

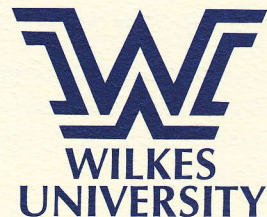
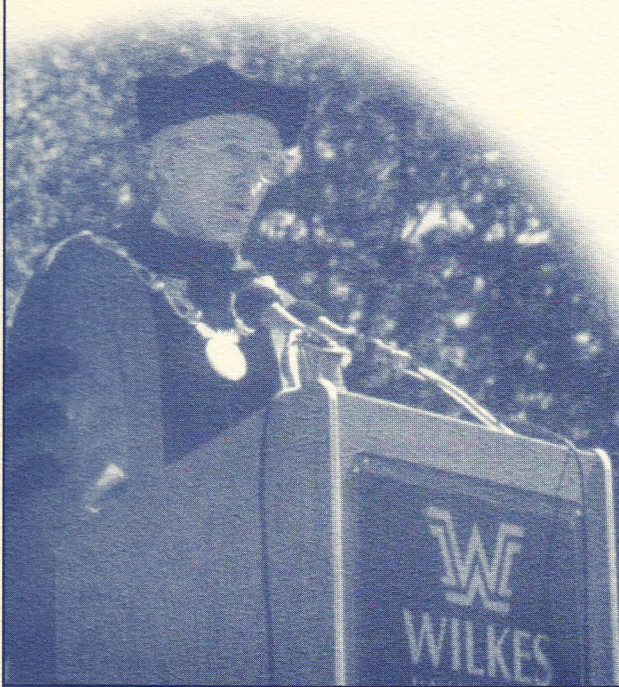
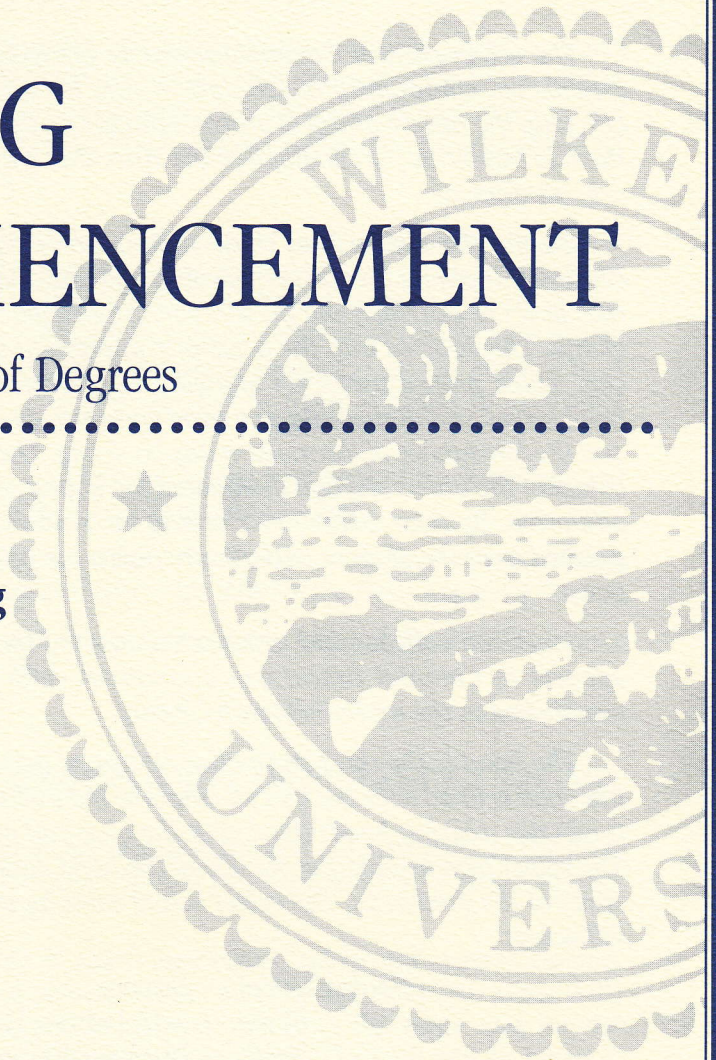
THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL

SPRING COMMENCEMENT

for the Conferring of Degrees

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Saturday Morning
May 19, 2001
11 a.m.



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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 or
Health 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.

