



*Hooding and
Commencement Ceremony
2025*

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES
WAIT CHAPEL
SATURDAY, MAY 17



Hoarding and Commencement Ceremony

Class of 2025

PRELUDE

Fantasia in G Major, BWV 573..... Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Concerto I in G Major, BWV 592 Johann Sebastian Bach
The Peace May Be Exchanged (from Rubrics) Dan Locklair (b. 1949)
Susan Bates, Organist

WELCOME Anthony P. Marsh
Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

PROCESSIONAL *Phoenix Processional by Dan Locklair* Susan Bates

OPENING REMARKS Jackie Krasas
Dean of the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST Dean Krasas

ADDRESS *Team IQ: How Humans Will Stay Relevant in a Technology-Driven World* Kevin P. High, MD, MS, MACP, FIDSA
Vice Chief Academic Officer, academic Learning Health System, Advocate Health
Professor of Internal Medicine, Section on Infectious Diseases, Wake Forest University School of Medicine

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS Susan R. Wentz
President

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES Dean Krasas

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES President Wentz

THE HOODING CEREMONY

ARTS & SCIENCES

Presentation of the Doctoral Graduates Anthony P. Marsh
Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Conferral of the Hoods Doctoral Advisors

Presentation of the Masters' Graduates Anthony P. Marsh and Jennifer Rogers
Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and
Associate Dean for Students, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Conferral of the Hoods, Master of Arts Erin Binkley
Associate Professor and Co-Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of Counseling

Conferral of the Hoods, Master of Science Jeremy Rouse
Professor and Graduate Program Director, Department of Mathematics

Conferral of the Hoods, Master of Fine Arts Christopher Zaluski
Associate Teaching Professor and Program Director, Documentary Film Program

Conferral of the Hoods, Master of Arts in Education Alan Brown
Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Education

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Presentation of Doctoral Graduates Dwayne Godwin
Senior Associate Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Conferral of the Hoods Doctoral Advisors

Presentation of the Master's Graduates Dwayne Godwin

Conferral of the Hoods, Master of Science Timothy Howard
Professor, Biochemistry
Program Director, Biomedical Research

CLOSING REMARKS Dean Krasas

RECESSIONAL *Toccata (from Symphony V) by Charles M. Widor* Susan Bates

RECEPTION..... Green Room, Reynolda Hall

FACULTY MARSHALS

Daniel P. Beavers, Associate Professor, Statistical Sciences
Tracy Criswell, Associate Professor, Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine
Nathaniel N. Ivers, Chair and Professor, Counseling
Oana Jurchescu, Professor, Physics
Jeffrey A. Katula, Professor, Health and Exercise Science
John C. Lukesh, Associate Professor, Chemistry
Jennie McGuire, Manager, Curriculum and Outcomes
Bernard Roper, Associate Director, Pathways Programs
Ravi Singh, Associate Professor, Cancer Biology

Please silence all mobile devices during the ceremony.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST



Kevin P. High, MD, MS, MACP, FIDSA

Vice Chief Academic Officer, academic Learning Health System, Advocate Health
Professor of Internal Medicine, Section on Infectious Diseases,
Wake Forest University School of Medicine

Dr. High has been a faculty member at Wake Forest University School of Medicine since 1993 and Vice Chief Academic Officer/academic Learning Health System (VCAO/aLHS) at Advocate Health since September 2023. In this role, he is responsible for intentionally blurring the lines between the clinical and academic missions: accelerating research into impactful clinical care and fostering integrated academic and health system endeavors. For eight-and-a-half years (2015-2023) he served as president of Wake Forest Baptist Health/Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist and was responsible for all clinical operations within the Wake Forest Baptist market. During his tenure, Wake Forest Baptist Health grew from three hospitals to six, increased the number of providers

by more than 40%, doubled clinical revenue, added services, expanded outreach and became a leader in value-based care. In 2020, the system formed a strategic partnership with Atrium Health, and in 2022 the Atrium Health system combined with Advocate Aurora Health in the Midwest. Known as Advocate Health, the combined entity is the third-largest nonprofit health system in the U.S.

Dr. High is a clinician-scientist with research focused on infections and immunity in older adults. His prior positions have included chief of the Section on Infectious Diseases; Tinsley R. Harrison Professor and Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine; and associate dean of clinical and community research (Wake Forest University School of Medicine); as well as physician-in-chief for Wake Forest Baptist Health. He is a national leader integrating gerontology and geriatrics into the specialties of internal medicine and has helped initiate two junior faculty development programs with national impact: the T. Franklin Williams Scholars program (funded by Atlantic Philanthropies and John A. Hartford Foundation), and the Grants for Early Medical/Surgical Specialists Transition to Aging Research (GEMSSTAR) program (a public/private partnership with the National Institute on Aging). Positions held by Dr. High include:

- Principal investigator for the national coordinating center for NIA-sponsored Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Centers, 2008-2016
- Member of the National Advisory Council for the National Institute on Aging, 2012-2016
- Member of the board of directors for the American Board of Internal Medicine, 2006-2010
- Chair of the education committee of the Infectious Diseases Society of America 2008-2010.

He has been on the editorial boards of Clinical Infectious Diseases and Journal of the American Geriatrics Society and an associate editor of Hazzard's Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology textbook (6th - 8th editions). He is the author of more than 30 book chapters and more than 120 peer-reviewed journal articles, including research published in New England Journal of Medicine; Aging Cell; Blood; Clinical Infectious Diseases; and Journal of the American Geriatrics Society.

Dr. High received the 2009 Eric G. Neilson Distinguished Professor Award from the Association of Specialty Professors, the 2012 Laureate Award from the NC Chapter - American College of Physicians, the 2013 Special Recognition Award from the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine; achieved the rank of Master, American College of Physicians in 2018; and was recognized for his clinical excellence by Best Doctors in North Carolina® and Best Doctors in America®. He has also been honored with numerous teaching awards by students and house staff.

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD

Yusuke Shiozawa, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, Cancer Biology

This award is presented to the faculty member whom the Graduate Student Association has selected as having done the most to promote excellence in graduate education this past year.

