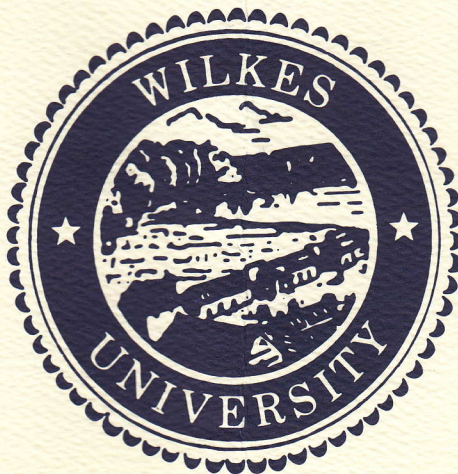


WILKES UNIVERSITY

*Summer Commencement
for the
Conferring of Degrees*



*Thursday
September 3, 1998
11:15 a.m.*

*Edward Darling Jr. Theatre
at the
Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts*

*Wilkes University
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania*

HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS EDWARD SCHECHTER

Born and raised in New York City and a graduate of Dartmouth College, Class of 1940. Interrupted his graduate degree in Business Administration at Harvard University to enlist in the Army, serving with the 87th Mountain Infantry and later with the 41st Infantry Division, ending up as an officer in Photo Interpretation in the South Pacific Theatre of World War II. President of Stress Steel headquartered in Wilkes-Barre from 1953-1980. As a business leader, entered wholeheartedly into civic leadership, influencing transportation, business development and land use planning for the Wyoming Valley through both volunteer and executive positions with the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber, The Flood Recovery Task Force, The Committee for Economic Growth and the Earth Conservatory. A true citizen humanist who has given the best of his energy, wisdom and wit to help renew the culture and economy of the Wyoming Valley.

SPECIAL AWARD

DISTINGUISHED
YOUNG ALUMNUS CARMEN F. AMBROSINO MHA '86

The recipient of this award is an alumnus/a of any degree program at Wilkes University who has graduated in the fifteen year period immediately preceding the award. The award is presented to that graduate who best exemplifies the traditions of Wilkes University such as: respect for differences and adherence to ideals that create unity and good will amidst diversity. The recipient is selected by the Alumni Association's National Board of Directors from nominees evaluated by the Nominations Committee.

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Order of Exercises

***FANFARE**

Lenora Overture *Beethoven*

***PROCESSIONAL**

Trumpet Voluntary *Henry Purcell*

WELCOME *J. Michael Lennon*
Vice President for Academic Affairs

***INVOCATION** *Mary G. Hession*
Director, Campus Interfaith
Wilkes University

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

GREETINGS *Melanie M. Lumia*
Board of Trustees

Bing Wong
Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

Jeff Moisey '99
President, Student Government

THE DISTINGUISHED

YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD *CARMEN F. AMBROSINO '86*

Presentation by WILLIAM J. GOLDSWORTHY, JR. '76
President, Wilkes University Alumni Association

CONFERRING OF

HONORARY DEGREE *EDWARD SCHECHTER*

Presentation by CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH, President

ADDRESS *Christopher N. Breiseth*

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES *Christopher N. Breiseth*

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

***BENEDICTION** *Charles Popky*
Rabbi, Temple Beth El
Lowell, Massachusetts

***RECESSIONAL**

Suite No. 4 *Henry Purcell*

**The audience is requested to rise.*

Music provided by the Wilkes University Faculty Alumni Brass Ensemble —
William Teubner, Joseph DeVizia, Ed Ervin and Phil Ionna

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Business Administration Degree

**²Ricky Norman Aldrich*
Daniel Albert DeRoberto, Jr.
²Donna R. Mislivets

**Jeffrey Pepe*
²Francis J. Shovlin
²Shari Anne Trembulak

Master of Health Administration Degree

Linda Mayes Polen

Starr Marie Resh

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education

Anita Susanne Acri
Phillip Andras
**Sharon L. Balban*
**William J. Bartle*
Sandra E. Berta
**Marie Renee Betti*
**Karen Norton Biddle*
**Terry Ann Blaisure*
**Eileen B. Bolcavage*
**Mark Caccavo*
Patricia Cannon
**Thomas D. Chesko*
**Sylvia S. Crawford*
Lisa Ann Zoba Curran
**Rhonda Kaye Daddario*
**Robin Kramer Dietrich*
Terry Marie Dravage
**Amber Rachelle Elsesser*
**Ruth A. Erickson-Bethmann*
Vincent Fayock
**Sandra L. Fey*
Randy Robert Gilgannon
**Marianne Gleason*
**Dianne J. Hackenberg*
**Nancy Sonja Norton Hartley*
**Jeffery Raymond Hatala*
**Ann Covington Heagney*
Marilyn Fisk Heller
**Marjanie Price Hellman*
Shelly Hrino-Mellon