WILKES UNIVERSITY

*The Fifty-Fourth Annual
Spring Commencement
for the
Conferring of Degrees*

*Saturday Morning
May 19, 2001
at eleven o'clock*

Order of Exercises

FANFARE

Fanfare For The Common Man Aaron Copland

PROCESSIONAL

Trumpet Voluntary Henry Purcell

Earle of Oxford's March William Byrd

Allegro Maestoso from Water Music G. F. Handel

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

WELCOME JAMES P. RODECHKO

Vice President for Academic Affairs

INVOCATION FRANCIS J. MICHELINI

President, 1970-1975

America, The Beautiful Words by Katherine Lee Bates

Music by Samuel A. Ward

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

GREETINGS CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH

President

EUGENE ROTH '57

Member, Board of Trustees

BRADFORD L. KINNEY

Professor of Communications

RUPAL KALARIYA '01

President of the Class of 2001

THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

MUSICAL SELECTION

Just As The Tide Was Flowing Ralph Vaughn Williams

Order of Exercises

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE AWARD

RHEA P. SIMMS '78
RONALD W. SIMMS '60

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH

Alma Mater *Eleanor C. Farley*

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

BENEDICTION ROBERT S. CAPIN
President, 1975-1984

RECESSIONAL
Rondeau *Jean Joseph Mouret*

Music Provided By:

*Wilkes University Faculty Alumni Brass Ensemble
Terry Zipay, Conductor*

*Wilkes University Chorus
Steven Thomas, Conductor*

Ceol Mor Pipe and Drum Band

AWARDS

THE MABLE SCOTT WANDELL AND
STERLING LEROY WANDELL AWARDS EDWARD T. BEDNARZ III '01
DEIDRE MARIE BLAKE '01
MOLLIE MCGINLEY '01

*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 JAMES P. RODECHKO
Vice President for Academic Affairs

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE
FOR THE ARTS PAUL SISCO '01
Bachelor of Arts
English

Presentation by BONNIE C. BEDFORD, Dean
College of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Studies

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE
FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES GREGORY J. COLLINS '01
Bachelor of Science
Mechanical Engineering

Presentation by BONNIE C. BEDFORD, Dean
College of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Studies

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE
FOR SCIENCES LARA L. PRYOR '01
Bachelor of Science
Chemistry

Presentation by BONNIE C. BEDFORD, Dean
College of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Studies

ALUMNI AWARD FOR
LEADERSHIP MEGAN STEVENS '01
Bachelor of Science
Nursing

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

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

AWARDS

THE EUGENE S. FARLEY
MEMORIAL ALUMNI AWARD EDDIE WHITE '80

The Eugene S. Farley Memorial Alumni Award is presented annually to an alumnus/a of any degree program at Wilkes University who epitomizes the characteristics of an educated person as formulated and adopted by the Wilkes faculty in the 1948 creed, "Marks of an Educated Person." The recipient of this award is selected by the Alumni Association Board of Directors from nominees evaluated by the nominations committee.

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

THE DISTINGUISHED
YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD PERRI U. NEJIB '87

This award is presented annually by the Wilkes University Alumni Association to that member of the alumni who best exemplifies the characteristics of an educated person and the traditions of Wilkes University.

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

ARMED FORCES RESERVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FRANK AZARAVICH '01
JAN CLOUTIER '01
NICHOLAS COBB '01
JESSICA REUSS '01
TODD SWANHART '01

Presentation by DONNA LYNN SMITH
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force

WILKES INSPIRATIONAL
TEACHER AWARD DANIEL MARAKOVITS

Nominated by GREGORY J. COLLINS, CLASS OF 2001

Given in appreciation for dedication and effectiveness as a teacher with an outstanding record of success in preparing students for college and for the life of the mind.

Presentation by MICHAEL FRANTZ, Dean
Enrollment Services

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY CANDIDATES

Summa Cum Laude

^{1,14} Trisha Marie Myers
^{1,14,22} Kelly M. West
William Zupko

Magna Cum Laude

¹ Stacey Sherrill Bohn
Karen A. Coolbaugh
Jessica Crowley
Stephanie Ann Follmer
Dennis Michael Fox
^{1,14} Stacy Lynn Geiger
Susan Marie George
¹⁴ Kristy Lynn Kramer
¹⁴ Richard W. Seipp
Pamela Ann Truszkowski

Cum Laude

¹⁴ Heather Ann Brown
Amy M. Fitch
Brad Jeffrey Gerstein
Joel A. Gonzalo
¹⁴ Joseph S. Gromelski
Brian Patrick Howard
Heather Ann Hurley
Martha Carol Marchand
¹⁴ Amy E. Mazikewich
Marisa Lynn Nebesky
Allison Ann Pikulski
Kevin Michael Polifko
Jessica L. Sinkovich
Jennifer L. Tingley
¹⁴ Ann Louise Wotring

