Hooding Ceremony
2022

Wake Forest University
Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
Wait Chapel
Saturday, May 14
PRELUDE .................................................................................................................. Susan Bates
Organist

PROCESSIONAL* 
Phoenix Processional by Dan Locklair .................................................................... Susan Bates
Platform Party, Faculty and Candidates

INVOCATION* .......................................................... K. Monet Rice-Jalloh
Associate University Chaplain

OPENING REMARKS .................................................................................. Dwayne Godwin
Dean, Graduate Programs in Biomedical Sciences

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST .......................................... Alan Brown
Chair and Associate Professor of Education

ADDRESS ....................................................................................... Power of Opportunity through Privilege by Dr. Nikolai Vitti
Superintendent, Detroit Public Schools Community District

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS ............................................................ Dwayne Godwin

Presenter ......................................................................................................... Mackenzie Anderson
Graduate Student Association

The Graduate Student Association Faculty Excellence Award .................................. Kenneth Berenhaut
Professor, Mathematics and Statistics

Presenter ......................................................................................................... Dwayne Godwin

The Gordon A. Melson Outstanding Doctoral Student Award ........................... Elizabeth Rose Stirling
Cancer Biology Program

The Gordon A. Melson Outstanding Master’s Student Award .......................... Diana A. Madrid Fuentes
Biomedical Engineering Program

THE HOODING CEREMONY

ARTS & SCIENCES

Presentation of the Doctoral Graduates ................................................................. Brad Jones
Dean, Graduate Programs in Arts and Sciences

Conferral of the Hoods .................................................................................. Doctoral Advisors

Presentation of the Masters’ Graduates ................................................................. Brad Jones

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THE HOODING CEREMONY (continued)

Conferral of the Hoods, Master of Arts .................................................. Rebecca Gill
Merlo Presidential Chair in Communication and Entrepreneurship
Associate Professor, Department of Communication

Conferral of the Hoods, Master of Science ................................................. Jeremy Rouse
Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Conferral of the Hoods, Master of Fine Arts ............................................. Cara Pilson
Program Director, Documentary Film Program

Conferral of the Hoods, Master of Arts in Human Services ......................... Bob Nations
Program Director, Online Counseling

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

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Presentation of the Doctoral Graduates .................................................. Dwayne Godwin
Dean, Graduate Programs in Biomedical Sciences

Conferral of the Hoods ................................................................. Doctoral Advisors

Presentation of the Masters’ Graduates ..................................................... Dwayne Godwin

Conferral of the Hoods, Master of Science ............................................ Elizabeth Shilling
Program Director, Addiction Research and Clinical Health MS
Assistant Professor, Trauma Surgery

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES ............................................................................ Susan R. Wente
President

CLOSING REMARKS ................................................................................ Brad Jones

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

RECEPTION .................................................................................................... Green Room, Reynolds Hall

FACULTY MARSHALS
Sandy Dickson, Senior Associate Dean
George Donati, Associate Research Professor, Chemistry
Jennie McGuire, Manager, Curriculum and Outcomes
Jennifer Rogers, Associate Dean for Students
Bernard Roper, Experiential Learning and Internships Director
Ron Von Burg, Associate Dean of Academic Initiatives
Chaowei Zhu, Assistant Dean, Global Initiatives

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DISTINGUISHED GUEST

Nikolai P. Vitti, Ph.D.
Superintendent, Detroit Public Schools District

Biography – Dr. Nikolai Vitti was appointed as Superintendent of Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) on May 23, 2017 on a five-year contract. On December 8, 2021, the School Board extended his contract by an additional three years until June 30, 2025. In strong partnership with the School Board, Dr. Vitti has rebuilt the school district after two decades of disinvestment under State Controlled Emergency Management and was most recently named a finalist for Urban School District Superintendent of the Year. Through the development and implementation of a Strategic Plan, along with hundreds of community and family engagement sessions over the years, DPSCD has experienced improvement for the first time in decades in the areas of enrollment; student achievement; student attendance; teacher recruitment, retention, and pay; leadership development and stability; student programming, including expansion of the arts; and financial stability. This improvement has led to reduced levels of financial and program oversight and monitoring by the federal and state government.

