

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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**NC STATE** College of Natural Resources

# PROGRAM

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Dean Myron F. Floyd

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## **Faculty and Staff Awards and Recognitions**

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## **Introduction of Student Speakers and Other Academic Recognitions**

Dr. Melissa Pasquinelli, *Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

## **Undergraduate Student Speaker Address to Fellow Graduates**

Mimi Pinyan, *Bachelor of Science in  
Forest Management*

## **Graduate Student Speaker Address to Fellow Graduates**

Wizaso Munthali, *Doctor of Philosophy in Forestry and  
Environmental Resources*

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## **Awarding of Diplomas, Department of Forest Biomaterials**

Dr. Jingxin Wang, *Department Head*

## **Name Reader:**

Dr. Med Byrd, *Director of the Undergraduate Program,  
Paper Science and Engineering*

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**Awarding of Diplomas, Department of Forestry and  
Environmental Resources**

Dr. Erin Sills, *Department Head*

**Name Readers:**

Dr. Stephanie Jeffries, *Associate Teaching Professor*, and  
Dr. Christopher Moorman, *Professor and Associate  
Department Head*

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**Awarding of Diplomas, Department of Parks, Recreation and  
Tourism Management**

Dr. Rasul Mowatt, *Department Head*

**Name Readers:**

Dr. Keith Howard, *Director of Undergraduate Programs*, and  
Dr. Yu-Fai Leung, *Director of Graduate Programs*

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**Awarding of Diplomas, Center for Geospatial Analytics**

Dr. Ross Meentemeyer, *Director*

**Name Reader:**

Dr. Eric Money, *Associate Director of Educational Innovation  
and Associate Teaching Professor*

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**Closing Remarks**

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## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER



**Mimi Pinyan** is graduating with a bachelor's degree in forest management. She is from Greensboro, North Carolina. Throughout her undergraduate studies, Mimi has been an active member of the Society of American Foresters Student Chapter and the University Honors Program. She has

consistently demonstrated academic excellence, earning the R.B. and Irene Jordan Endowed Scholarship, the J. M. and Sally B. Beard Forestry Endowed Scholarship, the Eldon M. and Leola P. Estep Natural Resources Endowed Scholarship Award, the Forest Education and Conservation Foundation Scholarship Award, and the Nicholas M. Curtis Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Fueled by her interest in forest biometrics and statistics, Mimi participated in multiple research projects in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources. She not only expanded her knowledge by taking additional statistics courses and researching the integration of the two fields, but she also gained practical experience in data management while working for the NC State Tree Improvement Cooperative. After graduation, Mimi will pursue a master's degree in forestry and statistics at the University of Georgia and serve as a graduate research assistant to Steven Kinane. Her research will focus on optimizing growth and yield models using computer programming for timber sales. Mimi looks forward to continuing her academic journey and hopes to eventually return to NC State as a professor.

## GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER



**Wizaso Munthali** is graduating with a doctoral degree in forestry and environmental resources. She has worked as an environmental expert in her home country of Zambia for nearly 22 years. From 2001 to 2012, Wizaso served as an environmental regulator with the Zambia

Environmental Management Agency. She specialized in environmental impact assessment and pollution control. Wizaso holds a bachelor's degree in forestry from Copperbelt University in Zambia and a master's degree in geo-information science and earth observation from the University of Twente in the Netherlands. She is a 2009 Aspen Environmental Forum Scholar, Fulbright Scholar, and a recipient of a Netherlands Fellowship Programme scholarship from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Wizaso currently works as a lecturer at the School of Mines and Mineral Sciences in the Environmental Engineering Department at Copperbelt University. Her research interests include energy transition, alternative cooking energy and life cycle analysis. Through the Energy Poverty PIRE in Southern Africa program funded by the National Science Foundation, Wizaso participated as an affiliate in the planning, design and administration of household energy surveys and the development of research concepts covering the energy poverty theme in Zambia.



# GRADUATION WITH LATIN HONORS

Undergraduates are recognized for the level of distinction with which an academic degree has been earned via both the color of their sash at graduation and a degree honor designations noted on transcripts and diplomas.

