

A Life Well-Lived Savors the Arts

WILKES UNIVERSITY MAINTAINS A STRONG commitment to the arts, which is driven by the following premises: preparation of all of our undergraduates for a life well and fully lived must include an appreciation of the arts; interested students must be given the opportunity to develop their artistic talents; a key element to improving the Wyoming Valley's quality of life is a vibrant arts community and full calendar of art events. To the extent that Wilkes can facilitate and contribute to a vibrant arts community, it also

provides a more fulfilling undergraduate experience for the students and a genuine public service for the community that redounds to the University's benefit.

Historically, Wilkes has been a regional leader in the arts and continues, through a vital Department of Visual and Performing Arts and its wide variety of theatre and music programs, the Sordoni Museum, and the Music Conservatory, to contribute robustly to the arts on campus and in the Wyoming Valley.

In recent years, undergraduate student interest in the arts has increased. More and more students pursue some facet of the arts during their studies, and we want to encourage more participation in the arts in class and in extracurricular activities.

Beginning on page 14, you can read about our popular dance classes.

More than 200 Wilkes students take dance classes each semester.
PHOTO BY CURTIS SALONICK

As we look ahead, we see an even more vital role for the arts at Wilkes. In the community, we will develop a greater awareness of what we already do and extend our programs into the downtown to ensure a genuine and sustained renaissance there. On campus, it will involve even greater opportunities for deep immersion for talented students in some facet of the arts and for broader development of arts appreciation as an essential element of a life well-lived for all.



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