Dr. Yusuke Shiozawa exemplifies excellence in scholarship, mentorship and professionalism. His unwavering commitment to nurturing future leaders is evident in the supportive, independent research environment he cultivates. Students attest to his remarkable patience, respect for work-life balance and passion to further his field and the careers of Wake Forest students; they have described Dr. Shiozawa in a way that would make any student wish he was their advisor.

A prolific researcher with more than 80 publications and numerous book chapters, Dr. Shiozawa has made significant contributions to cancer biology—particularly in the study of cancer-induced bone pain and chemotherapy-induced neuropathy. Dr. Shiozawa's lab has produced influential manuscripts and garnered prestigious conference awards, reflecting his dedication to pushing the boundaries of scientific knowledge. He also leads by example, encouraging his students to maintain involvement in professional organizations while doing so himself. Dr. Shiozawa has served as an editorial board member for dozens of journals and is heavily involved in numerous bone research-related societies. In the classroom, Dr. Shiozawa hosts engaging lectures, well-organized seminars and thought-provoking discussions. His Cancer Seminar Series and section regarding ethical practices in research set a high standard for academic rigor and professionalism.

That said, Dr. Shiozawa receives this award for his dedication to mentorship and respect for his trainees. His students describe him as supportive and kind, encouraging them to be a better version of themselves without pushing them too hard. He promotes academic excellence while also underlining the importance of work-life balance and the pursuit of interests outside of one's studies and research. Today, we thank Dr. Shiozawa for his contributions to the Graduate School through his unique blend of scholarly expertise, thoughtful mentorship and dedication to student well-being.

GORDON A. MELSON OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL STUDENT AWARD

Kali Crofts, PhD, Microbiology and Immunology Program

This student has been identified as being outstanding in research, productivity and quality. Although the award is for excellence in the student's research program in general, special emphasis in selecting the recipient is given to the dissertation in terms of originality, importance, and potential influence on the student's field. Other factors, which are considered in conferring this award, are academic record, activity in the discipline, as well as university and departmental citizenship. The award's monetary prize is made possible through gifts from alumni and friends to the Gordon A. Melson Outstanding Doctoral Student Award Fund of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Kali Crofts has been selected as the Gordon A. Melson Doctoral Student Award recipient. Crofts has been described as an exceptional student who has excelled in multiple areas, including experimental design, data analysis, leadership and community engagement. Her nominators consider her to be among the most outstanding graduate students they have mentored.

Crofts' research focuses on influenza vaccine development, particularly for vulnerable populations including newborns and the elderly. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, as evidenced by her dedication to her research, with her mentor noting that she "attacked it with vigor and rigor, coming in the middle of the night to get time points and finish experiments." She is praised for her intellectual curiosity and ability to tackle challenging projects. As her advisor states, "Kali relishes the intellectual aspect of research more than any student I have had."

Highly productive, Crofts' impressive publication record includes five first-authored publications and three others under review or near submission. Her work is considered innovative and impactful, addressing critical challenges in immunology and vaccine science. Among her many accomplishments, two of the most prestigious include the Wake Forest University School of Medicine Department of Microbiology and Immunology Outstanding Graduate Student Award (2023), which recognized her exceptional productivity in publications and presentations, and the AAI Young Investigator Oral Award at the Southeastern Immunology Symposium, which acknowledged her outstanding presentation at a regional symposium.

In addition to her research accomplishments, Crofts is recognized for her strong communication skills, leadership and mentorship. She has also been actively involved in science outreach, demonstrating a commitment to promoting STEM education and vaccine literacy.

GORDON A. MELSON OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD

Linn Zapffe, Psychology Program

This student has been identified as being outstanding in terms of academic record, activity in the discipline, as well as university and departmental citizenship. Furthermore, the student's research productivity and quality have been deemed exceptional. The award's monetary prize is made possible through gifts from alumni and friends to the Gordon A. Melson Outstanding Master's Student Award Fund of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Linn Zapffe is an exceptional and accomplished student who has demonstrated excellence in research, teaching and service and is a worthy recipient of the Graduate Council's Melson Award for an Outstanding Master's Student. Her intellectual curiosity, methodological sophistication and research acumen are evident in her work in the Psychology Master's program at Wake Forest University.

Zapffe's research focuses on several areas within psychology. She has investigated rater disagreement in youth internalizing and externalizing symptoms, utilizing complex psychometric models and analyzing large longitudinal datasets. Additionally, Zapffe contributed to a systematic review examining the relationship between these symptoms and adolescent substance use, screening several hundred empirical papers during this project. This work resulted in a co-authorship in *Current Addiction Reports*. Her ability to engage with theoretical questions, synthesize literature and execute both qualitative and quantitative analyses was remarkable.

Zapffe is a dedicated and effective teacher who excelled as a teaching assistant. She has been praised for her knowledge, organization and willingness to assist students, creating a supportive and engaging learning environment. Zapffe's commitment to Wake Forest University undergraduate students is exemplified by her work with a blind student, for whom she developed innovative methods to ensure accessibility to course materials.

Beyond her academic achievements, Zapffe is deeply engaged in the university community. She serves on multiple committees, contributing to various initiatives and demonstrating her leadership and commitment to service. Linn's involvement in extracurricular activities, ranging from choir to volunteer work, showcases her diverse interests and her desire to connect with and contribute to the community.

Zapffe is described as an exemplary student and colleague. Her strong work ethic, time-management skills and proactive approach to learning have enabled her to excel in all her endeavors. She is a truly outstanding individual with a bright future in psychological research.

