



WILKES UNIVERSITY'S SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL
Spring Commencement
FOR THE CONFERRING OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Saturday, May Nineteenth
Two-thousand and eighteen • 3 p.m.





WILKES UNIVERSITY'S SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL
Spring Commencement

Order of Exercises

PROCESSIONAL

Entry and March of the Peers from Iolanthe Arthur Sullivan
(The audience is requested to rise as the procession begins.)

WELCOME ANNE A. SKLEDER
Senior Vice President and Provost

INVOCATION KRISTIN M. OSIPOWER
Coordinator, Campus Interfaith

The Star-Spangled Banner Words by Francis Scott Key
(The words to The Star-Spangled Banner are printed on page 24 of the program.
The audience is requested to stand and sing the National Anthem with the chorus and band.)

Gaudeamus Igitur Traditional

GREETINGS ELLEN STAMER HALL '71
Member, Board of Trustees

ANDREW P. MILLER
Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Associate Professor, Political Science

CODY MORCOM
Member of the Class of 2018

Order of Exercises

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.....PATRICK F. LEAHY
President

THE CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES.....PATRICK F. LEAHY

ALUMNI INDUCTION.....ELLEN STAMER HALL '71
Wilkes University Alumni Association

Alma Mater.....Eleanor C. Farley
Arrangement, Terry Zipay

*(The words to the Alma Mater are printed on page 24 of the program.
The audience is requested to stand and join in the singing.)*

BENEDICTION KRISTIN M. OSIPOWER

RECESSIONAL

March of the Belgian Paratroopers..... *Pierre Leemans*

Music Provided By:

Wilkes University Commencement Band
Dr. Philip G. Simon, *Conductor*

Wilkes University Commencement Choir
Dr. Steven Thomas, *Conductor*

Ceremony Interpreted By:

Carmen Lugo
360 Translations International, Inc.

AWARDS

THE MABLE SCOTT WANDELL AND
STERLING LEROY WANDELL AWARDS AMANDA BIALEK '18
CASSIDY CLEMENT '18
JOSHUA EVANS '18
DANIEL FRACK '18
SARAH HUGHES '18
STEVEN LEE '18
CASSANDRA PAPP '18

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

*Presentation by ANNE A. SKLEDER
Senior Vice President and Provost*

THERESA JORDAN AND
FRANK MEHM PRIZE.....NANCY RAMIREZ '18

This annual prize recognizes an individual from the Wilkes community who by vote of a select committee, exemplifies moral courage, perseverance, formidable faith and a sense of unwavering optimism.

*Presentation by PAUL S. ADAMS
Vice President, Student Affairs*

ALUMNI AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP..... CODY MORCOM '18

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 ELLEN STAMER HALL '71
President, Alumni Association Board of Directors*

ARMED FORCES RESERVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE..... THEODORE DENNIS '18

SAWYER GUARD '18
ALEXANDER HARRINGTON '18
JORDAN LINDLEY '18
THOMAS SWAIN '18

*Presentation by ROBERT HARTMANN
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Dr. Paul T. Riggs, *Dean*

Communication Studies

- ^{1,10} Amanda Joy Bialek, *Summa Cum Laude*
Jacqueline Anne Kurovsky, *Summa Cum Laude*
⁵ Zawadi Nshimirimana
¹⁰ Micaela Moore Oliverio, *Summa Cum Laude*
Musical Theatre, Second Degree
²⁵ Toni-Ann T. Pennello, *Cum Laude*

Kendle Aubra Peters, *Cum Laude*
Digital Design and Media Art, Second Degree
Nicholas Walker Ruggiero
Andre K. Spruell
Daniel Alan VanBrunt

Criminology

- Garrett Hunter Armstrong
Ryan Alexander Bowman
Sociology, Second Major
Alexander B. Braley, *Magna Cum Laude*
Sociology, Second Major
Amber Lynn Ferry
Psychology, Second Major
^{2,19} Mary Elizabeth Garey-Perrine
Psychology, Second Major
Sociology, Third Major
Sawyer Thomas Guard
Alexander Ross Harrington
Samantha Mary Hilenski
Spanish, Second Major
Sociology, Third Major

Carmen Hillman
Sociology, Second Major
Melanie Maskowski
Sociology, Second Major
⁵ Nancy Ramirez
Sociology, Second Major
Ethan J. Robinson
Sociology, Second Major
Grace Isabella Sanzalone
Sociology, Second Major
^{18,29} Madison Frances Scarfaro, *Cum Laude*
Political Science, Second Major
Thomas Ryan Swain
Esperanza Y. Torres Gonzalez
Sociology, Second Major
Glenn William Weist

