eric J. Zeigler
Jan E. Zelinski
Amy N. Ziegenfuss
Victoria Lynn Ziegler
- * Miriam J. Zook

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

Abdulrahman Khalid Abumurad * Chaitanya Bharadwaj Katta
* Pavan Kumar Jampani

Master of Science in Engineering Operations & Strategy

John J. Zelena

Master of Science in Nursing

Lindsey A. Bly Martha A. Wright
^{23,*} Susan R. Koronkiewicz

Master of Science in Professional Nursing

Sade Adejo Brittany Lott
Kelly L. Dempsey * Sophia S. Mathew
Patricia A. Hunt Laura L. Siesko
Esther Kesseh * Lennox Bernard Thompson
Leonard K. Kovalick Meghan K. Trichilo
Nicole A. Liberty

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²³ Sigma Theta Tau

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Science

Summa Cum Laude

^{11,*} Kelly L. O'Brien, Spanish

Cum Laude

Michael E. Canzanella, Psychology

Communications

* Heather A. Kuhn

Criminology

Corey M. Helfrich

* Justin M. Popovich

Political Science

¹⁸ David Jaramillo

Sociology

* Erin L. Young

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¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi

¹⁸ Pi Sigma Alpha

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Science and Engineering

Cum Laude

* Priyam M. Patel, *Biology*

Biology

Richard R. Kosik

* *Joseph R. Walton*

Biochemistry

Kenneth L. Green

Electrical Engineering

Badr M. AlHussain

Tracey A. Herr

Mechanical Engineering

Christopher D. Applegate

Michael Benavage

Tyler D. Henninger

Jonathan Roskowski

* *Michael Alexander Roub*

Nursing

Trudy A. Singley

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BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Jay S. Sudhu School of Business and Leadership

Magna Cum Laude

Stephen M. Davies, Business Administration

Christine L. Kemp, Business Administration

Business Administration

Keith A. Cavallotti

** Christopher J. Mayerski*

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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.
- * Degree in absentia

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.*