WILKES UNIVERSITY'S 77TH ANNUAL

Spring Commencement

FOR THE CONFERRING OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Saturday, May Eighteenth

Two-thousand and twenty-four • 3 p.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

Kara Beerley

Member of the Class of 2024

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... Paul Wender '69

Order of Exercises

THE CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES ..... Greg Cant
President

ALUMNI INDUCTION ..... John Sweeney '13
Vice 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 Huckeby
(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

Awards

THE MABLE SCOTT WANDELL AND STERLING LEROY WANDELL AWARDS

This award is presented to the graduate who has attained the highest academic average for the four years at Wilkes University.

Presentation by David M. Ward
Senior Vice President and Provost

THERESA JORDAN AND FRANK MEHM PRIZE ..... Michael Nowak '24

This annual prize recognizes an individual from the Wilkes community who by vote of a select committee, exemplifies moral courage, perseverance, formidable faith and a sense of unwavering optimism.

Presentation by Mark Allen
Associate Vice President for Student Life and Success

ALUMNI AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP ..... Kara Beerley '24

This award is given by the Wilkes University Alumni Association to the member of the graduating class considered to have made the strongest contributions to student life and the student activities program of the University.

Presentation by John Sweeney '13
Alumni Association Vice President

ARMED FORCES RESERVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ..... Zachery Frie '24

Presentation by Joshua Lyons
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force

Commencement Address

DR. PAUL WENDER ’69

Paul Wender ’69 serves as the Francis W. Bergstrom Professor of Chemistry and holds a courtesy appointment in the Department of Chemical and Systems Biology at Stanford University. He previously served on the faculty at Harvard University.

The Wender Group, housed at Stanford University, examines issues of significance in chemistry, biology and medicine, including HIV/AIDS, resistant cancer, cancer immunotherapy, infectious diseases and cognitive disorders such as Alzheimer’s disease. He is the co-founder of several biotech companies.

Wender is an elected member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, a foreign member of the Royal Spanish Academy of Sciences and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. His research has been recognized with awards including the Tetrahedron Prize, the Prelog Medal, the Arthur Cope Award and the Cohen Award for Excellence in Medicinal Chemistry. Teaching honors include the Hoagland Prize, Bing Teaching Award and Dean’s Teaching Award.

Wender was an NIH postdoctoral fellow at Columbia University. He earned a doctorate in chemistry from Yale University and a bachelor of science degree from Wilkes College. Wender was also awarded an honorary degree from Wilkes in 1993.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts and Sciences

Paul T. Riggs, *Dean*

BIOLOGY

Andrea Isabella Arauz Rodriguez, *Cum Laude*
Second Major, Neuroscience

Tyler Batista Nieto

[6] Maxine Elizabeth Bodnari, *Cum Laude*

[6, 32] Eliza Cant, *Summa Cum Laude*

[6] Jocelyn Leigh Cussatt

Christina Gail DeCresenza

Erin Dietrich
Second Degree, Neuroscience

Zachary Foote

Cassidy Greenman

Carolina Esther Gutierrez Amaya

Mia Hensil

[#] Matthew Hollay

[6] Marissa Kovaleski, *Summa Cum Laude*

Colton Blade Miller

[6, 9, 32] Esther Pauline Orlando, *Cum Laude*

[6, 32] Krishna S. Patel, *Cum Laude*

Aryln G. Rivera Rios

BIOCHEMISTRY

[#, 32] Courtney Christina Novak, *Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Environmental Science

Daphne Elizabeth Shencavitz

CHEMISTRY

Ryley Elana Kirk

Shawnessey Koebel

[#] Leah Kubasek

Emily Morgan Purcell

COMPUTER SCIENCE

[32, 34] Logan J. Cary, *Magna Cum Laude*

Drew Guardo Fiedler, *Cum Laude*

[32] Zachery Frie, *Summa Cum Laude*

[32] David Greybosh, *Summa Cum Laude*

Ryan Jaskulski, *Magna Cum Laude*

Derek Julius Lutz

Matthew Leroy Molnar

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Cassidy Elizabeth Brumagin, *Summa Cum Laude*

[14] Jason Robert Eberhart, *Magna Cum Laude*

[14] Jessica Danielle Fellerman

Christopher John Gowarty

Erin Tyler Kowalski

[14] Zara Lantzman

Walter Lewis, Jr.