Digital Design and Media Art

- Emily R. Bellanco
²⁹ Todd J. Espenshade, *Summa Cum Laude*
Sarah Lynn Jarnot
Jason Karlavige, *Summa Cum Laude*
Holly Anne Lucent

Kendle Aubra Peters, *Cum Laude*
Communications, Second Degree
Brandon Tyler Redcay
Abigail K. Sanders, *Cum Laude*

English

- ²² Taylor Mary Balasavage, *Cum Laude*
^{1,12,22} Jennifer Margaret Baron, *Summa Cum Laude*
Secondary Education, Second Degree
Ashley Bringmann
^{1,11,12,22,29} Emily Rose DeAngelis, *Summa Cum Laude*
Secondary Education, Second Degree
Middle Level Education, Third Major

²² Elyse Christianna Guziewicz, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{11,12,22} Dian Mary McKinney, *Magna Cum Laude*
Secondary Education, Second Major
^{1,22} Erin Elizabeth Michael, *Summa Cum Laude*
²² Kelci Lynn Pivais, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{11,12,22} Rebecca Lindsey Voorhees, *Magna Cum Laude*
¹¹ Michael Joseph Wozniak II, *Magna Cum Laude*

¹ Alpha Chi ² Alpha Kappa Delta ⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon ¹⁰ Lambda Pi Eta ¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi
¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification ¹⁸ Pi Sigma Alpha ¹⁹ Psi Chi ²² Sigma Tau Delta
²⁵ Tom Bigler Scholar ²⁹ Alpha Lambda Delta

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences — *Continued*

History

- ¹⁴ Dustin M. Durovick, *Summa Cum Laude*
^{12,14} Michael Robert Legg, *Cum Laude*
Secondary Education, Second Major
^{14,18,22,29} Courtney Elizabeth McMonagle, *Summa Cum Laude*
Political Science, Second Major
- ^{12,14} Sarah Anne O'Hara, *Cum Laude*
^{1,4,7,14,24,29} Gabrielle Spagnuolo, *Summa Cum Laude*
Biology, Second Degree
Neuroscience, Third Degree
 Jeffrey Leland Stanford

Integrative Media

- Samantha Lynn Hardy, *Cum Laude*
- Angelique Elizabeth Sillocks

International Studies

- Rozan Rafat Hassoubah

Musical Theatre

- * Olivia Cabrera
 Gianna Chase
- ¹⁰ Micaela Moore Oliverio, *Summa Cum Laude*
Communications, Second Degree
 Kevin Jomar Rizzo

Neuroscience

- Jacqueline Marie Ashman
 Jesse Aaron Chalnack
Psychology, Second Major
 Margaret Rose Galatioto
¹ Paige Sharon Gallagher, *Summa Cum Laude*
- Lara Jade McQue
Psychology, Second Degree
^{1,4,7,14,24,29} Gabrielle Spagnuolo, *Summa Cum Laude*
Biology, Second Degree
Histry, Third Degree
 Brielle Theresa Turano

Political Science

- Alec Bolinsky
 Darian Harley Durkin, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{5,18} Hunter Raymond Hilinski
¹⁸ Cedthea Ashley McEaddy
- ¹⁸ Eleni Nicole Moustardas, *Magna Cum Laude*
International Studies, Second Major
 Timothy Pilch
¹⁸ Brittany A. Warwick, *Cum Laude*

¹ Alpha Chi

⁴ Beta Beta Beta

⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon

⁷ Honors in Biology

¹⁰ Lambda Pi Eta

¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification

¹⁴ Phi Alpha Theta

¹⁸ Pi Sigma Alpha

²² Sigma Tau Delta

²⁴ Sigma Xi

²⁹ Alpha Lambda Delta

* Degree in Absentia

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences — *Continued*

Psychology

- ^{1,19} Faith Gianna Banca, *Summa Cum Laude*
^{1,2,19} Caitlin Anne Barat, *Magna Cum Laude*
Criminology, Second Major
Kylie M. Bedwell
Alaney Ruby Berish
¹⁹ Brian Buckman, *Cum Laude*
Rosangel Del Rosario
¹⁹ Salena Diaz, *Summa Cum Laude*
Adrianna M. Fiore
Myrasia Marie Flores
Lanai Alexis Galarza
Alexandra N. Gamble
¹⁹ Samantha Ann Gnall, *Magna Cum Laude*
Nicole Elizabeth Greenway
Paige Brooke Hudock
Elizabeth Marie Hudson
Angela Ann Jacobs

