**Wilkes University Honors Students, Faculty and Staff With 2018 Multicultural Awards**

The Center for Global Education and Diversity at Wilkes University recently presented its 2018 multicultural awards. The award recognize students, faculty and staff who have supported and improved the diversity climate on campus, increased international awareness and promotes cross-cultural awareness.

The awards included:

**Global Scholar and Citizen Award:** Nshimirimana Zawadi, senior communication studies major, received this award. It is presented to a student who demonstrates significant contributions toward raising international awareness at Wilkes through involvement in campus and community activities promoting cross-cultural awareness.

**Diversity and Inclusion Student Award:** Conroy Yearde, junior mechanical engineering major, and Amina Mustafa, sophomore biology major, were this year’s winners. The award is given to a student who has contributed to improving the diversity climate.

**Executive Diversity Award:** Rodney Ridley, executive director and distinguished professor at the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship at Wilkes University, received this award for contributing to improving the diversity climate.

**Diversity Faculty Award:** Blake Mackesy, assistant professor of educational leadership and Linda Paul, associate professor of global cultures, received the 2018 award for being a faculty member who helped improve the diversity climate.

**Diversity Staff Award:** Raymond FeDora, assistant director of residence life and Amanda Modrovsky, director of sponsored programs, were selected as staff members who have contributed to improving the diversity climate.

**Global Scholar and Citizen Career Award:** This award was presented to Linda Winkler, professor of anthropology. The award is given to a faculty member who has significantly contributed toward increasing international knowledge and promoting cross-cultural awareness through academics, study abroad and involvement with campus activities.

[Pictured from left to right: Jonathan Summers, associate director of diversity affairs; Georgia Costalas, director of international student services; Rodney Ridley, executive director and distinguished professor at the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship ; Linda Winkler, professor of anthropology ; Amanda Modrovsky, director of sponsored programs ; Blake Mackesy, assistant professor of educational leadership ; Linda Paul, associate professor of global cultures ; Amina Mustafa, student; Ray FeDora, assistant director of residence life; Conrad Yearde, student; Nshimirimana Zawadi, student; Erica Acosta, associate director of diversity affairs and Crystal Cool, assistant director of diversity affairs.]

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Wilkes University is an independent institution of higher education dedicated to academic and intellectual excellence through mentoring in the liberal arts, sciences and professional programs. Founded in 1933, the university is on a mission to create one of the great small universities, offering all of the programs, activities and opportunities of a large, research university in the intimate, caring and mentoring environment of a small, liberal arts college, at a cost that is increasingly competitive with public universities. The Economist named Wilkes 25th in the nation for the value of its education for graduates. In addition to 43 bachelor’s degree programs, Wilkes offers 25 master’s degree programs and five doctoral/terminal degree programs, including the doctor of philosophy in nursing, doctor of nursing practice, doctor of education, doctor of pharmacy, and master of fine arts in creative writing. Learn more at www.wilkes.edu.

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