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY CANDIDATES

<i>Danielle Elizabeth Albright</i>	<i>Lisa K. McClintock</i>
<i>Ray Bernardi</i>	<i>Karen Ann McHale</i>
<i>Karen Brisita</i>	^{5,14} <i>Megan Lynn Merrick</i>
<i>Dolly R. Chaudhari</i>	¹⁴ <i>Jeffrey John Mesaros</i>
<i>Lisa Ann Dente</i>	<i>Thuc-Doan Thi Nguyen</i>
<i>Michael C. Evanick</i>	<i>Toni Marie Oden</i>
* <i>Melissa Gedrich</i>	<i>Richard C. Quigley</i>
<i>Robert Joseph Gershey</i>	¹⁴ <i>Amy Lynn Riccetti</i>
<i>Dante Michael Grassi</i>	* <i>Lisa Rink</i>
¹⁴ <i>Stephanie Lynn Haines</i>	<i>Samuel Russell Sebastianelli, Jr.</i>
¹⁴ <i>Shanna Lee Henninger</i>	¹⁴ <i>Maria Janine Shahda</i>
<i>Jamie B. Howell</i>	<i>Lisa Florence Tomcykoski</i>
<i>Jason Hughes</i>	<i>Aaron Wanchisen</i>
^{1,14} <i>Michael William Koch</i>	¹⁴ <i>Raymond Wascavage</i>
<i>Grace Yuen Wai Lau</i>	<i>James Anthony Wilkemeyer</i>
<i>Janine A. Masi</i>	

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Business Administration Degree

- | | |
|---|---|
| <i>*⁷ Richard A. Amadio</i> | <i>⁷ Mary Beth Margaret Golab</i> |
| <i>⁷ Jamie A. Apolinaro</i> | <i>*⁷ Leslie Montgomery Howard</i> |
| <i>*⁷ Jaime Brazenec</i> | <i>* Frank E. Kiwak</i> |
| <i>⁷ Robert M. Burke</i> | <i>⁷ Lauri L. Kremer</i> |
| <i>⁷ Thomas E. Carter</i> | <i>⁷ Carol Macculloch</i> |
| <i>⁷ Elizabeth Eyre Conklin</i> | <i>*⁷ Jodi Nammar</i> |
| <i>*⁷ Vincent A. DeGiusto, Jr.</i> | <i>⁷ Samuel L. Perry</i> |
| <i>Ann M. Donnelly</i> | <i>Kimberly M. Sidonis</i> |
| <i>* Julie A. Dowell</i> | <i>(posthumously)</i> |
| <i>⁷ Holly Ann Filion</i> | <i>* Ralph E. Webb, Jr.</i> |
| <i>Thomas Paul Gershey</i> | <i>⁷ Barry David Wood</i> |

Master of Health Administration Degree

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>* Nancy Alonzo</i> | <i>* Julie A. Rook</i> |
| <i>Melissa Seagraves Crowther</i> | |

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Jeanette E. Amershek</i> | <i>* Michael John Cherinka, Jr.</i> |
| <i>* Angela Jean Balestrini</i> | <i>Linda K. Clise</i> |
| <i>* Michael J. Baran</i> | <i>Catherine M. Cuff</i> |
| <i>Diane Elizabeth Belusko</i> | <i>* Mary Kay Czap</i> |
| <i>* Anne C. Bender</i> | <i>* Neil John Dangelo</i> |
| <i>* Matthew Ryan Bender</i> | <i>* B. Susan Davis</i> |
| <i>* Tina M. Bernardi</i> | <i>Sandra E. Davis</i> |
| <i>Randal S. Bialas</i> | <i>* Doug A. Deardorff</i> |
| <i>* M. Lisabeth Bitler</i> | <i>* Mary Elizabeth Diggan</i> |
| <i>* Toni E. Bloom</i> | <i>* Barry P. Donohoe</i> |
| <i>* Joyce Livingston Bogusky</i> | <i>* Lisa Ann Dorunda</i> |
| <i>* Kelly L. Border</i> | <i>* Edward Aloysius Dougherty</i> |
| <i>Brent Lee Borzak</i> | <i>* Thomas C. Dudley III</i> |
| <i>* Holly L. Brasavage</i> | <i>Elizabeth Anna Durie</i> |
| <i>Amy M. Braxmeier</i> | <i>* Jennifer L. Dusheck</i> |
| <i>* Kimberly Anne Broad</i> | <i>Janet S. Ebner</i> |
| <i>Wayne Michael Brokenshire</i> | <i>Karen S. Elkins</i> |
| <i>* Christine Mariano Brown</i> | <i>Lesley Frances Estock</i> |
| <i>* Kelley Lynn Brozena</i> | <i>Carmela Calabrese Evanko</i> |
| <i>Molly Ann Buchanan</i> | <i>Misty L. Falcone</i> |
| <i>* Colleen Ann Marie Buck</i> | <i>Mary A. Fazio</i> |
| <i>Tina L. Burns</i> | <i>* Joanne M. Flynn</i> |
| <i>* Robert A. Catina</i> | <i>* Kathryn L. Focht</i> |