- * Mackenzie M. Keats
Aparicio Lijo
Lara Jade McQue
Neuroscience, Second Degree
Gavrielle Maura Mele
Regan Elizabeth Murphy
^{1,2,19,29} Samantha Mary Reed, *Summa Cum Laude*
Criminology, Second Major
¹⁹ Caitlin Nadine Reitmeyer, *Cum Laude*
Nursing, Second Degree
Kristina N. Rivera
^{1,19,29} Joseph Teeple, *Magna Cum Laude*
Criminology, Second Major
Sociology, Third Major
Genesis Tejada
Amanda Marie Thompson
Rachel Alison Tomik

Sociology

- Courtney Adamchick
Lissette Dishmey
Nicholas T. Rhinesmith

- Victoria Goncalo Soares
^{2,5} Kala Shaneen Walker

Spanish

- ^{11,12,29} Sarah Birchmeier, *Summa Cum Laude*
Secondary Education, Second Major
Ana N. Castillo
Nursing, Second Degree
^{11,12} Stephanie Ann Kaszuba, *Summa Cum Laude*
Elementary & Early Childhood Education, Second Degree

- * Jezza Adam Malik
⁷ Megan Kay McGovern, *Cum Laude*
Biology, Second Degree
Alyssa Lee Schuler, *Cum Laude*
Nursing, Second Degree

¹ Alpha Chi ² Alpha Kappa Delta
¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification

⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon ⁷ Honors in Biology ¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi
¹⁹ Psi Chi ²⁹ Alpha Lambda Delta * Degree in Absentia

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The School of Education

Dr. Rhonda M. Rabbitt, *Dean*

Elementary & Early Childhood Education

^{11,12} Dominique DelPriore, *Summa Cum Laude*
Spanish, Second Major

^{11,12} Robyn L. Fannon, *Magna Cum Laude*

¹² Nicole Michele Farrell

^{11,12} Thurman Thomas Fogleman, *Summa Cum Laude*

^{11,12} Stephanie Ann Kaszuba, *Summa Cum Laude*
Spanish, Second Degree

^{11,12} Summer Rose Kubicki, *Summa Cum Laude*

^{11,12} Catherine Grace McFadden, *Cum Laude*

^{11,12} Josefa Jasmine Romero, *Magna Cum Laude*

^{11,12} Allison Rossi, *Cum Laude*

^{11,12} Dana Schneider, *Magna Cum Laude*

¹² Emily Elizabeth Sofranko, *Magna Cum Laude*

^{11,12} Erica Lynn Stolan, *Summa Cum Laude*

Middle Level Education

¹² Sarah Frances Cole

Secondary Education

^{1,11,12,22} Jennifer Margaret Baron, *Summa Cum Laude*
English, Second Degree

^{1,11,12,22,29} Emily Rose DeAngelis, *Summa Cum Laude*
English, Second Degree
Middle Level Education, Third Major

