

WILKES UNIVERSITY'S SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL

Spring Commencement

FOR THE CONFERRING OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Saturday, May Sixteenth Two-thousand and fifteen • 3 p.m.

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



Spring Commencement

Order of Exercises

PROCESSIONAL
Entry and March of the Peers from Iolanthe
(The audience is requested to rise as the procession begins.)
WELCOME
INVOCATION
The Star-Spangled Banner
Gaudeamus Igitur
GREETINGS EUGENE ROTH '57 Trustee Emeritus

JONATHAN D. FERENCE Chair, Faculty Affairs Council Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice

> KAYLA MARIE ROONEY Member of the Class of 2015

Order of Exercises

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE
SEYMOUR HOLTZMAN '57

Doctor of Humane Letters

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

Alma Mater Eleanor C. Farley

Arrangement, Earl D. Orcutt '69

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

RECESSIONAL

Music Provided By:

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

Wilkes University Commencement Choir Dr. Steven Thomas, Conductor

Ceremony Interpreted By:

Jamie Lynne Hill 360 Translations International, Inc.

HONORARY DEGREE

Because of your exemplary business career that has spanned seven decades and propelled you to the key executive and leadership roles in your corporate endeavors; because of your entrepreneurial vision that has led to business successes domestically and abroad; because your first-hand experience has made you an expert at understanding the complexities of mergers and acquisitions; and because your passion for excellence and your hard driving style makes you a model of organizational leadership to be shared and emulated, by the power vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I confer upon you, **Seymour Holtzman**, the Doctor of Humane Letters degree, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.

AWARDS

THE MABLE SCOTT WANDELL AND STERLING LEROY WANDELL AWARDS................................ CHRISTINE M. BERGEY '15

VIRGINIA MAE EDWARDS '15

SARAH J. FILLMAN '15

MICHAEL C. GROBINSKI '15

NICHOLAS D. STAUFFER '15

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...... Sierra Alexandra Marsh '15

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......Kayla Marie Rooney '15

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 C. HALL '71 Wilkes University Alumni Association

ARMED FORCES RESERVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE Tyler Jack Brown '15

SARAH BUHLER '15

SEAN COATES '15

KAYLA ANN REED '15

DANIEL A. RUTH '15

Presentation by ANDY J. GREENFIELD Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Dr. Thomas J. Baldino, Interim Dean