PROGRAMS IN ARTS & SCIENCES

AWARDS RECEIVED BY ARTS & SCIENCES GRADUATES

Dela Akpalu	Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award Wake Forest University Department of Statistical Sciences, 2025
Parker Griffin Beverly.....	River Run Film Festival Official Selection, 2024
Gabriel Cantwell.....	Outstanding Graduate Student in Math Wake Forest University Department of Mathematics, 2024
Maylin S. Del Cid Salazar	Scholarship for Virtual Course “Building Culturally Responsive Practices in Latine Mental Health,” El Futuro, 2024
Oluwabukola Geoffrey Emi-Johnson.....	Gateway to AGCareers AgCIO and AgGateway, 2024
Leda Gao.....	Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Wake Forest University Department of Physics, 2023
Saratu Hadiya Garba	Hearst Scholarship Award, Wake Forest University, 2023 Provost Merit Scholarship Award, Wake Forest University, 2023
Shohreh Gholizadeh Siahmazgi	Outstanding Teaching Assistant Wake Forest University Department of Physics, 2023
Trevor Charles Jenkins.....	Award for Distinguished Service as a Teaching Assistant Wake Forest University Department of Physics, 2021 Outstanding Peer-Mentor Award Wake Forest University Department of Physics, 2024
Hailey Elizabeth Maxwell	Outstanding Teaching Assistant Wake Forest University Department of Mathematics, 2024
Jamieson Shanmuga Nathan	Richter Scholar Award, Wake Forest University, 2024
Ian M. Newsome	Physics Excellence Fellowship, Department of Physics, Wake Forest University, 2018 Richter Scholar Award, Wake Forest University, 2022
Brooke Allison Nixon.....	Richter Scholar Award, Wake Forest University 2023
Sydney Gerett Smith.....	Environmental and Epistemic Justice Fellow, Wake Forest Initiative, 2024 Board Member, Gateway Nature Preserve, 2025 Craswell Mullen Scholar, Wake Forest University, 2021
Jared Sossin	The Karr Continuing Education and Professional Development Scholarship, 2023 and 2024 ACA Conference & Expo Poster Presentation Submission Acceptance, 2023 and 2024
Quenton Emory Stokes-Brown.....	Richter Scholar Award, Wake Forest University, 2022
Rachael Michelle Ward.....	Pamela and Steve Karr Continuing Education & Professional Development Scholarship Wake Forest University, 2024

Dizhou Wu Travel Award for BPS 2024 Annual Meeting (International conference)
Wake Forest University, 2024
Center of Molecular Signaling Fellowship, Wake Forest University, 2023
Travel Award for APS March 2023 Meeting (International Conference), Wake Forest University, 2023

Yuhong Yan.....Robert N. Shorter Medieval Prize, Wake Forest University, 2024

ARTS & SCIENCES CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

MAY 17, 2025

Leda Gao.....	Tongxiang, China BS, Lanzhou University Doctoral Major, Physics Dr. Greg Cook, Faculty Advisor
Trevor Charles Jenkins.....	Wake Forest, NC BS, University of North Carolina Asheville Doctoral Major, Physics Dr. Timo Thonhauser, Faculty Advisor
Ruichen Lan.....	Providence, China BE, Tianjin University Doctoral Major, Chemistry Dr. Amanda Jones, Faculty Advisor
Ian M. Newsome	Sanford, NC BS, Appalachian State University MS, Appalachian State University Doctoral Major, Physics Dr. Paul Anderson, Faculty Advisor
Sarah L. Nichols.....	Brentwood, NH BS, University of Maine Doctoral Major, Biology Dr. Sarah Esstman, Faculty Advisor
Ellen Iris Weinheimer.....	Houston, TX BA, Washington University in St. Louis Doctoral Major, Biology Dr. T. Michael Anderson, Faculty Advisor

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Shohreh Gholizadeh Siahmazgi	Rasht, Iran <i>BS, Isfahan University of Technology</i> <i>MS, Wake Forest University</i> <i>Doctoral Major, Physics</i> <i>Dr. Paul Anderson, Faculty Advisor</i>
Dominique Savio Itanze.	Kigali, Rwanda <i>BA, Luther College</i> <i>Doctoral Major, Chemistry</i> <i>Dr. Patricia Dos Santos, Faculty Advisor</i>
Gabriel E. Marcus	New Hartford, NY <i>BS, State University of New York at Stony Brook</i> <i>MS, University of Florida</i> <i>Doctoral Major, Physics</i> <i>Dr. David Carroll, Faculty Advisor</i>
Dizhou Wu	Beijing, China <i>BS, Shanghai Jiao Tong University</i> <i>Doctoral Major, Physics</i> <i>Dr. Freddie Salsbury, Faculty Advisor</i>

ARTS & SCIENCES CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS

MAY 17, 2025

Shaquana Lashawn Aikens	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Chase Alston	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Casey Marie Atabek	Counseling
Justine Autry	Counseling
Hannah Baldwin	Counseling
Sara Balter	Counseling
Melody Barnum	Counseling
John Beaubouef	Bioethics
Kaitlin Beckom	Sustainability §§
Deirdre R. Bland	Liberal Arts Studies
Emily Griffith Burke	Counseling §
Alexandra Erica Burkes	Counseling
Madison Elizabeth Byrd	Counseling
Xiatian Chu	Psychology
Joe Wilberte Woodkencia Cius	Counseling
Kathryn Louise Copeland	Counseling
Kimberlee Wynn Crabtree	Counseling
Hannah Kathryn Crawley	Psychology
Allison D'Orazio	Counseling
Jordan Chelsae Davis	Counseling
Maylin S. Del Cid Salazar	Counseling
Matthew Tyler Fallon	English
Sarah Forshey	Counseling
Asdyane Fraga	Counseling
Sara Abigail Taylor Frazer	Counseling
Lynn S. Friedman-Piunno	Counseling
Blessing Eniola Giwa	Communication
Courtney Murphy Grant	Counseling
Victoria Grasty	English
Jeniah Ariana Griggs	Counseling
Kaitlyn Grant Hagenbach	Counseling
Jessica Hales	Counseling
Allison E. Hegarty	Counseling
Toni Lane Hines	Communication
Alana Georgette Hutchinson Ahn	Counseling
Rujia Jiao	Psychology
Mary Katherine Johnson	Counseling
Courtney Sareeta Jones	Counseling §
Kimberly Jones	Counseling
Melissa Inez Kalil	Counseling
Taylor Katz	Counseling
Rachel Silvia Kuehn	Documentary Film
Linzhuo Li	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Yanying Li	Psychology
Zi Li	Psychology

