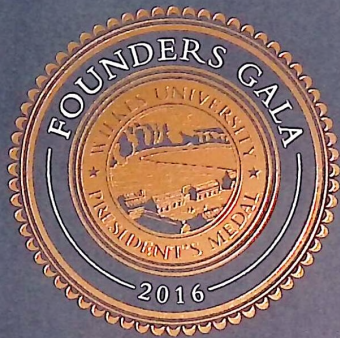


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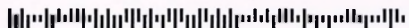
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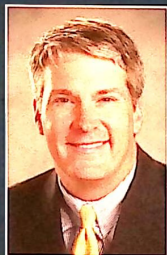
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The Founders Gala also gives us the chance to recognize deserving individuals with the President's Medal. The medal is given to individuals whose personal and professional lives reflect the highest aspirations of Wilkes University. This year's honorees, Clayton and Theresa Karambelas, personify a passionate commitment to Wilkes' mission.

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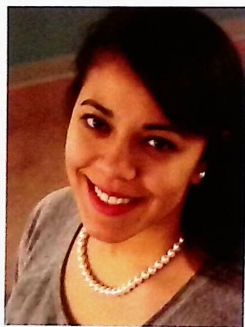
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The President's Medal recipients who will be honored at Founders Gala 2016 are Clayton '49 and Theresa Karambelas.

Clayton earned a B.S. in Business Administration from Wilkes College in 1949. He and Theresa are longtime residents of Luzerne County and previous owners of the Boston Candy Shop & Restaurant, C.K. Coffee and C.K. Consulting. Their passion for their community has benefited many area organizations, including their church. Their generosity to Wilkes includes the Henry Student Center atrium, Dorothy Dickson Darte Center digital marquee, greenway pergola, Cohen Science Center grand staircase, and a gift to our new gateway. Clayton and Theresa have served on numerous boards and committees at Wilkes and throughout the community.

ABOUT YOUSSTENA ZAKI '19 FOUNDERS GALA 2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



After graduating from high school in 2011, I started my higher education at Harrisburg Area Community College. At that point, my family was still struggling financially after moving to the United States from Egypt. While I was a full-time student maintaining a 4.0 GPA, I worked as a pharmacy technician to help my family with household

