Celebrating LGBTQ+ and Ally Graduates of Wake Forest University

Hosted by

Wake Forest University
LGBTQ+ Center

Wednesday, April 29, 2020
6:00 pm EST
Greetings
Dr. Angela Mazaris, Assistant Vice President for Equitable Policy, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Director, LGBTQ+ Center

Welcome from the President
Dr. Nathan Hatch, President of Wake Forest University

Invocation
Alexx Andersen, Class of 2020, School of Divinity

Recognizing our Inaugural LGBTQ Scholarship Recipients
Omar Benjamin, Class of 2020
Antayzha Wiseman, Class of 2021

A Simple Thank You
Omar Benjamin, Class of 2020

Goodbye Living Room
Valdes, Class of 2020

Honoring the Graduates
Dr. Angela Mazaris, Assistant Vice President for Equitable Policy, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Director, LGBTQ+ Center
J Mai, Graduate Assistant, LGBTQ+ Center

Closing
Kayla Lisenby-Denson, Assistant Director, LGBTQ+ Center

The LGBTQ+ Center thanks our many campus partners for their support of Lavender Graduation.

• Dean Adam Goldstein and Family
• Human Resources
• Mentoring Resource Center
• Office of Diversity and Inclusion
• Office of the President
• Office of the Provost
• Office of Wellbeing
• Student Health Service
• Wake Forest University School of Business
• Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department
Lavender Graduates, Class of 2020

Alexx Andersen  
Master of Divinity

Omar Benjamin  
Japanese Language and Culture

Sunny Calhoun  
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Payton Deese  
Psychology

Ezra Fairley-Collins  
Master of Divinity

Samuel Gilleran  
Juris Doctor

Eric Haddleton  
Economics

Kayla Heilig  
Master of Science in Management

Timeri Jordan  
Anthropology

Ali Kitterman  
Sociology

Charlotte Lu  
Sociology & Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Cydney Alexis Meadows  
Politics and International Affairs

Catherine Mizzi*  
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Rachel Mount  
Sociology

D’Asia Janay Patterson  
Sociology & Politics and International Affairs

Lupe Ramirez-Rios  
Anthropology & History

Sarah Rua  
Master of Science in Accountancy

Samantha Shang  
Master of Arts in Psychology

Emma Grace Sprinkle  
Anthropology

Alizah Sukhiany  
Religion

Blake Tickle  
Master of Divinity

Valdes  
Politics and International Affairs

Lauren West-Livingston  
Doctorate of Molecular Medicine and Translational Science & Master of Science in Health Law and Policy

Kaleigh Wingate  
Biology

Nathan Wonsch  
Master of Science in Accountancy

Torie Zeiner  
Master of Divinity

*We would like to extend a special thanks to Lavender Graduate Catherine Mizzi for volunteering their time and energy to design our beautiful Lavender Graduation graphics!
Launch of the new Developing Empowering and Affirming Communities (D.E.A.C.) Allies Program

30+ identity spaces facilitated for specific communities, drawing over 200 participants (including virtual spaces)

Second Queer History Month with 40 programs collaborating with 26 campus and community partners

Change Agent cohort of 13 student leaders featuring a 6:7 ratio of incoming first-year leaders to returning Change Agent mentors

Endowment reached and inaugural awarding of the LGBTQ Scholarship to two current student recipients

Successful shift to remote operations engaging 150+ campus constituents within programming and support operations

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