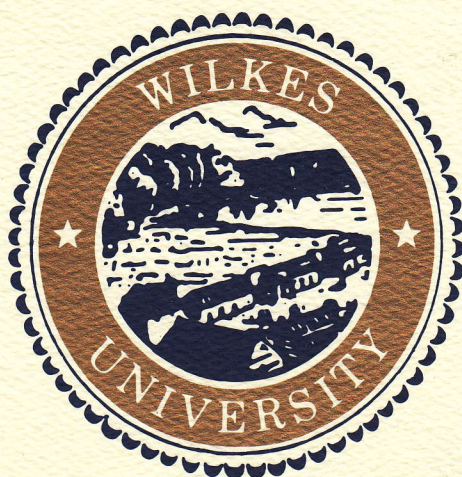


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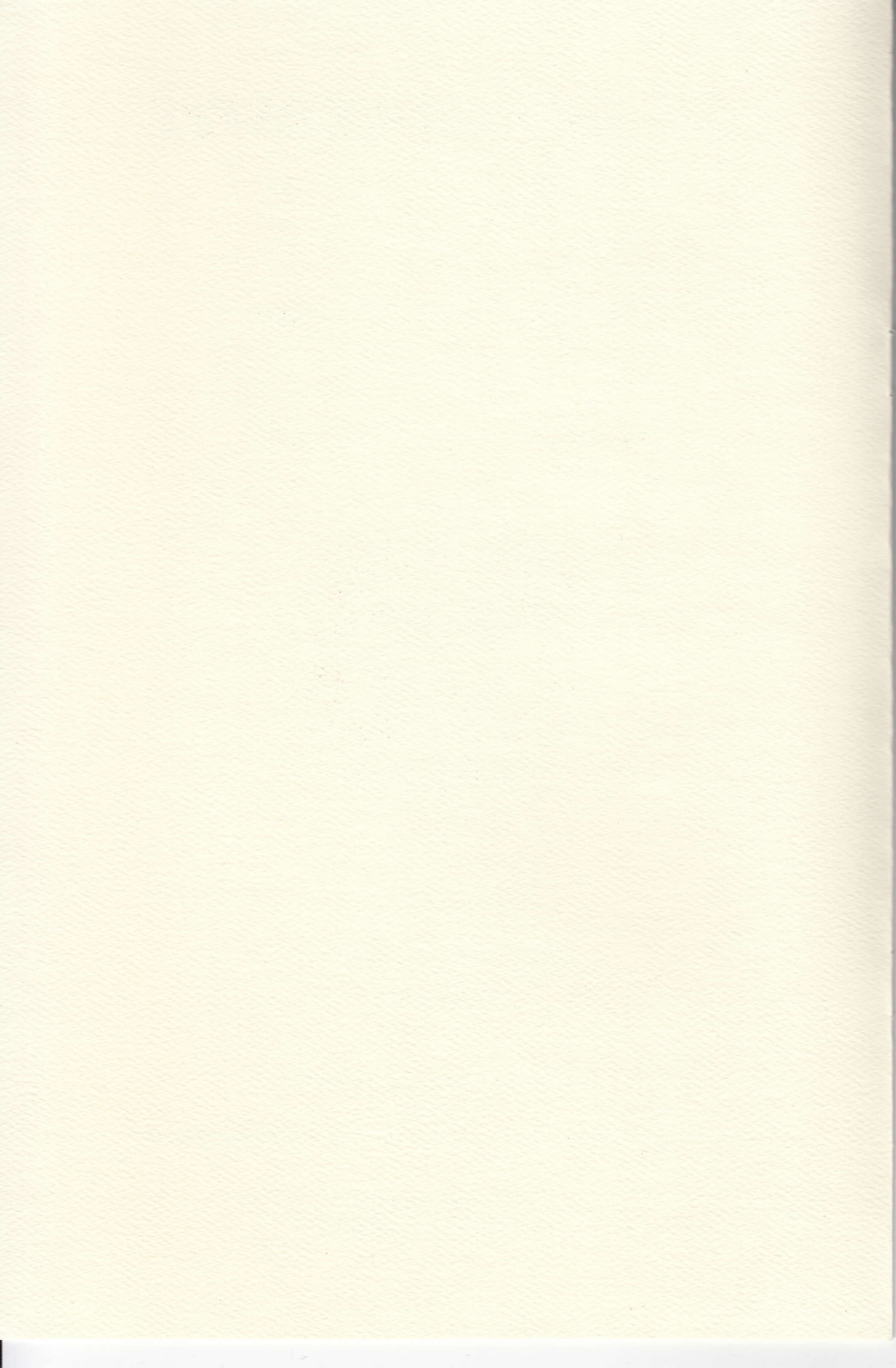
*Winter Commencement
for the
Conferring of Degrees*



