



WILKES UNIVERSITY'S 77TH ANNUAL

Spring Commencement

FOR THE CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES

Saturday, May Eighteenth

Two-thousand and twenty-four • 10 a.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



WILKES UNIVERSITY'S SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
Spring Commencement

DISCLAIMER: Due to the early print date of this Commencement Program, the inclusion of a student's name in this program does not indicate that the student has successfully completed their degree requirements and graduated. Noted Latin Honors status may also have changed. The updated Honors status will be announced when the student's name is called on stage.

Order of Exercises

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance *Edward Elgar*
Arrangement, Joel M. Graham

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

The Wilkes University Commencement Band

WELCOME **DAVID M. WARD**
Senior Vice President and Provost

INVOCATION **MARY HESSION MATUNIS**
Faculty, Marian Catholic High School

The Star-Spangled Banner *Words by Francis Scott Key*

(The words to The Star-Spangled Banner are printed on the inside front cover of the program.

The audience is requested to stand and sing the National Anthem with the chorus and band.)

The Wilkes University Commencement Band and Chorus

GREETINGS **WILLIAM R. MILLER '81**
Chair, Board of Trustees

DEL LUCENT '03
Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Associate Professor, Physics and Computer Science

DANIEL D. MAGIE
Member of the Class of 2024

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT **DR. ANN MARIE BARTUSKA '75**

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS **DR. ANN MARIE BARTUSKA '75**

Order of Exercises

THE CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES.....GREG CANT

ALUMNI INDUCTION.....MICHAEL NOONE '97
President, Alumni Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....GREG CANT

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.)
The Wilkes University Commencement Band and Chorus

BENEDICTION.....MARY HESSION MATUNIS

The Lord Bless You and Keep You*Peter C. Lutkin*
Edited by Ruth Heller
The Wilkes University Commencement Chorus

RECESSIONAL
Folk Song Suite*Ralph Vaughan Williams*
Arrangement, Ed Huckleby
(The audience is requested to rise as the recessional begins.)
The Wilkes University Commencement Band

Music Provided By:

Wilkes University Commencement Band

Joel M. Graham, Conductor

Wilkes University Commencement Chorus

Joshua Harper, Conductor

Ceremony Interpreted By:

Interpretek

Honorary Degree Recipient

DR. ANN MARIE BARTUSKA '75

Ann Marie Bartuska '75 serves as a senior contributing scientist for the Environmental Defense Fund, focusing on climate change mitigation through natural climate solutions. She also is a senior advisor at Resources for the Future. Her extensive career has featured positions in government, education and the non-profit sector with organizations including the USDA and the Nature Conservancy.

Bartuska blazed a trail as the first woman and first ecologist named director of forest management for the United States Forest Service. She also chaired the subcommittee on global change research at the White House Office of Science and Technology in 2016 and has recently served as a member of the Biden administration's Wildfire Commission.

Bartuska earned her doctorate in biogeochemistry and ecosystem ecology from West Virginia University and her master of science in botany and ecology from Ohio University. She graduated from Wilkes College with a bachelor of science in biology in 1975. Bartuska is a second-generation Wilkes alumnae and honorary degree recipient. Her mother, Doris Gorka Bartuska, graduated from Wilkes in 1949 and received an honorary degree in 1997.

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts and Sciences

Paul T. Riggs, *Dean*

MASTER OF ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING

Suleyman Anadol	Shari Nieschmidt
Kathleen Bednarek	Justin Paul Ogline
Judith K. Castleberry	Joseph Peters
Leslie Frisbee	Victoria Rendina
Barbara S. Ginsberg	John Christopher Roberts
Stephanie Karpeuk	Tasha Saint-Louis
Mike Kentz	Thomas E. Strunk
Susan Mannix	Kajal Hareshkumar Thakker
Melanie Dyer McGehee	Alexandra Thomas
Ora Christene Moore	Josephine Wickman

The College of Business and Engineering

Abel Adekola, *Dean*

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Hayli Akakpo-Martin	Hallie Morgan Mathews
Shawn Austin	<i>Second Degree, Doctor of Pharmacy</i>
⁸ Michael Balliet	Michael Edward Novatnack
Marissa Cecelia Brodi	<i>Second Degree, Doctor of Pharmacy</i>
Carole Marie Chapman	Michael Paterson-Jones
Andrew Robert Dean	Steven Cameron Ritter
<i>Second Degree, Doctor of Pharmacy</i>	<i>Second Degree, Doctor of Pharmacy</i>
James J. Emmett	Mikayla Ronczka
Justin Glowacki	Kristen Elise Schwarz
⁸ Amanda Henderson	Kyle Matthew Sokol
Vincent Anthony Ippolito	<i>Second Degree, Doctor of Pharmacy</i>
[#] Maureen Iskra	Ryan Stewart
Nicholas Andrew Kinzler	<i>Second Degree, Doctor of Pharmacy</i>
⁸ Donovan J. Klem	Nicholas Alan Superko
Ivy Atta Kusi	<i>Second Degree, Doctor of Pharmacy</i>
<i>Second Degree, Doctor of Pharmacy</i>	⁸ Alyssa Jean Swiezak
Michael Francis Leahey	Rachel Lynee Thomas
Evan Matthew Liddington	<i>Second Degree, Doctor of Pharmacy</i>
<i>Second Degree, Doctor of Pharmacy</i>	Quinlan Toomey
Dominic James Maneval	<i>Second Degree, Doctor of Pharmacy</i>
<i>Second Degree, Doctor of Pharmacy</i>	Cole A. Wenner
[#] Thomas Guido Marsola	<i>Second Degree, Doctor of Pharmacy</i>