[14] Caroline Rose Nolen

[14, 32] Morgan Rich, *Magna Cum Laude*

Ryan S. Sanderson

CRIMINOLOGY

Dreena Sierra Alvarez
Second Major, Psychology

Shelby Jewel Brazes
Second Major, Psychology

Sydney Zulema Cadogan
Second Major, Sociology

[5,23] Adrianna McGonigal, *Cum Laude*
Second Major, Sociology

Ava Musloski

[5] Hope Elizabeth Ousey

[5,21] Emilie Herta Jean Protsko, *Cum Laude*
Second Major, Political Science

Sean Quigney
Second Major, Political Science

Neal Sowers

Brandon Raymond Thomson

Cameron Weissberg

[5] *Alpha Kappa Delta* [6] *Beta Beta Beta* [9] *Honors in Biology* [14] *Lambda Pi Eta* [21] *Pi Kappa Delta* [23] *Psy Chi*
[32] *Honors Program Graduate* [34] *Barre Scholars Graduate* [#] *Fall 2023 Graduate*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts and Sciences *(Continued)*

DIGITAL DESIGN AND MEDIA ART

Quincy Legend Banks

[#] McKenna Elizabeth Dolan, *Magna Cum Laude*

Molly Elizabeth Dugan, *Cum Laude*

Ally Ebert

Adam Eckhart

Paige Edwards, *Magna Cum Laude*

Patrick Dylan Kofie

Taylor Mattei

[7] Margaret Grace McHenry, *Cum Laude*

[25] Lauren Renee Stokes, *Cum Laude*

Erika Renee Tomes, *Magna Cum Laude*

Nathaniel Darius Dawson-Whitaker

EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Alexa Boersma
Second Degree, Secondary Education

[#] Robert T. Hawkins

ENGLISH

[25] Caitlyn Elizabeth Bly
Second Major, Secondary Education

Kevin J. Croley

[25] Juliana Rose Lueders, *Cum Laude*

[25] Vivian Novitski, *Summa Cum Laude*

[25] Julie Schwartz

[25] Kelci Nicole Smith, *Magna Cum Laude*

[#,25,31,32] Jessica Van Orden

[25] Olivia G. Wychock, *Summa Cum Laude*

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Brenda Valery Del Cid Ramirez

Hope Presley Mullins

[#,32] Courtney Christina Novak, *Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Biochemistry

Morgan Hanna Romanowski, *Summa Cum Laude*

GEOLOGY

[#] Andrew Robillard
Second Degree, Environmental Engineering

HISTORY

[18,32] Elizabeth Cherinka, *Magna Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Science

[#] Matthew Anthony Fazio
Second Major, Secondary Education

[18,32] Kaelin Shae Buchta Hughes, *Summa Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Political Science

Thomas H. Lowe

[18] Conrad J. Middleton, *Cum Laude*

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Heather J. Brinig
Second Major, Political Science

MUSICAL THEATRE

Jahel Duran-Diaz, *Magna Cum Laude*

Jack Michael Flynn, *Magna Cum Laude*

Jay'na Promise Johnson

Rachel Kern, *Summa Cum Laude*

[32] Olivia Scarborough, *Summa Cum Laude*

Raven Whitefawn

[7] *Chi Alpha Epsilon* [18] *Phi Alpha Theta* [25] *Sigma Tau Delta* [31] *Alpha Lambda Delta*
[32] *Honors Program Graduate* [34] *Barre Scholars Graduate* [#] *Fall 2023 Graduate*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts and Sciences *(Continued)*

NEUROSCIENCE

[#,23,32] Jack Kenneth Burch, *Summa Cum Laude*
[23] Arianna Mary Champi, *Cum Laude*
Second Major, Psychology
[23] Derek Michael Cunius, *Magna Cum Laude*
Second Major, Psychology
[32] Erin Dietrich
Second Degree, Biology
[32] Alena Masrath Lateef, *Magna Cum Laude*
[23, 32] Abigail Nellene Lewis, *Magna Cum Laude*
[23] Malorie Eve Linder, *Magna Cum Laude*
Second Major, Psychology
[32] Joseph Patrick Osborne
[23] Chloe Elizabeth Pisack
Elizabeth Andria Reyes
Second Major, Psychology
Bryan Joseph Rowan
Second Major, Psychology
Jason Schweizerhof

