



WILKES UNIVERSITY'S 78TH ANNUAL

Spring Commencement

FOR THE CONFERRING OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Saturday, May Seventeenth
Two-thousand and twenty-five • 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-EIGHTH 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

March No. 4, Op. 39.....*Edward Elgar*
Arranged by 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**REV. JANE O'BORSKI**
Heshbon Park United Methodist Church

The Star-Spangled Banner.....*Words by Francis Scott Key*
Arranged by Joel M. Graham
(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

ANDREW MILLER
Chair, Faculty Affairs Council
Professor, Political Science

KIMBERLY WHEELER
Member of the Class of 2025

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT**EDDIE DAY PASHINSKI '67**

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....**EDDIE DAY PASHINSKI '67**

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*
Arranged by Joel M. Graham
(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.....REV. JANE O’BORSKI

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

RECESSIONAL
Seventeen Come Sunday.....*Ralph Vaughan Williams*
Arranged by 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

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.....BRENDA MARIA ARIAS '25

*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 LEADERSHIPKIMBERLY WHEELER '25

*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.....WILLIAM JOHN ARTHUR ALLEN '25
MATTHEW TROY BENEDITO '25

Presentation by JOSHUA LYONS
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force

Commencement Address and Honorary Degree Recipient

EDDIE DAY PASHINSKI '67

Eddie Day Pashinski '67 serves as Pennsylvania State Representative and focuses on issues regarding quality education, affordable health care and commonsense tax reform in Pennsylvania.

Pashinski is the majority chairman of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and is a member of multiple caucuses. He is also a board member of the Pennsylvania Health Information Exchange and has introduced numerous bills to increase access to medical care, reduce costs to consumers and improve outcomes.

For 38 years, he taught music at the Greater Nanticoke Area School District and held several union positions with the Greater Nanticoke Area Education Association, advancing to chief spokesperson, vice president and president. He is a local musician and continues to be an entertainer.

Pashinski graduated from Wilkes University with a bachelor's degree in music education and has a master's equivalency.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts and Sciences

Paul T. Riggs, *Dean*

BIOLOGY

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| ³ Jenna Baron | ^{3,23} Jacob J. O'Boyle, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| ³ Aryanna Rose Burke | Sarah Djin Sejour |
| ^{3,30,34} Bhavika Dawar, <i>Cum Laude</i> | Amelia Lynn Smicherko |
| Julia Graziano | ²⁸ Isaías Torres, <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Minh-Thy Nguyen | |

BIOCHEMISTRY

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|---|---|
| Darling Alvarado H., <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | Guadalupe Paulette Ovalle Mendoza,
<i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Samantha Andes, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | ²³ Daniel Stish, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Second Degree, English</i> |
| ³² Cameron Joseph Butka,
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | |
| Federico Abdiel Moran Sanchez,
<i>Cum Laude</i> | |

CHEMISTRY

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| ²⁸ Mollie Mae Corbett | Jeffrey Vincent Ochs |
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COMPUTER SCIENCE

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| Salvatore D'Amico | Justin Varvaglione, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| Xavier Guerreiro | Jesus Zhangallimbay |
| William James Ryan, <i>Cum Laude</i> | |

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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| ^{19,34} Edweana Alexis | ²⁸ Brady Melovitz |
| ¹² Sydney Allabaugh, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | Samantha Mullen |
| ¹² Anna Lynne Beckham, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | ²⁸ Zachary Paraway |
| ¹² Megan Davis, <i>Cum Laude</i> | Kellie Scott
<i>Second Major, Psychology</i> |
| ²⁸ Joshua Garced | Scott Joseph Veith |
| Lauren Marie Gardner | Eric Michael Walsh, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> |
| Adam Reese Grundt | |
| ¹² Lauren Ashley Koval | ¹² Stephen James Youkoski,
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |

BACHELOR’S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts and Sciences *(Continued)*

CRIMINOLOGY

Jesse Addesso	Regan E. Metz <i>Second Major, Sociology</i>
James Christian Brazofsky <i>Second Major, Sociology</i>	Michael Richardson
Joseph F. Doscher IV	^{2,32} Emily E. Roberts, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> <i>Second Major, Sociology</i>
Tyler David Grabowski <i>Second Major, Sociology</i>	Samantha Scott <i>Second Major, Sociology</i>
Spencer D. Judge <i>Second Major, Sociology</i>	²⁸ Claudia Seidel <i>Second Major, Sociology</i>
² Courtney Rose Mallon, <i>Cum Laude</i> <i>Second Major, Psychology</i>	Emma Joyce Stout <i>Second Major, Political Science</i>
Olivia Ann Starbuck McInnis <i>Second Major, History</i>	Jahmier Antwain Washington <i>Second Major, Sociology</i>