⁸ Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta

[#] Fall 2023 Graduate

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Business and Engineering *(Continued)*

Engineering

Abel Adekola, *Dean*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOENGINEERING

Kayla Lopez

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Harfan Saeed A. Alahmary

Faris Sami A. Alshammari

Manojkrishna Javvaji

Ali Jaber A. Suhluli

The College of Health and Education

Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Jennifer S. Bennett

Frances Johnson

Melissa M. Luczak

Erin Alyse Worzel

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Sarah Lynn Abda

Alyssa S. Albright

Whitney Allshouse

Corbin Anderson

Kristy Lynn Andrew

Courtney Lee Anoaia

Sean Bachman

Julianna W. Balmer

Amanda Bariana

Danielle Bartholomew

Kayla Bates

Kristin Marie Bauer

Ryann Michele Bedoya

Michelle Bence

Jacqueline Lee Benson

Rebecca Bernard

Antonia Maria Betancourt

Paul Biagioli

Kelsey Binder

Tyler James Bitts

Hannah Jolene Black

Sadie Elizabeth Bland

Mauri L. Bohan

Sean Boylan

Rena Ann Fletcher Brown

Joel Bruch

Susan Lynne Brunk

Emily Nicole Burkhart

Jennifer Capone

Olivia Caraballo

Gwen L. Cebulka

Katharine Riley Cinberg

Colleen Coleman

Alicia Colombo

Fall 2023 Graduate

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Health and Education *(Continued)*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION *(Continued)*

Michael John Crimmins	Jordyn A. Hughes
Rae Ann Crispell	Samantha Jane Hughes
Marza Cyphert	Erica May Hykes
Sarah Elizabeth Davis	Chiara J. Irizarry
Dominique DelPriore	Christine Mary Jackson
Catherine Marie Hanley DeSantis	Renee R. Julius
Katelyn M. Deutsch	Kristen Kain
Anna Elizabeth Dice	Brett William Kaseman
Lauren Taylor Diller	Candace Marie Katen
Carla Jean Distasio	Justin Keller
Katelin Elizabeth Drinkard	Ashley Victoria Kennedy
Rebeca T. Dunst	Ashley Nicole Kildoo
# Jacy Covington Earls	Patricia Koster
Ian J. Ebersole	Michelle Lawrence
Emily Eyler	Kyrsten Leiby
# Genevieve Catherine Farr	Laura G. Lentz
Kelly Jean Fedullo	Anna Lindvall
Sarah Fink	Tara L. Lineman
Thomas E. Flisser	Lauren E. Lutz
Adam Michael Frank	Madison Lyle
Amanda Lynne Friedman	# Karol Vivian Maloney
Tucker Cain Garner	Rebecca Marotte
# Alexandria N. Gaydos	Christine Marttila
Molly Geneczko	Barbara A. Martz
Samantha A-Lin Goetz	Ashley Matrale
Marvin Goins	Timmy Silva Mattos
Kimberly M. Gold	Victoria Leigh McAllister Gunstensen
Kelly Tripler Goldstein	Jamie R. McFadden
Kayla Groff	Brianna McGinley
Jocelyn Marie Gross	# Jacob McGuire
Ashley M. Haden	Paul Marvin McIntyre
Carissa Joy Hemingway	Samantha McLean
Kyle B. Hey	Riley McSorley
Andrea L. Heydt	Danielle Moira Meyer
Brandon Hinkle	Jacquelyn Miles
# Sara Ann Hoey	Michael Miller
David Holden	Paula Mims
Marena Jing Horan	Tiffany Mittereder

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Health and Education *(Continued)*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION *(Continued)*