§ Dual Degree with Master of Divinity §§ Dual Degree with Juris Doctor

Sydney Lisowski	Counseling
Melanie Mahabir	Sustainability §§
Carlos Geovanny Mata Arellano	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Kendell Morgan May	English
Lilly Michela McClendon	Psychology
Nicholas Lathe McDuffie	Sustainability §§
Veronica Faye McLean	Counseling
Shelby Jamice Miles	Counseling §
Peyton Grace Mizell	Counseling
Jamieson Shanmuga Nathan	Psychology
Yuncheng Ni	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Paige Ellen Nurkin	Sustainability
Olivia O'Clair	Counseling
Gabrielle Pohlman	Counseling §
Annika Rose Pratt	Counseling
Grace Elizabeth Reynolds	Counseling
Brooke Antoinette Robotti	Counseling
Rachel Rosen	English
Millie SanMiguel	Counseling
Yenifer Serrano	Counseling
Mariam Shaat	Counseling
Samantha Robin Sharman	Counseling
Kelsey Megan Shore	Bioethics
Benjamin Eli Smith	Counseling
Kieran John Smith	Communication
Sydney Gerette Smith	Sustainability
Lotte Hannah Smorenburg	Sustainability
Amanda Addy Spivey	Counseling
Margaret Lauren Strong-Thur	Communication
Erica Tello	Counseling
Paige Caroline Umbach	Counseling
Bryan M. Van Vranken	Counseling
Jennifer Pamela Veliz-Gomez	Counseling
Allison Hill Ventura	Counseling
Benjamin Waggener	Psychology
Lin Wang	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Yitong Wang	Psychology
Rachael Michelle Ward	Counseling
Kathryn Wilson Washburn	Counseling
Mackenzie Raye Wiles	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Sydney Winstead	Counseling
Joshua Wright	Counseling
Yuxin Xie	Psychology
Yuhong Yan	English
Linn Zapffe	Psychology
Xiaoxin Zeng	English

ARTS & SCIENCES CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS (continued)

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Ashley A. Almon	Counseling
Suzannah Claire Brown	Counseling
Carolina Armas Bustamante	Counseling
Hannah Clarke	Counseling
Kristin Cecelia Connor	Counseling
Ashley Katrina Davis	Counseling
Sonam Detso	Sustainability
Julia Durst	Counseling
Saratu Hadiya Garba	Bioethics
Rachel Noelle Good	Psychology
Amaris Grant	Psychology
Calesta Groff	Bioethics §§
Alexis Jane Hetrick	Counseling
Kelly Ann Hetrick	Counseling
Elizabeth Moriah Hinkle	Counseling
Eric William Kelly	Counseling
Imani Zena Kent	Counseling
Nicole D. Kerr	Counseling
Ashley Michelle King	Counseling
Lindsay LeFevre	Counseling
Christian Liskowitz	Counseling
Jessica Rae Luttrell	Counseling
Melanie Marie Mastin	Counseling
Catherine Lynn McMillian	Counseling
Geri Manning Milner	Counseling
Cleveland Grover Oakes Jr.	Counseling
Aubrey Greer Oughterson	Counseling
Natalie D. Pena	Counseling
Réyna Jade Pérez	Counseling
Lacey LeeAnn Robinson	Counseling
Laura Marie Rodriguez	Counseling
Marissa L. Salvitti	Counseling
Madison Scarborough	Counseling
Brooke Rhiann Smithson	Counseling
Eleanor Taylor	Counseling
Leslie Ann Taylor	Counseling
Katherine Thomas	Counseling
Matthew James Thomson	Liberal Arts Studies
Danielle Thompson	Counseling
Leah Catherine Thompson	Counseling
Lauren Christina Ward	Counseling

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Estefany Daniela Acuna Barbadillo	Sustainability
Brene Christina Alkire	Counseling
Nafisat A Anjorin	Counseling
Samantha Atwood	Counseling
Jessie Bates	Counseling
Angel Breeza Zepeda Bierce	Counseling
Caroline Burkholder	Counseling
Sarah Cicconetti	Counseling
Emma Katherine Cisek	Counseling
Melissa Cuniffe	Counseling
Erica Currie	Counseling
Yuzhou Dai	Sustainability
Alexis Davis	Counseling
Jason A. Decker	Counseling
Piper Blouin Foley-Schultz	Counseling
Karli Ford	Counseling
Kathryn Giggey	Counseling
Zachary Augustus Graham	Counseling
Alyssa Hamill	Counseling
Cobi O. Hamp	Counseling
Kirby Eleanor Hastings	Counseling
Sydney H. Hollingsworth	Counseling
Alicia Todd Hyman	Counseling
Talor Gamble Johnson	Counseling
Shelly Kenney	Counseling
Ryan King	Communication
Holden Koons	Communication
Julie Larkin	Counseling
Kyla Marie Leamon	Counseling
Kunbo Lu	Psychology
Brooke Allison Nixon	Psychology
J. O'Berski	Counseling
Ruby Christina Osorio	Counseling
Sabrina Pursley	Counseling
Caroline Sciuillo	Counseling
Jared Sossin	Counseling
Kara Speckhals	Counseling
Quenton Emory Stokes-Brown	Liberal Arts Studies
Amy Stuart	Counseling

ARTS & SCIENCES CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS (continued)

Valerie Lynn Taylor	Counseling
Margaret M. Testani	Counseling
Ruth Elaine Thiessen	Counseling
Kaley Ann Trammell	Counseling
Gwendolyn Trask	Counseling
Virginia Alexandra Turriff	Counseling
Kelly Paige Walker	Counseling
Dallas Reid Walton	Liberal Arts Studies
Grace Kenzie Westcott	Psychology
Antonio Richard Duperior White	Counseling
Gregory Michael White	Liberal Arts Studies
Megan Wiggins	Counseling
Alastair Wright	Counseling
Zen-Ying Khang Yang	Counseling
Emily Young	Counseling
Qilin Zhang	Psychology