**Cum Laude** – White sash, GPA of 3.25 - 3.499

**Magna Cum Laude** – Silver sash, GPA of 3.5 - 3.749

**Summa Cum Laude** – Gold sash, GPA of 3.75 and above

*To be eligible for degree honor designations, students must have completed at least two semesters and at least 30 credit hours at NC State.*

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## A NOTE ABOUT ACADEMIC REGALIA

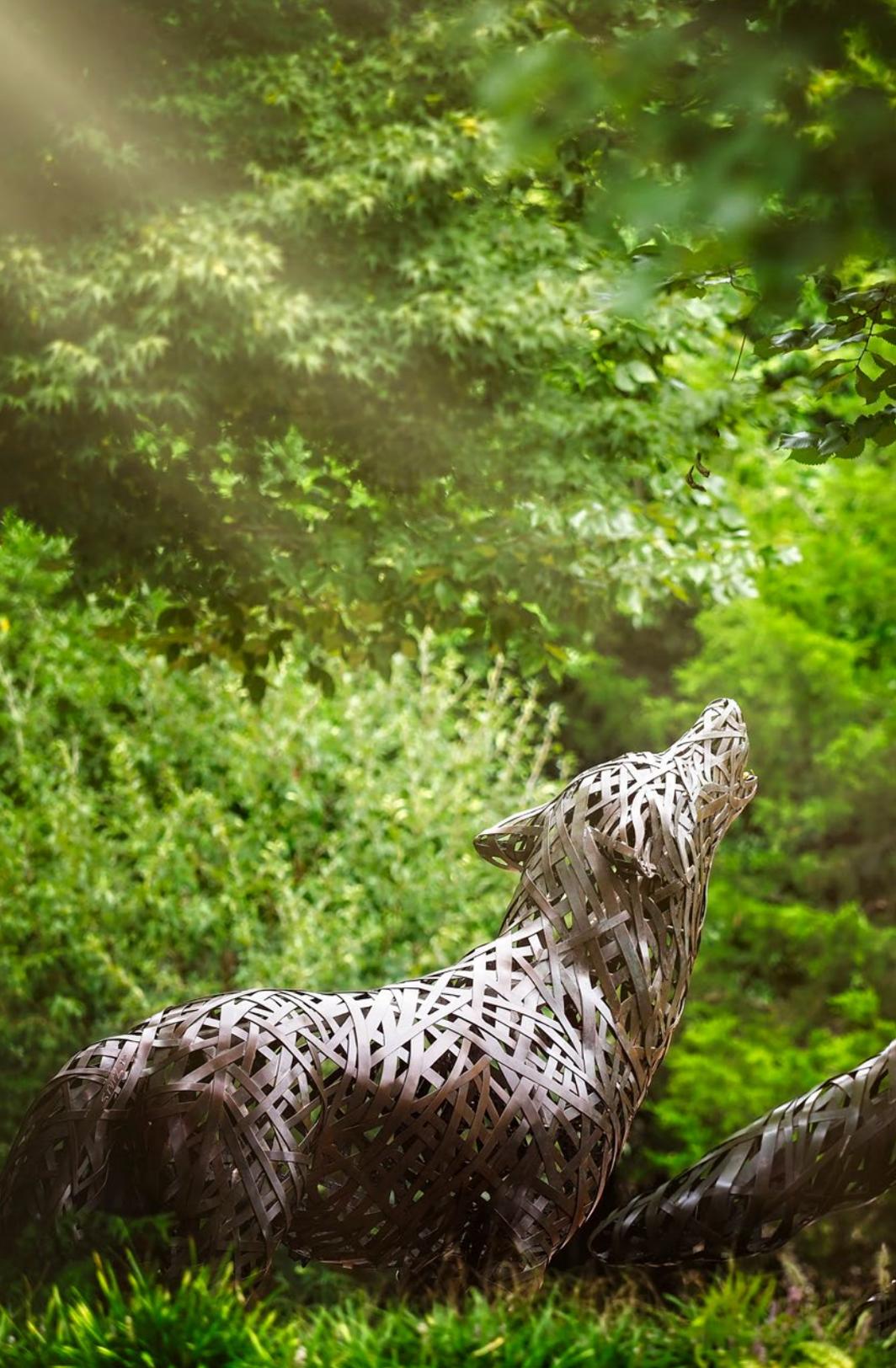
In 1894, American universities standardized gown styles for bachelor, master and doctoral degree candidates.