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Kathrine Elise Ermeus
[18,21,34] Grace Elizabeth Gluszak
Second Degree, Public Administration
Emma Lynn Guzdek, *Magna Cum Laude*
[18, 32] Kaelin Shae Buchta Hughes,
Summa Cum Laude
Second Degree, History

PSYCHOLOGY

[23, 32] Kara Beerley, *Magna Cum Laude*
[#] Yoseph Noah Bere
[#] Noelle Anne Bonitatis
Norene Elizabeth Brown
Alyssa Nikkol Buchanan
[7,25] Ngoc Quynh Nguyen Bui
Matthew E. Cianfaro
Heather Leighann Collins
Teara Tejas Deonarine
Jada Lynn Exter
Second Degree, Spanish
[5,23] Elizabeth Frederick, *Summa Cum Laude*
Kenneth J. Frederick
[23, 25] Drew Ann Haritos
Second Major, English
Carter Anthony Henritzy
Madyson Hornack
Zoe Klein
Abigail Mae Kuppinger
[#] Alyssa Ranee Moser
Samantha Ann Maszeroski
[23] Katelyn Matos, *Magna Cum Laude*
[23,34] Isabella McKeefery
[23] Eryn N. McMonagle
Second Major, Neuroscience
Abby Miller
[#] Kyle Miller
Cory Dion Pelzer
[#, 7] Jacqueline Platt
[23] Jordan Pugh
[23, 32] Carolyn Frances Purdy, *Cum Laude*
Dawson R. Tallant
[23] Sophia Wood, *Cum Laude*
[23] Alivia Yordy

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

[18,21] Grace Elizabeth Gluszak
Second Degree, Political Science

SPANISH

Jada Lynn Exter
Second Degree, Psychology
[33] John Francis Hannaway, *Summa Cum Laude*
Yoselina Miranda Miranda

[5] *Alpha Kappa Delta* [7] *Chi Alpha Epsilon* [22] *Pi Sigma Alpha* [23] *Sigma Tau Delta* [25] *Sigma Tau Delta*
[31] *Alpha Lambda Delta* [32] *Honors Program Graduate* [33] *Sigma Delta Pi* [#] *Fall 2023 Graduate*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts and Sciences *(Continued)*

THEATRE ARTS

Isaiah Pernell Brown

Savannah Evanski

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Kieran James Burrier

[18, 32] Elizabeth Cherinka, *Magna Cum Laude*
Second Degree, History

Jaden C. Greco

Brianna N. Honish, *Magna Cum Laude*

Timothy John Lavoie

Joshua M. Mattia, *Cum Laude*

Emily L. Peleschak, *Magna Cum Laude*

Macy J. Perry, *Magna Cum Laude*

Morganne Karrera Seitz

Madelyn Zavada, *Cum Laude*

The College of Business and Engineering

Abel Adekola, *Dean*

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

ACCOUNTING

Cleyda Esperanza Atencio Castillo,
Cum Laude

Rita María Osorio Atencio,
Summa Cum Laude

Austin John Seames

[#] Timothy Scott Vickrey III,
Magna Cum Laude

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[#] Jessica Marie Craig, *Cum Laude*

Sierra Renee Duman
Second Major, Sports Management

Raymond Zheng

CORPORATE FINANCE

[#] Caleb Foote, *Cum Laude*

[32] Zachary Michael Gula,
Summa Cum Laude

Cole Jungwirth, *Magna Cum Laude*

Kaleb Matthew Mushock,
Magna Cum Laude
Second Degree, Financial Investments

Tucker W. Parmer
Second Major, Accounting

FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS

John Francis Anzelmi

[32] Elijah Gordon, *Summa Cum Laude*

Kathryn Mattern, *Summa Cum Laude*

Ahmed Mithqab Jubran Mukhrish

Kaleb Matthew Mushock,
Magna Cum Laude
Second Degree, Corporate Finance

[32] Jacob S. Orosz, *Cum Laude*

[8] Jackson Lambert Shafer,
Magna Cum Laude

Noah Taylor

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Business and Engineering *(Continued)*

HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

[#] Damaris Lineth Ballesteros Torres
[#] Maybis Maribeth Remicio Canzari
[#] Maria Estefani Velasquez Nuñez
[#] Leydis Maxiel Vergara Castro

MANAGEMENT

Eza Chaudhry
Matthew Nakai Davidheiser, *Cum Laude*
[8] Vasiliki Gkroutsi, *Magna Cum Laude*
Brian Guzman, *Summa Cum Laude*
Tyler D. Haasis
Duncan Harding
[#] Matthew John Hauber
[#] Leydis Claribel Hernandez Rivas, *Magna Cum Laude*
Brandon J. Holcomb
Dillon C. Kadis
[#] Faustino Rodriguez Machado
Conner P. Maciejczyk
Julia Elizabeth Marino, *Cum Laude*
Michael Patrick McCarthy
Brady A. Mitchell
Phil Navarrete
Ruben Ortiz Montemayor
[8] Peter R. Rocco
Cristina Serracin
Christian J. Werner
[32] Taylor Lochlann Williams, *Magna Cum Laude*
Joseph Zvorsky, *Cum Laude*

MARKETING

John Barrett
Zachary Thad Dudak
[8] Emilee Magill
Megan Marshall
Julia Hockey Mazur
Second Major, Sports Management
Degree Awarded Posthumously
Chad Mercado
Kierstin Miller
[8] Samantha Nicole Naclerio
Stephanie Lisette Palovchak, *Summa Cum Laude*
[8] Alexander Eric Sias
Second Major, Management

SPORTS MANAGEMENT

Trevor Shay Du Boff
Trent J. Fisher, *Summa Cum Laude*
Luc Fox, *Cum Laude*
Samantha Hendershott
[7] Matthew Tyler Martin
James O'Kane
Colby Opromolla
Christian Reino, *Magna Cum Laude*
Esteban Valdespino Conde
Joseph Zisa

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Zachary Thomas Shay

[7] Chi Alpha Epsilon [8] Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta [#] Fall 2023 Graduate

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Business and Engineering *(Continued)*

Engineering

CIVIL ENGINEERING

[35] Hayden Brooke Calaman, *Cum Laude*

Colin Mario Zaffino

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Evan Feng

Kevin Matthew Garmon

Olivia Marsh
Second Degree, Mechanical Engineering

[11, 32] Michael Nowak, *Summa Cum Laude*

[11] Trent M. Szczecinski, *Summa Cum Laude*

[11, 13, 32] Daniel Whitman, *Summa Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Mechanical Engineering

[32] Ian Williams

ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

[#] John DeVito

Matthew James Ranelli

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

[12] Scott Walter Field, *Cum Laude*

[#] Andrew Robillard
Second Degree, Geology

Jacob Elias Smith

Claire Sera Wynne

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Andre Anders, *Cum Laude*

[13, 32] Paul A. Binner, Jr., *Magna Cum Laude*

James A. Cunningham

Stephen C. Daniels, *Magna Cum Laude*

J. Joseph DeMartyn, Jr.

[13, 32] Tess Catherine Edwards, *Cum Laude*

[13] Ellie Freiss, *Summa Cum Laude*

Benjamin King

Joseph Michael Marino, Jr., *Cum Laude*

Olivia Marsh
Second Degree, Electrical Engineering

Henry Riggs O'Connor

Adelyne Elizabeth Olson

Taylor Jacqueline Quackenbush

Nevin Lee Rauch

Kayla Marie Roselle

[#] Peyton Rozaieski

Logan Seling

Erin N. Shober, *Cum Laude*

[13, 32] Andrew Ryan Slusser, *Summa Cum Laude*

[#] Jacob James Smith

[13, 32] Caleb James Temple, *Magna Cum Laude*

[#] Minh M. Trinh, *Cum Laude*

Kain Graham Turner

[11, 13, 32] Daniel Whitman, *Summa Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Electrical Engineering