ARTS & SCIENCES CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Dela Akpalu	Statistics
William Joseph Bailey IV	Computer Science (BS/MS)
Kelly Biancardini Gomes Barbato	Health and Exercise Science
Devyn Battaglia	Health and Exercise Science
Lilah Board	Mathematics
Phillip Robert Brown	Statistics
Gabriel Cantwell	Mathematics
Bryant Hall Collins	Mathematics
Mya Davis	Mathematics
João Victor de Oliveira Pinheiro	Computer Science
Lauren Nicole Dinkla	Health and Exercise Science
Oluwabukola Geoffrey Emi-Johnson	Statistics
Noah Feggeler	Mathematics
Robbie Louise Grace	Health and Exercise Science
Nicholas Bond Judd	Chemistry
Jenna Lauderback	Health and Exercise Science
Tara Laux	Statistics
Meghan Hsin-Ru Lee	Mathematics
Ken Liao	Mathematics
Nikolas Lindauer	Statistics
Yanru Liu	Mathematics
Charles Patrick Manolakis	Statistics
Hailey Elizabeth Maxwell	Mathematics
Saeed Movahedi	Statistics
Isaac Sowah Badu	Biology
Andrew Michael Sphar	Mathematics
Mitchell Turk	Physics
John Coleman Ward Jr.	Mathematics
Jaxon Aren Wheeler	Mathematics
Nathan Paul Whitener	Computer Science (BS/MS)
Ziyue Yang	Computer Science
Sarah Zakrzewski	Health and Exercise Science

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Chapman Ellisor	Mathematics
Mayank Raj Gupta	Computer Science
Shiyi Lyu	Mathematics
Rukayat Oluwabukola Olasege	Health and Exercise Science
Olutosin Samuel Olusola	Biology
Lara Catherine Rudman	Biology

ARTS & SCIENCES CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE MASTER OF FINE ARTS

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Parker Griffin Beverly	Documentary Film
Jingxuan Chen	Documentary Film
J. Matthew Groce	Documentary Film
Meredith Elise Hamm	Documentary Film
Louis Poore	Documentary Film
Kerui Zhang	Documentary Film
Yuhang Zhao	Documentary Film

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Austin Grant Price	Documentary Film
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Ryan Logan Simmons	Documentary Film
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ARTS & SCIENCE CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

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Anna Breough	Education
Emerson Crichton	Education
Olivia Franke	Education
Samia Krazoun	Education
Mikayah Parsons	Education
Kevin Powell	Education
Alex Strait	Education
Alex Walraven	Education

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Emma Lee Stein	Education
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Kaitlyn Grace Fox	Education
Michael James Goehrig	Education
Jayna E. Palumbo	Education
Samantha G. Reese	Education
Samuel Schectman	Education
Savannah Smith	Education
Rachel Thomas	Education
Taylor Smith Whitman	Education

AWARDS RECEIVED BY BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAMS GRADUATES

Aya Jamal Abusheikha	Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Biomedical Graduate Programs Alumni Travel Program, 2023-2024 2nd Place, Best Poster Competition, Annual Women's Health Research Day, 2024
Evelyn Anaafi Amoabeng.	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship Programme (MSCFP), 2023
Samuel H. Barth.	Best Trainee Presentation, Virtual Interneuron Dysfunction in Autism Conference, 2020 Appointee, Neurobiology of Drug Abuse T32 Training Program, 2019-2021 Appointee, NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Predoctoral Fellowship, 2021-2023
Samuel P. Carmichael.	Excellence Award Recipient, Medical Student Research Day, 2023 Gold Medal Recipient, Clinical Research Category Wake Forest University School of Medicine Surgical Sciences Research Day, 2023 Faculty Research Excellence Award Recipient, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2023-2024 3rd Place, Poster Competition, NC Biomedical Sciences Symposium, 2024 Finalist, John and Melinda McConnell Excellence in Medicine Emerging Faculty Leader Award, 2024-2025 Travel Award Recipient, Mid-Atlantic Microbial Pathogenesis Meeting, 2022-2023
Kenysa Yvonne-Jules Clear.	Appointee, Studies in Translational Regenerative Medicine T32 Training Program, 2022-2023 Deal Fund Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center and Levine Cancer Institute, 2022 Registration Award Recipient, Interdisciplinary Nutrition Sciences Symposium Second Annual Interdisciplinary Nutrition Sciences Symposium, 2022 Best Poster, Interdisciplinary Nutrition Sciences Symposium Second Annual Interdisciplinary Nutrition Sciences Symposium, 2022 Travel Award Recipient, Interdisciplinary Nutrition Sciences Symposium Second Annual Interdisciplinary Nutrition Sciences Symposium, 2022 Honorable Mention Poster, Surgical Sciences Residents' and Fellows' Research Day Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2022 2nd Place, Best Poster Competition, Annual Women's Health Research Day, 2023 Program Trainee, Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center Research Training and Education Coordination, 2024 Trainee Representative, 20th Annual Cancer Biology Training Consortium (CABTRAC) Retreat, 2024 Travel Award Recipient, Minority in Cancer Research (MICR) American Association for Cancer Research, 2024 Top Ten Abstract, Best Poster Competition Annual Women's Health Research Day, 2021-2022, 2024 Bronze Award Recipient, Basic Science Posters, Surgical Sciences Residents' and Fellows' Research Day Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2024

AWARDS RECEIVED BY BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES GRADUATES (continued)