As was the case for urban school districts throughout the country, the COVID-19 pandemic hit Detroit and DPSCD hard. Through the leadership of the Superintendent and his team, DPSCD fed over 2 million families during the height of the pandemic. In collaboration with the business community, over $20 million dollars were raised to provide all students with laptops and internet connection to allow students to learn from home. DPSCD was one of only a few large urban school districts to open all of its schools in 2020-21 and provided teachers and students with the opportunity to teach and learn in person or online. With nearly $1.2 billion dollars in COVID Relief Funding, the district emerged as a national and state leader in COVID mitigation strategies with universal masking and testing, along with high levels of vaccination rates among its employees. This school year, DPSCD has created its own virtual school, returned all students back to in person learning, expanded summer school and after school programming, placed a nurse in each school, and provided mental health support in each school. Dr. Vitti is currently completing a community engagement process to finalize a 20-year facility plan which will include a $700 million dollar investment in school buildings.

Before arriving in Detroit, Dr. Vitti led Duval County Public Schools (DCPS), the 20th largest school district in the nation with approximately 130,000 enrolled students in 200 schools, and a fiscal budget of $1.7 billion. During his four and a half years at DCPS, the district ranked among the first to fourth highest performing urban districts in the nation on the National Assessment for Education Progress. In addition, the district's graduation rates increased from 67 percent in 2012 to 78.8 percent in 2016, surpassing all Florida urban districts in African-American graduation rates. Under Dr. Vitti’s tenure, DCPS was recognized for its expansion of the arts, foreign languages, innovative school programming, and mental health and progressive discipline strategies. Dr. Vitti also successfully secured more than $40 million in local philanthropy to transform the district's historically lowest performing schools with a focus on human capital and technology infusion.

Dr. Vitti was previously chief academic officer of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, assistant superintendent for the Miami-Dade district and deputy chancellor at the Florida Department of Education. He also served children as a principal, dean of students, and teacher. He received a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in education from Wake Forest University. He also holds a master's degree and a doctorate in education from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.
GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD

Kenneth Berenhaut, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

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. Berenhaut’s commitment to mentorship and scholarship symbolizes the core values of the graduate school’s mission of excellence. Dr. Berenhaut has been described as an outstanding professor, with the ability to turn some of the most difficult themes of math and statistics into interactive learning environments that drive student success. Furthermore, he provides an ongoing platform for academic growth with extended office hours and weekend study sessions. Outside of the classroom, his research continues to leave an impact on the scientific world, with numerous publications in the past 5 years, and his involvement in the graduate school continues to improve the experience of graduate students. His success and dedication as a mentor and member of the Wake Forest community, is evident by the words of his students. One student writes, “The way Dr. Berenhaut approaches his teaching, interacts with students, and his commitment to the educational process motivates me to do my best — not only in his class, but all of my classes.”

GORDON A. MELSON OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL STUDENT AWARD

Elizabeth Rose Stirling, Cancer Biology 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.

Elizabeth Stirling was selected to be the recipient of the Gordon A. Melson Outstanding Doctoral Student Award for 2022. Her selection was based on a careful review of her credentials and those of the other nominees by the Graduate Council. Her academic and service record was regarded as superlative for each of the award criteria. Her nomination letters described her as “driven and disciplined…” and, “one of the top students I have had the privilege to mentor during my career. Her technical and analytical prowess, impeccable work ethic, and groundbreaking contributions to science make her an ideal candidate to receive this award.” Another nominator noted that she has “…demonstrated a profound grasp of complex molecular concepts, which has led her to a very productive graduate career.” That career includes 6 high impact publications of her work, with 2 under review, as well as numerous abstracts and presentations. Her work on CD47 as a marker of therapeutics and targeting of cancer is both novel and timely. In particular, a highlight of her research was her demonstration that blockade of the receptor CD47 regulates T cell immunometabolism to improve responses to cancer immunotherapy, sensitizing tumors to currently approved immune checkpoint inhibitors. Her letter writers note that this innovative work was awarded the very prestigious Presidential Award from the Society for Immunotherapy for Cancer. Her outstanding publication record and mentoring of her peers also spoke to the leadership and mentoring qualities that exemplify the highest standards we hold for recipients of the Melson award, and which stand as a living embodiment of our university motto, “Pro Humanitate.”
GORDON A. MELSON OUTSTANDING MASTER’S STUDENT AWARD

Diana A. Madrid Fuentes, Biomedical Engineering 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.