**Patricia Huber*
Ann M. Johnston
**Gloria K. Jones*
**Bernadette Jordan*
**William F. Kane*
Alice Jane Keiner
**Cindy Ann Klein*
Ann Marie Kochuba-Blaski
Timothy W. Lavelle
**Kathleen T. Lewis*
**Kenneth Lloyd*
**Betty F. Longfield*
**Kimberly Ann Maguire*
**Judeann Mahlstedt*
Angela Gillott Masco
**Laura Ann McArdle*
**Kathryn Susko McFadden*
**Trudy A. Miller*
Yvonne M. Moore
Holly Lynn Mordaunt
**Wendy Lynn Morris*
Susan E. Mullen
**Stephen J. Nayduch*
**Sarah Jane Petroski*
Bernice Scarcella Platek
Susan Ann Platek
**Janet Helen Redmond*
Toni Ann Rentz
**Ann M. Scheirer*
Mary Alyce Semuta

**Degree in Absentia*

²Delta Mu Delta

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education (continued)

Pauline Adams Sheetz
** Karen L. Soccio*
** Diane W. Stewart*
** Tammy Lynn Taschler*
Mary Ellen Thoma
** Karla Marie Traxler*

Nancy Rucker Wallis
** Robert J. White*
** Michele A. Williams*
Elizabeth Marie Smith Witczak
** Linda Gorko Zalewski*

Master of Science Degree with a major in Nursing

Eleanor Ann Epser
⁵ Michael J. Evan
⁵ Charles B. Magich, Jr.
Michael P. Moore

⁵ Melinda J. Nobles
Julie C. Prusakowski
⁵ Jay G. Thomas
⁵ Thomas A. Yocum

**Degree in Absentia*

⁵Sigma Theta Tau

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

School of Business, Society and Public Policy

Magna Cum Laude

**² Charles Thomas Hoyes, Business Administration*

**³ James R. Murphy, Economics
International Studies, Second Major*

Cum Laude

² James R. Cronauer, Business Administration

² Joan F. Milewski, Accounting

Accounting

Lynn Marie Cavalari

**² Lawrence P. Tabbitt, Jr.*

Business Administration

** James Bernard Fazio*

Karen Noonan

**^{1,2} Lisa E. Smith-Crissey*

^{1,2} Rod A. Wilson

Political Science

Stephen Hughes

Sociology

John F. Bleich

Vanessa Johnson

Sylvia Strauss Savitz

** Aaron Joseph Wilk*

**Degree in Absentia*

¹Alpha Sigma Lambda

²Delta Mu Delta

³Omicron Delta Epsilon

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Cum Laude

**⁵ Marcella Helen Buzanowicz, Nursing
Amy Elizabeth Echols, Communications*

Communications

Anthony J. Walter

Elementary Education

Marie R. Spinosi

History

** William J. Sisk, History*

Psychology

** Lisa Rebecca Passeri
Parimal B. Patel
Chad E. Rugola
Danielle Denise Schrader*

Spanish

*Michael A. Manfredi
French, Second Major
⁴Gerardo S. Salinas*

**Degree in Absentia*

⁴Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification

⁵Sigma Theta Tau

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

School of Science and Engineering

Biology

⁴*Paul W. Downton*

^{*}*Anthony Mattick*

Leonard Joseph Ruotolo

Computer Information Systems

Leonard J. Zera

Electrical Engineering

Joseph Andrew Ruotolo

^{*}*Andrew P. Yentzer*

Engineering Management

Peter M. Stover

Environmental Engineering

Natalie Lynn Miller

Wilkes University — Pennsylvania College of Optometry Program

^{*}*Michael Petruska*

^{*}*Degree in Absentia*

⁴*Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification*

Scholarly Societies

- ¹ *Denotes Membership in the Eta Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the honor society recognizing the academic excellence of adult part-time students.*
 - ² *Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.*
 - ³ *Denotes Membership in Omicron Delta Epsilon, the National Honorary Society in Economics.*
 - ⁴ *Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.*
 - ⁵ *Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing.*
- * *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 lobby of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts, immediately following the ceremony.