Kali Florence Crofts	Travel Award Recipient, Gene Heise Travel Scholarship, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2019, 2023 Academic Achievement in Excellence Award Recipient Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Wake Forest University School of Medicine 2020 Travel Award Recipient, Keystone Viral Immunity Conference, 2022 Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Biomedical Graduate Programs Alumni Travel Program, 2023 Outstanding Graduate Student Award Recipient Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Wake Forest University School of Medicine 2023 Award Recipient, AAI Young Investigator Oral Award Southeastern Immunology Symposium, 2024
Emily K. DiMarco	Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Biomedical Graduate Programs Alumni Travel Program, 2022-2023
Lindsey Rebecca Farris	Appointee, Redox Biology and Medicine T32 Training Program, 2020-2021 Best Abstract Award Recipient, Cardiovascular Sciences Center Ignite Conference 2nd Mitochondrial Conference, 2023 Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Biomedical Graduate Programs Alumni Travel Program, 2022-2024 Deal Fund Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center and Levine Cancer Institute, 2024 NSF Award Recipient, Thoi-Based Redox Regulating and Signaling GRS and GRC Gordon Research Seminar and Conference, 2024 Herbert C. Cheung PhD Award for Demonstrated Excellence in the Field of Biochemistry Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2022
Mackenzie Katherine Fitzpatrick	Appointee, Neurobiology of Drug Abuse T32 Training Program, 2020 Honorable Mention, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, 2022 Outstanding Poster Award Recipient, North Carolina Diabetes Research Center, 2024 Basic Science Section Poster Award Recipient, The Obesity Society, 2024 Neuroscience Section Blitz Talk Award Recipient, The Obesity Society, 2024
Brook M. Geleta.	Merit Award Recipient, BMSC Bank of America Academic Program, 2024
Stephen C. Girona	Finalist, Research Society on Alcoholism Graduate Student Small Grant, 2020 Award Recipient, Research America Science Education Microgrant, 2021 Award Recipient, Wake Forest University Provost's Grant for Academic Excellence, 2021 O'Neill Addiction Science Education Award Recipient, Texas Research Society on Alcohol, 2021 Ambassador Appointee, Early Career Policy Ambassador Program Society for Neuroscience, 2021 Travel Award Recipient, Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds (BIF) Travel Grant, 2021 Appointee, Multidisciplinary T32 Training Program in the Biology of Alcohol Addiction, 2021 Travel Award Recipient, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Glia in Health and Disease Travel Grant, 2022 Appointee, NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Predoctoral Fellowship, 2021-2023 Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Biomedical Graduate Programs Alumni Travel Program, 2024 Travel Award Recipient, Yale SCORE Travel Award Program, 2024 Outstanding Abstract Award, Yale SCORE Program, 2024

Rachel Lynn Graves Appointee, Academic Learning Healthcare System Scholars
TL1 Program, 2023-2025

Benjamin Shimon Hezrony Award Recipient, Wake Forest University Center for Biomedical Informatics/Center for Artificial
Intelligence AI Pilot Program, 2022-2023
Appointee, NASA/North Carolina Space Grant Consortium Research Fellowship, 2023-2024

Kimberly Marie Holter Travel Award Recipient, American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics:
Experimental Biology Meeting, 2021-2023
2nd Place, Poster Award Competition, Women's Health Research Day
Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2022
Travel Award Recipient, Abby Loudermilk Travel Award
Behavior, Biology, and Chemistry Meeting, 2022-2023
Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Biomedical Graduate Programs Alumni Travel Program, 2022-2023
Travel Award Recipient, European Behavioural Pharmacology Society Conference, 2023

Erin Kathleen Hughes Recipient, Sandy Lee Cowgill Memorial Scholarship
Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2020-2023
Recipient, Camillo Artom Scholarship, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2020-2023
Award Recipient, Carolina Cannabinoid Collaborative
Graduate Student Poster Competition, 2022
Travel Award Recipient, American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Conference, 2022
Travel Award Recipient, International Cannabinoid Research Society Conference, 2022-2023
Travel Award Recipient, American Society for Pharmacology and
Experimental Therapeutics: Experimental Biology Conference, 2023
Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Biomedical Graduate Programs Alumni Travel Program, 2022-2023
Appointee, NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award
Predoctoral Fellowship, 2022-2025

Melody Courtney-Lynn Iacino Appointee, NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award
Predoctoral Fellowship, 2023-2025

Jeffrey Andrew Kingsley Appointee, Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology
T32 Training Program, 2022-2024

Sudarshan Krishnamurthy Awardee, American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship, 2024
Awardee, Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award
Individual Predoctoral Fellowship, 2024-2025

Caroline Elise Kuczynski Travel Award Recipient, Large Animal Genetic Engineering Summit
Young Investigator Travel Award Program, 2022
Award Recipient, Minority Graduate Student Achievement Award Program
American Society of Hematology, 2022
Abstract Award Recipient, Minority Graduate Student Achievement Award Program
American Society of Hematology, 2022
Appointee, Studies in Translational Regenerative Medicine
T32 Training Program, 2022-2024

Bradford Mitchell Kuhlman Travel Award Recipient, NextGen Stem Cell Conference, 2018
Travel Award Recipient, Comprehensive Cancer Center Travel Award
Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2019
1st Place, Presenter: Graduate Student, Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine All Hands Retreat, 2020
Travel Award Recipient, Radiation Research Society, 2021
Appointee, Studies in Translational Regenerative Medicine
T32 Training Program, 2022-2023

AWARDS RECEIVED BY BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES GRADUATES (continued)