Communication Studies

Haley Adam

Anthony John Bartoli

David Jonathan Berley

5,10,28 Priscilla Bonilla, Magna Cum Laude

10,25 Shawn Carey

Marisa Farronato

Stephanie Hahn

Jonathan Keer

Criminology

Kristen Lee Baker

John Ryan Behrmann

Rvan Shawn Casey

Nicholas Ciambrello

Sociology, Second Major

Michael Connelly

International Studies, Second Major

Robert William Doherty III

Sociology, Second Major

²⁸ Samantha Alexis Gluskin

Psychology, Second Major Matthew E. Hill

#,2 Alicia Nicole Klug, Cum Laude

Jeremy K. Knosp

10,28 Macey Jean McGuire, Cum Laude

Talia Maria Pantano

Frank Passalacqua, Cum Laude

Grant Thomas Rogers

Rasha Shaker

Carl Soprano

10 Alyssa Stencavage, Summa Cum Laude

Tyler J. Thomas

Alex J. Malon

Alyssa Bryanna Miraglia

Iason Daniel Parfitt

Sociology, Second Major

Melodee Jane Shuman

Sociology, Second Major

Dustin Ioseph Snell

Sociology, Second Major

Tiffany Jourene Lynn Spencer

Sociology, Second Major

Ryan John Sujkowski

Jarvis R. O. Wright

Political Science, Second Major

English

#,12 Hayley Dutka, Summa Cum Laude

22 Kendra E. Kuhar, Cum Laude Sierra Alexandra Marsh

#,12 David Macekura, Magna Cum Laude

#,1,22 Jordan Ramirez, Summa Cum Laude

1,22 Victoria Rendina, Summa Cum Laude Kathryn Ruth Henning Roshong

²² Sarah Simonovich, Summa Cum Laude

History

12,14 James Alfano, Magna Cum Laude

Timothy Bousson

12 James J. Gallagher Jeremy Hartman

Amber Maree Kern

14 Kayla Ann Reed

Margaret Cooney Walther

² Alpha Kappa Delta

⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon

10 Lambda Pi Eta

12 Pennsylvania Teacher Certification # January 2015 Graduate

22 Sigma Tau Delta

²⁵ Tom Bigler Scholar

²⁸ Sigma Alpha Pi

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

Integrative Media

Ashley Carloni, Summa Cum Laude Ashleigh Skylar Crispell, Cum Laude

Alexander R. Delgado Jessica Kelin DiBernardo Stephen Dziedziak Michael A. Kapolka IV Psychology, Second Degree * Andrew Lynch

Keri Meerholz

Heather Ann Olexy

10 Julianna Salvato, Cum Laude

John L. Schenck
Kevin Splane
Monique Woodard, Magna Cum Laude

Musical Theatre

Amanda Alyse Thomas, Cum Laude

Political Science

Emily Lynn Absalom, Magna Cum Laude Zachary T. Grivner

¹⁸ Erin Patricia Hohol, Summa Cum Laude International Studies, Second Major Cody D. Logan

^{12,18} Paulina Moszczynska, Magna Cum Laude

1,18 Kayla Marie Rooney, Summa Cum Laude International Studies, Second Major

Psychology

19,28 Maria Catherine Bard

⁵ Abdul Jaleel (AJ) bin Abdur Rasheed

¹⁹ Brooke Bishop, Magna Cum Laude

Holly L. Boyer Brittany Kathryn Budman Karly Cesare

Bryana S. Darbenzio
 Simone Davies
 Everal Benjamin Eaton IV
 Sociology, Second Major
 Marissa Marie Elliott

Teaka Flores

* Lissette Garcia
Thalia Ivelisse Garzon, Cum Laude

Stephanie Highley Kaitlyn A. Hughes Laykin Mae Hughes Riley Ellen Jackson Michael A. Kapolka IV Integrative Media, Second Degree Christine Klingel Marissa Aletha Kotar Michael Litwak Gift Magomero

#.17 Elizabeth Rachael Nardone Sociology, Second Major

Matthew G. Oakum

Krishna Patel

Ami Patel

#,12 Ashley S. Ream, Summa Cum Laude Elementary Education, Second Degree Kerryn Michelle Redcay Ellen Keating Rich Dominic Ross Rinaldi

^{2,19,28} Amanda Seccia, Cum Laude

¹⁹ Tyler Suruskie Allyson Nichole Watts Christian M. Whitebread Mark Zluchowski, Cum Laude Sociology, Second Degree

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

Sociology

Michelle Lee Frazier Julianne Rossi Kathryn Rose Sausser Mark Zluchowski, Cum Laude Psychology, Second Degree

Spanish

*.6,15 Erin Joy Hanley, Magna Cum Laude MBA, Second Degree, Doctor of Pharmacy, Third Degree

*.1 Kristen Marie Konosky, Summa Cum Laude Doctor of Pharmacy, Second Degree *.1.21 Darren E. Mensch, Summa Cum Laude Doctor of Pharmacy, Second Degree Alessandro Serpico