Diana Madrid Fuentes is the recipient of the Gordon A. Melson Outstanding Master Student Award for 2022. Her selection was based on a careful review of her credentials and those of the other nominees by the Graduate Council. Her record was regarded as superlative for each of the award’s criteria. Her nomination letters describe her outstanding academic performance as follows: “She demonstrates several characteristics of a successful independent researcher: an inquisitive mind, an ability to work with individuals of diverse backgrounds, a mature understanding of research, and a capacity to delve into the literature and return with meaningful insight for her research. Her combined mastery of medical image analysis, statistics, and writing is hugely valuable in research, and well surpasses that of most graduate students I have worked with.” Her Masters research involved advanced medical image processing to quantify muscle phenotypes from computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans across projects in caloric restriction, myotonic dystrophy and spaceflight-induced muscle deconditioning. Her research has so far resulted in a first-author paper, with another in preparation, as well as co-authoring a paper on muscle imaging analysis that is under review — plus numerous conference presentations. She is described as possessing exceptional research, leadership and teaching skills that she has applied to train and mentor 6 graduate and undergraduate students while earning her own degree, with a commitment to inclusive mentoring that well represents the best of Wake Forest University.
AWARDS RECEIVED BY ARTS & SCIENCES GRADUATES

Jiangxue Chen .......................... Alumni Travel Award, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Wake Forest University, 2021
                                Graduate Travel Support Funds, Department of Chemistry, Wake Forest University, 2021

Paris Javon Coleman .................. Richter Award, Richter's Scholars Program, Wake Forest University, 2021
                                AIB Grant Recipient, 2021

Ian Rogers DuBose ..................... CoSIDA Academic First Team All-America Honors, 2020-2021
                                Men's Basketball ACC All-American Team, 2020-2021
                                CoSIDA All-District Team, 2020-2021

Jesse Paulo Durán Nolasco ............ EDF Climate Corps Fellow, New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJZIP), 2021

Yohami Fernández Delgado ............. Vecellio Award for Graduate Research, Wake Forest University, 2017-2019
                                Graduate School Alumni Student Travel Award, Wake Forest University, 2019
                                Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Grant, American Museum Natural History, 2019

Norman E. Fraley Jr. .................... 3-Minute Thesis - People's Choice Award, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Wake Forest University, 2019

Tyriq Hardimon .......................... ACC Academic Honor Roll, Wuerffel Trophy Watch List, 2021
                                ACC Honor Roll, 2018, 2020, 2021

Jennifer L. Howard ..................... Runner-Up Best Student Oral Award, Waterbird Society 46th Annual Meeting, 2021
                                Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Biology, Wake Forest University, 2021
                                Vecellio Fund for Graduate Research, Wake Forest University, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021
                                Elton C. Cocke Travel Fund, Wake Forest University, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
                                AAAS Mass Media Fellowship: National Geographic, 2019
                                Runner-Up Best Student Oral Award, Pacific Seabird Group 46th Annual Meeting, 2019
                                Student Travel Award, Pacific Seabird Group Conference, 2019
                                Best Student Poster Award, Pacific Seabird Group 44th Annual Meeting, 2017
                                National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2016
                                Student Research Grant, Animal Behavior Society, 2016
                                Alumni Student Travel Award, Wake Forest University, 2015, 2016, 2017

Brent Kirkland .......................... Richter Award, Richter's Scholars Program, Wake Forest University, 2020

Jihyeon Kwon ............................ Outstanding Student in Statistics, Wake Forest University, 2021

Yan Li .................................... Graduate Student Research Award, Department of Physics, Wake Forest University, 2021

Sean McGlynn ........................... Richter Award, Richter's Scholars Program, Wake Forest University, 2022

Alexandria Jordan Purcell ............. Top Student Paper, Eastern Communication Association Conference, 2022

Debashish Roy ........................... Graduate Pilot Research Grant, Department of Chemistry, Wake Forest University, 2019

Nina Margaretha Ryalls ............... Outstanding Student in Mathematics, Wake Forest University, 2021

Donald J. Stewart ....................... All ACC Academic Honor Roll Honorable Mention, Atlantic Coast Conference, 2020

Santiago Israel Suarez .................. Teaching Assistant of the Year, Department of Chemistry, Wake Forest University, 2019

