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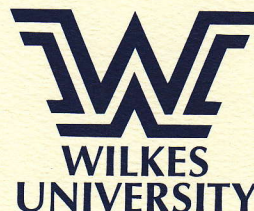
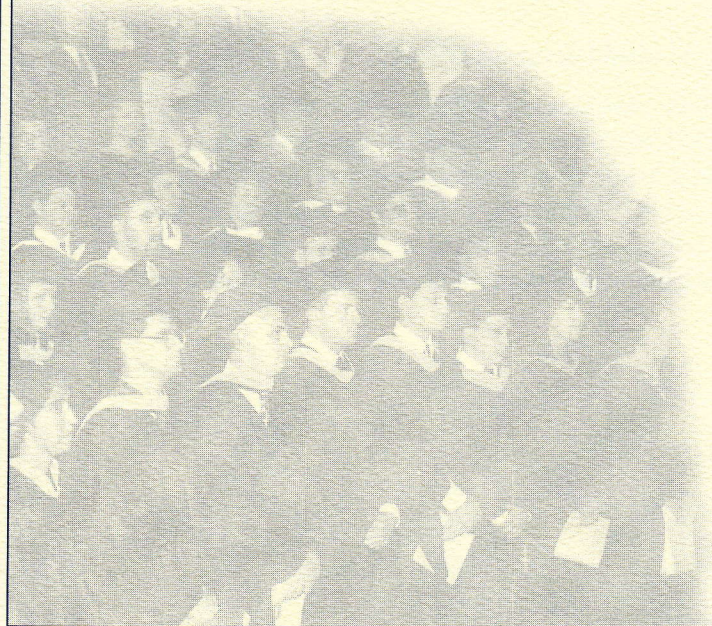
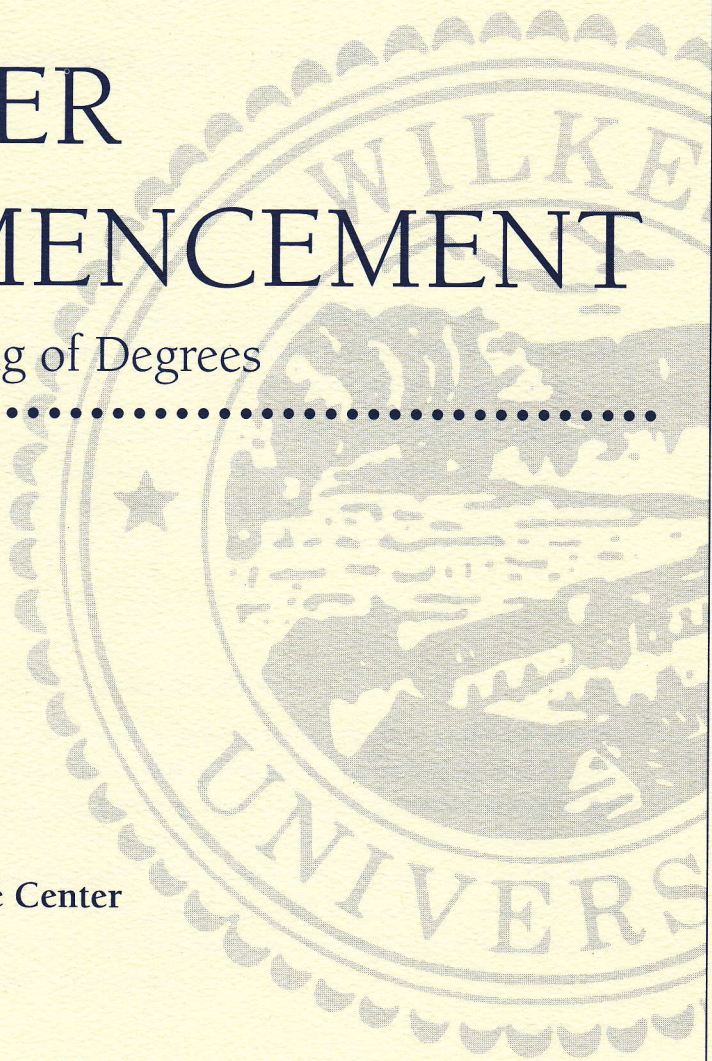
WINTER COMMENCEMENT

for the Conferring of Degrees

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Sunday
January 19, 2003
2:00 p.m.