Theatre Arts

James Daly Simone Marie Hanna, Magna Cum Laude # Janel Naro, Magna Cum Laude

The School of Education

Dr. Terese M. Wignot, Interim Dean

Elementary Education

#,12 Ashley S. Ream, Summa Cum Laude Psychology, Second Degree

#,1,11,12 Bobbie Lynn Tondora, Summa Cum Laude

Elementary & Early Childhood Education

12,28 Maria E. Brunori, Summa Cum Laude

#,12 Corie Jane Clark, Cum Laude

12 Kelsey Clark, Magna Cum Laude

12 Angela Alexis Dorse, Summa Cum Laude

1,11,12 Samantha Marie Purdy, Summa Cum Laude

#,1,11,12 Jenette Stapert, Summa Cum Laude

#,12 Sarah Anne Tressa, Magna Cum Laude

Middle School Education

1,12 Ryan Francis Elmy, Summa Cum Laude

#,12 Jennifer Marie Rommer

12 Holly Ann Smith

11,12,28 Britney M. Williams, Magna Cum Laude

The College of Science and Engineering

Dr. Terese M. Wignot, Interim Dean

Biology

⁴ Kevin John Anderson

⁴ Throy Austero, Magna Cum Laude

1.4.7 Christine M. Bergey, Summa Cum Laude Tekalign B. Berhe

¹ Kimberly Mae Challenger, Summa Cum Laude Katelyn DeWinter Stephen Anthony Forney Aliya M. Frankel

⁴ Lauren Nicole Gunn, Magna Cum Laude

⁴ Carissa Hart

4,7 Timothy J. Hoffman, Cum Laude

²⁸ Chelsea Laura Kincel

⁷ Christopher John Kropiewnicki, Magna Cum Laude Brittany LeCadre James Christopher Paletski Nicholas George Pandelios

 Jacob Anthony Parrick, Cum Laude Tankita Patel Abbey Nicole Phillips

4,7,28 Kimberly Irene Price

⁴ Krista Rebar, Magna Cum Laude

⁴ Megan Roselli, Cum Laude

* Sara A. Selinsky, Magna Cum Laude

⁴ Carley Catherine Smith

⁷ Amanda Kathleen Tracy

Rebecca Jean Wicker Kaitlyn M. Wolfe

1,4,7,26 Connor Lawrence Zale, Summa Cum Laude

Chemistry

Alaa Fadel

Computer Information Systems

* Michael Douglas Bates, Cum Laude

Robert Jones

Computer Science

Faisal Matar Ali Alghamdi Steven John Artim Edward Kwabena A. Asare

Mark Hunsinger Eric McAnena Mason McIntyre Krishna Patel, *Magna Cum Laude* Artem Vladimirovich Puzikov Carl Stevenson Troy Wynn

Earth and Environmental Sciences

Ashley Elizabeth Austin Sara Frey

Michael Christopher McCarroll Jordan Emmett Oakill Benjamin Davis Rice Bobbielynn Richardson, Cum Laude Danielle Isabelle Smith Bradley D. Wagner

The College of Science and Engineering - Continued

Electrical Engineering

Sean Coates, Cum Laude

Derek Michael Gentry, Cum Laude Nicholas G. Gray Nicholas S. Morrison Zachary J. I. Tomasura Mechanical Engineering, Second Degree Joseph Zack, Summa Cum Laude Thomas Zelinka, Jr.

Environmental Engineering

Sara Alyse Arana Brendon Scott Blachowski

Joseph Cherinko

⁹ Samantha Davidson, Summa Cum Laude

Cory Dickson

9 John Gillott, Magna Cum Laude

Michael F. Lewis, Cum Laude Matthew Menendez Kendric C. Minnich

⁹ David Petrik, Summa Cum Laude

1,9 Elyse M. Rinehimer, Summa Cum Laude

⁹ Kyle Andrew Romm, Magna Cum Laude Ryan Michael Rzucidlo Bradley R. Shank Lee A. Strause, Jr.

Mathematics

Thomas Paul Bedford, Jr.