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⁷ Delta Mu Delta

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

- * Judson W. Frank
Merriocelyn Friday
- * Bechir Garraoui
Susan Kay Gass
Charles Joseph Gerancher, Jr.
Rhonda L. Getgen
- * Kelli D. Grammes-Tremba
Marilyn Manger Gregorowicz
- * Heather Lynn Griffiths
- * Sandra R. Grow
- * Elsa May Gundrum
Michael P. Guy
- * Julie A. Hammond
- * Denise D. Harakal
- * Dwight A. Hare
Frederick Allen Harris
Barry L. Hartzell
Julie Soonyi Henning
Martha S. Hernandez
- * Sherry L. Hilgner
- * William David Host
Margaret Troyanoski Hoy
Charles Tom Ingram
- * William L. Jollie
Master of Science in Education,
Second Degree
Jo Ann Elizabeth Jones
- * Tracey M. Jones
- * Jeffrey S. Karwacki
Pamela M. Kastner
- * Lisa Marie Kerksmar
- * Russell L. Kile
Donna Kintner
- * Philip Matthew Kintzel
Marci A. Knickerbocker-Jones
Linda Shafer Kohl
John K. Kosek
- * Meghan LaVigna
- * Patricia M. Lingle
- * Shelley Rubin Liva
- * Kay Andreas Long
Amy Nicole Lord
- * MaryAnn E. Lugiano
José Miguel Maldonado
Rose Nina Maletta
- * Mary Maloney-Zimmerman
Dana Renee Mascioli
Master of Science in Education,
Second Degree
- * Irene O'Connor Maunz
- * Kristin Peterson Meeker
- * Todd D. Miller
Karen A. Miscavige
Vicki L. Mogle Moore
- * Patricia Ann Nelson
- * Dulcie C. Nichols
Sandra L. Nolan
- * Deborah L. Nuernberger
- * Linda Parks
- * Dale Edward Pavinski
- * Kristina Lyn Perfetti
John R. Piper
Susan Gail Prutzman Piper
- * Angela Lynn Pollock
Karen L. Powers
- * Gary L. Proctor
- * Lisa A. Pysher
- * Joan E. Ralston
- * James Edwin Reese
Joann Michelle Reese
- * Madelynn J. Riedel
Gretchen M. Ripple
- * Anthony G. Roos
JoAnn Rovito
Kim A. Rugletic
- * Mary L. Russell
- * Richard Michael Sarginger
Christine L. Sarnicky
- * Cindy Lee Scanzello
- * Peter John Schmitt
- * Richard W. Schreier II
- * Stephanie R. Schweyer
Barbara Jean Scott
Patricia A. Sebastianelli
- * Cindy Lee Seiger
Rocco Thomas Seiler
Anita Dobson Shaffer
- * Alexis Maria Sharp
Andrea Hartz Shemansky
- * Karen Lee Simms

* Absentia

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

Allison M. Smalley
* *Concetta A. Smith*
* *Marie Groulx Smith*
* *Patrick Thomas Smith*
Christine Theresa Sorenson
* *Lynn Ann Sosa*
* *Keith David Souder*
* *Kristen A. Stauffer*
* *William R. T. Stauffer*
Gena Marie Steber
* *Angela Marie Steele*
* *Dawn E. Stein*
* *Melodie M. Stinner*
* *Eric M. Stover*
* *Donna Haen Stuchlak*
* *Jill M. Tamosaitis*
* *Julie Ann Thumma*
* *Heidi Lee Toland*
* *Marsha A. Ulrich*

Stephanie L. Ulrich
* *Christine M. Valentini*
* *Lisa K. Varano*
* *Neil D. Via*
* *Craig G. Wagner*
Sarah B. Wasser
* *Maria B. Weaver*
* *Catheal V. Weiser*
* *Dale D. Weiss*
Julie L. Weiss
* *Aileen Ellen Wells*
* *Sarah Stark Whipple*
Maria C. White
Sharon Bowman Wright
Denis Alvin Yanashot
* *Eric A. Yeckley*
Thomas Kevin Yurkanin
* *Linda Zulkoski*

Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering

* *Jay Bianchi*
Andre L. A. Castro
George Andrew Galaydick

Eric Malikowski
George Joseph Platko
* *Anuradha Yellamanchili*

** Absentia*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies

Summa Cum Laude

- ^{1,11,12,14,17} Tara Ann Baldauff, *Psychology*
Elementary Education, Second Major
- ^{1,9,14,20} Edward T. Bednarz III, *Mechanical Engineering*
Physics, Second Major
- ^{1,4,8,14,16,20} Deidre Marie Blake, *Biology*
- ^{3,7} Janet Whipple Boyer, *Business Administration*
- ^{1,9,14,20} Nicholas Angelo Cipriani, *Electrical Engineering*
- ^{1,5,9,20} Gregory J. Collins, *Physics*
Mechanical Engineering, Second Degree
- ^{1,5,7,14} Margaret E. Durilla, *Accounting*
- ^{1,11,12,13,14} Michael Joseph Figueiredo, *History*
- ^{8,14,16,20} Rupal S. Kalariya, *Biology*
- ^{1,4,14,20} Wesley M. Konsavage, Jr., *Biology*
- ^{1,11,12,14} Susan Aurel LaCoe, *Spanish*
Elementary Education, Second Major
- ^{1,3,18} Sandra Skies Ludwig, *English*
- Diana M. Marsh, *Psychology*
Sociology, Second Major
- ^{1,4,8,14,16,20} Mollie McGinley, *Biology*
- ^{1,3,7} Michael S. McMynne, *Accounting*
- ^{7,14} Erica M. Michaliga, *Business Administration*
- ^{3,12,17} Leonard Romanski, *Psychology*
- ^{1,3,18} Mary Catherine Scheib, *English*
- ^{1,17} Jennifer R. Shoemaker, *Psychology*
- ¹⁰ Paul J. Sisko, *English*
- ^{1,4,8,14,16,20} Erin Louise Stewart, *Biology*
- * Joede Tabit, *Biochemistry*
- ^{1,19} Kristy Irene Tkach, *Nursing*

