

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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NC STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Natural Resources

PROGRAM

Welcome and Introductions

Dean Myron F. Floyd

Introduction of Student Speakers and Other Academic Recognitions

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

Undergraduate Student Speaker Address to Fellow Graduates

Sydney Tomlin, *Bachelor of Science in Paper Science and
Engineering and Chemical Engineering*

Graduate Student Speaker Address to Fellow Graduates

Matthew Snider, *Doctor of Philosophy in Fisheries,
Wildlife and Conservation Biology*

Awarding of Diplomas, Department of Forest Biomaterials

Dr. Jingxin Wang, *Department Head*

Name Reader:

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

Awarding of Diplomas, Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources

Dr. Erin Sills, *Department Head*

Name Readers:

Dr. Lara Pacifici, *Director of Undergraduate Programs,*
and Dr. John King, *Director of Graduate Programs*

**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*

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*

Closing Remarks

Dean Myron F. Floyd

Receptions Immediately Following Ceremony

Please join us for departmental receptions in the following locations:

Department of Forest Biomaterials - *Room 4*

Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources - *Room 3*

Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management - *Room 6*

Center for Geospatial Analytics - *Room 5*

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER



Sydney Tomlin is graduating with dual bachelor's degrees in paper science and engineering and chemical engineering. She is most recently from Orlando, Florida but has lived in various places, including Baltimore, Maryland; Huntsville, Alabama; and Perth, Western Australia. During her time at NC State,

Tomlin has gained 17 months of work experience through internships at Westrock, Amgen and Parker Lord, where she developed an equipment capabilities database, implemented a recycling system in manufacturing, and ensured compliance with environmental standards. Tomlin has also been actively involved within the NC State community. She not only served as an ambassador for the College of Engineering, working as a teaching assistant for introductory engineering classes, but she also held leadership roles for the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry, Operation Christmas Child Club and the International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineers. Additionally, Tomlin participated in an alternative service break to Rwanda in East Africa, promoting engineering education in rural areas. Through the pursuit of her degrees, Tomlin has developed a passion for transport principles and processes and process engineering. After graduation, she will be moving to Houston, Texas to work as a process contact engineer for ExxonMobil. She is excited to contribute to making energy more accessible and sustainable around the world.

GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER



Matthew Snider is graduating with a doctoral degree in fisheries, wildlife and conservation biology. He was advised by Roland Kays, a research professor in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources. Snider previously earned a bachelor's degree in animal sciences from the University

of Maryland in 2009 and a master's degree in fisheries, wildlife and conservation biology from NC State in 2019. His research focuses on wildlife movement, large mammal communities and human-wildlife interactions, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. Before enrolling at NC State, Snider spent nearly five years in Kenya as a project manager at Mpala Research Centre and Maasai Mara National Reserve. There he conducted research on gazelles, lions, hippos and high-elevation mammal communities. During his time at NC State, Snider completed three field seasons in Namibia and an extended field season in Zambia, conducting research and networking with locally-based conservation management groups. He is excited to take his experiences and knowledge back to sub-Saharan Africa as a postdoctoral researcher for the Max Planck Institute, where he will study baboon behavior and movement ecology in northern Kenya. Snider will also serve as a mentor to Kenyan graduate students, building on his passion for supporting the expansion of African-led, African-skilled, internationally-partnered conservation initiatives through capacity building and collaborative research.



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.

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

Richard Blaise Conner+*	Jack Ryan Powell+
Thomas James Ferry*	Brynn Merry Price+**
Sydney Elizabeth Ford+*	Bailey Michele Reed+***
Corey Shane Helseth+	Sarah Ashley Singer+***
Lucy Powell Huitt+***	Corinna Grace Sutton~
Miranda Faith Johnson+***	Sydney Christina Tomlin+***
James Lewis+	Samuel Inman Wolfe
Cameron Michael Pate+***	Thomas John Zarszynski+***~

Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Materials and Technology

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Doctor of Philosophy in Forest Biomaterials

Summer Graduate

Mirela Angelita Artner (*Advised by Drs. Nathalie Lavoine and
Melissa Pasquinelli*)

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences

Vic Mare Abate**	Holland Marie Lamb***
Ainsley Michelle Bulmer*	Courtney Maggie McAleese
Bryan Michael Carey***	Cecilia Milan Nottingham
Faith Chappell Daniel*	Haley Elizabeth Pierce***~
Darcy Noelle Dodd***	Stephen Noah Puckett***
Charlotte Megan Dovey	Claire Marie Sakowski*
Ainsley Marie Turner Horton+**	Emma JoAnn Walcott***
Thor Michael Rolf Iverson	