The Passan School of Nursing

Dr. Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

²³ Sarah Rachel Adelfio, *Cum Laude*

Aaron Michael Baratta

Summer Marie Burke

Lauren Caroline Burrows

Jessica Vivian Caramanna Santos

Ana N. Castillo

Spanish, Second Degree

Shawn Michael Cauley, *Cum Laude*

Michaela Dianne Chidiac

Alicia Liz Cook

Theresa M. Couchara

Nicole Mary Davidson

Matthew Dellario

Latoya K. Dennis

Hannah Jane Eastman

^{1,23} Joshua Sunderman Evans, *Summa Cum Laude*

Kaitlin Marie Ferry

^{19,23} Emily Erin Foster, *Magna Cum Laude*

^{1,23,29} Sloan R. Fry, *Summa Cum Laude*

Olivia Jane Gum, *Cum Laude*

Heather Lee Himlin

²³ Jodi L. Huling, *Magna Cum Laude*

Desirae Jones

Patrick Thomas Kaczmarczyk, *Cum Laude*

Joelle Maryclaire Kaszuba

Leah Marie Kleynowski

* Ashley M. Kline, *Cum Laude*

Jonni-Lyn Knerr

Mina Camille Koder

²³ Brenee Shelli-Marie Kratzer, *Cum Laude*

Azam Madona Mashayekhi

Tara Mae McGuire

⁵ Alison Marie Morey

^{1,23} Amanda Lynn Promovitz, *Magna Cum Laude*

¹⁹ Caitlin Nadine Reitmeyer, *Cum Laude*

Psychology, Second Degree

⁵ Jennifer Reynoso

⁵ Jessica Reynoso

Tonya Anne Ritter

Kimberly Lynn Roman

Anna Maria Ruseski, *Cum Laude*

Kayley Schinski

Alyssa Lee Schuler, *Cum Laude*

Spanish, Second Degree

²³ David Anthony Sinegra, *Magna Cum Laude*

Jenna Kathryn Skrinak, *Cum Laude*

Tanner Paul Smith

Ariel Leigh Stine

Marissa Elise Surdy

²³ Samantha Szura, *Cum Laude*

⁵ Kelly Tlatenchi

Julia Marie Tyler

²³ Morgan M. Unger, *Magna Cum Laude*

Joseph Ungvarsky

* Jennifer Varick

Ashley J. Weber

Brynn Weller

Danielle Elizabeth Yudichak

¹ Alpha Chi ⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon ¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi ¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification
¹⁹ Psi Chi ²² Sigma Tau Delta ²³ Sigma Theta Tau ²⁹ Alpha Lambda Delta *Degree in Absentia

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Science and Engineering

Dr. William B. Hudson, *Dean*

Biology

- Alex Anderson
John Covert Austin
Alisha N. Black
^{4,7} Abigail Christina Burke, *Summa Cum Laude*
⁴ Maria Anna Chinikaylo, *Cum Laude*
Cassia Cole
^{4,7,24,26} Nicole Marie Cumbo, *Magna Cum Laude*
²⁴ Christina Marie Gambino, *Cum Laude*
⁷ Ryan D. Giberson, *Magna Cum Laude*
Tyler Kevin Holleran
Casey Alexander Krause, *Cum Laude*
⁴ Joshua David Landsberger, *Cum Laude*
Justin J. Larsen
⁷ Megan Kay McGovern, *Cum Laude*
Spanish, Second Degree
- Kelvin A. Mejia
^{4,7,24} Alexis M. Morgan, *Cum Laude*
⁷ Catherin D. Morocho
^{4,7} Thomas Francis Nawrocki, *Cum Laude*
^{4,29} Devan Lynn Perri, *Summa Cum Laude*
Kyle Leo Schimmel
Nathan E. Seabridge
Neuroscience, Second Major
^{1,4,7,14,24,29} Gabrielle Spagnuolo, *Summa Cum Laude*
Neuroscience, Second Degree
History, Third Degree
Kenneth A. Werkheiser
Victoria Yeselevige-Rudovitz

Biochemistry

Briana DeLong

Chemistry

- Martina Frances Barna
²⁹ Sarah Renee Nichols, *Magna Cum Laude*
- Oscar E. Rodriguez
Benjamin George Sharp

Computer Information Systems

- Karen Avis Jones, *Cum Laude*
- Michael James Walton, Jr.

Earth and Environmental Sciences

- Daniel Baratta
Angelena Campisi
Kevin James Kopec
- Cassidy Elizabeth Moyer
²⁹ Cassandra Papp, *Summa Cum Laude*
Jeffrey Steeber, Jr.

Electrical Engineering

- Yasmin Elhadi Imhmed Aboajila, *Cum Laude*
⁹ Robert A. Hess, *Magna Cum Laude*
Joshua L. Jarmoski, *Magna Cum Laude*
Heather Eileen Lorincz
^{1,9} Matthew G. Miller, *Summa Cum Laude*
⁹ David Mugg, *Magna Cum Laude*
Anthony Rubincan
- Patrick Anthony Thomas Serino
Alberto F. Munoz Silva
²⁹ Kaitlyn Rose Sitch, *Cum Laude*
David Stecco
Tanner Stengel
Mechanical Engineering, Second Major
Lloyd Wagner

¹ Alpha Chi ⁴ Beta Beta Beta
¹⁴ Phi Alpha Theta ²⁴ Sigma Xi

⁷ Honors in Biology
²⁶ Pre-Med Scholar

⁹ Honors in Engineering
²⁹ Alpha Lambda Delta

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Science and Engineering — *Continued*

Engineering Management

- * Dhafer Hussain AL Bahri
- * Abdulaziz Mudhi Alaqal
Mohammed Hussain Alqahtani

Ahmed Yasser Nazer
Kendrick Dennis Schell

Environmental Engineering

- ⁹ Amani Alanezi, *Magna Cum Laude*
- * Basel EHMO Alenezi
- ⁹ Gregg J. Ciravolo, *Cum Laude*
Cody A. Colarusso
Michael Havard
Rachel Lynn Hodgins
- ⁹ Luke Anthony Kamp

- ^{9,29} Ellen E. Mook, *Summa Cum Laude*
Jared Novitski
Adnan Qasim
- ⁹ Mitchell J. Steiner, *Summa Cum Laude*
- ⁹ Jonathan E. Vasilik, *Magna Cum Laude*
- ^{9,29} Audrey H. Wood, *Magna Cum Laude*
Ryan David Zaffino