# Jenifer E. Mohler	# Gianna Salvatore-Murphy
# Megan Alexandra Morrissey	Jessica Scavo
MacKenzie A. Moser	Audrey Schaefer
Olivia Marie Mottern	Lori Ann Seaman
Jodi Lynn Moyer	Jennifer Selvenis
Victoria Rose Mulvihill	Michelle Nicole Semian
Katherine Mattson Murphy	Alexandra Nicole Seyler
Patrick Wayne Murphy	Evelyn Grace Shanefield
Sarah Liddle Neill	Ashley N. Shermeyer
Saunya Nicholas	Eric N. Showalter
Sarah Elizabeth Nickey	Cindy J. Siekonic
Frank Joseph Nietz	Janelle Lynn Simmon
Gregory G. Noone	Shannon Marie Smarkola
Megan Pajalich	Kyleigh Ann Smeltzer
# Serena Joi Pascarella	Brianna Smulley
Marissa Pearson	Jennifer Spangenburg
Madison Peck	James Spangler
Autumn Pedron	Erica Stolan
Natalie Perkowski	Deanna Suozzo
Danielle Petry	# Sierra Grace Sutliff
Jessica Marie Plisko	Jade Swavely
Kadriea LA' Trell Porter	Annalei Taylor
# Alexandra Elizabeth Previti	Jennifer Toll
Amanda D. Priest	Amanda M. Tresnicky
John Felix Radkiewicz III	Lindsay Raye Troop
Eddie Anthony Ramos	Jennifer L. Voyik
Liza Raspa	Megan Michelle Wagner
Jessica Renninger	Kimberly Wagner Kievit
Lindsey J. Rhodes	Alyssa J. Weber
Marsha Riddick	Sarai M. Weber
Mandy Lou Ritzman	Kelsey Weinoldt
Jennifer Rivera	Keeley White
Gordon William Robertson	Kaitlynn Naomi Wiltraut
Meisha Mishell Robertson	Kaia Lynn Wise
Gabrielle Roche	Sarah Witte
Ansley Runk	Anya Marie Wood
Stephanie Carmela Saggio	Katherine Yedinak
# Kinda Salloum	Zachary Zagursky

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Health and Education *(Continued)*

Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

The Passan School of Nursing

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Kelsey Aciukewicz	Kelsey Emery
Jason A. Acosta	Angela L. Foore
Ibijoke Helen Adegboyega	Colin M. Fox
Adenike Folake Adetule	Angela T. Gardner
Marie Alexander-Hoth	Rebecca Faith Garritillo
Jeremy Mark Ammons	Chanel Gates
Cara Answini	Amira S. Ghaly
Jonathan Armstead	Kari Gillen
Karey Anna Bacon	Heather Lynn Haluszka
Anthony J. Badway	Christopher A. Hanes
Rachel Bamberger	## Harriet Hanyabui
Jennifer Lynne Bartles	# Adam Light Harlan
# Jacklyn Brooke Bennett	Amber S. Hart
# John George Birmer	Christina Hauser
# Kassandra Blobe	Gabriella Leotie Hay
Flannery Bohne	Juliane Elizabeth Hayashi
Peyton Renee Brunswick	Felicia S. Henry
# Reena Eza Banayat Calizo	Sandra Henry
Joseph Christ Caracci III	Staci L. Henshaw
Colin Bryce Cashman	Hayley Amanda Hill
Janet Chan	Richard P. Holligan
Kelsey J. Clauser	Megan L. Hullihan
Christine Louise Collins	Rosemond Ihesie
# Janelle Craft	Aletheia Jackson
Erin Crotty	Andrew Jecklin
Samantha Leigh Culp	Nora Lee Clizbe-Joy
Jessica Lou Daniels	Hellen Kemunto Kamau
Safeeyah Masani Davis	Francis Kamau Kangara
Andreza Patricia Alves de Oliveira	Melissa A. Keefe
Jessica Leigh Decker	Kerrie L. King
Shannon Dempsey	Julie Marie Knapp
Herla Dorvil	Kelly Jackson Kon
Amy Theresa Duschinski	# Albert Kwimi
Uzoma Ebisike	Michael Laranang Leal
Shamada Edwards	Jane Lee

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Health and Education *(Continued)*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING *(Continued)*

Kaylin M. LeMelle-Thomas	Andrew John Riutta
Albrando Lorenzo Lucino, Jr.	Alexandra Rodriguez
Keri Lykins	Emilia Angeline Rodriguez
Heather MacDonald	Erin Rogers
Michelle Marcelus	Tamara Roshay
Karen Martinez	Kristin Ann Rushton
Nathalie Mazina	Jennifer Lee Sala
Grace A. Mba	Claudine Mary Salvato
Chioma Mbogu	Jarvis Schaffer
Amanda McConville	Kaitlyn Valan Schweich
# Jilian McDermott	Bridget Eileen Searles
Misty McReynolds	Rose Danielle Sedgwick
Beth A. Mesecher	Blake Edward Sellers
Nicole J. Mullings	Anya Shaunessy
Paige Neidrich	Mariah E. Shirey
Esther Ngari	Shayna Marie Shorrock
# Gina Novilus	# Shaihanne Singh
Donatien Ndoungwa Ntennou	Rebecca Sklar
Noelle Okon	Olayanju Yetunde Sogunro
Ivie Okunbor	Calli Stratton
# Bennett Okyere	Evelyna Joanna Switajski
Emmanuel C. Omeni	Casey Ann Thompson
Andrea Christine Orpin	Evan Thurston Thompson
## McGovern A. Owusu	Tina Michelle Trautz
Noemi Paola Padilla	Teresa Marie Trovato
Manisha M. Patel	Gulnaz Hanif Vahora
Heather Ann Penn	Erin Casey Vinius
Kelly A. Perez	Debra Wagner
# Laurie Pierre	Carolyn M. Whewell
Jenny Marie Pivonka	# Kaitlyn Marie Willis
# Mary Jean Soliven Rabara	# Eunice F. Wilson
Karen Ramnarine-Williams	Brittan Wolbert
Suri Raudales	Brianna Wolfe
Susan Chrystal Reid	Boneque Yoneque Danielle Wright