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree candidates** wear traditional black gowns with full, rounded sleeves with three velvet bars. The hood is lined with the academic color of the university (red) and royal blue on the outside representing the color of philosophy.

**Master degree candidates** also wear traditional black gowns with full-length sleeves that have a crescent shape at the end. The hood is lined with the academic color of the university (red) and orange, representing the color of engineering, or gold, representing the color of science, on the outside.

**Bachelor degree candidates** wear a plain gown the academic color of the university (red) and no hood. Cords, stoles and sashes represent various academic achievements, honors or other recognitions held by the degree candidate.

**Faculty** generally wear robes in the traditional black or the color of the academic institution where they received their post-graduate degree. The color on the velvet edge of the hood represents their specific degree or discipline. The inner satin hood lining represents the academic institution where they received their highest ranking degree. International faculty also wear traditional regalia from their universities, which often varies in style from regalia worn by graduates in the United States.



# DEPARTMENT OF FOREST BIOMATERIALS

## Bachelor of Science in Paper Science and Engineering

Varun Susheel Atree+***	Trae Asbury Knight+***
Brianna Bui+***	Bryanna Paige Barker Lawry+*~
Joshua Daniel Wilson Carter	Coleman Tate Lee+
Camila Vanessa Clickner+**	Michael Stephen Litavec+***
Weston Blaine Cregger+***	Ian Joseph Seidel+***
Sydney Lauren Crush+**	Rylee Nicolle Sepesi+
Kaleb Lee Estridge+	Aidan James Stewart**
Hannah Ashley Getsee*	Bennett Forest Surret+***
Peter Joel Gough+***	Michael Adam Tozer+***
Trey Douglas Hester+***	Samuel Grayson Webb***
Parker Alexander Janson+*	Connor Nathaniel Wrought+

## Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Materials and Technology

Samuel L. Buchanan	Alex Roger Machado
John Thomas Binh Chappell***	Kate Elizabeth Macleod**~
Anna Lucille Cross***	Bella Marie McInnes*
Emma Grace Gandy*~	Ethan Patrick Muncy
Jacob Harrison Hall**	Chandler Davis Parrish***~
Benjamin M. Hopkins*	Bruce Andrew Porter+***~
Alli Elizabeth Kale**	Emily Grace Ramanata**~
Kyle Stephen Kapp**	Allie Vance Saffioti

## Master of Science in Forest Biomaterials

Thanaporn Khongpatimakorn (*Advised by Dr. Lokendra Pal*)

## Doctor of Philosophy in Forest Biomaterials

Nelson Alberto Barrios (*Advised by Drs. Lokendra Pal and Richard Venditti*)  
Mrittika Debnath (*Advised by Drs. Lokendra Pal and Martin Hubbe*)  
Avery Griffin Miller (*Advised by Drs. Sunkyu Park and Richard Venditti*)  
Hyeonji Park (*Advised by Drs. Sunkyu Park and Hasan Jameel*)  
Ramon Eduardo Vera Vera (*Advised by Drs. Ronalds Gonzalez and Hasan Jameel*)

# DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

## Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences

Abigail Larsen Arens***	Arden Grace Marsicano
Connor Bonham**	Cassidy Sierra McCarty+***
Katherine Camilla Brannum***	Mia Katherine McDowell*
Madison Elise Burnette	Daphne Judith Meyer*
Hannah Joy Cabell+*	Lena Olivia Miller***
Christina Mishelle Conrad***	Blake Hampton Murphy**
Brooke Elaine Cox***	Tessa Marie Omer***
Faith Chappell Daniel**	Blake Alexander Parrish
Evelia Grace DeSantis	Natalie Sachiko Pitser***
Alysse Rachel Dinoff**	Amanda Michelle Procak***
Michael Millian Duff-Mills*	Stephanie Quiroz-Yepes***
Emily Nicole Dye***	Lauren Nicole Rooney***
Peyton Dearmond Fitts+***	Emily Elizabeth Schikore+**
Shane Carter Fogarty+***	Alexandria Elizabeth Seal*~
Tatiana Mabel Frontera*	Sheila Lee Ann Skrabacz**
Luke Gregory Gladden***	Alaina Mary Smith*
Ella Maria Harlacher*	Colin E. Smith*
Jenna Olivia Haskell**	Joshua Seth Smith
Dawn Clarissa Haworth	Charanya Srinivasan+
Rebekah Anne Helms+	Romulus English Stanek***
Robert Charles Hruska II*	Haven Grace Thompson**
Samantha Brooke Humphrey+**	Santiago Timotei+**
Benjamin J. Hutchins**	Mary Grace Ussary
Chufeng James Jin***	Sara L. Wall*
Addison Jake Johnson	Olivia Marian Walsh+**
Madeline B. Johnson***	Adam Neel Wampler+***
Caitlin Rose Jones	Riley C. Westman***
Chandler Reese Jones	Madisen Mary Winters***
Josephine Cerys Kinsey	Nathaniel Finn Wyschka
Ojasi Kirtikar	Bailey Yates**
Seth Joseph Laney	Sydney Reese Zimmerman+**

