Dear Wilkes Student,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Wilkes University community. At Wilkes we take great pride in providing the latest technologies to our students. Our goal is to provide you with outstanding information and technology services. These are not just words for us, over the past several months we have continued to upgrade our campus network, computer lab facilities, and expand wireless coverage. As a welcome gift to you as one of our new students, I would like to invite you to pick-up a Wilkes flash drive during the technology orientation session.

Many of Wilkes courses require software, such as Microsoft Word. To ensure that you have access to the applications you will need, Wilkes has acquired a campus-wide student license for the Microsoft Office Pro suite (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, and Outlook). All students will be able to pick-up the Microsoft Office Pro CD In the fall at no charge. Additionally we will be providing anti-virus and anti-spyware software to our residential and commuter students also at no charge. Watch for more information on when and where to pick-up your copies of these software packages in Today@Wilkes and on our IT Services Web site.

The even better news is that there are many more enhancements in progress designed to achieve our vision of a Digital Wilkes. Projects that we are working on include:

- Upgrading students email
- Expanding wireless to the entire campus
- Refreshing computers in many of our computer classrooms and labs

You may be wondering what type of computer you should bring with you to campus. I highly recommend a laptop computer as most of the campus will have wireless Internet access this fall. Below are our recommended minimum specifications for students.

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<td>- Intel® Pentium® M Processor (1.7 GHz or higher)</td>
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### Desktop Windows

- Intel® Pentium® 4 Processor (3.2GHz, 2M, 800MHz FSB)
- Genuine Windows® XP Professional, SP2, with Media
- 1.0GB DDR2 Non-ECC SDRAM, 533MHz, (2DIMM)
- 40GB Ultra ATA/100 7200RPM Hard Drive
- CD-RW/DVD Combo Drive
- 10/100 Ethernet card
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### Desktop Macintosh

- 1.66 GHz Intel Core Duo
- SuperDrive 8x (DVD+R DL/DVD±RW/CD-RW)
- Mac OS X
- 1 GB 667 DDR2 SDRAM
- 80 GB Serial ATA drive
- 10/100 Ethernet card

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Once again welcome to Wilkes! and I look forward to meeting you, sharing more information, answering your questions and giving you a Wilkes flash drive during student orientations in June and July. In the mean time I invite you to visit our Web site at [http://www.wilkes.edu/pages/639.asp](http://www.wilkes.edu/pages/639.asp) for more information.

Sincerely,

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