* Lindsey M. Harris

* Michael Lee Jayne, Cum Laude Physics, Second Degree Robert James Kobilis III, Cum Laude Michael A. Skumanick

Terry Robert Warren

Mechanical Engineering

Bader Mohsen Alsalamah

Kyle T. Balzanna

Tyler Jack Brown, Cum Laude

Joseph F. Buffa

Ryan James Cicioni, Summa Cum Laude

Douglas Cowley

Timothy A. East, Cum Laude

Laura Anne Easton

Luigi P. Festa

Ryan S. Foster, Cum Laude

Jerome Frederick

Michael C. Grobinski, Summa Cum Laude

Khalid Harmouzi

Engineering Management, Second Major

Christina Kwon, Cum Laude

²⁸ Robert C. Lehnert, Magna Cum Laude Trevor W. Luna

Ryan R. Mulligan, Cum Laude

Ryan James Murphy

Alex J. Planer, Magna Cum Laude

Andrew Polzella, Cum Laude

Andrew Ruth

Daniel A. Ruth

Justin M. Sekula, Cum Laude

Jordan Siddons

Trevor Skene

Zachary J. I. Tomasura

Electrical Engineering, Second Degree

Theologos Tsalis

Omar Urena

Daniel D. Van Mater V

Ian Waleck

Mark Alexander Willchock II

Jacob S. Yost, Cum Laude

Joseph M. Zorechak

Physics

* Michael Lee Jayne, Cum Laude Mathematics, Second Degree

1 Alpha Chi

9 Honors in Engineering

²⁸ Sigma Alpha Pi

* Degree in Absentia

[#] January 2015 Graduate

Also earning Cum Laude Honors

Ryan James Murphy

Mechanical Engineering

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

Dr. Jeffrey R. Alves, Dean

Accounting

⁶ David L. Benway, Magna Cum Laude

6 David J. Booths, Cum Laude

* Chester John Coleman, Jr., Cum Laude

6 Jonathan R. Conklin, Magna Cum Laude Jonathan D. Eroh

Sara Ann Hagenbach, Magna Cum Laude

⁶ Molly S. Hinkel, Magna Cum Laude Gerald J. Kanyok, Jr. Finance, Second Major

⁶ Chelsea LaPorta, Cum Laude

Jeffrey Lee

6 Jordan Gerald Mroczka, Cum Laude

⁶ Alicia C. Roberts, Magna Cum Laude

1,28 Robert Jerry Schappell II, Summa Cum Laude Zachary Stetson Anthony Thomas John Thomas

¹ Christian Fernando Victoria, Summa Cum Laude Finance, Second Degree Matthew Williams

Business Administration

Martin Fidler

⁶ Marlene F. George

1,6 Ronneane L. Reeves-Mason, Magna Cum Laude Francine Rich-Benton

Entrepreneurship

Tighe McCormack

Finance

⁶ Faisal Sultan Alharbi Naser Ali Alnassar

⁵ Jonathan Charles Daniels Michael J. Frendak Alexis L. Gildea, Summa Cum Laude Ieffrey Grodzki Management, Second Major

Ryan William Joyce, Magna Cum Laude

⁶ Grace Marie Lorence, Cum Laude

John A. Lynch, Summa Cum Laude

Colton Robert Miller Christian Fernando Victoria, Summa Cum Laude Accounting, Second Degree

Management

Fawaz Fahad Al Jaafar

Jalowi Almutairi

Fahad Alnajim

⁶ Giuliana Ayers, Cum Laude Eric Bach Sarah Buhler, Magna Cum Laude Katherine Burke Francis John Celentano Allen Christopher Heggs, Jr. Erik Hothouse, Cum Laude

Joseph A. Kiraly * Johnathan Koslop 1,6 Trevor S. Lear, Summa Cum Laude Finance, Second Major Sean Lombardi

⁶ James Messina, Cum Laude

⁶ Evan J. Miller, Magna Cum Laude David Isaac Oberrender Finance, Second Major **Jaleel Laron Sterling**

Michael J. Turner Mark P. Vancosky Brittaney Marie Welsh

1 Alpha Chi

⁵ Chi Alpha Epsilon

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6 Delta Mu Delta 28 Sigma Alpha Pi # January 2015 Graduate