Kendall Leigh Langsten	Appointee, Laboratory Animal & Comparative Medicine T32 Training Program, 2020-2022 Travel Award Recipient, Steroid Hormone Receptor in Disease Conference, 2022 Top 3 Poster Awardee, Endocrine Society Meeting, 2022 Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Biomedical Graduate Programs Alumni Travel Program, 2022 Award Recipient, SS Edward W. Carney Trainee Program, 2022 Deal Fund Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center and Levine Cancer Institute, 2022 Award Recipient, Mike & Lucy Robbins Graduate Scholarship, 2022 Award Recipient, NIH/NCI Loan Repayment Program, 2022 Award Recipient, Path Pilot Award Program, 2022
Jason Li	Merit Award Recipient, BMSC Bank of America Academic Program, 2024
John McIlwaine Lyerly Jr.	Merit Award Recipient, BMSC Bank of America Academic Program, 2024
Madison E. Marks	Travel Award Recipient, Matthew Gfeller Neurohealth Symposium, 2023 Travel Award Recipient, Margaret H. Hines Injury Biomechanics Symposium, 2023 Awardee, Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, Individual Predoctoral Fellowship, 2023-2025
Saeid Mirzai	Appointee, Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology T32 Training Program, 2023-2024
Charles Chidi Okechukwu.	Deal Fund Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center and Levine Cancer Institute, 2023-2024 Awardee, Burroughs Wellcome Fund Graduate Diversity Enrichment Program, 2023-2024 Awardee, American Association Cancer Research Minority Scholar in Cancer Research Program, 2024
Chirayu Milan Patel	Journal Cover Recipient, Molecules, Wake Forest Baptist Health, 2022 Platform Presenter, The American College of Veterinary Pathology Meeting, 2022 Honored Guest, American Society for Gravitational and Space Research 2022 Awards Banquet NASA BSP, 2022 First Place, Research Experience for Undergraduates-Wake Forest Symposium, 2022-2023 Excellence Award Recipient, Medical Student Research Day 2023 Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2023 Travel Award Recipient, Student Leadership Travel Program, American Society for Gravitational and Space Research, 2023 Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest University Molecular Medicine and Translational Science Travel Program, 2023 Invitee, Congressional Advocate for the Advanced Funding for Spaceflight Research and ISS Utilization American Society for Gravitational and Space Research, 2023-2024
Adrian Pater.	Award Recipient, GPSC Career Development Reimbursement Award, 2019 Travel Award Recipient, RNA Society Travel Fellowship Program, 2019 Travel Award Recipient, Oligonucleotide Therapeutics Society Travel Fellowship Program, 2022 Invited Presenter Award Recipient, 33rd Annual Trainee Research Symposium, 2023 Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Biomedical Graduate Programs Alumni Travel Program, 2024 Poster Awardee, Oligonucleotide Therapeutics Poster Competition, 2024 Herbert C. Cheung PhD Award for Demonstrated Excellence in the Field of Biochemistry Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2024
Case Peters	Appointee, Academic Learning Healthcare System Scholars TLI Program, 2023-2025

Patrick Carl RalphAppointee, Studies in Translational Regenerative Medicine
T32 Training Program, 2021-2023

Ritu Mahesh RamamurthyAbstract Achievement Award Recipient, American Society of Hematology, 2021
Poster Award Recipient, School for Biomedical Engineering and Sciences
Student Research Symposium, 2021
Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Biomedical Graduate Programs Alumni Travel Program, 2022
Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Institute of Regenerative Medicine Travel Program, 2024

Ziyu Su Top Scientific Papers of the Year Recipient, Internal Medicine Research Day
Grand Rounds, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2023-2024

Abigail Glazier Swenson Awardee, Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award,
Individual Predoctoral Fellowship, 2022-2024

Noah B. Walker Appointee, Neurobiology of Drug Abuse
T32 Training Program, 2023-2024

Yuezhu Wang Deal Fund Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center
and Levine Cancer Institute, 2022-2023
Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Biomedical Graduate Programs Alumni Travel Program, 2024

Maleana Gabriel White Vecellio/Elton C. Cocke Travel Award Program,
Wake Forest University Department of Biology, 2022-2023
Travel Award Recipient, IPPN Root Phenotyping Working Group Travel Award Program,
International Plant Phenotyping Network, 2023
Appointee, Center for Molecular Signaling Fellowship
Wake Forest University Department of Biology, 2023
Travel Award Recipient, Wake Forest Biomedical Graduate Programs Alumni Travel Program, 2022-2024
Award Recipient, Wake Forest University Pilot Research Grant Program, 2024
Plant Scholar Award Recipient, American Society of Plant Biologist, 2024

Kelsey Willson Editor's Choice Selection, Biomolecules, 2021
Research and Development Excellence Award Recipient, Triad Bionight 2022
North Carolina Biotechnology Center, 2022
1st and 2nd Place Team Member, NASA Vascular Challenge, 2021, 2023
Graduate Student Silver Poster Award Recipient, Surgical Research Day, 2023

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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Evelyn Anaafi Amoabeng	Medical Physics
Allison Bahr	Genetic Counseling
Jonelle Barron	Biomedical Research
Erin Lynn Boyd	Clinical Research Management
Gregory Boyer	Neuroscience
Daniel Logan Byrge	Biomedical Science
Logan Mikayla Cave	Biomedical Science
Abigail Chalfant	Genetic Counseling
Jossiell Cortes	Biomedical Science
Gabriela de la Vega	Neuroscience
Jared James Duane	Biomedical Engineering
Beatrice Siah Gar	Biomedical Science
Collins Gbegbeawu	Translational Biotechnology
Jessica Kristin Geiger	Biomedical Engineering
Rachel Lynn Graves	Translational and Health Systems Science
Shannon Green	Neuroscience
Shona Harbert	Biomedical Engineering
Sara Gabrielle Hayes	Genetic Counseling
Megan Johnson	Genetic Counseling
Madeline Kelly	Biomedical Science
Rachel Logan	Biomedical Engineering
Tucker Magill	Translational Biotechnology
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Erin Marie McChesney	Genetic Counseling
Hannah Menaker	Biomedical Science
Larry R. Merritt	Biomedical Science
Breanka Hashan Moore	Biomedical Science
Savannah Nicole Moore	Genetic Counseling
Tyler Maxfield Parrish	Biomedical Research
Case Peters	Translational and Health Systems Science
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Angelina Jolie Pierre	Biomedical Science
Katherine Izabel Quiroz	Biomedical Science
Alexis Rene' Roberts	Biomedical Science
Jamie Camille Roberts	Medical Physics
Rebecca C. Rooney	Clinical Research Management
Eleanor V. Rudasi	Biomedical Research
Raminder K. Saluja	Translational Biotechnology
Brooke Sanders	Biomedical Research
Cydney K. Scott	Clinical Research Management
Sachdeep Singh	Biomedical Research
Holland Tapp	Genetic Counseling
Charles Brandon Taylor	Biomedical Science
Nathaniel Hall Weisner	Clinical Research Management
India R. Wood	Medical Physics
Catherine Crowell Wright	Biomedical Science
Vera Zanker	Genetic Counseling