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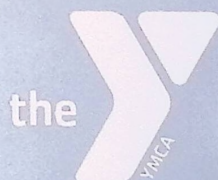
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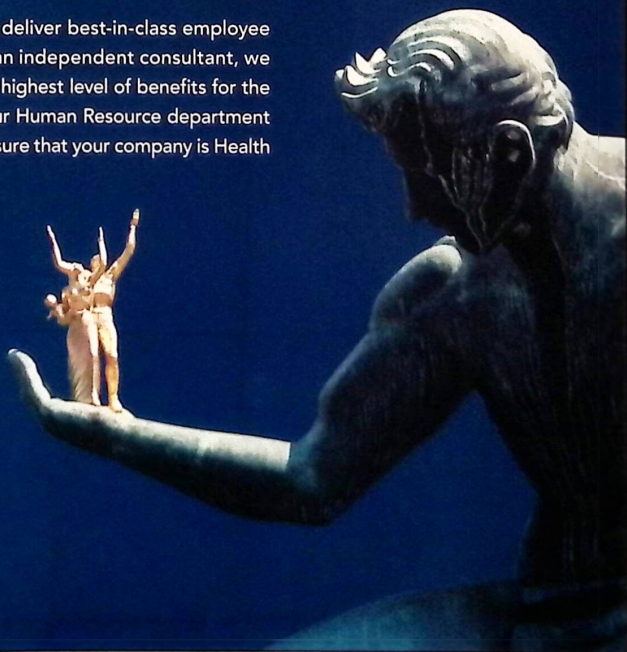
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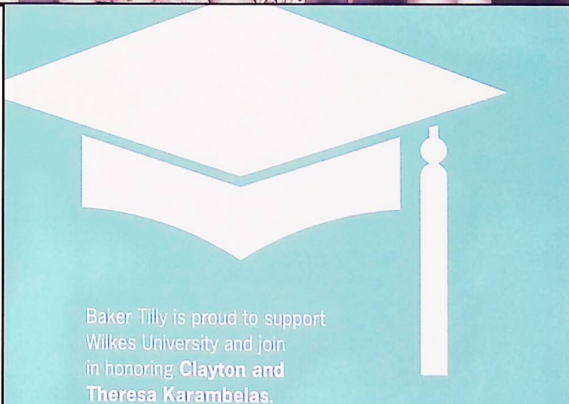
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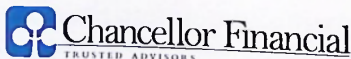
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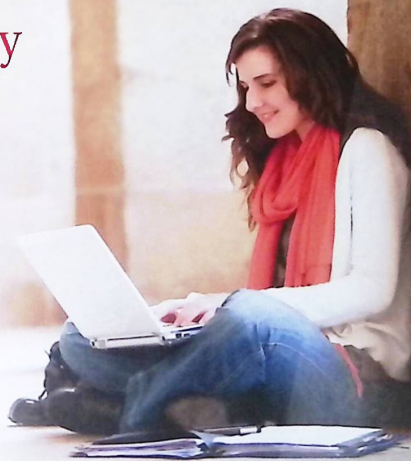
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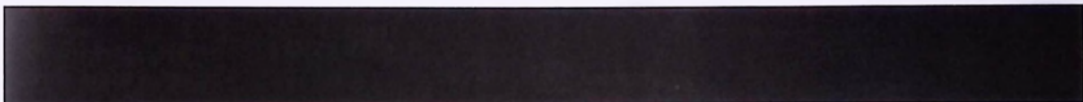
