

## Music Alumni in Tune at Spring Concert



Music alumni came back to campus on April 25 and 26 to perform in the annual spring concert and to catch up with each other thanks to the collaborative efforts of Assistant Professor Philip G. Simon and the Office of Alumni Relations. Twenty alumni reunited under the direction of guest conductors Ray Nutaitis '62 and Terry Zipay. Photos of the weekend are available at: <http://community.wilkes.edu/band>.

Pictured above, from left, are David Cooper '74, Philip Herfort '69, Donald Williams '76, Ray Nutaitis '62, Ethel Shannon Sherman '73, Clark Hamman '72, and Mark Dubik '76.  
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2009 Alumni Scholarship honoree Helen Ralston '52 and Wilkes President Tim Gilmour show off the award presented at the annual scholarship dinner held April 25 at the Henry Student Center. Alumni gathered to honor Ralston for her contributions and accomplishments. Recognized for her heart of blue and gold, she still brings the Wilkes family together and regularly leads the alma mater and National Anthem at University functions.

## MEET LAURA CARDINALE '72, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

### Education

I hold a bachelor's degree in economics from Wilkes University and completed post-graduate work in economics at Northeastern University in Boston.

### Career

My current position is vice president-finance and business planning at Verizon. I began my career at New England Telephone Company and have held positions in marketing, finance and strategic planning there and at Bell Atlantic and Verizon corporations.

### Favorite Wilkes Memory

My favorite academic memories include multiple walks a day (usually in the cold!) to Parrish Hall, where all of the business, finance and economics classes were held at that time. I credit the small classes and excellent faculty with the high-quality education I received. From a social perspective, my favorite

Wilkes memory is life at Sturdevant Hall, with fond memories of fabulous friendships and camaraderie as well as great parties.

### How did you get involved with Alumni Association?

Four years ago a friend and former classmate contacted me and asked if I would be interested in becoming a member of the Alumni Association Board. I became aware of the great work that was being done to transform the post-graduation relationships between the University and alumni.

### What is your vision for the Alumni Association Board?

My vision is straightforward: to strengthen the bond between alumni and the University.



### NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

The following alumni joined the board in May:

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| Jef Bauman '09         | Kristin Hake Klemish '04 |
| Cynthia Charnetski '97 | Nick Koch '12            |
| JJ Fadden '98          | Ruth McDermott-Levy '82  |
| Roya Fahmy '83         | Anita Mucciolo '78       |
| Jill Kalariya '10      |                          |

Newly elected Alumni Association officers, from left: Fred Demech '61, first vice president; Laura Cardinale '72, president; Rosemary LaFratte '93 MBA'97, second vice president.  
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## Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2009: Oct. 9-11 The Legend Continues...

Relive Wilkes memories and make new ones at Homecoming! Last year 1,000 alumni and friends were back on campus to celebrate. Enjoy events all weekend long:

- Tailgate Tent and football game vs. Lebanon Valley
- 10th Anniversary Celebration of the pharmacy program
- Young alumni Tent Festival on Saturday evening
- Running Club-sponsored 5K
- Parade through downtown Wilkes-Barre
- Gatherings for Doane, Weckesser and Gore Hall alumni, field hockey alumnae and many more
- Ralston Alumni Golf Tournament at Irem Country Club
- Celebrate your reunion!

### CELEBRATE YOUR REUNION!

If you graduated in **1949, 1959, 1969, 1984, 1999** or **2004**, don't miss out on your class reunion!

Find out more and register online today! [wilkes.edu/homecoming](http://wilkes.edu/homecoming)



### QUESTIONS?

Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at **(800) WILKES-U Ext. 7787** or at [alumni@wilkes.edu](mailto:alumni@wilkes.edu).



### PHARMACY PROGRAM 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Come back to campus to get together with faculty members, reconnect with friends and meet current students. Planned weekend activities include:

- dinner on Saturday night
- reception with LKS, Kappa Psi
- continuing education opportunity
- events throughout Homecoming Weekend

For more information on the Pharmacy Program's 10th Anniversary Celebration, check out The Colonel Connection, <http://community.wilkes.edu/pharmacy> or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at **(800) WILKES-U Ext. 7787** or e-mail [alumni@wilkes.edu](mailto:alumni@wilkes.edu).

Above: Members of the first Pharmacy School graduating class. PHOTO FROM WILKES ARCHIVES