John Turnage ............................ Outstanding Student in Mathematics, Wake Forest University, 2021
CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
MAY 14, 2022

Yohami Fernández Delgado ................................................. Biology (Dr. William Conner)
Sarah B. Fisher .............................................................. Physics (Dr. Eric Carlson)
Norman E. Fraley Jr. .......................................................... Chemistry (Dr. Abdessadek Lachgar)
Cathryn Anne Freund ....................................................... Biology (Dr. Miles Silman)
Santiago Israel Suarez ....................................................... Chemistry (Dr. John Lukesh)

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Jennifer L. Howard ......................................................... Biology (Dr. David Anderson)
Yan Li .............................................................................. Physics (Dr. Natalie Holzwarth)
Colin Tyznik ................................................................. Physics (Dr. Oana Jurchescu)

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Debashish Roy ................................................................. Chemistry (Dr. Christa Colyer)
CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS
MAY 14, 2022

Habiba Ahmed .................................................. Communication
Presley Nicole Byrd Allsbrook ...................................... Liberal Arts Studies
Kelsey Elizabeth Barbour ........................................... Counseling
Jordyn J. Bennett .................................................. Documentary Film
Anissa Berger ..................................................... Bioethics
Janna Lee Byrd ..................................................... Counseling
Caleb Campbell .................................................... Religious Studies
Anna Marie Carr-Reinhard ........................................ Communication
Madison Ann Casey ................................................ English
Zachary T. Clark .................................................. Documentary Film
Paris Javon Coleman ............................................... Counseling
Alexander Jarad Connolly ........................................ Psychology
Kevin Carter Cook ................................................. Documentary Film
Hannah R. Cooper ................................................ Counseling
Madison Davis ...................................................... Communication
Courtney Dupree Dickens ......................................... Counseling
Megan Doherty ...................................................... Counseling
Ellen Marjorie Claire Doster §§ .................................. Counseling
Ashley Nicole Dyer ................................................ Counseling
Andrea Sofia Fuentes Sepulveda ................................. Interpreting and Translation Studies
James Michael Harold Germany ................................. Counseling
Thomas G. Hagerty .............................................. Liberal Arts Studies
Samantha Ellen Hamilton § ....................................... Sustainability
Tyriq Hardimon .................................................... Sustainability
Anna Harrill ......................................................... Counseling
Megan Hawkins .................................................... Counseling
Amy Underwood Holland ......................................... Counseling
Shannon Howley ................................................... Communication
Matthew Jones ...................................................... Psychology
Jensen A. Kirkendall ............................................... English
Tyler Klingenberg .................................................. Documentary Film
Seena Koohestani .................................................. Counseling
Amyah Leach ....................................................... Interpreting and Translation Studies
Kathryn LeBey ....................................................... English
Rebecca Lederman ................................................ Counseling
David Lee .......................................................... Documentary Film
Sean McGlynn ...................................................... Sustainability
MacKenzie Mick .................................................. Counseling
Anik Nalbandian .................................................... English
Eduardo Nava ....................................................... Liberal Arts Studies
Robert Nathaniel Nys .............................................. Communication
Noah Ontjes ........................................................ Bioethics
Jacob Ottman ....................................................... Counseling

§ Joint Degree with Juris Doctor  §§ Joint Degree with Master of Divinity
Amanda R. Overdurf ................................................. English
Adam Louis Baldwin Paul ............................................. Psychology
Alexandria Jordan Purcell ........................................ Communication
Hunter Revord § ........................................................... Sustainability
Frank Tilly Robinson Jr. ................................................. Communication
Kennedy Elaine Sanders .............................................. Communication
Marquis Schieber ....................................................... Psychology
Jeffrey Schmoll ........................................................... Religious Studies
Elayna Seago ............................................................... Psychology
Luzeida Sevilla Rivera ................................................ Interpreting and Translation Studies
Jamie Eden Shapiro ..................................................... Communication
Melissa S. Soule .......................................................... Counseling
Shelley Diane Stevenson ............................................... Counseling
Colson J. Streitmatter .................................................. Documentary Film
Katelyn Harwell Strott ................................................... Counseling
Robert N. Tabackman ................................................... Communication
Lindsey Grace Tarpley .................................................. Counseling
Kathryn Grace Veraldi .................................................. Counseling
Jami Elizabeth Villers ................................................. Counseling
Andrew F. Wright § ..................................................... Sustainability
Keyu Wu ........................................................................ Psychology
Mu-Tzu Wu .................................................................. Communication
Menghan Yang ............................................................. Communication
Yaqi Yang .................................................................. Mathematics and Statistics
Sophie Joyce Young .................................................... Counseling
Fanyi Zeng ................................................................. Psychology

