



WILKES UNIVERSITY'S

# Summer Commencement

FOR THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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Sunday, September Eighth  
Two-thousand and twenty-four • 1 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?*

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*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.*

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*Words and Music by Eleanor C. Farley*

# Order of Exercises

## \*FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL

*Pomp and Circumstance* ..... *Edward Elgar*  
*Arrangement, Joel M. Graham*

WELCOME ..... **DAVID M. WARD**  
*Senior Vice President and Provost*

\*INVOCATION ..... **REV. JANE L. O'BORSKI**  
*Heshbon Park United Methodist Church*

\*The Star-Spangled Banner ..... *Words by Francis Scott Key*

GREETINGS ..... **ANDREW MILLER**  
*Chair, Faculty Affairs Council*  
*Associate Professor, Political Science*

**SUSAN V. KALINAY**  
*Member of the Graduating Class*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... **DEBORAH ZBEGNER**  
*Dean, College of Health and Education*

THE CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES ..... **GREG CANT**  
*President*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ..... **GREG CANT**

\*Alma Mater ..... *Eleanor C. Farley*  
*Arrangement, Terry Zipay*

\*BENEDICTION ..... **REV. JANE L. O'BORSKI**

## \*RECESSIONAL

*Seventeen Come Sunday* ..... *Ralph Vaughan Williams*  
*Arrangement, Ed Huckeby*

**Music provided by the Wilkes University Commencement Quintet**  
Led by Joel M. Graham  
Kasey Karoll, *Vocalist*

**Ceremony interpreted by Interprettek**

*\*The audience is requested to rise.*

# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

## The College of Arts and Sciences

Paul T. Riggs, *Dean*

### COMMUNICATION STUDIES

<sup>12,30</sup> Amanda M. Montgomery, *Cum Laude*  
*Second Degree, Marketing*

### GEOLOGY

Meghan Englehart

### NEUROSCIENCE

<sup>30,32</sup> Rebecca Anne Thomas, *Magna Cum Laude*

### POLITICAL SCIENCE

Kathrine Elise Ermeus

### SOCIOLOGY

Sean Croley

## The College of Business and Engineering

Abel Adekola, *Dean*

## The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

### FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS

Ahmed Mithqab Jubran Mukhrish

### MANAGEMENT

Kyle Tino

### MARKETING

Elizabeth Kelshaw, *Summa Cum Laude*      <sup>12,30</sup> Amanda M. Montgomery, *Cum Laude*  
Ryan Martel      *Second Degree, Communication Studies*  
Kyle John Medrow

### SPORTS MANAGEMENT

Aiden J. Velez

### SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Sean McCurdy      Zachary Thomas Shay

<sup>12</sup> *Lambda Pi Eta*      <sup>30</sup> *Honors Program Graduate*      <sup>32</sup> *Barre Scholars Graduate*

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## The College of Business and Engineering *(Continued)*

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### Engineering

#### MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Kayla Marie Roselle

## The College of Health and Education

Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

### The Passan School of Nursing

#### Accelerated Bachelor's Degree Candidates

Theodore Michael Bender

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Monique Sade Davis

Rosangel Del Rosario

Joy Eki

Breanna Nicole Fields

Megan A. Grabowski, *Cum Laude*

Devyn Hauser

Briana M. Horton

Kristen Barrett Kearney

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Alicia Perkowski

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Kenneth Javier Ramos

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## **The College of Arts and Sciences**

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### **MASTER OF ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING**

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### **Engineering**

*Abel Adekola, Dean*

#### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOENGINEERING**

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#### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

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Mohammed Saad Almadhor

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## The College of Health and Education

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### MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

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Larissa Rose Conard  
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Joshua A. Dieter  
Emily Grace Ditzler  
Matthew Duffy  
Matthew Dunn  
Miranda Katherine Dunn  
Sandra D. Dunn  
Scott Brian Felton  
Vanessa Marie Fernandez  
Amanda Terese Fisher  
Tyra Lee Flanders  
Carrie Fox  
Kristina Ellen Frantz  
Gabrielle Um Fritz

