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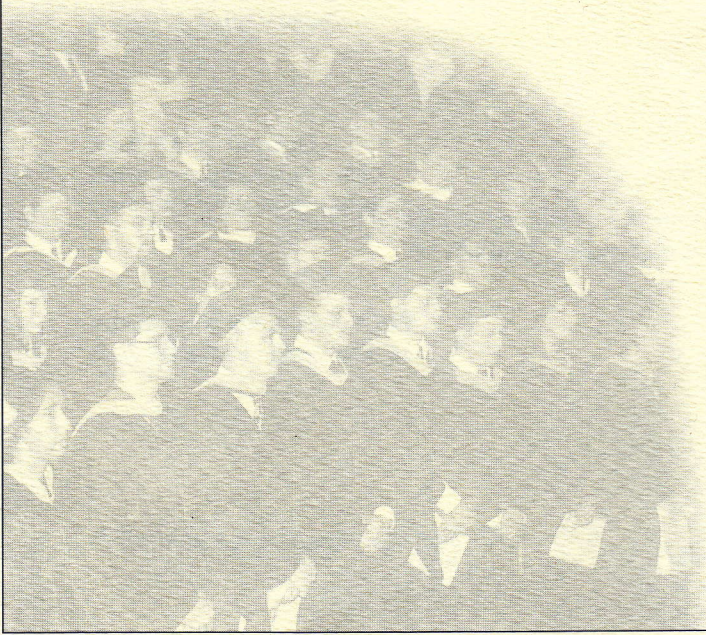
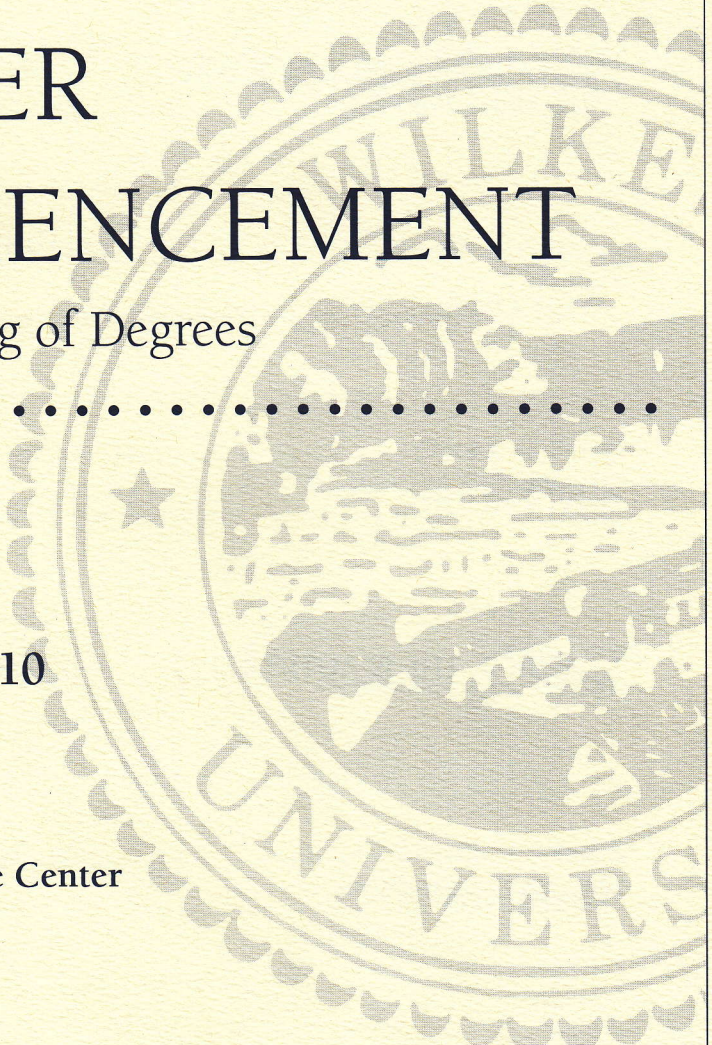
SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

for the Conferring of Degrees

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Sunday
September 12, 2010
1:00 p.m.

Arnaud C. Marts
Sports and Conference Center



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UNIVERSITY

Order of Exercises

*FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL

Slow March From Scipio George Frederick Handel
Arrangement, E. Leidzen

WELCOME C. Reynold Verret
Provost

*INVOCATION Caitlin Czeh
Coordinator, Campus Interfaith

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

GREETINGS Joseph E. Gilmour
President

Mary B. Rhodes '77
Member, Board of Trustees

Donald E. Mencer
Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Associate Professor of Chemistry

Beth Anastasia Rogowsky
Member of the Graduating Class

*The audience is requested to rise.