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Rebecca Kay Bennett .................................................. Counseling
Stephanie Ann Bossert ............................................... Psychology
Scott M. Bristol Jr. ......................................................... Counseling
Farisai Broughton ........................................................ Counseling
Marta Eugenia Canas .................................................... Liberal Arts Studies
Jacqueline M. Cohn ....................................................... Counseling
Stephanie Deanna Cole ................................................ Bioethics
Melissa Ann Cook ....................................................... Counseling
Terrance Davis .......................................................... Liberal Arts Studies
Douglas Baker Davison ................................................ Bioethics
Madison L. Fisher ........................................................ Counseling
Princess Cemone Frederick .......................................... Counseling
Nathalie Anne Freeman § ............................................ Bioethics
Brooke Marie Graham ............................................... Counseling
Austin Gund .............................................................. Liberal Arts Studies
Desiree Stephanie Hall ................................................ Counseling
Sarah M. Hoblet ........................................................ Counseling
Elizabeth Grace Holloway ........................................... Counseling

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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS (continued)

Connie Fay Ihle ................................................................. Counseling
Faith Nicole Johnson .......................................................... Counseling
Emily Crocker Lisi .............................................................. Counseling
Lukas Andrew Masterson ....................................................... Sustainability
Whitney Watson Melancon ................................................... Counseling
Olivia Marie Moore ............................................................. Counseling
Sarah E. Nixon ................................................................. Counseling
Bree Ashlee Porter ............................................................ Counseling
Leigh Anne Robinson ........................................................... Liberal Arts Studies
Morgan Rowley ................................................................. Sustainability
Dan Martin Russo ............................................................... Counseling
Andrew Stegenga ............................................................. Counseling
Donald J. Stewart .............................................................. Liberal Arts Studies
George Edward Tillerson IV .................................................. Documentary Film
Tú Phuong Võ ................................................................. Counseling
Wenyu Wang ................................................................. Communication
Taylor Simone White ............................................................ Documentary Film

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Adam Ambrozy ................................................................. Liberal Arts Studies
Alexis Arzuaga ................................................................. Counseling
Lauren Casey Bales ............................................................ Psychology
Monet Beatty ................................................................. Sustainability
Genevieve Berry ............................................................... Counseling
Phillip John Brilli .............................................................. Counseling
Kaleb Scott Bryant ............................................................. Liberal Arts Studies
Zoe Amber Wood Byrd ........................................................ Counseling
Stevens D’maecce Claude ....................................................... Liberal Arts Studies
Jack Crane ................................................................. Sustainability
Courtney Skye Deakle ........................................................ Counseling
Ian Rogers DuBose ............................................................ Liberal Arts Studies
Jesse Paulo Durán Nolasco .................................................... Sustainability
Ashley Renée Fennell ........................................................ Counseling
Linda Sue Fuller ............................................................... Counseling
Charles Joseph Gentzel ........................................................ Counseling
Matthew George III .......................................................... Counseling
Vanessa Lee Gill ............................................................... Psychology
Lauren Latham ................................................................. Psychology
John Harrison Mahoney ........................................................ Counseling
Jessica Marthaller ............................................................ Counseling
Emily Moore ................................................................. Counseling
Chassidy Nunn ................................................................. Counseling
Katherine Ilona Robinson ....................................................... Counseling
Joseph Anthony Saglimbeni II .................................................. Counseling
Tatiana Sanina  
Jane C. Sayner  
Victoria Therese Scudder  
Stephannie Walker Seaton  
Haley Smith  
Elizabeth C. Thomas  
Stephannie Walker Seaton  
Haley Smith  
Valeriia Vlasenko  
Taylor Brooke Trull  
Fei Xie  
Yitong Zhao  
Zechuan Zhou  