*Thursday
January 14, 1999
11:15 a.m.*

*Edward Darling Jr. Theatre
at the
Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts*

*Wilkes University
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania*



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*Thursday Morning
January 14, 1999
at eleven fifteen o'clock*

Order of Exercises

*FANFARE

*PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME J. Michael Lennon
Vice President for Academic Affairs

*INVOCATION Mary G. Hession
*Director, Campus Interfaith
Wilkes University*

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

GREETINGS Gerald A. Moffatt '63
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Bing K. Wong
Chair, Faculty Affairs Council

Melanie Joyce Bell '99
Member, Class of 1999

ARMED FORCES
RESERVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE Christine Marie Anderson '99

Presented by Scott R. Papp
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force

**The audience is requested to rise.*

Order of Exercises

ADDRESS Dr. James Merryman
Associate Professor of Anthropology

COME TOGETHER
Lennon and McCartney
The Unity of Knowledge, Work and Humanity in the Next Century

CONFERRING OF
HONORARY DEGREES The Rev. James R. Lackenmier, CSC

The Honorable Paul E. Kanjorski

Presentation by Christopher N. Breiseth, President

CONFERRING
OF THE DEGREES Christopher N. Breiseth

*ALMA MATER *Eleanor C. Farley*

*BENEDICTION Rev. James R. Lackenmier, CSC
President
King's College

*RECESSIONAL

**The audience is requested to rise.*

*Music provided by the Wilkes University Faculty Alumni Brass Ensemble —
William Teubner, Joseph DeVizia, Ed Ervin and Phil Ionna*

HONORARY DEGREES

THE HONORABLE PAUL E. KANJORSKI DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Native of the Wyoming Valley, graduate of Wyoming Seminary and alumnus of Wilkes University, as well as of Temple University and the Dickinson School of Law, Congressman Kanjorski has served the 11th Congressional District since 1985. Senior member of the Banking and Financial Services Committee and of the Government Reform Committee, ranking Democrat on the Capital markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises Subcommittee, the Congressman has demonstrated a consuming interest in the response of the American economy to the transformative technological forces reshaping the world. For Northeastern Pennsylvania, he has been a visionary, discovering ways to overcome the lethargy of the region in the wake of the loss of its industrial economy, and to challenge his neighbors to help create Silicon Mountain right here for the 21st century and to attract investors from throughout the world to make this a reality.

THE REVEREND JAMES RICHARD LACKENMIER, C.S.C. DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Born and raised in Buffalo, New York, Father Lackenmier graduated from Stonehill College in Boston, became a priest through his Licensure in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, and earned an M.A. in English from the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) and an M.A. in Theology and Literature from the University of Chicago. After a period of teaching and campus ministry in Illinois and Indiana, Father Lackenmier came to King's College in 1974, beginning a career of service lasting twenty-five years, including eighteen as President. Under his leadership, King's College has achieved national recognition for its general education curriculum, a significantly enhanced campus and an ever growing endowment. He has secured the close relationship between King's and the Wyoming Valley community, providing leadership of major community activities including chairing the United Way Campaign in 1986 and the Council of Presidents of the area colleges and universities. Through leadership on numerous boards, Father Lackenmier has helped merge widely diverse interests and promote creative collective effort to improve the community.