Mathematics

David Jacob Nareski

Mechanical Engineering

- Khalid Saad Aldharman
- Fayez Alharbi
- Nathan J. Barnhart
- Kyle Borton
- James V. Copley, Jr.
- Antonio Patrick Costantino
- Natalie Marie Cugini
- Adam James Davis
- William DeSmet
- Douglas A.E. Dombrowski
- Xumin Du, *Magna Cum Laude*
- Vincent A. Esposito, Jr.
- ^{9,29} Daniel E. Frack, *Summa Cum Laude*
- Patrick James Gelso
- Joshua Hagan
- Michael D. Henne
- Alex Hollingshead
- Tyler Wade Johnson
- Jeremy James Kachel
- ⁹ John E. Kiehart III, *Summa Cum Laude*
- Nicholas B. Kinney, *Cum Laude*

- Tyler Austin Kukosky
- Hunter James Lacomis, *Cum Laude*
- ^{9,29} Steven Charles Lee, *Summa Cum Laude*
- Patrick M. Lindmeier, *Cum Laude*
- Earl Jacob Malick III
- ^{9,17} Daniel A. McLean, *Magna Cum Laude*
Rustam Nasmit
Robert Michael Nye
- ^{9,29} Michael B. O'Brien, *Summa Cum Laude*
Physics, Second Degree
- Vincent John Patriarco
- * John B. Pheasant, *Cum Laude*
- Anthony Carmine Prato
- Casey Samuel Readinger
- ²⁹ Coletta Anna Rempe, *Cum Laude*
- Daniel Ribeiro Sales, *Cum Laude*
- Zachary T. Soffa
- Kyle Thomas Stanek
- Patrick D. Swenson
- Jeremy Joseph Yeoman
- Dustin Gregory Zuzulock, *Cum Laude*

⁹ Honors in Engineering

¹⁷ Pi Kappa Delta

²⁹ Alpha Lambda Delta

* Degree in Absentia

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Science and Engineering — *Continued*

Medical Laboratory Science

* Fatimah Reda Alyunbawe

Physics

^{9,29} Michael B. O'Brien, *Summa Cum Laude*
Mechanical Engineering, Second Degree

Wilkes University-Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Kathryn Michelle Ruszkowski, *Summa Cum Laude*

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

Dr. Abel Adekola, *Dean*

Accounting

⁵ Yan Mary Abreu-Tejeda

* Majed Ahmed Almehmadi

Maura Rose Anistranski, *Summa Cum Laude*
Sports Management, Second Degree

Sulaiman Bajammal

Atija M. Barzev

Nathaniel Boothe, *Summa Cum Laude*

⁶ Grace Ann Boyle, *Cum Laude*

Jacob G. Brook

Finance, Second Major

Trudi Casier

Finance, Second Degree

Aaron Joseph Coyne

Jake DiMarsico

Joseph J. Irving III

Matthew Joseph Lutz

⁶ Robert A. Muhlenforth, *Cum Laude*

Daniel A. O'Steen, *Cum Laude*

Joseph Palmadessa, *Magna Cum Laude*

Maribel T. Rivera

Brian C. Schumacher, *Cum Laude*

John Segilia

Jessica Renee Thomas, *Summa Cum Laude*

⁶ Shelby Lynn Trumbo, *Magna Cum Laude*
Finance, Second Degree

Ryan Warnet, *Cum Laude*

Juliet E. Wotherspoon

Business Administration

Joshua Farrell

⁶ Kelly A. Peters, *Magna Cum Laude*

Entrepreneurship

Cord Kent Pennell

Marketing, Second Major

Sean Walter Ramsey

⁶ Samantha Reinhardt

⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon

⁶ Delta Mu Delta

⁹ Honors in Engineering

²⁹ Alpha Lambda Delta

* Degree in Absentia

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership — *Continued*

Finance

Khalid Nasser Alsubaey
Naif Alsulami
Trudi Casier
Accounting, Second Degree
Zehao Chen
Austin Michael Dante
Morgan Nancy DeAngelo
Erin M. Glennon, *Cum Laude*

Corey J. Hauser, *Summa Cum Laude*
Tyler Yanora Mullen
Keighlyn Jane Jeanne Oliver, *Cum Laude*
James J. Palys, *Cum Laude*
* Genaro Pineda
Ema Sabovic
6 Shelby Lynn Trumbo, *Magna Cum Laude*
Accounting, Second Degree

Management

Abdulrahman Alidriess
Abdullah Sahoed Alresheedi
Marketing, Second Major
Katie Marie Beeler
Zachary Q. Bogoly
Ameen Bokhari
Zachary Joseph Brunner
Sports Management, Second Major
Claudia Rose Drinnan, *Magna Cum Laude*
Rylee Lynn Gardinier
Marketing, Second Major