Communication  
Sustainability  
Bioethics  
Counseling  
Sustainability  
Counseling  
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Psychology  
Psychology  
Liberal Arts Studies
CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE
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Robert Whitley Allen Jr ......................................................... Computer Science
Kathryn Hayes Alphin ............................................................ Health and Exercise Science
Lydia A. Bailey ................................................................. Health and Exercise Science
Emerson Elizabeth Bennett ................................................... Health and Exercise Science
Claire Berchold ................................................................. Mathematics and Statistics
Sarah Austen Coats ............................................................ Health and Exercise Science
Juliana Volpini C. de C. Costa ................................................. Health and Exercise Science
Qianyu Dong ................................................................. Mathematics and Statistics
Aidan Tecumseh Fashena ....................................................... Mathematics and Statistics
Joy Andrea Youker Furlipa ...................................................... Health and Exercise Science
Mei Zhuying Grace ............................................................. Mathematics and Statistics
Michael D. Harmon Jr .......................................................... Mathematics and Statistics
Matthew J. Innella ............................................................. Mathematics and Statistics
Abhi Jain ................................................................. Mathematics and Statistics
Ekaterina Khvarkova ............................................................ Mathematics and Statistics
Jihyeon Kwon ................................................................. Mathematics and Statistics
Zitong Li ................................................................. Computer Science

Kristy Kay Lievense ............................................................. Health and Exercise Science
John Max Michel ............................................................... Health and Exercise Science
Elissa Grace Moore ............................................................. Mathematics and Statistics
John Tanner Morningstar ........................................................ Chemistry
Samuel Padula ................................................................. Mathematics and Statistics
Nina Margaretha Ryalls ........................................................... Computer Science
David F. Sontheimer ........................................................... Mathematics and Statistics
Donald Ray Stewart III .......................................................... Mathematics and Statistics
Ananta Thapaliya ............................................................. Computer Science
Madison Lee Thompson ......................................................... Mathematics and Statistics
Kexin Tian ................................................................. Mathematics and Statistics
Samuel Graham Tinlin ........................................................... Mathematics and Statistics
John Turnage ................................................................. Mathematics and Statistics
Ke Xu ................................................................. Mathematics and Statistics

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Jiangxue Chen ................................................................. Chemistry
Allison DeLange ................................................................. Biology
Xiaowei Luo ................................................................. Chemistry

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Roddey Miller Ligon IV .......................................................... Biology
Callie Dawn Smith ................................................................. Chemistry
CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES
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Mary Elizabeth Ferrell .............................................................. Liberal Arts Studies

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF FINE ARTS
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Autavius Smith ........................................................................ Documentary Film
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Brandon M. Gaesser ................................................................. Documentary Film
CONFERRED AUGUST 15, 2021
Brent Kirkland ................................................................. Documentary Film
William D. LaCalle III ................................................................. Documentary Film

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN SERVICES
MAY 14, 2022
Matthew Carl Avera .............................................................. Counseling
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Candice Johnette Burris .......................................................... Counseling
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Skyler Morgan Guin ............................................................... Counseling
CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION
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Camron Thomas Alten-Dunkle ............................................................. Education
Sophia Hawthorne Dorsey ............................................................... Education
Jennifer Griffin ................................................................. Education
Sam Hudson ............................................................... Education
Alexis Marie King ............................................................... Education
Logan Philon ............................................................. Education
Yuval Joseph Solomon ............................................................. Education
Molly Rose Sugarman ............................................................... Education
Jenna Jane Whitener ............................................................... Education
Yiming Zhang ............................................................. Education

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Elizabeth Bell ............................................................. Education
Tilah Camille McDowell ............................................................. Education

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Charles Ahern ............................................................. Education
Mary Hallet Culbreth ............................................................. Education
Anna-Dixon Cameron Harkey ............................................................. Education
Benjamin F. Hill ............................................................. Education
Rebecca Hill ............................................................. Education
Jane Eleanor Isherwood ............................................................. Education
Elizabeth Ann Kennard ............................................................. Education
Caroline Kenney ............................................................. Education
Natalie Elisabeth Lett ............................................................. Education
Matthew Clare McCoy ............................................................. Education
Kyle Phillip Nanney ............................................................. Education
Sydney E. Schaedel ............................................................. Education
Abby Ann Scoresby ............................................................. Education
Samuel Elijah Shalaway ............................................................. Education
Dustin R. Smith ............................................................. Education
AWARDS RECEIVED BY BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES GRADUATES