Order of Exercises

ADDRESS..... Kyle L. Kreider
Associate Professor of Political Science

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES Joseph E. Gilmour
President

*ALMA MATER..... Eleanor C. Farley
Arrangement, Earl Orcutt '69

*BENEDICTION Caitlin Czeh
Coordinator, Campus Interfaith

*RECESSIONAL
Federal March Alexander Reinagle
Arrangement, Roger Smith

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

**The audience is requested to rise.*

DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

Doctor of Education

Beth A. Rogowsky

Doctor of Pharmacy

¹⁵ Joelle N. Babatsky, *Magna Cum Laude*
Brian V. Taylor, *Cum Laude*

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| * William Robert Coda | * Dennis G. Kraynak |
| * Brian J. Fanelli | * Nicholas J. Lamb |
| * Sarah Jane Koblish | * Taylor M. Polites |
| John W. Koloski | * Sally Ann Toomey |
| * Bernard Paul Kovacs | |

* Degree in Absentia

¹⁵ Phi Lambda Sigma

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Arts in Creative Writing

- * Amy Archer
- * Bobbi Lorraine Button
- Lauren G. Carey
- * James Craig
- * Sara M. Hando
- * Monique Antonette Lewis
- * Michelle Littles
- * Gale Elizabeth Martin
- * Jacqueline Anne Nash
- * Peter John Phillips
- * Julia Nicole Steier
- * Helen J. Wasiakowski

Master of Business Administration

- * Elizabeth Mary Conway
- Darin P. Dolan
- * James C. Juice
- ⁶ Sara A. Kliamovich
- Miranda J. Lazar
- * Steven R. Mariani
- ⁶ Anna Maria Rinaldi
- ^{*,6} Philip A. Sampona
- Pancham Sharma
- Savneet Kaur Sidhu
- ^{*,6} Krista M. Troiani
- Catharyn R. Virecci-Fana
- ⁶ Sarah Weber
- ⁶ Karena L. Zdeb

Master of Science in Education

- Jeremy Robert Adams
- Susan G. Aldinger
- ¹³ Michael R. Anderson
- * Rachel Jean Andes
- * Kelly Marie Angeli
- * Krista Anne Applegate
- * David Arnold
- Christopher M. Arthur
- ^{*,13} Harry L. Aultz
- * Michele T. Aurand
- * Andrew Alexander Axworthy
- Sarah Elizabeth Baer
- * Catherine C. Bala
- Rachel Baltzer
- * Jenna Elaine Barber
- * Megan Barclay
- * Nathan C. Barnhart
- ^{*,13} MaryAnn K. Bartek-Green
- * Crystal Lyne Barthold
- * Todd Michael Bauer
- Joan Elizabeth Beckenhauer
- Lori A. Bednarek
- * Sara E. Behler
- * Heather Denise Benfer
- * Robert A. Berg
- Johanna Annette Bernstein
- Alyssa M. Bierbach
- * Jennifer Leigh Bilger
- * Larissa Binkley
- * Traci Michelle Blazosky
- * Alexander C Bobsein
- * Cailin M Bodnar
- * Sean Francis Bodnar
- Jamie Lea Bolinsky
- Deborah J. Bollinger
- * Emily Kathryn Book
- * Anthony James Borgia
- * George Edward Boudman
- * Amanda J. Bower
- * Melissa G. Bowers
- ^{*,13} Ashley E. Boyd
- ^{*,13} Lori L. Boyd
- Jennifer A. Boyer
- Vanessa Ann Boyle
- * Colleen Bray
- Robin C. Brewer

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⁶ Delta Mu Delta

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Education (continued)