Daulton J. Good
Matthew C. Grossmann
Jordan Stanley Lindley, *Magna Cum Laude*
Mariah Marlene Martinez, *Summa Cum Laude*
Kyle Oravic
Claire Marhi Parker
Darien Jose Rivera
Naif Ahmed Shaikhi
Gerardo Torres II
5 Danielle Vols

Marketing

Ariel Alexander Bonilla
Cassidy Clement, *Summa Cum Laude*
Nicholas Alexander Coyne
6,29 Marc D. Donato, *Summa Cum Laude*
Management, Second Major
Casey Galloway
29 Elizabeth Lorraine Jensolowsky, *Cum Laude*

6 Michelle Rae Lehman, *Summa Cum Laude*
Emily Anne Sutton, *Magna Cum Laude*
Matthew Thomas Wheeland
Conner D. Wylie
Zipeng Zhang, *Cum Laude*
Management, Second Major

Sports and Event Management

Morgan Elizabeth Galluzzo

Deanna L. Mankins, *Cum Laude*

Sports Management

Maura Rose Anistranski, *Summa Cum Laude*
Accounting, Second Degree
Bilal B. Bici
Ian Patrick Brown

Joseph Champi, *Magna Cum Laude*
Andrew Harold Neidig
Marketing, Second Major

⁵ *Chi Alpha Epsilon*

⁶ *Delta Mu Delta*

²⁹ *Alpha Lambda 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.
- ²⁷ Denotes Membership in the National Student Nurses Association.
- ²⁸ Denotes Membership in Sigma Alpha Pi, the National Society of Leadership and Success.
- ²⁹ Denotes Membership in Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society.
- * Degree in Absentia

2018 Student Awards

Academic Awards

BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Pi Sigma Alpha Award in Political Science	Madison Scarfaro
Outstanding Graduate in Psychology	Samantha Gnall
Outstanding Graduate in Neuroscience Award	Gabrielle Spagnuolo
Jaroslav Moravec Award (Sociology)	Rachel Kubicki
Raymond R. Ritz Award (Sociology)	Esperanza Torres

BIOLOGY & HEALTH SCIENCES

Outstanding Research Award	Gabrielle Spagnuolo
Outstanding Scholar (highest GPA)	Abigail Burke
	Gabrielle Spagnuolo

ABBA

Academic Achievement Award — ABBA	Kelly Peters
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ACCOUNTING, FINANCE & MANAGEMENT

Academic Achievement Award — Accounting	Maura Ansitranski
Academic Achievement Award — Finance	Corey Hauser
Academic Achievement Award — Management	Marc Donato
PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting	Maura Anistranski
Professor Ted Engle Award for Excellence in Finance	Corey Hauser
Dean's Award for Excellence in Management	Jordan Lindley

MARKETING, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, LEADERSHIP,

SPORTS MANAGEMENT & HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Academic Achievement Award — Marketing	Cassidy Clement
Academic Achievement Award — Entrepreneurship	Samantha Reinhardt
Academic Achievement Award in Sports Management	Maura Ansitranski
Dean's Award for Excellence in Entrepreneurship	Samantha Reinhardt
Dean's Award for Excellence in Marketing	Michelle Lehman
Deans' Award for Excellence in Sports Management	Zach Brunner

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Academic Achievement Award — MBA	Kate Cummings
Academic Achievement Award — MBA	Jessica Edwards
Academic Achievement Award — MBA	Brian Leemoon
Academic Achievement Award — MBA	Tim Letcher
Academic Achievement Award — MBA	Joshua C. Mayse
Academic Achievement Award — MBA	Ashley Brielle Turner
Academic Achievement Award — MBA	Rhyle Stull

CHEMISTRY

American Chemical Society Section Award	Sarah Nichols
Catherine M. Bone Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement and Service	Sarah Nichols

COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES

Outstanding Communications Studies Award	Amanda Bialek
Tom Bigler Scholar Award	Toni-Ann Pennello

2018 Student Awards

Academic Awards *(continued)*

TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Outstanding Elementary &

Early Childhood Teacher Education Student	Theresa Kingeter
Outstanding Middle Level Teacher Education Student.....	Emily Rose DeAngelis
Outstanding Secondary Teacher Education Student.....	Jennifer Baron
Outstanding Special Education Teacher Education Student.....	Corey Moore
Marla Hosie Memorial Award	Michael Brown