## Anticipated Summer Graduates

Makenzie Paige Bowman*	Thomas Mahairas Moore***
Natalie Catheryne Lampkin-Blyth*	

## Bachelor of Science in Environmental Technology and Management

Sophia Rose Bradford	Carter Allen Macklin
Andrew Michael Bresingham***	Matthew Robert Moore**
Paige McCormick Collins***	Shrusti Hitenkumar Patel***
Adam Scott Ernest	Alexander Joseph Pezold**
Sarah Ruth Jacobs+***	Harrison Kenemer Skidmore*

## Anticipated Summer Graduates

Mindy Liang Dunn	Andrea Devana Putri***
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## **Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources**

Katherine Louise Beard	Kaitlyn Elizabeth O'Donnell***~
Rebecca Ann Burkhart	Hiral Rajesh Patel***
Jessie Orion Dewey***	Anika Nicole Rauch**
Meghan Campbell Fickling*	Caleb Issac Smith
Valerie Friedmann**	Suzanne Margaret Heard
Nicholas Mathai Hooper	Teague***
Kayla Meadow Huntoon	Helen Yvonne Vance**
Samuel Frederick Mowrey**	Paul Samuel Youngblood

*Anticipated Summer Graduate*  
William Austin Lowe

## **Bachelor of Science in Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology**

Matthew Jason Adams	Tabitha Mae Hille
Cecelia Renee Adkins	Austin C. Johnson
Sarah Ali Alanbagi	Charlotte Elizabeth Jones
Clayton Molloy Albrecht*	Jalen Scott Keith***
Robert Bruce Armstrong III	Elena Margaret Kelly***
Clark Harsen Axtell	Erimi Merigrace Kendrick***
Aidan Michael Baker*	Abigail Grace Lee*
Penelope Ballew	Isabella Elise Levering*
Joshua Wade Barber	Jake Daniel Marinelli**
Kayla Marie Beckwith	Gabrielle Elise Martin***
Anna Jayne Casper***	Everett McAteer+*
Allyson Leigh Cowen***	Henry A. Myers***
James William Crawford*	John Mark Polk***~
Griffin Faith Crisp***	Kevin Charles Ritter**
Noah Parkhurst Dunmire	Chloe Elizabeth Roberts+***
Anamitraa Dutta	Tyler Shroyer+***
Nina Maria Esquerdo	Grace Elizabeth Spaulding***
Amelia Joy Faust***	Mickey Lewis St Clair
Alejandra Flores	Taliana Maria Tudryn
Gabrielle Fisher Elizabeth Frech***	Andrew James Vanhoy***
Natalie Rae Garrett***	Nathan Michael Vaughan*
Gregory Paul Godwin*	Matthew Gray Waddell**
Dylan Michael Gray*	

*Anticipated Summer Graduates*  
Gabrielle Elise Landry\*\*\*

Hunter Ronald Palmer

## **Bachelor of Science in Forest Management**

Edward Butler Adams	River William Meacham
Edward McBride Boland IV	Cory Jones Norris*
John Christopher Camp**	Donovan Michael O'Donnell
Lila Clare Cantrell***	Mary Mackenzie Pinyan***
Gabriel Dawkins***	Matthew Thomas Richards*
Daniel Robert Ewing**	Leon Dewitt Snuggs III
Joseph Randolph Hani	Preston Truett*
Madison Joyce ***	Griffin Lee Wingfield
Cassidy Sierra McCarty+***	