* Absentia ¹ Alpha Chi ³ Alpha Sigma Lambda ⁴ Beta Beta Beta ⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon ⁷ Delta Mu Delta
⁸ Honors in Biology ⁹ Honors in Engineering ¹⁰ Honors in English ¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi
¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification ¹³ Phi Alpha Theta ¹⁴ Pi Eta Sigma
¹⁶ Premedical Scholar ¹⁷ Psi Chi ¹⁸ Sigma Tau Delta ¹⁹ Sigma Theta Tau ²⁰ Sigma Xi

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies

— Continued

Magna Cum Laude

- ^{11,12} Amanda Terése Abramoske, Music Education
^{11,12} Kimberly Ann Checko, Psychology
Elementary Education, Second Major
⁴ Danyel Deborah Donovan, Biology
^{11,12,17} Megan Anastasia Frey, Psychology
Elementary Education, Second Degree
^{*,18} Amy Marie George, English
^{*,7} John Grunza, Business Administration
^{*,4,8,16,20} Lance Raymond Henninger, Biology
^{3,7} Barbara Jacobs, Accounting
^{2,17} Donna A. Kohler, Psychology
Sociology, Second Major
^{4,8,16,20} Melissa Louise Petras, Biology
^{1,20} Lara Lynn Pryor, Chemistry
^{5,7} Skyler L. Rohwedder, Business Administration
^{12,14} Kevin Scott Siegel, Psychology
Elementary Education, Second Major
¹⁴ C. William Smith III, Earth and Environmental Science
² Sarah Snik, Sociology
^{2, 11, 12} Danielle F. Symanski, Sociology
Elementary Education, Second Major
⁷ William C. Wilcox, Accounting

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⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon ⁶ Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in United States Air Force ⁷ Delta Mu Delta
⁸ Honors in Biology ¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi ¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification
¹⁴ Pi Eta Sigma ¹⁶ Premedical Scholar ¹⁷ Psi Chi ¹⁸ Sigma Tau Delta ²⁰ Sigma Xi

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

Cum Laude

- ⁷ Elizabeth Abrams, Business Administration
French, Second Degree
Brian Augustine, Accounting
¹² Shannon Marie Baldrica, English
⁶ Nicholas Cobb, Computer Information Systems
^{4,8,16,20} Robert R. Cooney, Biology
² Linda R. Dolph, Psychology
Sociology, Second Major
Jennifer Andrea Fela, English
Earth and Environmental Science, Second Degree
^{4,17} Calandria L. Hiller, Biology
Psychology, Second Major
Molly Baines Hiser, Bachelor of Fine Arts
^{3,7} Jeanette J. Johnston, Business Administration
^{2,11,12} Gretchen Elizabeth Krackenfels, Sociology
Elementary Education, Second Major
^{3,7} Margaret H. Lewis, Business Administration
⁷ Michael S. Miller, Business Administration
^{9,20} Brian J. Nallon II, Electrical Engineering
Jason John Schultz, Business Administration
¹² Kristen Leigh Smolenak, Psychology
Elementary Education, Second Degree
^{*,6} Todd Anthony Swanhart, Psychology
^{*,11} Meredith A. Swierczynski, Psychology
¹⁴ Peter Paul Waskiewicz, Jr., Computer Science
⁷ Corey N. Yanoshak, Business Administration

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⁶ Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in United States Air Force ⁷ Delta Mu Delta
⁸ Honors in Biology ⁹ Honors in Engineering ¹¹ Kappa Delta Pi
¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification ¹⁴ Pi Eta Sigma ¹⁶ Premedical Scholar ¹⁷ Psi Chi ²⁰ Sigma Xi

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College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

Accounting

⁶ Jan Jason Cloutier
Rebecca A. Gubanich
Theodore Keith Kerpovich

Edward A. Kollar
Robert Michael Moore
⁶ Jessica Ann Reuss

Applied and Engineering Sciences

Nathaniel Martin

Art

¹² Christine N. Garey

Katrina M. Protheroe

Bachelor of Business Administration

Gary J. Allegrucci
Kenneth S. Berman
³ Aileen Hannan Berry
Joshua L. Bradley
Lisa B. Donaldson
Megan Rae Fogle
Arthur K. Gotzmer
Justin Lee Holmes
* Mary Beth Hopkins
Douglas Michael Iracki
Mary L. McCabe