Frank Anthony Yuscavage III,
Cum Laude

[11] *Honors in Electrical Engineering* [12] *Honors in Environmental Engineering* [13] *Honors in Mechanical Engineering*
[32] *Honors Program* [35] *Honors in Civil Engineering* [#] *Fall 2023 Graduate*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Health and Education

Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

Education

ELEMENTARY & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Maleah Sky Cobham, *Summa Cum Laude*

Taylor Douple, *Magna Cum Laude*

Christina M. Fink, *Summa Cum Laude*

Liam Flynn

Genevieve Antonia Gorham
Second Major, Special Education PK-12

Julianne Grap, *Magna Cum Laude*

Aimee Margaret Groller,
Summa Cum Laude

Sydney Kamus, *Summa Cum Laude*

Kylee Laudenslager, *Magna Cum Laude*

Skylar Jordan Linn, *Cum Laude*

[7] Nylah Elise McDougald

Amanda Rose Merrick-Tompkins,
Cum Laude

Evelyn Moyer

[#] Suzanne Lynn O'Gorman,
Summa Cum Laude

[7] Victoria Platt, *Cum Laude*

Vanessa Lynn Richeson

[#, 15] Ashlee Marie Rittenhouse, *Cum Laude*

Ashley Marie Robertson,
Summa Cum Laude

Abigail Rose Shiner *Magna Cum Laude*

Kelly Ann Thomas, *Cum Laude*

MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

[32, 34] Emma Lois Freels

Lily Jurate Goense, *Cum Laude*

Alexa Susan Jones

Francessca Isabella Mehl, *Cum Laude*

Bianka Virginia Melendez

[32] Rosalinda Sosa, *Cum Laude*

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Alexa Boersma
Second Degree, Earth and Environmental Science

[18] Matthew Warns
Second Major, History

[7] *Chi Alpha Epsilon* [15] *Phi Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi* [18] *Phi Alpha Theta* [32] *Honors Program*
[34] *Barre Scholars* [#] *Fall 2023 Graduate*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Health and Education *(Continued)*

The Passan School of Nursing
Accelerated Bachelor's Degree Candidates

Samual Quinn Dieffenbach
Karleigh Alexis Gobert
[26] Yliana Hernandez
[26] Lindsey Marushock
Kelly Lynne Meehan
Hannah Moser
Tatum Alyce Mosley
Isabella Muncie
[#] Inez Alana Schultz
[26] Domenica Shellenberger Hassenplug
[26] Nicole L. Snider
Caroline Snow
Sophia Marie Stephens
[26] Mackenzie Rae Sweigart
Monica Joy Valencia

The Passan School of Nursing
Bachelor's Degree Candidates

Brenna Leigh Babcock
Abigail Lynn Barhight
[29] Sydney Rose Bernardi
Kathryn Sandra Burry
[26] Haylee Bree Calaman, *Cum Laude*
Brianna Michelle Calvo
[26, 29, 36] Kaylie Ann Capriotti, *Cum Laude*
Kelsey Marie Carroll
[26, 29, 36] Nicole Cashman, *Magna Cum Laude*
[26] Jessica Victoria Davis, *Cum Laude*
[26, 29] Morgann LeeAnn Davis, *Magna Cum Laude*
[26] Ashleigh Ann DeLay, *Cum Laude*
[26] Christine Marie Dugan
[7] Keara Renay Dugey
[26, 29] Katherine Bennett Ecker, *Cum Laude*
Olivia Farr
Kileigh Bryanna Fugett
[29] Breanne Victoria Fulling
[29, 23, 32] Ashley Caren Gangaware
[26] Giana Francesca Good, *Cum Laude*
Emma Clare Lalli
Hannah Cecilia Landis, *Cum Laude*
Aleah Natosha Lynn Longacre
Katie Lynn
Morgan Maas
[26, 29] Kaitlyn Alexandra O'Neil, *Summa Cum Laude*
[26, 29] Gianna Aurora Picco, *Magna Cum Laude*
[7, 26] Mary Beth Ponce
[26] Emily Morganne Repp
Rebecca Nicole Ressel
Zachary Schaeffer
Elizabeth Caitlin Seprish
[26, 29, 32] Jacob Peter Siek, *Magna Cum Laude*
Brianna Elizabeth Silva
Lauren Kathleen Sweeney
Kathleen Watkins