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Health and Education *(Continued)*

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NURSING

Loveth Efosa Abu	Assumpta E. Ekeh
Melissa Allio	Emine Evans
Lienys Almaguer	Callista Anne Everett
Christina Atilanie Ambrose	Linda Fares
Courtney Brooke Andrejczak	Mallory Alexis Freeman
Ines Ingrid Tagne Anton	Jennifer Furlow
Chioma Christiana Anyanwu	Rachel Galati
Charmaine D. Arenas	Erika Elena Garcia
# Meseret Asfaw	Faryal Gloom
Emelia Baah	Tina Goethie-Lyons
Tanya Denise Baca	Jorge Gonzalez Torres
Eniola R. Bamidele	Kira Graziano
Sascha P. Beaumont	Susan Guerra
Rebecca L Beecroft	Tabitha Wynne Hapeman
Jillian Katrina Benoit	Nakita Letitia Harris
Bharat Bhushan	LaMonica A. Hodges
Wyvon Latrice Blackwell	Sheri Hosbach
Karen Bolich	# Donna Hunter-Smith
Stacey Bottex	Cat M. Huss
Marina Bourke	Ugochi Ucheamaka Irikannu
# Kla Jones Brosius	Sarah Esele Iyoha
Darlene Brun	Noelle Jacobsen
Oslaida Caballero	Sandra Joder
Jan Marie Carnaghi	Umeko Kassandra Jones
Emily Carter	Michecarine Joseph-Toussaint
Carolyn Chan Catalano	Rose Chinasa Kajuru
Samantha Michelle Cavanaugh	Akosua O. Karikari
Lisa A. Childress	Laura Suzanne Lahti
Carmelle K. Cime	Claudia Leal-Acuna
Timothy Clynch	Antoinette Marie Mailloux
Tamara Latoya Coleburn	Obianuju Makinde-Agu
# Magdalene Coleman	Kathryn Jean Malenfant
Satin Marie Condos	Joanne Mandell
Desislava Cooper	Danielle Markham
Amanda Leigh Craven	Akukeng W. Mba
# Joseph Creadle	Melissa Erin McCormick
Sergelyne Desousces	Shainna McKenzie
Simona Dlabal	Sidney Donette Medina
### Ceyon M. Drakes	Madaye Menard
Jessica Lynn Durbin	Carmen L. Mendez

Fall 2023 Graduate ## Summer 2023 Graduate

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Health and Education *(Continued)*

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NURSING *(Continued)*

Marva Mitchell-Sprual	Jean-Joseph G. Rendel, Jr.
Tina Lynne Mobley	Ivory Smith Rhymes
Esther Moore	Yosen Rodriguez Jimenez
# Stevenson Morency	Nancy Ann Rouget
Kimberly Mulvey	Lisa Saintil
Jean Paul Njom Konde	Ashley M. Schuetz
Sharon Njoroge	Crystal E. Scott
Danielle Elise Nugent	# Charleene Flowers Smith
# Juliana Chinyere Nwauwa	Janet B. Soff
# Edema Alfred Obaseki	Natali Sokolovski
Bridgette B. Obinku	Kay Lynn Southwell
Esther Ofori-Denutsui	Thelma B. St. Victor
Chinye Ngozi Ogbuchiekwe	# Natacha Sylney
Michael Ehidiamhen Okojie	Waseema Tajammul
Jamie Leigh Paré	Eliza Mae Dela Cruz Tangonan
Amy Lynn Parisi	Angela Thomas-Lefebvre
Elise S. Perlaki	Stacy-Ann Thomas-Leslie
David Petersen	Gloria F. Toyinbo
# Nancy Phillips	Nadia M. Valentin
Joanne J. Pierre-Louis	Mia Maria Volrie
Oluwole O. Pitan	Robin Eileen Walker
Hermide Agenor Placide	Norma White
Harry Point Du Jour	Barrington Williams
Ange-Marie Pompee-Synsmir	Jacqueline Windham
Melanie Raz	# Victor B. Yabidi
Christine Marie Reisdorph	Dorcas Yahaya
Olumide T. Remi-Johnson	

The College of Arts and Sciences

Paul T. Riggs, *Dean*

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING

Ruth A. Connors	Cody Lynn Marsh, Sr.
Julie Danao-Salkin	Nathalie Gonzalez O'Brien
Nicole Louise Duncan	Anne McGraw Reeves
Andrea Lianne Edwards	Jackson Rodriguez
Ashlee Laura Harry	Cassandra Louise O'Sullivan Sachar
Cassidy Jade Heid	Tammy A. Sincavage
Madaline Blake Hoy	