Natalia Andriana Osadchuk
Katie Lynn Pearson
Victor E. Scelba II
Melece Sliwinski
Nancy Marie Stover
Michael David Stuka
Jeanette Thrash
Richard Henry Titus
Robert Ziemba
Robert J. Zoltewicz

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Erin L. Scatton

Bachelor of Music

¹² Kimberly Ann Gaylord
¹² Richard R. Huffman, Jr.
¹² Kristy Marie Hulst

¹² Michael Komorek
Physics, Second Degree
¹² Charissa L. Piccotti
Theatre Arts, Second Major

* Absentia ³ Alpha Sigma Lambda

⁶ Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in United States Air Force ¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

Biochemistry

Jason M. Edwards

Biology

Richard Ali

Tara J. Barrie

^{4,14,17} *Kelly Ann Drews*

Psychology, Second Major

^{4,8,16} *Amanda Christine Rodski*

⁴ *Sonya A. Smereczynsky*

Communications

Ronald Stephen Bebla, Jr.

John David Bruett

Jonathan Burke

Claire E. Cole

²¹ *David DiMartino*

Loan Do

French, Second Major

Danielle Marie Flock

Ryan Gurian

David M. Hinkle

Ryan M. James

²¹ *Matthew Crane Reitnour*

Bethany Sky Stefanec

Michael Stolp

Computer Information Systems

⁶ *Frank Albert Azaravich*

Robert Banas

Alice T. Danso

Brandon Joel Fox

Joseph Brian Harbeson

Russell Thomas Hargrove

Edward J. Lukowski

Eric William Phillips

Jesse Joseph Wienckoski

Computer Science

George D. Hughes

Ryan Ellis Long

Computer Information Systems, Second Major

Joseph H. Sallitt

¹⁴ *Jeraldine Michelle Sulkoski*

⁴ Beta Beta Beta ⁶ Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in United States Air Force ⁸ Honors in Biology
¹⁴ Pi Eta Sigma ¹⁶ Premedical Scholar ¹⁷ Psi Chi ²⁰ Sigma Theta Tau ²¹ Tom Bigler Scholar

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies — Continued

Earth and Environmental Science

Keith R. Bader
Michael Lucsky

Scott Robert Schoffner
Gary Robert Schreiber

Electrical Engineering

Ghazi Faisal Alkazemi
²⁰ *Scott E. Herb*
* *Brett Kile*

Christopher Rokosky
Christopher Jacob Talecki
Brian J. Trosko

Engineering Management

⁹ *Deborah Panna*

English

¹² *Joshua Michael Burgess*
^{5,12} *Adrienne Eva Corrigan*
Psychology, Second Major
^{14,18} *Jeffrey J. Greczek*
¹² *Cheryl Marie Johns*
Elementary Education, Second Major

¹⁸ *Stephanie Marie Maison*
Psychology, Second Major
^{12,18} *Lisa Marie Murnin*
¹² *Matthew Nied*
Lisa K. Shafer
Nicolina Weihbrecht

Environmental Engineering

Tony W. Diggan
Deborah Lynn Hoyes

Andrea Jeannette Sommers
Jason Felix Waterbury

History

Brian Donald Bader
¹² *Bernard Joseph Blosky*
¹² *Mark Alexander Nied*
¹² *Matthew M. Scarcella*

^{12,13} *Cassandra B. Sutton*
¹² *Daryl B. Williams*
Elementary Education, Second Degree
John N. Zugarek

* Absentia ⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon ⁹ Honors in Engineering ¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification
¹³ Phi Alpha Theta ¹⁴ Pi Eta Sigma ¹⁸ Sigma Tau Delta ²⁰ Sigma Xi

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Mechanical Engineering

Ryan Grymko
¹⁴ *James Robert Heft*
James Janick

Timothy J. Knabel
James Edward Smouse

Nursing

* *Ann Marie Banellis*
Daniel Curtis Belch
¹⁹ *Nicole M. Biago*
¹⁹ *Helen Dempsey*
* *Lois Ann Elick*
Nicole Marie Gryboski
Malverne Odean Inniss
¹⁹ *Christina Marie Jeckell*

Danielle Marie Koriniskie
^{14,19} *Katie Lynn Kulesa*
¹⁹ *Brittany L. Payne*
Judy Sawka
Roselyn Ann Schmied
Tracey L. Spittler-Hassler
^{14,19} *Megan Christine Stevens*

Political Science

¹⁵ *Mark Anthony Brozoski*
Angelina Cardoso
* *James M. Connell, Jr.*
Lisa Marie Day
Psychology, Second Major