Summer Graduates

Omkar Apte	Ella Maria Harlacher
Makenzie Paige Bowman**	Natalie Cathryne Lampkin-Blyth
Celeste T. Dobill**	Thomas Mahairas Moore***
Emily Nicole Dye***	

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Technology and Management

Sophia Merrin Cunningham***	Millie Ann McInnes
Alexander Caesar Fucci*	Alyssa Marie Paull+
Benjamin Stone Massey	

Summer Graduates

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

Windsor Reynolds Barringer	Cate Samantha Harris***
Rebecca Ann Burkhart	James Avery Roberts IV

Summer Graduates

William Austin Lowe	Helen Yvonne Vance**
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Bachelor of Science in Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology

Angelica Acosta*	Walker Charles Massey**
James Edward Campbell*	Connor David Michael Pogue
Allyson L. Farina	Jared Lee Spurlin
Isabel Catherine Gattis***	Grier Aiden Staples*
William Nicholas Gunther**	Sean Patrick Sullivan**
Conner Matthew Hayes*	Nathan H. Tabor
Courtland Aaron Hayes	Sarah Frances Vaccarella
Owen Michael LaVenture	Logan John Wikfors

Summer Graduates

Brady Andrew Dillingham	Gabrielle Elise Landry**
Isabella Marie Insignares***	Hunter Ronald Palmer

Bachelor of Science in Forest Management

Bracey Frederick Fountain IV John O. Watts
Ashley Hope Kerr**

Master of Environmental Assessment

Jenel Ashley Richard *(Advised by Dr. Jennifer Richmond-Bryant)*
Holly Nicole Whittington-Comer *(Advised by Dr. Tamara Pandolfo)*
Catherine Victoria Mazo Wolverton *(Advised by Drs. Jennifer Richmond-Bryant and Tamara Pandolfo)*

Summer Graduate

Haley Turner *(Advised by Dr. Ayse Ercumen)*

Master of Science in Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology

Kalle Simpson *(Advised by Dr. Tal Ben-Horin)*

Summer Graduate

Greivin Eli Ulate Ramirez *(Advised by Dr. Madhusudan Katti)*

Master of Science in Forestry

Summer McKinley Lauder *(Advised by Drs. Zakiya Leggett, Stacy Nelson and Jennifer Richmond-Bryant)*

Richard Henry Manner *(Advised by Dr. Justin Baker)*

Shila Pokhrel *(Advised by Dr. Rajan Parajuli)*

Summer Graduate

Thomas James Queck Jr. *(Advised by Dr. Rachel Cook)*

Master of Science in Natural Resources

Summer Graduates

Richard Brody Hall *(Advised by Drs. Gary Blank and Rajan Parajuli)*

Ilene Renee Doyle *(Advised by Dr. Zakiya Leggett)*

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

Doctor of Philosophy in Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology

David James Moscicki *(Advised by Drs. Christopher Moorman and Krishna Pacifici)*

Matthew Hamilton Snider *(Advised by Dr. Roland Kays)*

Summer Graduates

Jin Bai *(Advised by Dr. Madhusudan Katti)*

Eric William Teitsworth *(Advised by Dr. Krishna Pacifici)*

Doctor of Philosophy in Forestry and Environmental Resources

Morgan Leigh Arteman (*Advised by Dr. Jodi Forrester*)

Madisen Ree Fuller (*Advised by Dr. Justin Baker*)

Austin Lamica (*Advised by Dr. Rajan Parajuli*)

Hayden Masden Rudd (*Advised by Dr. Elizabeth Guthrie Nichols*)

Amir Zeighami (*Advised by Dr. Jordan Kern*)

Summer Graduates

Barbara Machado Marques (*Advised by Dr. Jack Wang*)

Julio Sebastian Zarate Vasquez (*Advised by Drs. Jason Delborne,
Michaela DeSoucey, Nora Haenn and Jean Ristaino*)

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Bachelor of Science in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management

Tyler Reed Bowman*

Caroline Elsa Hering*

Gabrielle Lazaras

Jackson Davis McCroskey

Thomas Adkins Merritt IV

Dylan Michael Murray**

Addisu Mekonnen Serba

Issac Whitman Trumble

Summer Graduates

Lindsey Bateman***

Sean Alexander Greene

Grace Elizabeth Hodges***

Ben McKinney

Meredith Katherine McMillen**

Emily Jo Pressey

Jason Matthew Rodri*

Celia Anne Settlemyer***

Ann Frances Padgett White**

Bachelor of Science in Sport Management

Herbert Ralph Bolick IV*

Claire Elizabeth Brown*

Sean M. Brown

Avery Keith Buelna

John Ford Dilworth*

Christopher Joseph Elder*

Rebecca Ann Elliott

Joseph Thomas Ferrari

Alexzander Garcia

Joshua Phillip Gibbs

Drew Marino Gonzalez***

Nathan Lee Gordner

Toby Gualter

Ethan Delane Hatley***

Samuel Brian Hollering*

Shelby Grace Howell

Ryan Joseph Jack Jr.