[7] *Chi Alpha Epsilon* [23] *Psy Chi* [26] *Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau* [29] *National Student Nurses Association*
[32] *Honors Program* [#] *Fall 2023 Graduate*

2024 January Graduates

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts and Sciences

Paul T. Riggs, *Dean*

BIOLOGY

Matthew Hollay
Jade Elizabeth Leonard
Alyssa Marie Vevasis

BIOCHEMISTRY

Courtney Christina Novak, *Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Environmental Science

CHEMISTRY

Leah Kubasek

CRIMINOLOGY

William Anderson, *Magna Cum Laude*
Second Major, Sociology

DIGITAL DESIGN AND MEDIA ART

Patrick Connors
McKenna Elizabeth Dolan, *Magna Cum Laude*
Damien L. Rineer

EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Robert T. Hawkins

ENGLISH

[25, 32] Jessica Van Orden

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

[32] Courtney Christina Novak, *Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Biochemistry
Jeremy Michael Rossi

GEOLOGY

Andrew Robillard
Second Degree, Environmental Engineering

HISTORY

Matthew Anthony Fazio
Second Major, Secondary Education

MATHEMATICS

John J. Masur III

NEUROSCIENCE

[23, 32] Jack Kenneth Burch, *Summa Cum Laude*
Matthew Rinaldi, *Cum Laude*
[32] Dominic J. Tyner, *Magna Cum Laude*

POLITICAL SCIENCE

[22, 34] Nicholas John Antolick, *Summa Cum Laude*
Jamie Lynn Geissler

[22] *Pi Sigma Alpha* [23] *Psy Chi* [25] *Sigma Tau Delta* [32] *Honors Program* [34] *Barre Scholars*

2024 January Graduates

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts and Sciences *(Continued)*

PSYCHOLOGY

Alyssa Camille Allen-Fields
Second Major, Criminology
Yoseph Noah Bere
Noelle Anne Bonitatis
Xhulieta Gjoca
Kyle Miller
Alyssa Ranee Moser
Allison Murie
Marielis Yaisuri Pinto Mendoza
[7] Jacqueline Platt

SPANISH

[33] Antonio Pineda Morales

The College of Business and Engineering

Abel Adekola, *Dean*

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

ACCOUNTING

Timothy Scott Vickrey III, *Magna Cum Laude*

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Jessica Marie Craig, *Cum Laude*
Andrew Thomas Seese, *Magna Cum Laude*
Glenn D. Souchuck

CORPORATE FINANCE

Caleb Foote, *Cum Laude*

FINANCE

Joseph Fleshman
James Shaw

HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Damaris Lineth Ballesteros Torres
Briceida M Frias F
Maybis Maribeth Remicio Canzari
Maria Estefani Velasquez Nuñez
Leydis Maxiel Vergara Castro

MANAGEMENT

Matthew John Haubert
Leydis Claribel Hernandez Rivas,
Magna Cum Laude
Faustino Rodriguez Machado
Angelica Yassielis Sanchez Santana

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Daniel Rivera Ceballos, *Cum Laude*

[7] *Chi Alpha Epsilon* [33] *Sigma Delta Pi*

2024 January Graduates

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Business and Engineering *(Continued)*

Engineering

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

John DeVito

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Andrew Robillard
Second Degree, Geology

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Peyton Rozaieski
Jacob James Smith
Minh M. Trinh, *Cum Laude*

The College of Health and Education

Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

Education

ELEMENTARY & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

[25, 32] Amanda Nichole Bunje, *Magna Cum Laude*
Cora Doughton-Howe, *Summa Cum Laude*
Cruz Garcia
Megan Lynn Getz, *Magna Cum Laude*
Suzanne Lynn O'Gorman, *Summa Cum Laude*
Ashlee Marie Rittenhouse-Baker, *Cum Laude*
Trinette Ed Wilson, *Magna Cum Laude*

MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

Lindsey Gruver

The Passan School of Nursing

Accelerated Bachelor's Degree Candidates

Peter Clark
Marissa Faranda
Miranda L. Freeman
[26] Breaunna Catherine Koernig
Michaela Quinn Matthews
Emily Parks, *Magna Cum Laude*
Inez Alana Schultz
Chad Theodore Sulouff