Fall 2023 Graduate

DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Health and Education

Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

The Nesbitt School of Pharmacy

Jonathan D. Ference, *Dean*

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

- Nicole Arbogast, *Cum Laude*
Heidi Nicole Betz, *Magna Cum Laude*
Shannon Rose Boyle
²⁴ Shannon Brown, *Summa Cum Laude*
Pamela Brune, *Magna Cum Laude*
³² Justine Elizabeth Buczynski
Joseph Robert Carey, *Cum Laude*
^{19,24} Jordan Marie Childress, *Summa Cum Laude*
Ashlyn Clark, *Cum Laude*
Kieran M. Collins
Dylan Bryce Corriere
Sydney Lorraine Couturier
²⁴ Nicholas Francis D'Andrea, *Summa Cum Laude*
Andrew Robert Dean
^{19,24,32} Gianna Lynn DeSanto, *Summa Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Master of Business Administration
²⁴ Emilie Detweiler, *Summa Cum Laude*
Derek Christopher Donaldson
Amy Ann Driscoll
³² Gillian Elaine Dudeck, *Cum Laude*
Emily Ann Evans
¹⁹ Julia Lauren Firestine, *Cum Laude*
¹⁹ Sierra Elizabeth Fisher, *Magna Cum Laude*
Jennifer Nicole Goresch
¹⁹ Jennifer Nicole Gronski, *Magna Cum Laude*
Kimberly Ann Gruver
Catherine Hellevik
Madisyn Irace
Devynn Ireland
²⁴ Carissa Anne Kern, *Summa Cum Laude*
³² Stefanie Ellen Kramer, *Cum Laude*
Ivy Atta Kusi
Second Degree, Master of Business Administration
³² Evan Matthew Liddington, *Magna Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Master of Business Administration
¹⁹ Julie Ann Maddage
³² Dominic James Maneval, *Magna Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Master of Business Administration
^{24,32} Sarah Catherine Markovich, *Summa Cum Laude*
Hallie Morgan Mathews, *Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Master of Business Administration
Shane C. Miller
Anthony Molitoris
Michael Edward Novatnack
Second Degree, Master of Business Administration
Noah Olson
Prit N. Patel, *Cum Laude*
²⁴ Jason Michael Pepe, *Summa Cum Laude*
Michael Porr
Anthony Francis Poyer
Matthew William Reed, *Magna Cum Laude*
Steven Cameron Ritter
Second Degree, Master of Business Administration
Kelby Sue Ross
Joseph Michael Salukas IV
^{24,32} Jamie Marie Sayre, *Summa Cum Laude*
Sarah Lynn Seward, *Cum Laude*
^{19,24,32} Lauren Elisabeth Shiplett, *Magna Cum Laude*
Emily Ann Shygelski
Kyle Matthew Sokol
Second Degree, Master of Business Administration
³² Emma Mae Stauffer, *Cum Laude*
Kayla Elizabeth Stelma
³² Ryan Stewart, *Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Master of Business Administration
^{24,32} Nicholas Alan Superko, *Magna Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Master of Business Administration
Matthew James Taleroski
³² Rachel Lynee Thomas, *Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Master of Business Administration
^{24,32} Quinlan Toomey, *Summa Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Master of Business Administration

DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Health and Education *(Continued)*

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY *(Continued)*

Tanner Robert Odell Torgersen, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Cole A. Wenner, <i>Cum Laude</i> <i>Second Degree, Master of Business Administration</i>
Rachael Anne Vietz	²⁴ Bryce Alan Yench, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
^{19,32} Hannah Kathleen Vitale, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Mary Irene Zeunen
	^{19,24} Joseph E. Zola, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>

The Passan School of Nursing

Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Catherine Victoria DelBello	Uchechi Amy Onyeyirim
Blair Ferguson	Martine Phillips
Mary Beth Mecca	Agatha N. Ukaegbu

Education

Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Taylor Marie Alouisa	Daniel Duane Magie
Glenna Anne Blessing	Nadiyah Ebrahim Mayyahi
Meghan Ashley Buckley	Amanda McCloskey
Lisa A. Ciampi	A. Peter Nicholson III
Elizabeth Marie Dincher	Lauren Pace
[#] Michael S. Heater, Jr.	Colleen Penzone
Jennifer Homoki <i>Degree Awarded Posthumously</i>	Amanda Marie Pope
James Steven Kessler	Nicholas Kajder Pozek
Kate Anne Kocsis	Lucas James Roberts
Nathan Paul Kroptavich	Stephanie Anne Schwab
Melissa Lamson	Brian Joseph Stevko
Carissa Long	[#] Thomas Harman Toone
	Michael Robert Vogt