Stephanie Marie Batalis .......................... Sandy Lee Cowgill Scholarship, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2018-2019
LaShanda Y. Brown .............................. Academic Learning Healthcare System Scholars, TL1 Training Program, 2020-2022
Nicholas J. Casacchia ............................ Academic Learning Healthcare System Scholars, TL1 Training Program, 2020-2022
Daniel Lawrence Doheny ........................... Scholar-In-Training Award, American Association for Cancer Research, 2020
Ruth L. Kirchstein National Research Service Award, National Cancer Institute, 2021-2022
Mike and Lucy Robbins Graduate Scholarship Fund, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2020-2021
Deal Fund Travel Award, Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center, 2022
Director’s Excellence in Cancer Research Award, Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center, 2021
Darius Wendell Ford ............................... Mary Hofmann Murphy Scholarship Recipient, Greater Gift Initiative, 2020
Brittni M. Foster .................................. Wake Forest Graduate School Alumni Travel Award, 2018, 2021
Jenny Leigh Gonzalez-Armenta ...................... Emerging Scholars and Professionals Organization
Biological Science Symposium Speaker Travel Award, Gerontological Society of America, 2018
Integrative Lipid Metabolism, Inflammation, and Chronic Diseases, T32 Training Program, 2017-2018
MiP Scholarship, Mitochondrial Physiology Society, 2017
Wake Forest Molecular Medicine and Translational Science, Graduate Program Travel Award, 2018
Aziz Hammoud ........................................ CVD Epidemiology T32 Training Program, 2020-2021
Alexander Ivanov ................................... Academic Excellence for Highest Inservice Score, Amongst PGY3,
Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2019
Best Teaching Resident of the Year PGY2, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2019
Certificate of Achievement for Clinical Documentation, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2019
CVD Epidemiology T32 Training Program, 2020-2021
Nicole Patricia Kasica ............................... Alzheimer’s Drug Discovery Foundation, Young Investigator Award, 2019
Diana Songee Lim .................................. Studies in Translational Regeneration, T32 Training Program, 2020-2022
Allison Kenna Meyers ............................... Immunology and Pathogenesis, T32 Training Program, 2018
Redox Biology and Medicine T32 Training Program, 2021
Educational Excellence Award, Wake Forest University School of Medicine,
Department of Microbiology and Immunology, 2018
Certificate in Global Health, Wake Forest University School of Medicine Office of Global Health, 2020
Seth H. Mischo ................................. HumaBiologics HumaScholar Grant, 2021
Emily Elizabeth Oor ............................... Wake Forest Graduate School Alumni Travel Award, 2018
Angelica Marie Riojas .............................. Society for the Advancement of Chicano, Latinos, and Native Americans in Science Travel Award, 2018
Excellent Professional Role Model, Texas State University, 2017
Nutrigenetics, Nutrigenomics, & Precision Nutrition Workshop Scholarship and Travel Award,
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Nutrition Research Institute, 2018
Wake Forest Graduate School Alumni Travel Award, 2018
Yale Ciencia Academy Fellow, 2018
AWARDS RECEIVED BY BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES GRADUATES (continued)

Martin Rodriguez .......................... Annual Abstract Award, American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy, 2020
                                          Abstract Achievement Award, American Society of Hematology, 2020
                                          James Gilliam Pre-doctoral Fellowship for Advance Study, The Howard Hughes Medical Institute, 2020 - 2022

Emily Elyse Rogers .......................... International Conference on BioMagnetism Poster Award, 2018
                                          MEG North America Student Presenter Award, National Institute of Health, 2017
                                          Wake Forest Graduate School Alumni Travel Award, 2017-2018

Stephanie Virginia Sanders .................. Director’s Excellence in Cancer Research Award,
                                          Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center, 2021

Lester Paul Sands III .......................... The Neurobiology of Drug Abuse, T32 Training Program, 2017-2020
                                          Ruth L. Kirchstein National Research Service Award, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2017
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                                          Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2020
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                                          Wake Forest University School of Medicine Surgical Science Research Student, Basic Science Silver Award, 2018
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                                          Experimental Biology Conference Blue Ribbon Pick, 2021
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