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership - Continued

Marketing

Chelsea Niara Brown, Cum Laude

*,6 Rachel Lynn Buckman

Allison Buczynski, Cum Laude
 J. Brandon Carey
 Jacqueline Escobar
 Management, Second Major

Jordan Ben Fredo

Gillian Catherine Gagliardi Courtney A. Jones, Summa Cum Laude

⁶ Kristie Marie Spinello, Magna Cum Laude Management, Second Major

⁶ Kate Jacquelynn Thomas, Magna Cum Laude Management, Second Major

School of Nursing

Dr. Deborah Zbegner, Interim Dean

- ²⁷ Anthony Alba
- ²⁷ Bryana Bartol

Samantha Marie Bauer

- 1 23,27 Lauren Marie Boccagno, Summa Cum Laude
- ^{23,27} Vanessa C. Buchanan, Cum Laude
 - ²⁷ Brandilen Burke
 - ²⁷ Jennifer Renee Burke, Cum Laude Anna Chinikaylo Samantha Comp

Jennifer Everding

Melanie Anne Faherty

²⁷ Paul Filipski

- 23,27 Stephanie Nichole Fisher, Cum Laude
 - ²⁷ Taylor Mae Galley
 - 27 Rachel Gross

Cheyanne Henrickson

- ²⁷ Shanna Nicole Hess
- ²⁷ Briana Hogan
- ²⁷ Matthew J. Homishak
- * Jesse Daniel Kabana, Cum Laude
- ²⁷ Normajean Lapsley
- ^{23,27} Gina Marie Rose Lemoncelli, Magna Cum Laude
 - ²⁷ Kaitlyn Lipare
- 23,27 Nancy Nicole Lynde, Cum Laude

- ²⁷ Molly Jane Martin
- ^{23,27} Courtney Nicole Matina, Magna Cum Laude
 - ²⁷ Colton J. McClure
- ^{23,27} Jenna Marie Michaels
- ^{23,27} Ashley Miller, Summa Cum Laude
- 5,27 Richael Pantig
 - ²⁷ Jipal Patel
 - ²⁷ Mittalben N. Patel
- ²⁷ Rachel Price
- ²⁷ Kristen Reinoehl, Cum Laude
- 1,23,27 Felicia Rzeszewski, Summa Cum Laude
- 9,23,27 Kathryn Mary Santoli, Magna Cum Laude
 - ²⁷ Lea Marie Silfies
- 1,23,27 Stephanie Skrobiszewski, Summa Cum Laude Alexia Ann Spain
 - ²⁷ Alyssa Marie Steligo
- ^{23,27} Christina Marie Stoddard, Cum Laude
 - ²⁷ Jade Talarico
 - ²⁷ Seneca H. Tucker
- ^{23,27} Kimberly Ann Tyler, Magna Cum Laude
- ^{23,27} Jenna Marie Vislosky, Magna Cum Laude
- ^{23,27} Allison Walsh
 - ²⁷ Sara Elizabeth Walton Rhonda Zikowski

Wilkes University — Pennsylvania College of Osteopathic Medicine

Wilkes University — Salus University School of Optometry

Jeffrey Stefanick

⁴ Shivani T. Patel, Magna Cum Laude

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Criminology

² Alicia Nicole Klug, Cum Laude Jeremy K. Knosp

Melodee Jane Shuman Sociology, Second Major David Tomko

English

Hayley Dutka, Summa Cum Laude Cierra Christine Humphrey, Summa Cum Laude

¹² David Macekura, Magna Cum Laude ^{1,22} Jordan Ramirez, Summa Cum Laude

History

Timothy Bousson

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Elementary & Early Childhood Education