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Business Administration Degree

- ⁴ *Danielle Marie Fendrick*
- * *Marie Elaina Germata*
- ⁴ *Ruth Ann Lesavage*
- * *Theresa J. Mistretta*
- ⁴ *Philip Marc Paritsky*
- ⁴ *Richard L. Rothstein*
- ⁴, * *Bruce Joseph Sabatini*
- ⁴ *Rajeswari Sethuraman*
- ⁴ *Brian D. Simakaski*
- ⁴ *Angelo Smaniotto*
- ⁴ *John P. Surdy*
- ⁴ *Shijin Wang*
- ⁴ *Shiru Wang*
- ⁴ *Philip A. Wegener*

Master of Health Administration Degree

James Robert Tuffly

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education

- * *Cheryl Anne Arnold*
- Joy Buckner Barnes*
- Kathryn M. Brior*
- * *Patricia M. Carpenter*
- Randi Chapin*
- * *Mary Teresa Clister*
- Linda Davis*
- * *Vanessa DiMeolo*
- * *Lynn Anne Dudash*
- * *Shannon M. Fellin*
- * *Mollie A. Fetterman*
- * *Judith Ann Geary*
- * *Thomas C. George*
- Cynthia D. Healy*
- Shep Hildebrand*
- * *Tami L. Hludzik*
- Jean Bull Hollister*
- Mary Keil*
- Marie Frances Miller Kopesky*
- Robin Kostanesky*

*Degree in absentia

⁴ Delta Mu Delta

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

- * John F. Lee*
- * Debra J. Linkhorst*
- * Pamela Kintner Lizza*
- Linda Fallas Lorent*
- * Robyn Joy Lubash*
- * Elizabeth Jane Melton*
- Geraldine A. Michalesko*
- * Nancy T. Osborne*
- Argyro C. Paspalas*
- * Tamara Petak*
- * Susan Grace Pignatello*
- * Karen D. Ricci*
- Valerie Ann Rudawski*
- Tammy Skotek*
- Audra Louise Krause Spencer*
- * Lynn D. Stevenson*
- * Jane M. Trapp*
- William Joseph Vaverchak*
- Barry A. Veet*
- Joleen Elizabeth Verbonitz*
- * Tara A. Victor*
- Gretchen M. Warner*
- Gerald J. Wiernusz*
- * David B. Wood*
- * Lorrie Ann Zeiler*
- * Mary Jo Zola*

Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering

- * Anwar Jassim Alkuwaiti*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies

Summa Cum Laude

- ^{1,5} *Melanie Joyce Bell, Biology*
John L. Carter, Business Administration
^{1,8,9} *Tom Duffy, Psychology*
Elementary Education, Second Major
⁷ *Mieko Ojima, Economics*
Becki Allyson Roan, Psychology

Magna Cum Laude

- Doreen Butkiewicz, Accounting*
^{6,8,9} *Michelle Compton, Psychology*
Elementary Education, Second Major
³ *Theresa M. Ferraro, Business Administration*
Wanda E. Goss, Psychology
Sociology, Second Major
^{6,8,11} *Nicole Dean Haentjens, English*
Elementary Education, Second Major
³ *Joseph M. Morris, Business Administration*
³ *Sheryl Amy Nekrutman, Psychology*
^{5,13} *John S. Pidgeon, Biology*
³ *Michele Siciliano, Business Administration*

Cum Laude

- Christine Marie Anderson, Mathematics*
Patricia Ann Baines, Business Administration
Cara Durso, Communications
⁸ *Sharon Lubaszewski, Psychology*
Elementary Education, Second Degree
Mary L. Musinski, Accounting
⁸ *Tracey Lee Szydlowski, Psychology*
Elementary Education, Second Degree
² *Jennifer Ann Walker, Sociology*

¹ Alpha Chi

³ Alpha Sigma Lambda

⁹ Psi Chi

⁷ Omicron Delta Epsilon

⁵ Honors in Biology

¹¹ Sigma Tau Delta

² Alpha Kappa Delta

⁸ Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate

⁶ Kappa Delta Pi

¹³ Sigma Xi

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies

Carol Anne Carroll, Accounting
Joann DeSanto, Accounting
Vanessa Carol DeWolfe, Accounting