The Passan School of Nursing

Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

Grace Wanja Kibue

[#] Fall 2023 Graduate

2024 January Graduates

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Business and Engineering

Abel Adekola, *Dean*

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Michael J. Boccella

Robert Bowman Elliott IV

Maureen Iskra

Molly Kate Maley

Thomas Guido Marsola

Anthony Molitoris

Chukwuka Ndukwe

Nathan Paul White

Engineering

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

Md Ferdous Ahmed

Vivek Galipelli

Ravinder Kaur

Tejinder Singh

The College of Health and Education

Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Brandon Adams

Olivia Allison

Eric L. Anstadt

Alicia Marie Austin

Julianna W. Balmer

Megan Elizabeth Bankos

Christopher Kyle Barff

Dustin J. Bartron

Linsey Marie Bender

Mauri L. Bohan

Courtney Bourcy

Samantha Elizabeth Brenner

Olivia Brill

Casey Jean Brosious

Robert S. Burkhardt

Nicole Olivia Capuano

Alicia Colombo

Korinne Angela Corallo

Jo Ann Curcuru

Bettina Marie Dalessandro

Niyah C. Dark

Catherine R. Deatrigh

Lisa M. Disposto

Jordan Ditty

Erin Duffy

Jacy Covington Earls

Julie Ebling

Maribel Eggles

Elizabeth Lauren Erbe

Genevieve Catherine Farr

Rebekah Elizabeth Feeser

Chad Jimmy Feilbach

Adam J. Fischer

Alexandria N. Gaydos

Haley Elizabeth Gayoski

Sean Eric George

Courtney Ann Gwizdz

Kayla Lynn Hall

2024 January Graduates

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Health and Education *(Continued)*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION *(Continued)*

Jacob Haney	Louisa A. Mumma
Leigh Anne Haydt	Jordan Oravetz
Amy Dorsey Heard	Serena Joi Pascarella
Katie Elizabeth Heberling	Samantha S. Phillips
Ryan Newman Hercik	Zachary William Pratt
Brittany Hess	Alexandra Elizabeth Previti
Sara Ann Hoey	Amanda J. Purcell
Taylor Hogan	Delanee K. Rasmussen
Jennifer L. Johnson	Sabrina Rena Rex
Kristen Jeanette Jones	Alessandra Rossino
Patricia Jordan	Anthony Rossino
Edward Judge	Kinda Salloum
Brandon Stefan Keks	Gianna Salvadore-Murphy
Jacob Kelly	Mary Jeannette Sanchez
Juliana Krupka	Tammy M. Schenfield
Jacqueline Krut	Kelci Siminitus
Rachel Kuper	James Snyder
Ashley Nichole Landers	Richard J. Stanley, Jr.
Rajah E. Lehr	Kaden Stensland
Jessica I. Levy	Emma Margaretha Stuart
William J. Liotta	Sierra Grace Sutliff
Victoria Mack	Thomas David Swenson
Karol Vivian Maloney	Waldemar Michal Szepletowski
Tanya Marie Masich	Brandon Tran
Dianne Matteson	Leanne VanKirk
Jacob Maynard	Payne Vazquez
Jennifer Lynn Mazzei	Rachel Ventura
Aubrey McElroy	¹⁵ Saravanapriya Vijayakumar
Jacob McGuire	Rebecca Lynn Vroman
Kirsten E. McNamara	Adria D. Wetherhold
Christina Miller	Kes Wheeler
Jenifer E. Mohler	Omni White
Shannon Moore	Jenna Wile Bennett
Nicole Morin	Madison Wilson
Christopher E. Morrell	Alyssa Wright
Megan Alexandra Morrissey	Kristi M. Yordy

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

The Passan School of Nursing

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Crystal Abbott	Sarah Dorothy Gloster
Oluwatosin A. Aina	Kelly Marie Grace
Ma Lourdes Yorobe Amparado	Scott Adam Gregorowicz
Julie Antoine	Adam Light Harlan
Vera Ngozi Anyirah	Brooke Anne Harris
Christina Arentz	Elizabeth Nicole Heim
Anna Attardi	Shana-Gail Shaneka Hill
Nicole Valette Beach	Michaela Rose Hogan
Rachael Kay Beidelschies	Ramanda S. Holgersson
Jacklyn Brooke Bennett	Laura Holtzman
Jean P. Berkebile	Benjamin Wesley Howell
Irene Biondo	Nico Ignozza
John George Birmer	Brenda Elizabeth Jaime
Kassandra Blobe	Amanda Ashley James
Matthew Booth	Kasey Nichole James
Desire Brown	Joan N. Jones
Nicole Marie Buri	Edith Estrada Juhlin
Reena Eza Banayat Calizo	Jane N. Kalu
James Castagna	Teresia Karanja
William Joseph Chu	Kaitlin Marie Keller
Janelle Craft	Mija Kim
Kristin Ann Cuff	Michael R. King
Odette Daley	Ashley Lynn Kinney
Olivia Davis	Robert L. Kipphorn, Jr.
Linsley Ann DelPivo	Mark Scott Knight
Alexandra DiVentura	Katelyn Ashley Kokolus
Jessica Ellen Eggers	Amanda Dawn Korver
Bleck Exilus	Albert Kwimi
Patrick J. Farrell, Jr.	Heather Kyer
Krystle Ann Fiengo	Olena Kyrlyenko
Scarlett Finocchiaro	Taylor Lackey
Jonathan Dean Flake	Monica Laird
Lauren J. Fournier	Jou Hou Lau
Kathryn Fox	Tramaine Layne
Mae Frawley	Joshua N. Lehman
Fatmeh Mohammad Friant	Stephanie A. Lowe
Aubrey Leigh Ginocchietti	Cynthia Anne Lynch
Laura Lee Glass	Arshad M. Malik