DIGITAL DESIGN AND MEDIA ART

Eydi Massiel Barria Cruz, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Ivan Jean-Charles <i>Second Degree, Marketing</i>
²⁸ Kyra Britzke, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	²⁸ Ryan John Reedy, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Ayden Carey Clisham	Christopher Manuel Salazar Barrios
²⁸ Karma Collier, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Katelin Michele Schooley
Laura Viviana De Lora León, <i>Cum Laude</i>	³⁴ Abigayle Smith
Molly Elizabeth Dugan, <i>Cum Laude</i>	James Tigue Ruane
Kara Foster	
Yuricel Gonzalez Santamaria, <i>Cum Laude</i>	

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Angelica Yaneth Delgado Rodriguez	John Michael Watkins
³⁰ Megan Elizabeth Novak, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts and Sciences *(Continued)*

ENGLISH

- ^{23,28,34} Julia H. Boudier
^{23,30,32} Mya Y. Corcoran, *Summa Cum Laude*
^{13,23}Lily Cecilia Hebda, *Magna Cum Laude*
Second Major, Secondary Education
²⁸ Anmarie Lebron
²³ Marina Del Carmen Mendez Sinclair
Second Major, Secondary Education
²³ Mary Pashinski
Second Major, Secondary Education
²³ Daniel Stish, *Magna Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Biochemistry
²³ Matthew G. Tocket
Anna Margaret Tunney, *Magna Cum Laude*

HISTORY

- ²⁸ Garrett Bradley Berlin
Orlando Carannante, Jr.
¹³ Mia Lynn Decker, *Summa Cum Laude*
Nathan Jay Dovman, *Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Secondary Education
³⁰ Bryce Anthony Greco, *Magna Cum Laude*
³⁰ Eliana Kramer, *Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Business Administration
¹³ Bennett Kubic, *Magna Cum Laude*
Second Major, Secondary Education
Aidan J. Palochik
Second Major, Secondary Education
^{13,28} Nicholas Richard Sherinsky, *Cum Laude*
Second Major, Secondary Education
^{30,32} Morgan Mae Steiner, *Magna Cum Laude*
Second Degree, International Relations
Third Degree, Political Science

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Yuleinis Ibeth Santander Manzanos
^{30,32} Morgan Mae Steiner, *Magna Cum Laude*
Second Degree, History
Third Degree, Political Science

MATHEMATICS

- ²⁸ Theresa Erin Amerise, *Magna Cum Laude*
^{28,32} Jacob Neeb, *Magna Cum Laude*

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

- ²⁸ Allison Radicchi

MUSICAL THEATRE

- Kasey Joyce Karoll, *Cum Laude*

NEUROSCIENCE

- Emily Kate Banik
Second Degree, Nursing
Judith Beitia Palacio
Second Major, Psychology
^{21,28,30,32} Abigail Olivia Chalawich,
Summa Cum Laude
Second Major, Psychology
²¹ Mackenzie Erin Goetze, *Cum Laude*
Second Major, Psychology
²¹ Rayna Johnston, *Summa Cum Laude*
Second Major, Psychology
Ellie Duyen Khong Minh Nguyen

BACHELOR’S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Arts and Sciences *(Continued)*

POLITICAL SCIENCE

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| ²⁰ Damien John Chmielewski, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ^{20, 30, 34} Gabrielle Rose Moore, <i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Second Major, Criminology</i> |
| ^{20, 28} Luke J. Dobles | ²⁰ Colin Lewis Post, <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Samantha Lynn Ferguson | ²⁰ Sean Renz |
| ²⁰ Connor Frey
<i>Second Major, International Relations</i> | ^{30, 32} Morgan Mae Steiner, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Second Degree, History</i>
<i>Third Degree, International Relations</i> |
| ^{20, 32} Morgan Millard, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | |

PSYCHOLOGY

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| Conner John Anascavage | ²¹ Kalei McCourt, <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Mya Angelise Banegas, <i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Second Major, Theatre Arts</i> | Alina Jules McLaurin |
| ^{28, 30} Nicholas DeVitis, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ²¹ Gavin Merritt, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Connor Michael Morgan |
| Tess Dolores Dolan
<i>Second Major, Sociology</i> | ²¹ Krista Morris, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Amariny Izenith Murillo De Leon |
| Alyssa Donnini | Alexis Lurine Nevel |
| ²¹ Elizabeth Lauren Drabot, <i>Cum Laude</i> | Kobina Otoo, <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Hope Drumm | Julianna Patterson |
| Nicole Grace Fitzpatrick | ²¹ Marissa Jane Pick
Tyler J. Rushton |
| ²⁸ Ylonis Adonis Grant | Romelio Salinas Santo |
| Kimberly Hernandez | ^{21, 30, 32} Starr Jacqueline Sandt,
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Second Degree, Sports Management</i> |
| ²¹ Sierra Nicole Hines, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | Ashley Ann Tomassacci, <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Nicole Howell | Jack Valentino |
| Aichatou Karim Rene Joly | ²¹ Karlee Marie Yuscavage,
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| Marcus Reilly Basila King | |
| Mariah Kumor | |
| ^{21, 28} Jessica A. Kunkle, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Second Major, Criminology</i> | |
| ^{2, 21} Alexandria Marie McCarthy,
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | |

SOCIOLOGY

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| ² Lindsey Nicole Kausmeyer, <i>Cum Laude</i> | Jessica Ann Kurilla |
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BACHELOR’S DEGREE CANDIDATES
The College of Arts and Sciences *(Continued)*

SPANISH

Yumaris Yelena Gutierrez Espinosa	Christopher Ribar, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Leonel Ojo Gonzalez <i>Second Major, Secondary Education</i>	^{28,34} Ada Kelly Soriano, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> <i>Second Degree, Bachelor of Science</i>
Meleny Perez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> <i>Second Degree, Elementary and</i> <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	

THEATRE DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Caleb Gething

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

³⁰ Kayla Ann Burleson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	^{30,32} Matthew Trbuza, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Logan Michael Fisher, <i>Cum Laude</i>	^{30,32} Ally Warntz, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Emily Hocker	Kimberly Wheeler, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
^{28,30,34} Ada Kelly Soriano, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> <i>Second Degree, Spanish</i>	

BACHELOR’S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Business and Engineering

Abel Adekola, *Dean*

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

ACCOUNTING

Michael Balichik, *Summa Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Corporate Finance

Anastazia Bogen

Hunter Davis

Liam Thomas Hackett,
Magna Cum Laude

Natalie Cristal Hernandez,
Magna Cum Laude

Jacob Wyatt Mages, *Summa Cum Laude*
Second Major, Business Administration

Alex Martinez

Nathan Moffett

Olivia Christine Ricci,
Summa Cum Laude
Second Degree, Business Administration

Raymond Joseph Richard

Ashley Sarai Ventura Aguilar,
Magna Cum Laude

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Lydia Delich

Rina Beatriz Melendez Rosales,
Cum Laude

Bridget Cecilia Reed

Sean Relak

Olivia Christine Ricci,
Summa Cum Laude
Second Degree, Accounting

CORPORATE FINANCE

Michael Balichik, *Summa Cum Laude*
Second Degree, Accounting

Eliana Kramer, *Cum Laude*
Second Degree, History

Nicholas E. Meduri

Joseph Christopher Shallo

FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS

²⁸ Adam Felinski, *Cum Laude*

Hunter L. Greenberg

Nicholas Swain

HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

^{30,34} Brenda Maria Arias, *Cum Laude*

Brayton Kominsky, *Cum Laude*

Matthew Meagher

Elkis Maibeth Yanguetz Gonzalez

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Business and Engineering *(Continued)*

MANAGEMENT

^{28,32} William John Arthur Allen,
Magna Cum Laude
Maxwell Maratea Cocchi, *Cum Laude*
^{28,30} Brooke Emily Coleman,
Magna Cum Laude
Jason D. Dean
Jessica Nicole Demming
Holly Feese
Leonardo Flores Bordones
Amado Flores Vergara
²⁸ Joseph Anthony Geroldi
²⁸ Devin S. Higgins
Alexandra Jeanette Holmstrom,
Cum Laude
Jack Christopher Howell,
Magna Cum Laude
De'Von James, *Magna Cum Laude*
Second Major, Marketing
Tyler J. Knappenberger
Skylar Jean Koslop, *Magna Cum Laude*
Zachary Luksic
Dante Marianacci