Arnaud C. Marts
Sports and Conference Center



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WILKES UNIVERSITY

*Winter Commencement
for the
Conferring of Degrees*

*Sunday Afternoon
January 19, 2003
at two o'clock*

Order of Exercises

*FANFARE

*PROCESSIONAL

Trumpet Voluntary *Jeremiah Clarke*

WELCOME *Maravene Loeschke*
Provost

*INVOCATION *The Reverend Canon Donald J. Mueller*
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

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

GREETINGS *Mary B. Rhodes '77*
Board of Trustees

Anne Y. F. Lin
Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Professor of Pharmacy Practice

Sarah M. Becker '03
Member of the Graduating Class

**The audience is requested to rise.*

Order of Exercises

ADDRESS Joseph E. Gilmour
President

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES Joseph E. Gilmour
President

*ALMA MATER *Eleanor C. Farley*

*BENEDICTION Monsignor Thomas V. Banick
*St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania*

*RECESSIONAL
Trumpet Tune *Jeremiah Clarke*

Music provided by the Wilkes University Brass Quartet

**The audience is requested to rise.*

MASTERS DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Business Administration Degree

- ⁵ Matthew Thomas Austin
- ⁵ Christopher T. Court
- ⁵ Michael Anthony Dorbad
- Stacy S. Gdovin
- ⁵ Dana Marie Kashula
- ⁵ Shaun Thomas Korus
- ⁵ Andrew M. Paulshock, Sr.
- *⁵ Robert Daniel Richardson

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education

- * Jeanne Louise Acri
- * Kristen Ann Amant
- * Jennifer Susan Amato
- * Carol Rose Andrews
- * Shari Dawn Barish
- * Jill M. Barrouk
- * Nichole Suzanne Bechdel
- * Michael G. Behr
- * Joanne M. Bohrman
- Melanie Diane Bonsall
- Kathleen I. Brown
- Patricia Rozek Brown
- * Christina Ingrid Bruns
- * Michele M. Buck
- * James M. Bumbulsky
- Brenda Cappella Byers
- * Donna J. Carrell
- * Cynthia Jane Cassano
- * Edward W. Collins
- * Bonnie Brown Colton
- * Janna K. Conrad
- * Lisa A. Cook
- Corey Christopher Cowen
- * Barbara E. Coyle
- Holly Anne Cragle
- Daria Lee Reed Custer
- * Candace Mae Dailey
- * Michael James Davy
- Michael J. DeLoretta III
- Park de Porry
- * Kori Ann Dibilio
- * Anthony DiCicco
- * Jeremy Eby

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

- * Timothy Nelson Ernest
Bernadette Patricia Fay
- * Corinne E. Fecho
- * William C. Fenstermaker, Jr.
¹² Shawn T. Fitzpatrick
Edward J. Flannery
- * Lisa Ann Foley
- * Teresa Marie Freiwald
* Leslie A. Fulp
- * Annamarie H. Galante
* Jeremy Geeza
Beverly A. Glennon
Molly R. Grayek
Kenneth E. Green
- * Matthew A. Greenplate
* William J. Grega, Jr.
- * Dorothy Margaret Serabian Grocott
* Kathleen Stoy Guthrie
* Julie Ann Hannon
Tara S. Hartzel
* Joi A. Hawke
Linda R. Hayes
- * Susanne P. Hegedus
* Dale C. Heller
- * Denise Lynn Helsel
¹² Laurie Hoppes
Scott F. Hughes
- * Thomas Hurley
- * Nichole G. Hydro
Karol K. Iles
- * Lori L. Jankowiak
- * Jeffery Rennie Karam
Ella Karassik
* Donna J. Kenlin
- * Terri Lynn Keyworth
* Ann Kisthart
Richard K. Knoedler
Melody L. Knorr
- * Dolores A. Komlos
Christine Ann Kraynik
- * Joshua Lee Kuehner
- * Deborah A. Lambdin
* Dana M. Liptok
- * Susan Gotimer Mahoney

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

* Michael Joseph Marrazzo
Kathleen R. Martin
James Lawrence McCarthy
* Mark McDermott
* Karen Renee McGee
Wendy Lee Miller
Mary E. Mohn
*,¹² Sherri L. Moletress
Stacey Kohler Mondschein
Teresa Margaret Moran
* Amy Malinda Morgan
Elizabeth A. Morgan
* Laurie A. Muller
* Cindy Nevenglosky
*,¹² George A. Phillips, Jr.
Lillie G. Proctor
* Michelle M. Reedy
Kathy A. Ridge
* Cynthia E. Robinson
* Kristin Patricia Romberger
* Jennifer Marie Ricchiuti
Erik J. Rutchaskas
* Edward N. Sartin
* Catherine A. Schaeffer
* Patricia M. Schick
* Henry Todd Schmalzle
* Jayme C. Schuler-Lehman
Kristin Lorens Seibert
*,¹² Marilyn E. Seiders
Melissa S. Senchak
* Eugene Carl Shultz
* Todd Dennis Silvius
* Candida Ann Smola
Michele L. Snyder
Jennifer Lee Straub
* Keith Brady Taylor II
Beth Ann Teaford
*,¹² Marybeth Torchia
Georgianne L. Trinisewski
Michelle Elizabeth True
* Karen Mary Wagaman
* Gabriella Maria Walck
* Christopher Walkowiak
Ellen J. Davies Weidner
Rachel Elizabeth Wieder