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Nicholl Marshall	Antoinette Novola Robbins
Suzanne Michelle Matthes	Esther Rubin
Jilian McDermott	Christeena Saju
Stacy Lyn McMillan-Maker	Jeffrey Salerno, Jr.
Patrick Daniel McNamara	Christine Samuel
Agata Marta Menard	Ayanna Sangster
Yvonne Marie Mifflin	Nicole Santoro
Mark Misczanski, Jr.	Monica Shanique Saunders
Taylor Elizabeth Mitchell	Jeneba Katie Sawaneh
Christopher Moore	Victoria Shaara
Yvon Mukunzi	Jacqueline Nicole Sieber
Matthew Mulé	Shaihanne Singh
Marilyn J. Murray	Krystina Jade Smith
Kathleen A. Neil	Charlotte Anne Swerdon
Phuc Ha Phuong Nguyen	Jason Swiecki
Ogechi Nkeonye	Mohamed Mohamud Tarey
Gina Novilus	Carrie S. Teyssier
Adrian Nwosu	Amanda Turley
Justus Onwong'a Nyamwancha	Kristine Lynn Vollmer
Uchenna Iheanyi Okeke	Donna J. Webster
Bennett Okyere	Jessica Ember Whitney
Mordan Alexandra Pappas	Wendy Ann Wildes
Abigail Frances Parisen	Patricia Anne Major Willardson
Nakisha Faye Patton	Kaitlyn Marie Willis
Madeline Phipps	Eunice F. Wilson
Laurie Pierre	Edna Wireko
Jonathan W. Pooler	Jazmin Ebony Wright
Brianna Lashay Prioleau	Latece Wright
Mary Jean Soliven Rabara	Azriel Zimmerman
Conner Rhoten	

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NURSING

Ghassan Abuelian	Meseret Asfaw
Oluwakemi Y. Adewole	Awatif Bazzi
Victoria Adigun	Aimee Brianne Beck
Nicole Antionette Alexander	Sara Belle
Leona Seretha Allen	Runez M. Bender
Katelynn Alvey	Jackelyn Bhattarai
Tabitha Arey	Christine Hélène Bouchard

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Kla Jones Brosius	Donna Hunter-Smith
Brittany Anita Busey	Jacinta Chinyere Igbo
Kayon Campbell	Kelly Eileen Jean-Louis
Kristina Grace Casel	Mohammad Kaadan
Laura Jean Cesario	Hellen Kamanga
Christyl Llopis Champion	Denay Lynn Kelly
Suzanne Marie Cheeseman Armijo	George Kieh
Magdalene Coleman	Melissa Marie Lane
Danny Michael Cox	Kristin Lebeau
Joseph Creadle	Kristen Leanne Mabee
Jennifer A. Crossan	Nadine D. Massillon
Christa Ann Cuellar	Bryce Allen May
Donna J. Cummings	Catherine Marie Mazzie
Johnnie Lee Daley	Amanda Byrd McCormack
Nadine Davis	Casandra D. Melton
Jennifer Ann Demko	Shannon Messerges
Aimee Elizabeth Detweiler	Amonica ShaNay Mitchell
Patrick S. Dispoto	Stevenson Morency
Carter Doyle	Mark Moreno
Sandra Elaine Dubose	Nelli Faridovna Murtazina
Marcy Marie Engebretson	Martine W. Ngamelue-Kouemo
LaRhonda Marie Enslow	Shannon Marie Nicosia
Izehi Eromosele	Juliana Chinyere Nwauwa
Rose Mery Estinvil	Josephine O'Hara
Neuza Fernandes Eugene	Edema Alfred Obaseki
Jennifer Asican Evans	Moses Obidike
Karen A. Fields-Sykes	Omolola Kofoworola Oloyede
Nyla Lynn Fleming	Annie Mae Paige
Ryan J. Fuson	Hiral Patel
Tarsicio Gachiri Gacheru	Nancy Phillips
Orestes Garcia Alfonso	Toni Elizabeth Coaxum Pinckney
Joana Gillett-Spio	Diana Piskala
Carina Danielle Grebeck	Cheryl Popovich-Golestani
Tammy Grisham	Teresa Puckhaber
Mercedes D. Gutierrez	Andrew Richard Rhodes
Katie Harvey	Mary S. Rihani
Bracie Haworth	Anisley Robaina
Alexis Heisler	Daniel Rybalov
Tiffany Herriage	Sheree Savage-Artis
Timekia Renee Hill	Rayannon Scholl
Alison Hodges	Catherine Serrano

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Charleene Flowers Smith
Jackie Sue Smith
Margaret Marie Smith
Nathan Steinberg
Kelly Erin Suchar
Natacha Sylney
Juliana Tacardon
Deborah Diaz Telesford
Ethan Tran

Amber L. Trautman
Deetta Kay Vance
Michael Volodarskiy
Sheila D. Walker
Dorian Nichol Williams
Mary Wunnenberg
Victor B. Yabidi
Esi Fosua Yeboah

DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Health and Education

Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

The Passan School of Nursing

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Michele K. Bradshaw
Jane Carolyn Boldrigo
Gina Harrison

Renaud Jean Louis
Karrie D. Peterson

Education

Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Krista Lyn Finch
Jennifer Guogas-Butchko
Joshua Michael Hanna
Dawn R. Harding
¹⁵ Michael S. Heater, Jr.