Judson Patrick Douglas McGrath,
Magna Cum Laude
Lexi McHugh
Cayden Merrifield, *Cum Laude*
Second Major, Marketing
Aiden Christopher Plant, *Cum Laude*
Lance Priestas
Kellen C. Redmond
Dairlin Y. Samudio
Michael Jacob Sheldon
²⁸ Christopher Joseph Shiposh, Jr.
^{28,32} Michael Lee Show, *Magna Cum Laude*
Lindsay Marie Snyder, *Cum Laude*
Rebecca Timko
Second Major, Marketing
Eric Troutman, *Magna Cum Laude*
Nicholas Troutman
Sarah Uhall
²⁸ Sara Esther Urena
²⁸ Enrique Velazquez-Sanchez

MARKETING

²⁸ Khadijah Aquilla Bashir,
Magna Cum Laude
^{28,30,32} Molly Marie Blaskiewicz,
Magna Cum Laude
Mackenzie Nicole Gable
Albina Gil Aralla
⁴ Nolee Ana Grabowski,
Magna Cum Laude
Ivan Jean-Charles
Second Degree, Digital Design
and Media Art
⁴ Liz Majewski

Angel G. Ramos
Colin Schulmeister
Brooke Charlotte Snopkowski,
Magna Cum Laude
Nicholas Alexander Splain,
Magna Cum Laude
Amelia Timbrell

BACHELOR’S DEGREE CANDIDATES
The College of Business and Engineering (*Continued*)

SPORTS MANAGEMENT

Hannah Boyd	Xavier-Alexander Clayton Powell
²⁸ Christopher Ryan Cosby	Herbert Ramirez
Kevin Thomas Doran	Nathanial Rathe, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Zane Atwood Grover	Starr Jacqueline Sandt,
Steele Louis Hess	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Jordyn Jennings, <i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Second Degree, Psychology</i>
James Johnson	Elizabeth Ann Spoon

Engineering

CIVIL ENGINEERING

Malachi Jordan Clore	⁸ Jocelyn Sosa Acevedo,
Jeremy Gil	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Sergio Vincent Catalfamo	⁹ Milagros Rodriguez Mena,
⁹ Daniel Garcia, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Haley Marie Golightly	⁹ Maria del Rosario Rodriguez Mojica,
Darwin Gonzalez	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Meyli Anayelis Raylan Baker	⁹ Caleb J. Yocum, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>

ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

Lux Gonzalez Gutierrez	²⁸ Jason Reynoso-Florentino
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ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Ryan Thomas Gatto, <i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
¹⁰ Lorenzo Marcolin, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	³⁰ Bridget Maureen Rosenfeld
³⁰ Sydney Makita Miller	^{10,28} Alexander Schweitzer, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Rachel Morey	Lylah Marie Smith
¹⁰ Lourdes V. Navarro Z.,	¹⁰ Deanna Korinne Stolpe
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	
Ashley O’Connor	
¹⁰ Brady Dominic Rood,	

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Business and Engineering *(Continued)*

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

^{11,28,32} Joseph Brendan Conor Adams, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	¹¹ Jeffery Alexander Lew, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Matthew Troy Benedito	^{11,28} Jesse Ellis Lippner, <i>Cum Laude</i>
²⁸ Jackson Connor Casper	¹¹ Lucas Riley Mages, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Marina Castellano	^{11,30,32} Blaise James Napierkowski, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
¹¹ Jeraldo Josue Deago Gomez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Michael S. Pease
²⁸ Devin Doty	¹¹ Jack William Perna, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Hannah Janis Douglas	^{11,28} Nicholas Chance Romas, <i>Cum Laude</i>
^{11,28,32} Sarah Catherine Eliff, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Justin M. Seiwel
Nicholas P. German <i>Second Major, Electrical Engineering</i>	¹¹ Sarah Supinski, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
^{11,32} Anthony Bernard Guide, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	¹¹ Emma Claire Swansburg, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Anna Hubshman	^{11,32} Thomas Ziemba, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
¹¹ Joseph Andrew Johnson, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Health and Education

Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*
Education

ELEMENTARY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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| ¹³ Jessica Lynn Byers, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | ¹³ Brittany L. Middaugh |
| ¹³ Haley Claire Callahan, <i>Cum Laude</i> | Alexis Marie Minich, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| ¹³ Chris Ciliberto, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | ³⁴ Alexis Nardone, <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| ¹³ David P. Dadich, Jr., <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | ^{13,28} Meleny Perez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Second Degree, Spanish</i> |
| ¹³ Gianna Fedullo, <i>Cum Laude</i> | Isabella Peters |
| ^{13,28} Kendra Elisabeth Fox, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ²⁸ Mia Scelsa |
| ¹³ Paige Garman, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | ^{13,28} Ellie Gail Schreiner, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| ²⁸ Emily Gentzel
<i>Second Degree, Special Education PK-12</i> | ^{13,30} Evan Alexa Sherrick, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> |
| ¹³ Briah Elizabeth Giberson,
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | ^{13,28} Kelly Shimonis, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> |
| ²⁸ Kathia Loye-Ann Hynes, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ^{13,28} Tegan Shortlidge, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| ¹³ Breanna Katelyn Kijek, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ^{13,28} Jesse Simon, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> |
| ¹³ Olivia Nicole Kozlowski,
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | ¹³ Brilee Gail Slodysko, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| ¹³ Gwyneth Lupas, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | ¹³ Allison Nicole Storrs,
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i> |
| ^{13,28,32} Marissa Anne Matteo,
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | ¹³ Courtney Meriam Tigue,
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |

MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

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| ^{13,30,32} Stephen Sebastian Beck III,
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | ¹³ Mary Liut, <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Ryan Carr | Yulay Yaimeth Murillo Mona |
| ¹³ Anthony Del Tufo | ¹³ Erica Yaneth Ortega Ibarra,
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| ¹³ Isabel Gonzalez Garcia, <i>Cum Laude</i> | |

SECONDARY EDUCATION

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| ¹³ Nathan Jay Dovman, <i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Second Degree, History</i> | ²⁸ Cassidy Greenman |
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SPECIAL EDUCATION PK-12

Emily Gentzel
Second Degree, Elementary and Early Childhood Education

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

The College of Health and Education *(Continued)*

The Passan School of Nursing

Accelerated Bachelor's Degree Candidates

Melissa Ackley	²⁸ Natasha Alexandra Rostova
Lauren Maria Amaral	Marissa Ruggiero
Jaya Barad	Bria Sancho
Layla Alise Burke	Victoria Joanne Strzelecki
Kyra Ellen Malone	Lauren Marie Van Nostrand
Lauren Markley	Stephanie A. Willow
Mary Kathleen Myers	Paige Marian Wilson
Kaylin Marie Najda	Bridget Yaw

The Passan School of Nursing

Bachelor's Degree Candidates

^{24,28} Khadijah Ali Albardweel, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	²⁸ Ashlee Geneva Gill
Saad Abdullah S. Alobaidi, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Alyssa Marie Henninger
Mohammed Awadh S. Alshahrani, <i>Cum Laude</i>	^{24,28} Brooklyn Marie Johns, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
²⁸ Ailah Balch	Allyson Kugler
Emily Kate Banik <i>Second Degree, Neuroscience</i>	^{24,32} Gabriel Larsen, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Rachael Battle	^{4,30} Brynn Skyler Marlow
²⁸ Lauren Beaver	Rachael Mehl, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Bethany Marissa Bielut	Christopher James Nuss
Blake Robert Thomas Billingsley	David M. Osman
²⁴ Mia Christina Burke, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	²⁴ Shivani Patel, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Alexandra Cassel, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	^{24,32} Gabrielle Evelyn Ricci, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Luis Alejandro Cespedes Ramirez <i>Degree Awarded Posthumously</i>	^{24,30} Kaitlyn Maureen Ritsick, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Rebecca Rosina Colón	Madison Straub
²⁴ Sarah Cywinski, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Kameron Elizabeth Thomas
²⁴ Kaitlyn Marie Downey, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	²⁴ Robert Thomas, <i>Cum Laude</i>
^{24,30} Sydney Farmer	Mackenzie Wagner
Kathryn L. Gallagher	Erin Marie Weaver
	David Wickiser
	Matthew Williams

Scholarly Societies and Special Designations

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

2025 Student Awards

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Class of 2025 Officers

Edweana Alexis

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Eliana Kramer

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Ally Warntz

SENIOR CLASS SECRETARY

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SENIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

Nolee Ana Grabowski

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

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.

RESTROOMS — Restrooms are accessible from the lobby and on the second floor. A women'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.