### *Anticipated Summer Graduate*

Bracey Frederick Fountain IV

## **Master of Environmental Assessment**

Joanna Traynor Perry (*Advised by Dr. Ayse Ercumen*)  
Kayla Marie Totten (*Advised by Dr. Stephen Graham*)  
Elisabeth A. Webster (*Advised by Dr. Tamara Pandolfo*)

## **Master of Science in Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology**

Cara Lily Franceschini (*Advised by Dr. Chris DePerno*)

## **Master of Science in Forestry**

William Christian Baldwin (*Advised by Dr. Justin Whitehill*)  
Jacob Mark Bost (*Advised by Dr. Rachel Cook*)  
Amandeep Kaur Dhaliwal (*Advised by Dr. Leah Rathbun*)  
Sarah Jane Puls (*Advised by Dr. Justin Baker*)  
Timothy Austin Quate (*Advised by Dr. Trevor Walker*)  
Mindoro Razoki (*Advised by Drs. Gary Hodge and Juan Acosta*)

## **Master of Natural Resources**

Sydney Noel Case (*Advised by Dr. George Hess*)

## **Master of Science in Natural Resources**

Samuel Connor Blumenfeld (*Advised by Drs. Solomon Gezehei, Elizabeth Nichols and Justin Whitehill*)  
Soe Min Thu (*Advised by Dr. Fred Cabbage*)  
Lauren Taylor Willhite (*Advised by Dr. Stephanie Jeffries*)  
Sedanur Yilmaz (*Advised by Dr. Marcelo Ardón Sayao*)

### *Anticipated Summer Graduate*

Anne McElvenny (*Advised by Dr. Jordan Kern*)

## **Doctor of Philosophy in Forestry and Environmental Resources**

Elly Tahmaseb Gay (*Advised by Dr. Katherine Martin*)  
Wizaso Munthali (*Advised by Drs. Erin Sills and Steve Kelley*)

# DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

## Bachelor of Science in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management

Jacob Scott Brown*	Cameron Richard Manning**
Bradley Michael DeLuzio+	Amanda Matthews*
Julia Grace Egler***~	Jason Louis Michaels
Jake Geis	Eliza Keane Murphy**
Kaitlyn Nicole Hall**	Nathan Alan Reston**
Charlotte Kincaid Harwell**	Avery Robert Shaffer
Cole Benjamin Henson*	Emily Nicole Smith***
Christopher Charles Howerton*	Kelly Sharon Thompson*
Paul James Labriola	Katelyn Wallace
Joshua Blake Love	Kennedy Jane Wordsworth*

## Anticipated Summer Graduates

Lindsey Bateman***	Jason Matthew Rodri
Sean Alexander Greene	Celia Anne Settlemyer***~
Grace Elizabeth Hodges***	Ann Frances Padgett White**
Meredith Katherine McMillen**	Logan Noel Yokeley
Emily Jo Pressey	

## Bachelor of Science in Sport Management

Jakolbe Nasir Baldwin	Ian Scott Harmon
Joseph Thomas Barrow Jr.	Mahkayla Erinique Hart
Collin David Baughman	Alyssa Paige Hendrix***
Robin Shea Breagy**	Charles William Hill**
Banks Macarthur Cathey	Harrison Westbrook Hosse
Lauren Therese Chocianowski***	Mason Ray Hux**
Connor Corrigan-Webster	Emma Grace Jimenez
Jackson Wicke Cowen***	Justin Patrick Jones***
Daniel Eric Daenecke	Owen J. Larson+**
McCoy B. Davenport	Hayley LaVoie
Tyler Lawrence deJong*	Benjamin Henry Mandelin***
Bradley Michael DeLuzio+	Rachel Leigh Miller
John Jackson Elis	Brandon Tobias Mise**
Camden Blake Elmore	Cole Isamu Miyamura***
Roberto Jesus Escobar+	Gage Montgomery
Alexander C. Fall*	Brendon Michael Moriarty+
Zora Flash**	Gabrielle Marie Mueller***
Evan Michael Fleisher	Bobby Louis Murray III*
Nolan Paul Fox*	Brendan Tyler Myers**
William Colby Freeman*	Paige Olivia Neiman***
Angel David Gonzalez**	Mutombe M. Nshisso*
Jake Evan Gusler	Lyndsey Frances O'Marra***