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Meghan Norris Bradley	Clinical Research Management
Paul M. Bunch	Translational and Health Systems Science
Megan Rena' Carroll	Clinical Research Management
Timothy Vladimir Dong	Biomedical Research
Juexiao Feng	Addiction Research and Clinical Health
Montgomery Elizabeth Hedgecock	Clinical Research Management
Niki Huffman	Clinical Research Management
Arisbeth Camarillo Reyes	Biomedical Science
Breanna Nicole Robertson	Addiction Research and Clinical Health
Joshua Stapleton	Biomedical Engineering
Meng Wei	Addiction Research and Clinical Health
Tia Renee Wieden	Clinical Research Management

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Adhirath Bollapragada	Biomedical Science
Annelise Brigham	Biomedical Science
Lauren Burke	Biomedical Science
Alicia Anice Clegg	Biomedical Science
Malia Colden	Biomedical Science
Nicholas John Constantinesco	Biomedical Science
Anisa Danyel Fortt	Biomedical Science
Brook M. Geleta	Biomedical Science
Samantha Gorlewski	Biomedical Engineering
Deylon Harkey	Biomedical Science
Carl Hayes Jr.	Addiction Research and Clinical Health
Darlene Hines	Biomedical Research
Efeomo Megan Igbinador	Biomedical Science
Chika Ada Iwuji	Biomedical Science
Lauren Kilgore	Addiction Research and Clinical Health
Jeffrey Andrew Kingsley	Translational and Health Systems Science
Jason Li	Biomedical Science
Siyuan Li	Biomedical Science
Erin Elizabeth Lillycrop	Biomedical Research
John McIlwaine Lyerly Jr.	Biomedical Science
Kyla Miller	Biomedical Science
Saeid Mirzai	Translational and Health Systems Science
Nicholas Andrew Mishu	Biomedical Science
Karrington O'Rourke	Biomedical Science
Tankka Zandi Ramirez	Biomedical Science
Montserrat Robledo Ruvalcaba	Biomedical Science
Roseann Calabritto Surratt	Biomedical Research
Jayla Anissa Young	Biomedical Science

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia apparently originated at Oxford and Cambridge more than 600 years ago. The apparel is little changed in design, colors, and symbolism. In no other sector are the ancient usages of the university so unchanging. In 1895 an intercollegiate commission drafted a uniform code for the use of academic caps, gowns, and hoods in the United States. Over the years there have been only minor revisions to the code, which is followed by 95 percent of the colleges and universities in America, including Wake Forest.

Gowns, which according to the tradition, are all black (Harvard, Princeton, and Yale are exceptions), are of three kinds. The bachelor's gown is a comparatively simple kind that falls in straight lines from an elaborate yoke. The master's gown is similar to the bachelor's except for its peculiar arrangement of the long sleeves with square ends that hang below the elbow. The doctor's gown is an elaborate, full-cut, flowing costume distinguished by velvet panels down the front and around the neck and by three bars of velvet on the bell-shaped sleeves.

The academic hood was literally a garment to protect the wearer from foul weather. It is the identifying symbol of the degree. The length indicates which degree it represents: three feet for the bachelor's, three and a half for the master's, and four for the doctoral. The lining indicates the college or university which awarded the degree. Those who receive degrees from Wake Forest wear hoods lined in old gold and black. The color of the trimming identifies the major field of learning: white for arts and letters, copper for journalism, purple for law, green for medicine, drab for business, pink for music, silver-gray for speech, dark blue for philosophy, light blue for education, sage green for physical education, golden yellow for science, cream for social science, and scarlet for theology.

The Wake Forest University trustees wear black robes with old gold and black on the front panels and the bars on the sleeves. The shield from the University seal is embroidered on the front panels.

Some universities have duplicated colors, but generally a glance at the lining, which is worn exposed, will identify the awarding institution. Some of the university colors worn today are:

Old Gold and Black	Wake Forest University University of Missouri Johns Hopkins University Vanderbilt University Purdue University
Old Gold and Maroon	University of Minnesota
Old Gold and White.....	Bryn Mawr College
Old Gold.....	University of Iowa
Gold and Yale Blue	University of California
Gold and Navy Blue	University of Pittsburgh Emory University
Gold and Garnet	Florida State University
Gold and Purple.....	University of Washington Northwestern University Louisiana State University
Gold and Red.....	University of Geneva
Gold and Silver Gray	University of Colorado
Blue and White	University of Kentucky
Pale Blue	University of Maine
Royal Blue.....	University of Edinburgh
Royal Blue and Gold.....	Eastman School of Music Kent State University
Yale Blue	Duke University Yale University
Columbia Blue and White.....	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Columbia University
Navy Blue and Orange	University of Virginia
Cardinal.....	Stanford University University of Wisconsin
Cardinal and Old Gold	Iowa State University
Crimson.....	Harvard University
Crimson and Brown	Brown University

Harvard Crimson and Yale Blue	University of Kansas
Crimson and Cream	Indiana University
	University of Oklahoma
Crimson and White	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Garnet and Turquoise	George Peabody College
Scarlet	Union Theological Seminary
Red and Blue	University of Pennsylvania
	Southern Methodist University
Bright Red and Black	University of Cincinnati
	University of Georgia
Red and White	North Carolina State University
	Boston University
Carnelian (Red) and White	Cornell University
White and Scarlet	Western Reserve University
Scarlet and Black	Texas Tech University
Scarlet and Cream	University of Nebraska
Scarlet and Gray	Ohio State University
Hunter Green and White	Michigan State University
Maroon	University of Chicago
Maroon and White	Southern Illinois University
	Texas A&M University
	University of Massachusetts
Olive Green and Light Blue	Tulane University
Orange	Syracuse University
Orange and Navy Blue	University of Florida
	University of Illinois
Orange and White	University of Tennessee
	University of Texas
Orange and Black	Princeton University
Violet	New York University
Dandelion Yellow	University of Rochester
Maize and Azure Blue	University of Michigan
Silver Gray and Cherry Red	University of New Mexico
Green and Gold	University of Alabama at Birmingham



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