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Middle School Education

¹² Jennifer Marie Rommer

The College of Science and Engineering

Dr. Terese M. Wignot, Interim Dean

Biology

Debora A. Jamicky

Rebecca Jean Wicker

Chemistry

Christopher W. Cousin

Computer Science

Faisal Matar Ali Alghamdi

Mark Hunsinger

Earth and Environmental Sciences

Michael Christopher McCarroll

Environmental Engineering

Brittany Lee Fisher

Michael F. Lewis, Cum Laude

Mathematics

Terry Robert Warren

Mechanical Engineering

Hamad Alkandari Joseph F. Buffa Laura Anne Easton

¹ Alpha Chi

11 Kappa Delta Pi

12 Pennsylvania Teacher Certification

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Dr. Jeffrey R. Alves, Dean

Accounting

Alyssa Rose Baldacci

Business Administration

Carolyn M. Bosak, Summa Cum Laude

Donna Jean Hantz

Finance

John A. Lynch, Summa Cum Laude

Colton Robert Miller

Management

Jalowi Almutairi Fahad Alnajim Michael J. Turner

Marketing

Allison Buczynski, Cum Laude

Jordan Ben Fredo

Scholarly Societies and Special Designations

- Denotes Membership in Alpha Chi, the National College Honor Scholarship Society.
- Denotes Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Honorary Society in Sociology.
- 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.
- 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.
- Denotes Membership in Lambda Pi Eta, the National Honorary Society in Communications.
- Denotes Membership in the Phi Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honorary Society in Education.
- 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.
- Denotes Membership in Phi Lambda Sigma, the Pharmacy Leadership Society.
- 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.
- 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.
- Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing.
- 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.
- * Degree in Absentia
- # January 2015 Graduate

Academic Awards

BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES Pi Sigma Alpha Award in Political Science
BIOLOGY & HEALTH SCIENCES Outstanding Research Award
ENTREPRENEURSHIP, LEADERSHIP STUDIES & MARKETING Academic Achievement Award — Marketing
FINANCE, ACCOUNTING & MANAGEMENT Academic Achievement Award — Accounting
Dean's Award for Excellence in Business Administration Ronneane Reeves-Mason Professor Ted Engel Award for Excellence in Finance Ryan W. Joyce Dean's Award for Excellence in Management Kristie M. Spinello PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting Christian F. Victoria
CHEMISTRY Outstanding Freshman Chemistry AwardBriana M. DeLong
COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES Communications Studies Award
TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM Outstanding Elementary and Early Childhood Teacher Education Student Samantha M. Purdy Outstanding Middle Level Teacher Education Student Britney M. Williams Outstanding Secondary Teacher Education Student Paulina Moszczynska Outstanding Special Education Teacher Education Student Bobbie L. Tondora Marla Hosie Memorial Award Jessica C. Difrenza Jeanine G. Manta
ENGINEERING & PHYSICS Dr. Umid R. Nejib Award for Outstanding Achievement in Electrical Engineering
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING & ENGINEERING Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical Engineering ManagementMichael C. Grobinski Ryan J. Cicioni

Academic Awards (continued)

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING & EARTH SCIENCES Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Engineering
Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Science
ENGLISH Annette Evans Humanities Award
GLOBAL HISTORY & LANGUAGES Phi Alpha Theta Book Award
INTEGRATIVE MEDIA & ART Outstanding Achievement in Integrative Media and Art
MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE James G. DeCosmo Award in Mathematics
NURSING Outstanding Clinical Practice Award
PERFORMING ARTS Music Award
COLLEGE LIBERAL ARTS & HUMANITIES Outstanding Graduate for the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Science Kayla M. Rooney
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & SCIENCE Outstanding Graduate for the College of Science and Engineering Michael L. Jayne
SIDHU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ACCOUNTING Outstanding Graduate for the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION Outstanding Graduate for the College of Education