¹² Candidates for Pennsylvania Principal Certification

*Degree in Absentia

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

Denis Alvin Yanashot

Jody Ann Yoos

** Michelle Fox Young*

** Linda M. Yurkanin*

Master of Science Degree with a major in Electrical Engineering

Sneha Gudapati

**Degree in Absentia*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Art, Sciences and Professional Studies

Summa Cum Laude

^{6,9,11} Christina Maria Baigis, English
Elementary Education, Second Major

³ Sarah Marie Becker, Biology

Lori Ann Witkowski, Psychology
Sociology, Second Major

Magna Cum Laude

⁸ Sarah Marie Leskosky, Psychology

⁸ Brigitte Anne Malloy, Psychology

^{6,9,11} Tonya Marvin, English

¹⁰ Adriana Denise Solorzano, Computer Information Systems

^{6,9,11} Brooke Ann Troxell, English

Cum Laude

⁵ Michelle Ann Auker, Business Administration

¹¹ Kristi Tara Clune, French
Elementary Education, Second Major

Leroy Frank Mrozowski, Computer Science

² Kathleen Marie Nocchi, Accounting

⁸ Melissa O'Gara-Smyth, Psychology

⁸ Christopher John Schmidt, Psychology

*Suzanne Marie Sheerin, Criminology

² Alpha Sigma Lambda
⁹ Sigma Tau Delta

³ Beta Beta Beta
¹⁰ Sigma Xi

⁵ Delta Mu Delta
¹¹ PA Teacher Certification

⁶ Kappa Delta Pi
*Degree in Absentia

⁸ Psi Chi

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Accounting

Karen Renee Biasi
* Whitney Bryant Bull
Steven G. Klinger
Kristen Marie Owen
Thomas Ryan Rebuck
Melissa R. Wallace

Biochemistry

Lisa Margotta

Biology

* Karlene Cowitch
David E. Herrmann
* Craig M. Ruzicki

Business Administration

Matthew J. Berger
Thomas G. Patterson
Mary Bianca Ricci
⁵ Kimberly Watkins

Communications

* William A. McLaughlin

Computer Information Systems

Christopher M. O'Neal
* Theresa Anna Sheehan

Computer Science

* John M. Skovronski
Erica Marie Vojtek

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Earth & Environmental Science

Patrick Weddel

Engineering Management

Matthew M. Zurn

Environmental Engineering

Preethy Dileepkumar

French

¹¹ *Dean Elbonne*

History

**Todd Evans Butcher*

^{7,11} *Jennifer Lauren Evans*

Elementary Education, Second Major

¹¹ *Tiffany A. Hayward*

Mechanical Engineering

Charles Jackson

Jacob D. Malinowski

John A. Murphy

Chester Paul Tracewski III

Music

** Michele Robin Mazak Wilson*

Nursing

Susan A. Schwartz

Philosophy

¹ *Francesca M. Amico*

¹ Alpha Chi

⁷ Phi Alpha Theta

¹¹ PA Teacher Certification

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BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Psychology

James S. Bedford III
¹¹ James Vincent Casey
Elementary Education, Second Major
¹¹ Joseph Willard Casey
Elementary Education, Second Major
¹¹ Kimberly Anne Cope
Elementary Education, Second Major
Rena Marie Gorish
^{*,4} Anthony Melchiorre
Adrienne Lee Metcalf
Elementary Education, Second Major
¹¹ Nicole Ann Mitacek
Elementary Education, Second Major
* Lisa Morrow
Kenneth James Staub
⁸ Jane Marie Ulitchney
Krystal Anne Wydeen
Sociology, Second Major
Criminology, Third Major

Sociology

Melissa S. Psolka

⁴ Chi Alpha Epsilon

⁸ Psi Chi

¹¹ PA Teacher Certification

*Degree in Absentia

Scholarly Societies and Special Designations

- ¹ Denotes Membership in Alpha Chi, the National College Honor Scholarship Society.
- ² Denotes Membership in the Eta Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the honor society recognizing the academic excellence of adult part-time students.
- ³ Denotes Membership in Beta Beta Beta — Honors in Biology.
- ⁴ Denotes Membership in Chi Alpha Epsilon, the Honorary Society which recognizes students who were admitted to the University through Higher Education Access Opportunity programs.
- ⁵ Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.
- ⁶ Denotes Membership in the Phi Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honorary Society in Education.
- ⁷ Denotes Membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honorary Society in History.
- ⁸ Denotes Membership in Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology.
- ⁹ Denotes Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary Society in English.
- ¹⁰ Denotes Membership in and acknowledgment by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.
- ¹¹ Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.
- ¹² Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Principal Certification.
- * 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's 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.*