- * Natalie Marie Briscoe
- * Donna Brooks
- * Katina Marie Brown
- Randall S. Buffington
- Inez N. Burg
- * Dena Adele Burkhart
- Jaime L. Burkhart
- * Jennifer Lynn Burleigh
- John C. Burman
- * Jenette Russell Busch
- * Brett Buselli
- Brian Thomas Butler
- * Julie Guy Butt
- * Dorene J. Byler
- * Julie Cloetingh Cady
- * Kelly Caflin
- * Kimberly Lynn Campbell
- Anthony Joseph Carito
- * Barbara V. Carney
- Kristin Nicole Carper
- Shannon Marie Carroll
- Heather L. Castle
- * Karen N. Ceh
- * Julie R. Cerasoli
- Jennifer Thomasina Cerra
- Diana Belke Chase
- Diana Marie Cherrybon
- * William Charles Chess
- * Melanie A. Christopher
- * Joanna Rachel Chronister
- * William A. Cicale
- * Margaret J. Cierpilowski
- * Kathryn J. Clever
- * Ryan Michael Coleman
- Sarah E. Coleman
- * Kristi N. Colwell
- * Christie M. Cosmore
- * Erin Rosaleen Cotton
- * Jenna W. Cottone
- * Noriko Okada Coyle
- * Anne Marie Crocus
- * Cody P. Crooke
- * Sean Patrick Crosby
- * Garrett Ryan Crouse
- * Mark Cunningham
- * Marie Teresa Curmaci
- * Chad T. Curry
- Angelina Maria Thomasina Curtis
- Elizabeth Ann Dana
- * Cindy Daoust
- Charles I. Daubert III
- * Coleen Loretta Davenport
- Michael T. Davies
- Bradley J. Davis
- * Matthew J. Davis
- * Tara Marie DeCesare
- Heather Marie Deiches-Wasemann
- * Nina M. Delewski
- * William Andrew Denton
- * Amy S. Derr
- Deborah Lynn Derro
- * Timothy J. Dershem
- Elizabeth Dessoye
- * Brandy L. Detwiler
- * Michelle Devey
- *.13 Joseph A. Devine
- * Lois M. Dieterly
- Rebecca Dietrich
- Kristen G. Dodson
- * Tina L. Doebler
- Teressa Maria Ursula Dombrosky
- * Jonathan Donelson
- * Jennifer M. Dunda
- Michele R. Dunleavy
- Patricia J. Ebbert
- *.13 Ryan R. Eby
- * Jessica Lonetia Elam
- * Mark A. Elko
- * Randi Ellex
- * Rebecca Elliott
- * Cheryl Evanosky
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- * Adam David Filer
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- * John Michael Fitzsimmons
- * Jonathan Daniel Fluck
- * Eric Fontanez
- * Kevin Fowler
- Rebecca Breanne Frandsen
- ¹³ William J. Freeman
- Kristin Marie Funk
- Heather Marie Fureman
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- * Erik George Green
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- *,¹³ John W. Greth
- * Ernest William Griffis
- Ryan A. Grogg
- * Jeffrey Alan Gross
- * Meg Ann Guerreiro
- * Sonia Guyer
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- * Michael F. Hammond
- * Matthew C. Hampton
- * Kristen Nicole Hancz
- * William A. Hanebury
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- * Elsie Harlan
- * Michael Harm
- Ashley Brooke Harned
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- * Amanda Haskell
- * Robin Marie Haug
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- * Katrina Marie Heckman
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- * Jennifer M. Heidlebaugh
- * Shelly A. Heinrich
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- * Matthew Hensler
- Ellyn Herrington
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- * Laurel Beth Hilton
- * Steven Neil Himes
- Jaimie Marie Himka
- * Ashleigh E. Hoelscher
- * Meghan Eileen Hoffmeister
- * Brett K. Hofstrom
- * James P. Hollis
- * Joseph R. Holmes
- * Rebekah Hostetler
- Stacey Jane Hostetler
- Debra Rinken Houck
- * Kristy L. Hovis
- * Michael S. Hubbs
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| * Kristi Diane Jacobsen | * Dayna Laur |