² *Cathy Ann Donlin*
Sociology, Second Major
Jaan Thomas Männik
Christina Lea Mulhollan

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Psychology

- Susan Glori Bartholomew*
¹² *Derek Benjamin Bleiler*
Elementary Education, Second Major
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Kara Chapple
Jennifer L. Ciannilli
¹² *Stephanie Lyn Eddy*
Elementary Education, Second Major
Roberta A. Fratzola
Susan N. Fronczkiewicz
* *Christa Ann Gardjulis*
Jenia A. Jacques
Jocelyn Joyce Morales
Colleen R. O'Donnell
Tina M. O'Neill-Lane
- ¹² *Patrick Perugino*
Elementary Education, Second Major
Nicole Pauline Peutl
Naomi Pikaitis
Amanda J. Smith
^{12,17} *Joyce Ann Sorrentino*
Elementary Education, Second Major
Christina Michele Srebro
¹² *Kari Christine Steele*
Elementary Education, Second Major
² *Mei Wako*
^{2,17} *Mary C. Waldorf*
¹² *Jill Marie Wilson*
Elementary Education, Second Major

Physics

- Michael Komorek*
Bachelor of Music, Second Degree
- Marc C. Strackbein*

Sociology

- * *Sharon Chupas*
Lori A. Holdredge
Jason Thomas Nemec
² *Timothy Reilly*
Psychology, Second Major
- ^{2,17} *Shannon A. Smurl*
Psychology, Second Major
Jennifer Thomas
Criminology, Second Major
Wesley A. Zientek

Theatre Arts

- Colleen Amanda Dever*
- Benjamin Rhys Shovlin*

* Absentia ² Alpha Kappa Delta ¹² Pennsylvania Teacher Certification ¹⁷ Psi Chi

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 Commissioned Second Lieutenant, United States Air Force.*
- ⁷ *Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.*
- ⁸ *Denotes Honors in Biology.*
- ⁹ *Denotes Honors in Engineering.*
- ¹⁰ *Denotes Honors in English.*
- 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 Membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honorary Society in History.*
- ¹⁴ *Denotes Membership in Phi Eta Sigma, the National Honor Society for College Freshmen.*
- ¹⁵ *Denotes Membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.*
- ¹⁶ *Denotes Membership in the Premedical Scholars Program.*
- ¹⁷ *Denotes Membership in Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology.*
- ¹⁸ *Denotes Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary Society in English.*
- ¹⁹ *Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing.*
- ²⁰ *Denotes Membership in and acknowledgment by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.*
- ²¹ *Denotes Tom Bigler Scholar.*
- ²² *Denotes Membership in University Scholars.*
- ^{*} *Degree in absentia*

2001 Student Awards

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies

Biology, Chemistry and Health Science Programs

Outstanding Senior Scholar in Biology	Deidre M. Blake
Outstanding Research Award	Deidre M. Blake
Catherine M. Bone Award	Pia Chatterjee
Freshman Chemistry Award	Eric P. Eutsler
Alfred W. Bastress Award	Lara L. Pryor
Analytical Chemistry Award	Peter Redmond
Rosenthal Memorial Award	Wesley M. Konsavage
ACS Section Award	Lara L. Pryor

Business Administration and Accounting

Excellence in Business Administration	Jason J. Schultz
Outstanding Student Award — MBA Program	Elizabeth Conklin
PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting	Margaret E. Durilla
SIFE Scholars	

Sean T. Conaty	Matthew A. Olson
Jeffrey J. Doran	Tara M. Smith
Justin M. Kalina	David A. Spath
James M. Krysinski	Jonathan M. Waterhouse
Ronald M. Metcho	

Education and Psychology

Outstanding Elementary Teacher Education Student	Kevin S. Siegel
Outstanding Secondary Teacher Education Student	Michael J. Figueiredo
Outstanding Graduate in Psychology	Jennifer R. Shoemaker

Engineering and Physics

Electrical Engineering Achievement Award	Nicholas A. Cipriani
I.E.E.E. J. J. Ebers Memorial Award	Scott E. Herb
Outstanding Achievement in Engineering Management	Deborah A. Panna
Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical Engineering	Gregory J. Collins
	Edward T. Bednarz III
S. W. E. Leadership Award	James Heft
	Deborah L. Hoyes
American Society of Mechanical Engineers Award	Edward T. Bednarz III

GeoEnvironmental Sciences and Engineering

Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Engineering	Jason Waterbury
Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Science	C. William Smith III
Outstanding Environmental Leadership Award	Drew Wagner
	Jennifer A. Fela

Humanities

Annette Evans Humanities Award	Kelly M. Ochreiter
Frank J. J. Davies Award	Jennifer A. Fela
	Paul Sisko
Phi Alpha Theta Book Award	Cassandra B. Sutton
John F. Kennedy Award	Michael J. Figueiredo

2001 Student Awards

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Mathematics and Computer Science