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Alexis Imler  
Samantha Jo Jarrett  
Abigail Ruth Johnson  
Paige Danielle Jones  
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Eva Nicole Karkuff  
Mark C. Keffer  
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Taylor Krause  
Nicole M. Krick  
Tyler Jeffrey Kuchar  
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Claire Le'Anne Olson  
Hannah Rose Oren  
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Kristina Lynn Pavlick  
Joe Robert Potteiger  
Megan Quinley  
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Abby Virginia Reiner  
Jacob Edward Reinsmith  
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Javier Rodriguez  
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Katherine S. Rupert  
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Sydney Sniezek  
Monica Snyder  
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Krista Marie Spadea  
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Cynthia Kay Steed  
Julie Ann Bernatowicz Stelle  
Sherry Davis Steppe  
Rebecca Lynn Storm  
Tyler Svetik  
Heather Sweigart  
Amber Szkaradnik  
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Meghan Elizabeth Tavani  
Marisa M. Tracy  
Kerri Urzillo  
McKenzie Lynn VanWieren  
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#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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Nicholas Joseph Barni	Amy R. Johnston
Tanya M. Barr	Andrea Justice
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Erin Elizabeth Green	Lindsey Roberts
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Amber Lee Hicks	Michael John-Paul Ryan
Velida Hodzic	January Sadler
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Christopher Dase Izzo	Keisha Tamara Sewell
Angel Renae Jackson	Sheetal Sharma

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## The College of Health and Education *(Continued)*

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING *(Continued)*

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Ebere Aniegbuna	Virginia Denise Hall
Ihuoma Innocentia Arikibe	Joan Marie Hare
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Gloria Azubuike	Marlyn D. Hirsch
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Claudy Bonne-Annee	Kimberly A. Hurley
Lakisha Marie Boykin-Wright	Abimbola Datonye Iketubosin
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Kadesha Clark Evans	Takeisha Judkins
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Renee Christine Lynch	Stephanie Marie Schlesman
Jennifer Martin	Brandilen Sklanka
Jillian Marie Martin	Deborah A. Smith
Cavelline Martin-Darby	Samantha Snyder
Susan Mburu	Tramia Joann Squire
Crystal Alice McCarthy	Christina Stone
Tamara Melendez	Breann Striefsky
Tyeshia S. Miller	Rachel Sullivan
Lara Mitchell Bauducco	Leena R. Tarin
Nadege Morisset	Edlira Tegu
Julie Moulison	Jomini Thomas
Shampa Nasreen	Michelle Troope
Aileen Chan Neequaye	Pauline A. Tyas
Honorine Ngeseh Njita	Vianney O. Uzoma
Natacha Nortelus	Desiree Lynn Vazquez
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Keyonna Porter	Kearstin Kaye Wyland
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#### MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING

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Dahlia Fisher	Laurie Stephens-Hunter
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# DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

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### The Passan School of Nursing

#### DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

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Carolina Egbe Njikam

Alexandra Farano

Marsha Grantham-Murillo

Alyssa Luft

Nwaebuni O. Okeke

Trina M. Taylor

### Education

Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

#### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Dana Anne Boylan

Laura M. Connolly

Patricia Deo

Sara Beth Frey

Allen Heimbach

Amy Esther Kuiken

Samantha Marie Lee

Kristopher A. Ludka

Elizabeth Martin

Samantha J. Masco

April M. Morgan

William Swinsburg

Dennis Virga, Jr.

### The Passan School of Nursing

Deborah A. Zbegner, *Dean*

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

Juliette Kathleen Gretzler

# 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 Honorary 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 Psy Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology*
- 22 *Membership in Rho Chi, the National Honor Society in Pharmacy*
- 23 *Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary 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 *Society for Student Nurses*

# 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.