| * Melissa Marie Jankowiak | * Robert C. Lawson |
| * Melissa S. Jarnot | * Kathy R. Leaver |
| * Christopher P. Jarrow | * Meghan Elizabeth Lebo |
| * Katie L. Johnson | ¹³ Shawn G. Lemke |
| Amy J. Jones | ¹³ Michael G. Lengle |
| * Meaghan E. Jones | * Jeremy G. Lesser |
| Audrey Josephite | * ¹³ Ryan H. Lindsay |
| * David Kapferer | * Greg Ross LoPiccolo |
| * Melissa Marie Keating | * Karen L. Loeb |
| * Donna Jean Keech | Kevin Matthew Loht |
| * Lisa Vu Keefer | Loree M. Lonsinger |
| * Amy Keller | William K. Lonsinger Jr. |
| * Jacqueline Renee Keller | * Lisa Lutes-Virgilio |
| * Julie K. Kemmerer | * Matthew Anthony Maccarone |
| David J. Kepp | * Amanda E. Machonis |
| * Melissa Lee Kerchner | * ¹³ Richard J. Mackrell |
| * Megan Elizabeth Kipar | * Hollie Ann Major |
| * Ryan J. Kipar | * Nancy K. Mangum |
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| * Mary L. Knauss | * Vincent Marechal |
| Shaunna Renee Knepp | * Philip Martell |
| * Cheryl Koch | * Theodore J. Martin |
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| * Katie Elizabeth Kokan | * Mark R. Masakowski |
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| Joel B. Krauser | Jacqueline Nicole Matys |
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| * Diane M. Krogstad | * Blakely E. Mayrosh |
| * Marialyce M. Kuhn | * Mary C. McCleery |
| Rose Marie Kuhn | Doreen A. McCord |
| James Michael Kulaga | * Stacy A. McCuen |
| * ¹³ Jennifer L. Kunetz | Christina G. McDermott |
| * Trevor Kuntz | * Paul Vincent McFarland |
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- Jason Anthony Miller
- * Jeffrey S. Miller
- Lauren Rachel Mink
- * Gregory Scott Mitchell
- * Jennifer Mitchell
- Cynthia J. Mitstifer
- * Sophia C. Molesevich
- Lee Ann Morgan
- * Michelle Morrone
- * Elizabeth Moyer
- * Tara A. Mrazik
- Candice Leigh Muench
- * Casey Frances Mull
- * Beth Ann Mullen
- Angela Munjone
- * Christian Michael Murray
- John Roderick Murray
- * Kristal Ann Muto
- * Andrea Myers
- *,¹³ Paulina Lee Collazo Navarro
- * Tiffany Marie Neenan
- * Jordan Edward Neff
- *,¹³ Randy V. Neider
- * Karli J. Ness
- Matthew Patrick Noctor
- Thomas J. Olson
- Lorrae M. Orlove
- * David Stephen Outland
- * Linnea R. Owings
- * Jeff J. Oyer
- * Michael Padavan
- * Karyn A. Pall
- * Robin R. Palmer
- * Monica Ann Pangaio
- * Erica L. Parker
- Stephen James Parks
- * Joshua Parmer
- * Debra Peachey
- Frank Edward Pearn
- Stefanie A. Pellegrino
- * Adam Penning
- * Matthew T. Pero
- * Kelly Ann G. Piaseczny
- * Robert J. Pipech
- Janis A. Plisko
- * Sharon R. Poorman
- * Elise Marie Popalis
- * Michael Adams Porreca
- * Beth Anne Potts
- * Suzanne Marie Powell
- * Mary Jo Price
- * Tracey Prout
- * Steven M. Puzauskas
- * David L. Racine
- * Karl Anthony Raffin
- * Sue A. Raynes
- * Susan E. Reed
- * Kelly Reisinger
- * James J. Repischak
- * Melissa Ann Richardson
- * Leah Ann Rinker
- H. Joel Ritter
- Ruben Rivero
- * James R. Robbins
- * Laura Elizabeth Robino
- Erik James Robinson
- * Robert Joseph Robitaille
- * Jessica M. Rogers
- * Julie Anne Rogers
- * Erica J. Rohrer
- * Karen A. Rolston
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- * Joel Patrick Rounds
- * Jamie L. Rowe
- * Amber L. Rowles
- Nicole S. Rugletic
- Zachary J. Rupert
- * Sarah Beth Rusnock
- Gregory Joseph Russick
- * Debbie Gardner Salahi
- * Jude T. Sandt