Computer Science Award Richard M. Havard
Peter P. Waskiewicz

Nursing

Clinical Award Christina M. Jeckell
Highest GPA in Nursing Kristy I. Tkach
NSO Service Award Tracey L. Spittler-Hassler
Leadership Award Megan C. Stevens

Social Sciences and Communications

Communications Department Award Matthew C. Reitnour
Pi Sigma Alpha Nicole Melito
Dr. Jaroslav G. Moravec Award Leigh C. Gerardi
Raymond R. Ritz Award Shannon A. Smurl

Nesbitt School of Pharmacy

AphA-ASP Mortar and Pestle Professionalism Award Heather Hurley
Roche Pharmacy Communications Award Allison Pikulski
TEVA Pharmaceuticals Outstanding Student Award Tricia Myers
Pfizer U.S. Pharmaceuticals Outstanding Student Award Richard Seipp
GlaxoSmithKline Patient Care Award Lisa Dente
Mylan Pharmaceuticals Excellence in Pharmacy Award Stacy Geiger
Eli Lilly Achievement Award Kelly West
CVS Excellence in Community Pharmacy Practice Award Heather Brown
Perrigo Award of Excellence in Non-prescription Medication Richard Quigley
Facts and Comparisons Award of Excellence in Clinical Communication Dennis Fox
Luzerne County Pharmacists Association Academic Achievement Award Kelly West
Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association Outstanding
Pharmacy Student Award Heather Brown
American Society of Health System Pharmacists
Student Leadership Award Marisa Nebesky
Dean's Outstanding Student Award Richard Seipp

Extracurricular Awards

Student Affairs

Theresa Jordan and Frank Mehm Prize Michael J. Figueiredo
Nada Vujica Memorial Award Mei Wako

University College

Adult Learner of the Year Karen Lambert

Multicultural Affairs

Leadership in Diversity Award Alice T. Danso

Volunteer Services and Campus Interfaith

Helping Hands Service Award Michael J. Figueiredo

2001 Student Awards

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Athletic Department

The Correen Santoro Memorial Award	Mandy L. Kehler Nancy Stover Donna M. Rothrock Holly R. Shiber Lorey D. Molick Corinne Stewart
Female Scholar Athlete of the Year	Donna M. Rothrock
Male Scholar Athlete of the Year	Edward T. Bednarz III
Female Athlete of the Year	Robyn L. Mendygral
Male Athlete of the Year	David Jannuzzi

Residence Life Office

Residence Life Distinguished Service Award	Megan C. Stevens
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Cooperative Education

Outstanding Senior Intern	Justin Holmes
Keith Topfer Memorial Award	Ryan R. Grymko

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Edward T. Bednarz III	Lisa M. Murnin
Deidre M. Blake	Ulluma Chioma Ngumezi
Pia Chatterjee	David Peer
Claire E. Cole	Suraj V. Puttanniah
Gregory J. Collins	Matthew C. Reitnour
Robert Cooney	Jermaine F. Richardson
Alice T. Danso	Amanda C. Rodski
Helen M. Dempsey	Donna M. Rothrock
Loan T. Do	Lisa M. Ruggiero
Margaret E. Durilla	Kevin S. Siegel
Jennifer A. Fela	Sonya A. Smereczynsky
Michael J. Figueiredo	Andrea Sommers
Megan A. Fry	Joyce A. Sorrentino
Calandria L. Hiller	Bethany S. Stefanec
Malverne D. Inniss	Megan C. Stevens
Rupal S. Kalariya	Cassandra B. Sutton
Katie Lynn B. Kulesa	Maya A. Tatum
Susan A. LaCoe	Kristy I. Tkach
John J. Leedock	Drew Wagner
Nathaniel D. Martin	Mary C. Waldorf
Robyn L. Mendygral	George M. Waschko
	Corey Yanoshak

2001 Student Awards (continued)

Student Government

Faculty Choice AwardAndrea Frantz

Appreciation Award

Tara J. Barrie

Deidre M. Blakes

Gregory J. Collins

Cathy A. Donlin

Stephen J. Gazda

Rupal S. Kalariya

Melissa L. Petra

Megan C. Stevens

Cassandra B. Sutton

Student Activities

Intercollegiate Leadership Wilkes-Barre

Deborah E. Brandt

Jeffrey R. Brittain

Kelly M. Boganski

Justin H. D'Angelo

Rupal S. Kalariya

John M. Skovronski

Megan C. Stevens

Maya A. Tatum

Class of 2001 OFFICERS

Rupal Kalariya
PRESIDENT

Katie Lynn Kulesa
VICE PRESIDENT

Deidre Blake
TREASURER

Jill Wilson
SECRETARY

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 Oattie Hill Chwalek '61 and executed by Kurt Matzdorf, a nationally recognized gold and silversmith from the State University of New York at New Paltz, New Paltz, New York.

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.

ARNAUD C. MARTS SPORTS AND CONFERENCE CENTER

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