[25] *Sigma Tau Delta* [26] *Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau* [32] *Honors Program*

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*

36 *Society for Student Nurses*

\# *Fall 2023 Graduate*

\## *Summer 2023 Graduate*

2024 Student Awards

Academic Awards

College of Arts and Sciences

BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Pi Sigma Alpha Award in Political Science ..... Nicholas Antolick
Outstanding Graduate in Political Science ..... Nicholas Antolick
Dr. Jaroslav G. Moravec Memorial Scholarship Award ..... Hope Elizabeth Ousey
Outstanding Graduate in Psychology Award ..... Ethan Warner
Outstanding Graduate in Neuroscience Award ..... Kalyn Lash

BIOLOGY AND EARTH SYSTEMS SCIENCE

Outstanding Research Student in Biology ..... Jocelyn Cussett
Esther Orlando
Outstanding Scholar in Biology ..... Marissa Kovaleski
Rosenthal Award for Outstanding Student in Organismal Biology ..... Brenda El Cid Ramirez
Outstanding Achievement in Earth Systems Science ..... Morgan Romanowski
Biology Outstanding Service Award ..... Maxine Bodnari
Future Educator in Biology ..... Cassidy Greenman
Future Educator in Environmental Science ..... Alexa Boersma

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

Dr. Alfred W. Bastress Award for Research Excellence ..... Ryley Kirk
Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry Outstanding Service Award ..... Daphne Shencavitz

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Outstanding Communication Studies Award ..... Cassidy Brumagin
Tom Bigler Scholars in Communication Award ..... Morgan Rich

CREATIVE WRITING

Etruscan Undergraduate Creative Writing Prize ..... Jazmin High

ENGLISH

Annette Evans Humanities Award ..... Emily Cherkauskas
Frank J. J. Davies Award ..... Vivian Novitski

GLOBAL CULTURES

Phi Alpha Theta Award ..... Kaelin Hughes
Outstanding Graduate in Spanish ..... John Hannaway

INTEGRATIVE MEDIA, ART AND DESIGN

Outstanding Achievement in Integrative Media, Art and Design ..... McKenna Dolan
Dylan Kofie
Erika Tomes
Richard Fuller Excellence in the Arts Award ..... Paige Edwards

PERFORMING ARTS

The Performing Arts Vocal Music Award ..... Raven Whitefawn
The Musical Theatre Award ..... Jahel Duran-Diaz
The Dance Program Award ..... Amanda Merrick-Tompkins
The Music Program Award ..... Erin Dietrich

SCIENCE

Outstanding Senior Award in Computer Science ..... David Greybosh

2024 Student Awards

Academic Awards *(Continued)*

College of Business and Engineering

Outstanding Business Student for the College of Business and Engineering ..... Eli Gordon
Outstanding Engineering Student for the College of Business and Engineering ..... Ellie Freiss
Daniel Whitman

CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Environmental Engineering Leadership and Service Award ..... Jacob Smith
Civil Engineering Leadership and Service Award ..... Hayden Calaman
Academic Achievement in Civil Engineering ..... Hayden Calaman

MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical Engineering ..... Ellie Freiss
Daniel Whitman

Dr. Umid R. Nejib Award for
Outstanding Achievement in Electrical Engineering ..... Trent Szczecinski
Daniel Whitman

Mechanical Engineering Service Award ..... Ellie Freiss
Electrical Engineering Service Award ..... Michael Nowak
Top Academic Performer in Mechanical Engineering ..... Ellie Freiss
Daniel Whitman
Andrew Slusser
Top Academic Performer in Electrical Engineering ..... Michael Nowak
Daniel Whitman
Trent Szczecinski

JAY S. SIDHU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP

FINANCE, ACCOUNTING AND MANAGEMENT

Academic Achievement Award for Accounting ..... Rita Osorio Atencio
Academic Achievement Award for Finance ..... Zac Gula
Academic Achievement Award for Management ..... Brian Guzman
PICPA Award for Excellence in Accounting ..... Tim Vickrey
Professor Ted Engel Award for Excellence in Finance ..... Eli Gordon
Dean's Award for Excellence in Management ..... Julia Marino