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Master of Science in Education (continued)

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- * Monica E. Schoelkoph
- * David Gary Schultz
- John R. Schumann
- * Brad Scioli
- * Roxanne Scott
- * Andrea Renee Seebold
- * Julie Anne Shacreaw
- * Charlene Shannon
- * Stanley L. Share
- * Bailey Anne Shawley
- ¹³ Derek Shayka
- * Joseph A. Shelly
- Cecilia A. Sherman
- ¹³ Melissa M. Sherman
- ^{*,13} Jackie A. Shinskie
- * Stephanie K. Shire
- ¹³ Trinidad Yolanda Sierra
- * Brian Lee Sigafos
- * Christopher J. Simmons
- Veola Sophia Simms
- * Ryan Skyta
- * Frances Slabonik
- * Adrienne Kay Smith
- * Catherine P. Smith
- * Heather Lee Smolnik
- Christie M. Snyder
- * Alison Gay Solomon
- * Julie Lynn Solt
- * Marcie Nicole Soltesz
- ^{*,13} Damaris Soto
- * Amy L. Spang
- * Erin Marie Squibb
- * Amy E. Staggert
- * Teresa Merva Stavenski
- Dawn M. Steele
- Coleen S. Schrecengost Steim
- * Lindsey Yanchick Stevenson
- ^{*,13} Kelly Jo Stine
- Brent Allen Stoltzfus
- * Laura Elizabeth Stoudt
- * Kelly S. Strauch
- * Erin Elizabeth Strine
- * Rosemarie Strubinger
- * Denise Marie Stumpf
- * Michelle Marie Suders
- * Sara Witmer Sutton
- * Andrew Thomas Swanson
- * Bridget E. Swoyer
- Pamela J. Synoski
- * Benjamin Saleem Tannous
- Noreen Tarletsky
- * Dianne Marie Tarmann
- * Jolene V. Taylor
- Lisa Temples
- * Justin Thomas
- * Sondra Thomas
- * Alissa Janette Thompson
- Teresa E. Thorne
- * Catherine Tombasco
- Sara Louise Tomison
- * Christine Elizabeth Trimble
- ^{*,13} Beth Bronson Troop
- ^{*,13} Randy N. Trutt
- * James P. Tully
- * Robert Valeria
- * Justin Ryan Vallone
- ^{*,13} Marcia A. Vega
- * Michael A. Venanzi
- * Suzanne B. Vincent
- ^{*,13} Jacqueline R. Vogel
- * Gretchen Marie Vogle
- Kara L. Vullo
- ¹³ Michael J. Wagner
- * Daniel W. Walker
- * Julie V. Walker
- Heather M. Walter
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- * Cynthia Jenkins Warner
- * Rebecca Leigh Warner
- ^{*,13} Jeffrey R. Wascavage

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Master of Science in Education (continued)

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| * Jessy Lynn Wear | *, ¹³ Jason Michael Willits |
| * Marlene Grace Weaver | * Jennifer Ann Winey |
| ¹³ Ellen M. Wegforth | Lindsey M. Wise |
| * Douglas Alan Weidner | Michele D. Witmyer |
| * Jan L. Wentz | * Kathleen Wojciechowski |
| * Sherry Wetherhold | * Monika M. Wojcik |
| *, ¹³ Janet L. Whalen | * Bryan Stephen Wolf |
| * Debra A. Whittaker | * Stacy Wolfe |
| Gwendolyn A. Wian | * Regina M. Wozniak |
| * Jennifer Barbara Wiczorek | *, ¹³ Meghan J. Young |
| * Jennifer N. Wiegand | * Michael A. Zapotoski |
| Larry Wildermuth | Margaret Zayaitz |
| Andrea Lyn Williams | * Katie Lynn Ziegler |
| * Cheryl Williams | Shannon Nicole Ziegler |
| Ryan S. Williams | * Michele L. Zimmerman |

Master of Science in Engineering Management

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| * Naren Kumar Reddy Nandi | * Zhengwei Zhu |
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Master of Science in Professional Nursing

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Andrew Jason Capalong | Ann Kathryn Munley |
| Selina Cooney | Amy Catherine Smicherko |
| Maria J. Dei Tos | Erika Lynnea Steele |
| Timothy Joseph Dormans | Matthew R. Stella |
| Belinda Susan Early | Danielle R. Vindigni |
| Nicole Lynne Falbo | Susan Brennan Welsh |
| Corinne Kester | |

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BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Communication Studies

- Alyssa B. Benner, *Magna Cum Laude*
*¹⁰ Lora E. Kormos
- George F. Murphy
* Patrick J. Zeigler

Sociology

- * Adam J. Blonar
- * Roberta J. Shaffer
Psychology, second major

The College of Science and Engineering

Earth and Environmental Sciences

- *⁹ Joel T. Antolik

Electrical Engineering

- * Joseph W. Gorton
- Michael Voda

Environmental Engineering

- * Donald C. Clark
- ⁹ Bryan Patrick Heim
- Corey A. Johnson

Mechanical Engineering

- Ryan Joseph Hewitt
- * Shawn M. Ward

* *Degree in Absentia*

⁹ *Honors in Engineering*

¹⁰ *Lambda Pi Eta*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

Accounting

Ashley N. Yoder

Business Administration

Jade A. Eskovitz

⁶ Ellen L. Parmenteri

* Scott M. Lindabury

The Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing

Nursing

Cynthia A. Gronski

Pharmaceutical Sciences

Heather M. Shoemaker

* *Degree in Absentia*

⁶ *Delta Mu Delta*

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.
- * 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.*