Extracurricular & Leadership Awards

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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT	
	Megan Dragan
Correcti Santolo Mellioriai Award	
	Kaitlyn Hughes
	Abigail Sanders
	Kate Thomas
Athlete(s) of the Year	Matthew Grossmann
	Marissa Surdy
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Scholar Athlete(s) of the Year	Sara Hagenbach
	Robert Schappell
Division III National Wrestling Champio	n at
133 lbs. (first since 1975)	Matthew Grossman
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CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION	NI 0- DIVED CITY
Nada Vujica Memorial Award	Abdullah Altaleb
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COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES	
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Outstanding Leadership & Service Award	Shawn Carey
COOPERATIVE EDUCATION	
Outstanding Senior Intern	Erin Hohol
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Keith Topier Memorial Award	Alex Planer
	Ian Walek
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	m and inclusion on the Wilkes campus and community
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	queline Escobar Kevin Hernandez
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Jaco EDUCATION	Thalia Garzon Kayla Rooney Allen Heggs Jaleel Sterling
Jaco EDUCATION Teacher Education Service Award	Thalia Garzon Kayla Rooney Allen Heggs Jaleel Sterling Anthony Thomas
EDUCATION Teacher Education Service Award ENGINEERING & PHYSICS	Thalia Garzon Kayla Rooney Allen Heggs Jaleel Sterling Anthony Thomas Theresa Kloeker
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EDUCATION Teacher Education Service Award ENGINEERING & PHYSICS A.S.M.E. Award Engineering Student Advisory Committee Leadership Award	Thalia Garzon Kayla Rooney Allen Heggs Jaleel Sterling Anthony Thomas Theresa Kloeker Zachary Tomasura Michael Grobinski
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Resident Assistant of the Year		Valerie Woods
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Samantha Blincoe	Gina Lemoncelli	Alessandro Serpico
Priscilla Bonilla	Sierra Marsh	Alyssa Stencavage
Shawn Carey	Macey McGuire	Jaleel Sterling
Joseph Cherinko	Julie Miller	Anthony Thomas
Everal Eaton	Megan Myers	Zachary Tomasura
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Tristram Ford	Mittalben Patel	Kaitlyn Wolfe
Thalia Garzon	Shivani Patel	Monique Woodard
Alexandra Giammanco	Kimberly Price	Connor Zale
STUDENT GOVERNMENT		
Two Years of Service (minimum	n)	
*	Samantha Blincoe	Kayla Rooney
	Thalia Garzon	Kathryn Roshong
	Cameron Low	Amanda Treiber
	Anastasia Mauger	Christian Victoria
	Taylor Moyer (President)	Kaitlyn Wolfe
Air Force ROTC Distinguished Graduate		
Presented by Flyboys US Army Air Corps 6 th College Training Detachment, Bucknell University Junior College (1943-44)		

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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

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.

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 Public Safety 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.
- 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.

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 in the First Floor Lounge of the Henry Student Center immediately following the ceremony.

Platform Party

Paul Adams	Vice President, Student Affairs		
Thomas BaldinoInterim Dean, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences			
Jack Chielli	Associate Vice President, Marketing and Communications		
Caitlin Czeh			
Rachel Duda	Assistant Registrar		
Jonathan Ference			
Bernard Graham	Dean, Nesbitt School of Pharmacy		
Andy J. Greenfield	Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force		
Jason Griggs			
Ellen Hall	Vice President, Wilkes University Alumni Association		
Jamie Hill	Interpreter, 360 Translations International, Inc.		
Seymour Holtzman			
Susan Hritzak	Executive Director, Student Services		
Barbara King			
Daniel Klem			
Patrick Leahy	President		
Loren PrescottVice P	resident, Finance and Support Operations/General Counsel		
Kayla Rooney	Student Greeter		
Eugene Roth	Trustee Emeritus		
Philip Ruthkosky	Associate Dean, Student Affairs		
Anne Skleder	Senior Vice President and Provost		
Elizabeth Slaughter			
Michael Speziale			
John Stachacz	Dean, Eugene S. Farley Library, Information Technology		
Wagiha Taylor	Faculty Marshal		
Melanie Wade			
Terese Wignot	Interim Dean, College of Science and Engineering;		
	Acting Dean, School of Education		
Debra Zbegner	Dean, School of Nursing		