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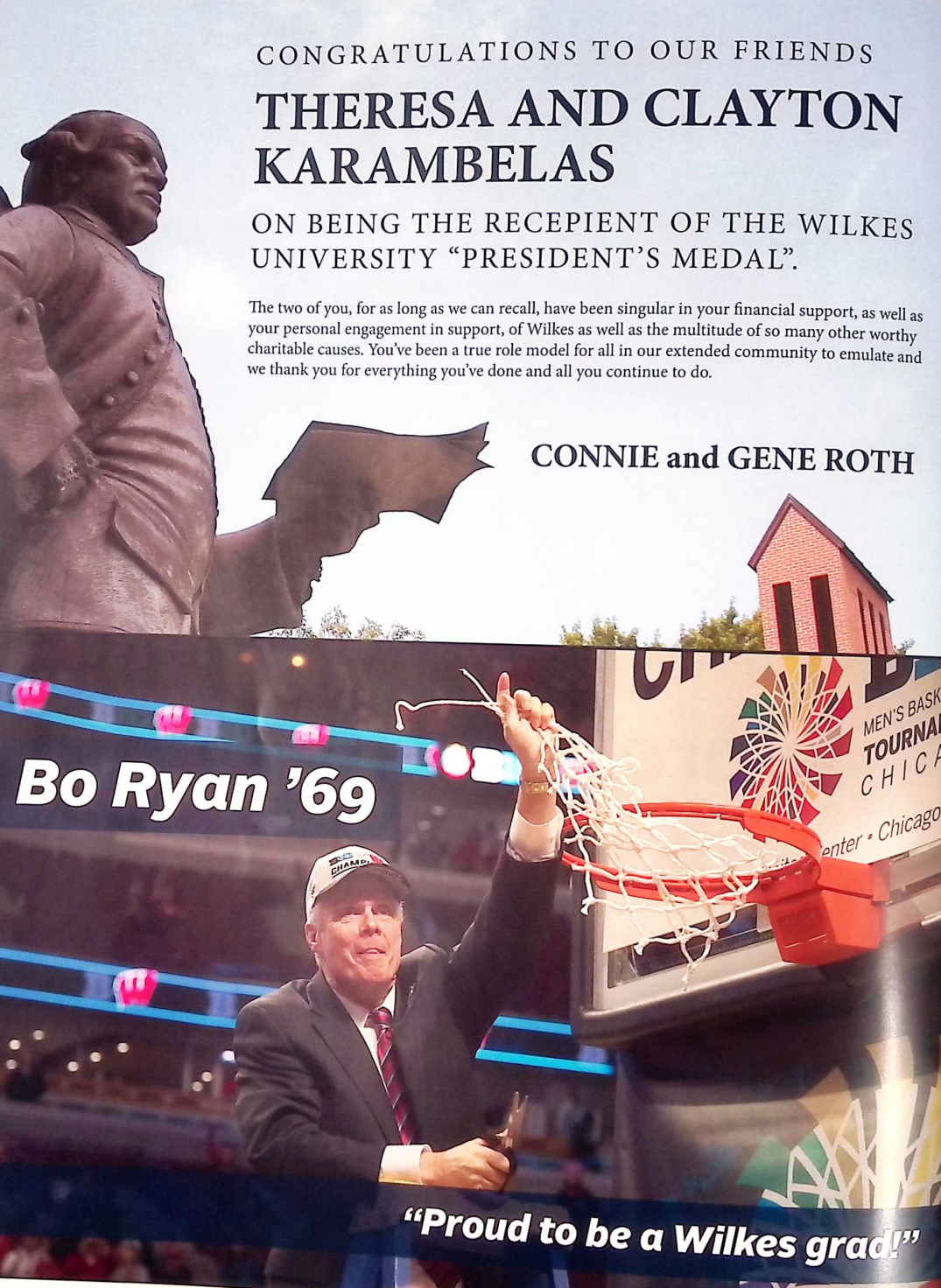
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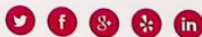
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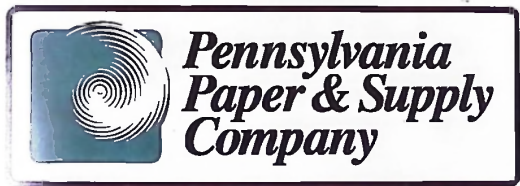
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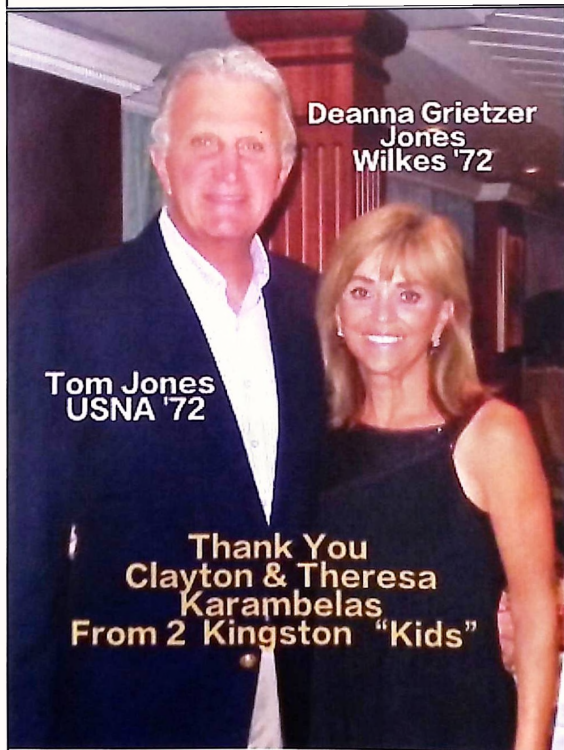
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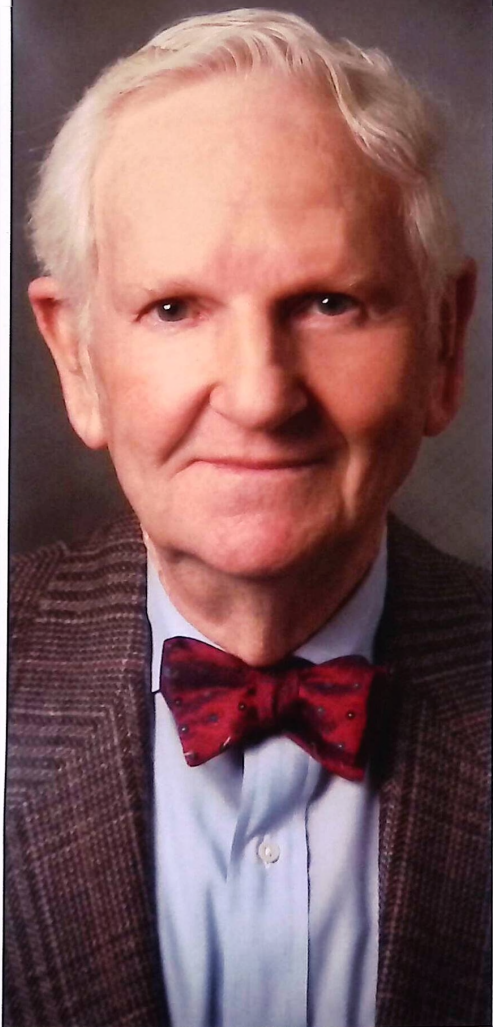
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