** Clyde Anthony Solt, Art*

Charles W. Andrewsavage, Business Administration
Robert Thomas Bartorillo, Business Administration
Mary L. Feazell, Business Administration
Francis Joseph Giovinazzo, Business Administration
** Leslie Montgomery Howard, Business Administration*
Tara Ellen Kojza, Business Administration
Jennifer L. Phillippe, Business Administration
Denise Raday, Business Administration
Layne K. Rarig, Business Administration
Corinne Tulanowski, Business Administration
Michael A. Wargo, Business Administration
Gary A. Zavacki, Business Administration

⁹ Kristine Erhard-Titus, Biology
Robert Pace, Jr., Biology

** James Christopher Collins, Chemistry*

Ryan M. Alston, Communications
Daniel Lavelle, Communications
Gary D. Spears, Communications

Darren David Gates, Earth and Environmental Science
John W. Mackowski, Earth and Environmental Science
Joseph Jason Ruddy, Earth and Environmental Science
Michael Paul Stachowiak, Jr., Earth and Environmental Science

⁷ Masayuki Miyagawa, Economics

Rebecca Anne Hafner, English
Judith J. Martin, English

¹⁰ Jennifer L. Birmer, Environmental Engineering

**Degree in absentia*

⁷ Omicron Delta Epsilon

⁹ Psi Chi

¹⁰ Sigma Pi Sigma

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies (continued)

Joseph J. Fadden, History
** Gary Anthony Pisano, History*

¹² *Janet Meck, Nursing*
Scott A. Morgan, Nursing

Jennifer Radzwillowicz, Political Science
Sociology, Second Major

⁸ *David Michael Zula, Political Science*
Elementary Education, Second Major

⁹ *Michael D. Blair, Psychology*
Deborah Dombek, Psychology

⁸ *Jennifer D. Ferro, Psychology*
Elementary Education, Second Degree

⁹ *Holly Anne Jones, Psychology*

Jonathan G. Laudenslager, Psychology

Steven Allen Mathews, Psychology

Jason M. McCrea, Psychology

⁸ *Christine C. Mikolosko, Psychology*
Elementary Education, Second Major

John M. Mikovitch, Psychology

Eric J. Perry, Psychology

⁸ *Nicole T. Sklaney, Psychology*
Elementary Education, Second Major

⁸ *Brenda Eve Thompson, Psychology*
Elementary Education, Second Degree

Scott M. VanValkenburgh, Psychology

⁸ *Olivia Leigh Vogt, Psychology*
Elementary Education, Second Major

Carin Whitman, Psychology

⁸ *William W. Wright, III, Psychology*
Elementary Education, Second Major

Keri Ann Wunner, Psychology

Lisa Ann Zakreski, Psychology

**Degree in absentia* ⁸ *Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate*
¹² *Sigma Theta Tau*

⁹ *Psi Chi*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies (continued)

Mike Getchey, Sociology

³ *Bobbi Jo Goben, Sociology*

Gwen Gondela Libby, Sociology

⁸ * *Amy Rosengrant, Sociology*
Elementary Education, Second Major

Laura Elizabeth DiNoia, Spanish
Psychology, Second Major

Joseph Domenic DeMuro, Theatre Arts

Honor cords signify membership in a scholarly society.

*Degree in absentia

³ Alpha Sigma Lambda

⁸ Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate

Scholarly Societies

- 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 the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.*
- ⁵ *Denotes Honors in Biology.*
- ⁶ *Denotes Membership in the Phi Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honorary Society in Education.*
- ⁷ *Denotes Membership in Omicron Delta Epsilon, the National Honorary Society in Economics.*
- ⁸ *Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.*
- ⁹ *Denotes Membership in Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology.*
- ¹⁰ *Denotes Membership in Sigma Pi Sigma, the National Honorary Society of Physics students.*
- ¹¹ *Denotes Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary Society in English.*
- ¹² *Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing.*
- ¹³ *Denotes Membership in and acknowledgment by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.*
- * *Degree in absentia*

The University Mace and Presidential Chain of Office

The University 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 lobby of the
Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts
immediately following the ceremony.*