MARKETING, SPORTS MANAGEMENT AND HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Academic Achievement Award for Hospitality Leadership ..... Briceida Frias
Academic Achievement Award for Sports Management ..... Christian Reino
Academic Achievement Award for Marketing ..... Stephanie Palovchak
Dean's Award for Excellence in Hospitality Leadership ..... Ian Dewar
Dean's Award for Excellence in Marketing ..... Alex Sias
Dean's Award for Excellence in Sports Management ..... Trent Fisher

2024 Student Awards

Academic Awards *(Continued)*

College of Health and Education

TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Outstanding Elementary and Early Childhood Education Award ..... Kylee Laudenslager
Genegieve Gorham
Outstanding Elementary and Early Childhood Education Award ..... Julie Grap
Outstanding Middle Level Education Award ..... Rosalinda Sosa
Outstanding Secondary Education Award ..... Lily Hebda
Outstanding Special Education Award ..... Aimee Groller
Sydney Kamus
Marla Hosie Memorial Award in Education ..... Makena Sanderson
Outstanding Graduate for the School of Education ..... Taylor Douple
Amanda Merrick-Tomkins

PASSAN SCHOOL OF NURSING

NURSING

Outstanding Graduate Award ..... Jacob Siek
DAISY Award - Clinical Excellence Award ..... Elizabeth Seprish
Academic Excellence Award ..... Kaitlyn O'Neil
Outstanding Leadership Award ..... Ashley Gangaware
PSON Faculty Recognition Award ..... Katie Lynn

ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Academic Excellence Award December Cohort ..... Marissa Faranda
Academic Excellence Award May Cohort ..... Caroline Snow
Outstanding Graduate for the Accelerated
Bachelor of Nursing December Cohort ..... Emily Parks
Outstanding Graduate for the Accelerated
Bachelor of Nursing May Cohort ..... Caroline Snow

Honors and Scholars Program

Honors Program Academic Distinction Award ..... Michael Nowak
Honors Program Scholarship Award ..... David Greybosh
Honors Program Community Leadership Award ..... Kaelin Hughes
Isaac Barré Prize ..... Emma Guzdek

2024 Student Awards

Extracurricular and Leadership Awards

OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

Alumni Association Volunteer Award ..... Michael Nowak

OFFICE OF ATHLETICS

Scholar Athlete of the Year (Male) ..... Michael Balichik
Scholar Athlete of the Year (Female) ..... Kaitlyn O'Neil
Athlete of the Year (Male) ..... Cameron Butka
Athlete of the Year (Female) ..... Haylee Bouchard

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES

Co-Curricular Award ..... Caroline Nolen

OFFICE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Helping Hands Service Award - WISE ..... Gabrielle Moore
Helping Hands Service Award - LEAP ..... Sydney Farmer
Helping Hands Service Award ..... John Buonanno

OFFICE OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNSHIPS

Outstanding Senior Intern ..... Starr Sandt
Keith Topfer Memorial Award ..... Lucas Mages

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Teacher Education Service Award ..... Olivia Kozlowski

CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION & DIVERSITY

Nada Vujica Memorial Award ..... Olivia Kozlowski

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

RA of the Year ..... Megan Makovsky
Outstanding Service and Dedication Award ..... Megan Makovsky
Resident Assistant - Seniors ..... Carter Henritzy
Shelby Brazes
Kaelin Hughes
Alexa Boersma
Nevin Rauch

OFFICE OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Senior e-Mentor Award ..... Andrea Arauz
Kara Beerley
Maxine Bodnari
Shelby Brazes
Eza Chadhry
Morgann Davis
Emma Freels
Ellie Freiss
Brian Guzman
Gisela Orama
Esther Orlando
Emily Purcell
Emily Repp
Arlyn Rivera
Morganne Seitz
Daphne Shencavitz

WILKES UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Faculty Choice Award ..... Debbie Chapman
Staff Choice Award ..... Erica Acosta

Class of 2024 Officers

Kara Beerley

SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

Nick Gazzola

STUDENT BODY VICE PRESIDENT

Carter Henritzy

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Makenzie Psarakis

STUDENT BODY TREASURER

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.