+Co-major \*Cum Laude \*\*Magna Cum Laude \*\*\*Summa Cum Laude

^College Honors Program ~Student Ambassador

## **Bachelor of Science in Sport Management** *(continued)*

Ryan Kenneth Owens**	Katherine Elizabeth Shearin**
Luke Raymond Pastore	Max Eliot Shepherd***
Ramon Perez*	James Keith Shumate*
Matthew Tate Peterman**	Preston B. Sinclair**
Christopher S. Poor Jr.	Shane Paul Smith*
Mackenzie Ruth Pope**	Noah Judson Soles*
Garrison Owen Powell*	Jayden Franklin Tate*
Chancellor Braswell Puckett	London Dianne Thomas***
Allison Lee Quinn***	Jay Conn Toomey III
Matthew Gregory Regan*	Davin Isaiah Vann
Madison S. Reid	Morgan Nicole Vulpis**
Thomas Earl Ridley Jr.*	Aydan McKenzie White
Kevin Jacob Ritter	Abraham David Williams*
Ethan Spaulding Robinson	Stephen Walter Williams II
Julia Paige Sansons**	Winston Russ Wise**
Layne Grey Sealey***	Gavin McCabe Zarins**

## *Anticipated Summer Graduates*

Logan Allen Ashby*	Matthew George Kupec Jr.+*
Devon J. Betty	Nathan Joseph Lopes
Caleb Bilyeu	Diana Gabrielle Marcheschi***
William Scott Carroll***	Harrison J. Moore*
Tyler Dean Christensen**	Shelby Tecum Pascual***
Andrew Fisher Coleman	Gionna Marie Quarzo**
Katelyn Sydney Corrigan	William Grey Seate
Graham Brenan Eddy*	Ethan J Swan
D'Azrell Angelo Fleming II	Mateo Joseph Valencia
Ryan Wilson French	Robert Gray Windsor III*
Valerie Eleanor Gasper***	Jonathan Grant Wooten Jr.*
William Nash Glover*	

## **Master of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Sport Management**

Renee Faith Adamonis *(Advised by Dr. Michael Kanters)*  
Colton R. Blake *(Advised by Dr. Jonathan Casper)*  
Chase Nathaniel Conner *(Advised by Dr. Michael Edwards)*  
Tanya Elizabeth Gomez *(Advised by Dr. Michael Kanters)*  
Quinlan Neil Hammond *(Advised by Dr. Jason Bocarro)*  
Bond T. Lammey *(Advised by Dr. Jelena Vukomanovic)*  
Brittany Faye McNeill *(Advised by Dr. Jason Bocarro)*  
Andrew Charles Pack *(Advised by Dr. Michael Kanters)*  
Kayla Marie Pendergast *(Advised by Dr. Michael Edwards)*  
Richard Christopher Saxton *(Advised by Dr. Jonathan Casper)*  
Tyler Christopher Stocum *(Advised by Dr. Michael Edwards)*  
Jacob Lee Wentik *(Advised by Dr. Jelena Vukomanovic)*

# CENTER FOR GEOSPATIAL ANALYTICS

## **Master of Geospatial Information Science and Technology**

Kurt Conroy Baker II (*Advised by Dr. Eric Money*)  
Justin Michael Erlick (*Advised by Dr. Perver Baran*)  
Isabella Catherine Hile (*Advised by Dr. Laura Tateosian*)  
Katherine Ann Ivins (*Advised by Dr. Perver Baran*)  
Jacob D. Makens (*Advised by Dr. Perver Baran*)  
Shannon McAvoy (*Advised by Dr. Eric Money*)  
Mary Rachel Miller (*Advised by Dr. Laura Tateosian*)  
Taylor Davis Richardson (*Advised by Dr. Laura Tateosian*)  
Andrea Sato (*Advised by Dr. Laura Tateosian*)  
Margaret Vanderford (*Advised by Dr. Stacy Supak*)  
Chrysanthi Ioanna Christou Violaris (*Advised by Dr. Stacy Supak*)  
David Anson Vorbach (*Advised by Dr. Eric Money*)  
Macy Hannah Watt (*Advised by Dr. Stacy Supak*)  
Reid Wilson (*Advised by Dr. Stacy Supak*)

## **Doctor of Philosophy in Geospatial Analytics**

Katherine Elizabeth Jones (*Advised by Dr. Jelena Vukomanovic*)  
Laura Mary Tomkins (*Advised by Dr. Sandra Yuter*)

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