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & PHYSICS

Dr. Umid R. Nejib Award for

Outstanding Achievement in Electrical Engineering.....	Matthew Miller
Electrical Engineering Service Award.....	Kaitlyn Sitch
Frederick E. Bellas Award for Outstanding Physics Student.....	Michael O'Brien
Voris B. Hall Distinguished Physics Student Award	Daniel Sales
Outstanding Bioengineering Graduate Student Award	Matthew Yatison

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING & ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical Engineering	Steven Lee
Top Academic Performer in Mechanical Engineering	Daniel Frack
Mechanical Engineering Service Award	Natalie Cugini

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, EARTH SCIENCES & GEOLOGY

Outstanding Achievement in Earth and Environmental Science.....	Cassandra Papp
Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Engineering	Ellen Mook
Outstanding Leadership Award in Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences.....	Kelly Egan

ENGLISH

Annette Evans Humanities Award	Rebecca Voorhees
Frank J. J. Davies Award.....	Erin Michael
Highest GPA in English Award	Jennifer Baron
Patricia Boyle Heaman and Robert J. Heaman Scholarship.....	Michael Wozniak
Taft Achilles Rosenberg Naparsteck Scholarship.....	Mackenzie Egan

GLOBAL CULTURES

Phi Alpha Theta Award.....	Gabrielle Spagnuolo
Outstanding Graduate in Spanish	Sarah Birchmeier

INTEGRATIVE MEDIA, ART & DESIGN

Outstanding Achievement in Integrative Media and Art	Todd Espenshade
	Jason Karlavige
	Abby Sanders
Richard Fuller Excellence in the Arts Award	Lanai Galarza

MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Information Systems Award.....	Karen Jones
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2018 Student Awards

Academic Awards *(continued)*

NURSING

Outstanding Clinical Practice Award.....	Sarah Adelfio
Academic Excellence Award.....	Joshua Evans
Outstanding Leadership Award.....	Aaron Baratta

PERFORMING ARTS

Music Award.....	Martina Barna
Dance Award	Justine Seymour
Theatre Award	Micaela Oliverio Gianna Chase

HONORS PROGRAM

Academic Distinction Award.....	Amanda Joy Bialek
Scholarship Award.....	Faith Banca

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Outstanding Graduate for the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences	Gabrielle Spagnuolo
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COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Outstanding Graduate for the College of Science and Engineering.....	Gabrielle Spagnuolo
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SIDHU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Outstanding Graduate for the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business	Michelle Lehman
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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Outstanding Graduate for the College of Education.....	Jennifer Baron
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PASSAN SCHOOL OF NURSING

Outstanding Graduate for the Passan School of Nursing.....	Sloan Fry
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2018 Student Awards

Extracurricular and Leadership Awards

OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

Alumni Association Volunteer Award..... Emily Kneeream

OFFICE OF ATHLETICS

Scholar Athlete of the Year (Male)..... Josh Evans

Scholar Athlete of the Year (Female)..... Olivia Schlottman

Athlete of the Year (Male)..... Courtney Murphy

Athlete of the Year (Female)..... Haley Gayoski

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES

Outstanding Leadership & Service Award..... Kendle Peters

OFFICE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Helping Hands Service Award — WISE..... Kristin Mucaster (Red Cross)
Caitlin Klinger (Special Olympics)

Helping Hands Service Award - LEAP..... Morgan DeAngelo
Lauren Hertzog
Cassandra Merrill
Nancy Ramirez
Kala Walker
Kayla Wedlock
Sidney Wilson

OFFICE OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Outstanding Senior Intern..... Darcy Huff

Keith Topfer Memorial Award..... Coletta Rempe

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Teacher Education Service Award..... Jennifer Baron

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING & EARTH SCIENCE

Environmental Engineering & Earth Sciences

Extracurricular Achievement Award..... Rachel Hodgins
Mitchell Steiner
Audrey Wood

CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION & DIVERSITY

Nada Vujica Memorial Award..... Nshimirimana Zawadi

PASSAN SCHOOL OF NURSING

Nursing Leadership Award..... Aaron Baratta

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

RA of the Year..... Maverick Reed

Outstanding Service and Dedication Award..... Kaitlin Ferry

2018 Student Awards

Extracurricular and Leadership Awards *(continued)*

Resident Assistant (Graduating Seniors)

Jennifer Baron
Tyler Bartol
Emily Rose DeAngelis
Joshua Evans
Kaitlin Ferry
Alexandra Gamble
Amanda Gingrich

Alexander Harrington
Rachel Hodins
Elizabeth Jensonowsky
Jordan Lindley
Daniel McLean
Alexis Morgan
Rebecca Voorhees