Alan John Kovacs Jr.

Robert David Langley

Christopher Michael Lavoie*

Justin Alexander Lunsford

Ethan Arthur Malecki

Tyler B. McPherson

Brendan Tyler Myers*

Mothalosi Junior Nare

Spencer R. Nixon

Jayland Parker

William Grant Powers+*

Mason Walker Quinlan

Jake Stephen Rand**

Macy Anne Rapp**

Tucker Raymond

Thomas James Rogalski**

Henrique Fernandes Santos

Nathan Michael Scardina

Carol Fernanda Soto**

Drew Malcom Spurlock

Ethan J. Swan

Gage Van Heel

Camden Alexander Walker

Dylon Christopher Wall

Winston Russ Wise**

Weston Alexander Wright***

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

~Student Ambassador

Bachelor of Science in Sport Management *(continued)*

Summer Graduates

Logan Allen Ashby	William Nash Glover*
Wyatt Chase Bell	Donovan Julian
Caleb Bilyeu	Matthew George Kupec Jr.**
William Scott Carroll***	Nathan Joseph Lopes
Tyler Dean Christensen**	Diana Gabrielle Marcheschi***
Andrew Fisher Coleman	Harrison James Moore*
Katelyn Sydney Corrigan	Gionna Marie Quarzo**
Graham Brenan Eddy*	William Grey Seate
D'Azrell Angelo Fleming	John Harvey Turner
Ryan Wilson French	Mateo Joseph Valencia
Valerie Eleanor Gasper***	Jonathan Grant Wooten Jr.

Master of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Sport Management

Ashley Alston *(Advised by Dr. Yu-Fai Leung)*
Mason Frederick Cook *(Advised by Dr. Michael Kanters)*
Sean Alexander Hill *(Advised by Dr. Michael Kanters)*
Ryan Benjamin Killen *(Advised by Dr. Michael Edwards)*
Matthew William Morgan *(Advised by Dr. Michael Kanters)*
Kaila Marie Nasser *(Advised by Dr. Yu-Fai Leung)*

Summer Graduate

Leslie Poole *(Advised by Dr. Michael Kanters)*

Master of Science in Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Sport Management

Summer Graduates

Kaitlyn Abigail Tiffany *(Advised by Drs. Lincoln Larson and Nils Peterson)*

Doctor of Philosophy in Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Sport Management

Summer Graduates

Jae In Oh *(Advised by Dr. James Hipp)*
Richard Joseph von Furstenberg *(Advised by Dr. Lincoln Larson)*

CENTER FOR GEOSPATIAL ANALYTICS

Master of Geospatial Information Science and Technology

Blayne Compton *(Advised by Dr. Perver Baran)*
Chandler Cowell *(Advised by Dr. Perver Baran)*
Desirae Lawren Haynes *(Advised by Dr. Perver Baran)*
Javed Hossain *(Advised by Dr. Eric Money)*
Sabrina Marie Inthisarath *(Advised by Dr. Eric Money)*
Tyler Rae Kriminger *(Advised by Dr. Perver Baran)*
Tara Mitchell *(Advised by Drs. Eric Money and Lyra Dumdum)*
Richard O'Hara *(Advised by Dr. Stacy Supak)*
Skylar Olga Penney *(Advised by Dr. Laura Tateosian)*
Trevor Winston Reeves *(Advised by Dr. Perver Baran)*
Brandy Lee Rivers *(Advised by Dr. Eric Money)*
Tyler Kevin Shepherd *(Advised by Dr. Eric Money)*
Blake Adam Smith *(Advised by Dr. Eric Money)*
Joshua Michael Turner *(Advised by Dr. Eric Money)*
Sophia Uthe *(Advised by Dr. Eric Money)*

Doctor of Philosophy in Geospatial Analytics

Isabella Rose Hinks *(Advised by Dr. Joshua Gray)*
Martine Elisabeth Mathieu *(Advised by Dr. Jennifer Richmond-Bryant)*
Ariel Saffer *(Advised by Dr. Ross Meentemeyer)*

Summer Graduates

Luke Robert Allen *(Advised by Dr. Sandra Yuter)*
Raja Das *(Advised by Dr. Karl Wegmann)*
Mollie Dean Gaines *(Advised by Dr. Mirela Tulbure)*
Nicholas Grokhowsky *(Advised by Dr. Helena Mitasova)*
Elizabeth Anne Paulukonis *(Advised by Dr. Helena Mitasova)*

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