Jeffrey K. Hinton
Mark Jonathan Moreland
Thomas Harman Toone
Ronald Lewis Wales, Jr.

The Passan School of Nursing

Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

Sarah Anne Sumner

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Scholarly Societies and Special Designations

- 4 *Membership in Alpha Chi, the National College Honor Scholarship Society*
- 5 *Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Honorary Society in Sociology*
- 6 *Membership in Beta Beta Beta, the National Honorary Society in Biology*
- 7 *Membership in Chi Alpha Epsilon, the Honorary Society which recognizes students admitted to the University through Higher Education Opportunity Programs*
- 8 *Membership in Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration*
- 9 *Honors in Biology*
- 10 *Honors in English*
- 11 *Honors in Electrical Engineering*
- 12 *Honors in Environmental Engineering*
- 13 *Honors in Mechanical Engineering*
- 14 *Membership in Lambda Pi Eta, the National Honor Society in Communications*
- 15 *Membership in Phi Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society in Education*
- 16 *Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification*
- 17 *Candidates for Pennsylvania Principal Certification*
- 18 *Membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honor Society in History*
- 19 *Membership in Phi Lambda Sigma, the Pharmacy Leadership Society*
- 20 *Membership in Phi Sigma Tau, the National Honor Society in Philosophy*
- 21 *Membership in Pi Kappa Delta, the National Honorary Forensic Society*
- 22 *Membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society*
- 23 *Membership in Psy Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology*
- 24 *Membership in Rho Chi, the National Honor Society in Pharmacy*
- 25 *Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honor Society in English*
- 26 *Membership in Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing*
- 27 *Tom Bigler Scholar*
- 28 *Pre-Medical Scholar*
- 29 *Membership in the National Student Nurses Association*
- 30 *Membership in Sigma Alpha Pi, the National Society of Leadership and Success*
- 31 *Membership in Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society*
- 32 *Honors Program Graduate*
- 33 *Membership in Sigma Delta Pi, the National Hispanic Honor Society*
- 34 *Barre Scholars Graduate*
- 35 *Honors in Civil Engineering*
- # *Fall 2023 Graduate*
- ## *Summer 2023 Graduate*

2024 Student Awards

Academic Awards

College of Health and Education

NESBITT SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

The American Pharmacists Association

Mortar and Pestle Professionalism Award Sarah Markovich

The Nesbitt School of Pharmacy Academic Achievement Award.....Jordan Childress
Jason Pepe

VIATRIS™ Excellence in Pharmacy Award.....Sarah Markovich

The Wolters Kluwer Excellence in Clinical Communication Award Emilie Detweiler

The Nesbitt School of Pharmacy Dean's Outstanding Graduate AwardRyan Stewart

The Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association

Outstanding Pharmacy Student Award..... Ryan Stewart

Jurisprudence Scholar Award..... Shannon Brown

The Nesbitt School of Pharmacy Excellence

in Clinical Practice Award.....Evan Liddington

The Department of Pharmacy Practice Research AwardJamie Sayre
Bryce Yencha

The Nesbitt School of Pharmacy Community Service Award.....Julia Firestine

Pennsylvania Society of Health System Pharmacists Award Evan Liddington

The Rule Sisters Pharmacy Award.....Julia Firestine
Cole Wenner

The Department of Pharmacy Practice Research Award Gillian Dudeck
Jason Pepe

PASSAN SCHOOL OF NURSING

The Robin Chard Memorial PhD Student

Award for Outstanding Achievement Sarah Sumner

The Doctor of Nursing Practice Award for Excellence..... Jane Boldridge

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The Joseph and Barbara Bellucci Distinguished Graduate Award Yosara Gonzalez

Diane Place Doctoral Graduate and Dissertation Award Jacqueline Linda Arce

College of Business and Engineering

JAY S. SIDHU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Academic Achievement Award - MBA..... Robert Elliott

Amanda Henderson

Donovan Klem

Alyssa Swiezak

McHale Athletic Center, Simms Center on Main

FIRST AID — Medical personnel are available for first aid assistance at the first aid station in the Engel Room just off the lobby. Should you need assistance, please contact the usher or a Public Safety Officer.

PICTURE TAKING — Because of the 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. A photograph will be taken of each graduate as the diploma is presented by the President.

REST ROOMS — Rest rooms are accessible from the lobby and on second floor. A woman's restroom is available at the rear of the McHale Athletic Center.

BEVERAGES — Water is available at the drinking fountains on the first floor of the building. Starbucks will be open during the ceremony.

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*
- Brown — *Fine Arts*
- Olive — *Pharmacy*
- Blue — *Education*
- Apricot — *Nursing*

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, and 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.

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.