OFFICE OF WILKES UNIVERISTY STUDY ABROAD

Study Abroad Leadership Award Erica Martzen

OFFICE OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

e-Mentor (Graduating Seniors)

Alex Anderson
Jennifer Baron
Lauren Burrows
Sarah Cole
Nicole Cumbo
Todd Espenshade
Margaret Galatioto
Allie Grudeski
John Kiehart

Joshua Landsburger
Jordan Lindley
Dian McKinney
Erin Michael
Kellie Palko
Vincent Patriarco
Nancy Ramirez
Kaitlyn Sitch

National Society of Leadership and Success

Abdullah Alresheedi
Jacqueline Ashman
Amanda Bialek
Maryann Chapin
Maura Clarke
Amanda Cohick
Natalie Cugini
Morgan DeAngelo
Margaret Galatioto
Erin Green
Bryanna Hurn
Bernice Johnson
Mackenzie Jones
Laura Kessler
Jacob Klock

Alicia Kotz
Marissa Lewis
Allison Middernacht
Ahmed Nazer
Sarah O'Hara
Christine Quinn
Nancy Ramirez
Caitlin Reitmeyer
Kimberly Roman
Emily Sofranko
Kyle Stanek
Michael Voitek
Erin Volutza
Ryan Warnet
Brynn Weller
Kiersten Wiedwald

2018 Student Awards

Extracurricular and Leadership Awards *(continued)*

WILKES UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Faculty Choice Award	Dr. Linda Gutierrez
Staff Choice Award.....	Melissa Howells
Two Years of Service	Nathan Barnhart
	Kyle Stanek
	Jennifer Baron
	Robert Muhlenforth
	Paige Gallagher
	Austin Paisley
	Shyann Barrett
	Rachel Wood
	Aislinn Speranza
	Melissa Zapalla
	Jeremy Yeoman
	Nicole Hughes
	Purvit Patel
	Cody Morcom
	Dylan Fox
	Katelyn Jimison
	Jessie Chalnack
	Michaela Chidiac

Air Force ROTC

Distinguished Graduate Award2nd Lieutenant Matthew Joseph DeMarco

2018 Flyboys Award.....2nd Lieutenant Alexander Ross Harrington
Presented by Air Force ROTC Detachment 752

Class of 2018 OFFICERS

Paige Gallagher
PRESIDENT

Shyann Barrett
VICE PRESIDENT

Austin Paisley
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*

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.

Platform Party

71st Annual Spring Commencement for the Conferring of Bachelor's Degrees

Paul Adams	Vice President, Student Affairs
Mark Allen	Dean of Students
Abel Adekola	Dean, Jay S Sidhu School of Business and Leadership
Jeffrey Davidowitz.....	Member, Board of Trustees
Jonathan Ference	Associate Provost
Robert Hartmann.....	Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force
William Hudson	Dean, College of Science and Engineering
Susan Hritzak	Registrar
Joseph Kultys	Associate Registrar
Patrick Leahy.....	President
Ellen Lohr	Assistant Registrar
Carmen Lugo	360 Translations International, Inc.
Andrew Miller.....	Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Cody Morcom.....	Student Speaker
Kristin Osipower	Coordinator, Campus Interfaith
Loren Prescott	Vice President, Finance and Support Operations/General Counsel
Rhonda Rabbitt	Dean, School of Education
Paul Riggs	Dean, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Philip Ruthkosky.....	Associate Dean, Student Affairs
Anne Skleder.....	Senior Vice President and Provost
John Stachacz.....	Dean, Eugene S. Farley Library
Ellen Stamer Hall.....	Member, Board of Trustees
Scott Stolte	Dean, Nesbitt School of Pharmacy
Wagiha Taylor	Faculty Marshal
Terese Wignot.....	Associate Provost
Michael Wood	Special Assistant to the President
Deborah Zbegner	Dean, Passan School of Nursing

University Center on Main McHale Athletic Center

FIRST AID — Medical personnel are available for first aid assistance at the First Aid Station in the Engel Room just off the lobby. Should you need assistance please contact the usher or a Public Safety Officer.

PICTURE TAKING — Because of the 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-taking. **A photograph will be taken of each graduate as the diploma is presented by the President.**

REST ROOMS — Rest rooms are accessible from the lobby and on second floor. A woman's restroom is available at the rear of the McHale Athletic Center.

BEVERAGES — Water is available at the drinking fountains on the first floor of the building. Starbucks will be open during the ceremony.

A post-commencement reception will be held in the First Floor Lounge of the Henry Student Center immediately following the ceremony.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
Through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched,
Were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare,
The bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there.
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave?

Words by Francis Scott Key
Arranged by John Philip Sousa
Harmonized by Walter Damrosch

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



