Commencement

Ceremony
Friday, May 15, 2020





College Leadership

Alan Grant- dean

Susan Sumner- associate dean and director, academic programs

Ed Jones- associate dean and director, extension

Tom Thompson- associate dean and director, global programs

Saied Mostaghimi- associate dean and director, research

Vernon Meacham- assistant dean of advancement

Jamie Lucero- director, alumni relations

Agricultural and Applied EconomicsMatt Holt, department head

Agricultural, Leadership, and Community EducationTracy Rutherford, department head

Agricultural Technology Pavli Mykerezi, director

Animal and Poultry SciencesDavid Gerrard, department head

BiochemistryGlenda Gillaspy, department head

Biological Systems Engineering Dwayne Edwards, interim department head

Dairy ScienceDavid Gerrard, interim department head

Entomology Tim Kring, department head

Food Science and Technology Joe Marcy, department head

Human Nutrition, Foods, and ExerciseRob Grange, interim department head

School of Plant and Environmental Sciences
Mike Evans, director



Friday, May 15, 2020 at 6:30 PM Eastern Time Online: vt.edu

Virginia Tech's online commencement for the Class of 2020 will feature inspirational messages from notable Hokies, including Miss America 2020 Camille Schrier, legendary defensive coordinator Bud Foster, and world-renowned poet and University Distinguished Professor Nikki Giovanni.

The ceremony will be available on vt.edu and will be viewable on-demand afterward. During the ceremony, you will be able to hear a message the dean, Dr. Alan Grant and listen to the names of Class of 2020 graduates being read.

Be sure to visit our website to check out the following videos:

College Welcome and Commendation

Susan S. Sumner, associate dean and director of academic programs

College Alumni Organization Message

Rachel Kohl, president

Students with Distinction

Outstanding Graduating Senior in the College

Messages from Faculty and Staff

Spring 2020 Graduates

Associate Degree Agricultural Technology

Bachelor Degree
Agricultural and Applied Economics
Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education
Animal and Poultry Sciences
Biochemistry
Dairy Science
Food Science and Technology
Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise
School of Plant and Environmental Sciences

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Agricultural Technology

Chance Wilhelm Anderson Madeline Carine Apel *** Joseph Andrew Berry Nicholas Albert Blevins Stephen Cohen Call Austin Levi Carter Lakkin Micaela Carter Laura Elizabeth Clingenpeel * Brandon Lee Crowder Robert Cole Cundiff Tyler Stevens Deitz Logan Francis Delery Joshua J. Douglas Skylar Alexis Elliott-Honig Jeffrey M Estienne ** Christopher Lawrence Filiaggi Kaylee Ellen Frye Jeremy Todd Gammon Justin Kyle Gammon Conner Adam Gillespie Cooper Jacob Guiffre Trevor Cole Guy * Hunter Andrew Harvie William Thomas Hines Brooks Adam Holland Amy Frances Horton ** Sarah Elizabeth Howard Richard Hunt Alexander O'keefe Kaval Landon Alan Kelly Keri Nicole Knott * Abby Racquel Leschinger ** Mikala Saigemarie Liptrap William Ellis Looney * Ricardo Slade Luck Ethan Olen Luther Brian Mercer Major II Brandon Carl McDonald Dixon Gregory Mills **David Samuel Moomaw** Chase Allen Morris Logan Bartholomew Morris

Dakota Casey Parker * William Blake Potter Austin Thomas Ralls * Luke Ratliff Tyler Lee Riddle Carter Dickinson Roberts Coleman Perry Rosson Hunter Maxwell Ruesch Benjamin Somers Scaring Gabe Shaner Aaron David Smith Patrick Walsh Smith * Jacob Lee Snyder Cody Reece Stallard * Alfred Walker Stephens III Mead Wrightington Stolarz Joel D. Tate Samuel Edward Taylor **Howard Carlise Tinder** Zachary Douglas Wall ** **Brandon Brooks Williams Emily Yowell**

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magna cum laude**
cum laude*

AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS

Majors: Agribusiness and Applied Economic Management

Seth Hunter Adams Jeremy Thomas Armstrong Benjamin David Baldwin Margaret Elizabeth Benson Jordan Scott Birnholz Luke Edward Chaney Zachary Seth Cohen *** Sara Kendall Eldredge Anna Elizabeth Fowler * Hance Christopher Gareis Jennifer Denise Gerhards Charles Arlington Given Madison Leigh Goodman John Waller Goodwin Rebecca Claire Gray Nicholas James Greenspan Daniel Marshall Griffith Colburn Hastings Hassman *** Christopher Charles Henderson Joel David Hipkins Rose Frances Huenemann Tyler Scott Hueston Jesse D Johnson Ethan Joshua Jones Timothy Michael Joseph Kirby Michelle Lingenfelser * George Christopher Low Antonio Marrero Christian Michael McCann Charlotte Compton McMullin * Samuel Elisha Mefford ** Virginia Kay Morris * Matthew Tyler Myers Bethany Rose Nyberg * John Matthew Owens * T Gary Wayne Parrish III Harrison Samuel Pope Kylie Marie Purcell Caitlin Marie Reamy *** Kristen Diane Robertson

Robert Price Saunders Meleah Renee Shadler ** Suhani Sharma Jamie Sarah Shaw Garrett Lawson Shumate *** Lauren Elizabeth Smith * Ryan Whitley Spivey Shayna Jillian Stern Rachel Miranda Thornton Sarah Rachelle Vanadia * Benjamin Tucker Vandyne Christopher Lucas Volk ** Gabriel Reese Webb Taylor Marie West Morgan Grace White Nicholas Jennings Wright India Marie Young

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AGRICULTURAL, LEADERSHIP, AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Major: Agricultural Sciences

Sydney Marie Baxter *
Abigail Elizabeth Davis *
Taylor Nicole Dillon
Abigail Marie Hemby **
Abigail Gregson Holland
Cobin Elijah Kellam
Jacob Paul Lewis
Matthew Curtis Roop
Alexis M. Smith
Laurel Katelyn Stevens ***
Georgia Noel Stover
Ashley N. Yanego *

ANIMAL AND POUTLRY SCIENCES

Daryan Michelle Abshire Bailey Ann Anderson * Kaitlyn Marie Bahrs ** Gracie LeAnn Bailey Andrew Joseph Baker Imani Sumir Belin John Robert Balog Benoit Kelsey Leigh Berry Chelsea Elizabeth Bickley *** Stephanie Elaine Blankenship Kayla Beth Blatman ** Deziraye Shantell Booker Eric Randall Bosworth Jr. Nina Darlene Roxanne Bowman Rachel Nicole Buehren Rachel Virginia Burton Kaitlin Augusta Campbell Aurora Violet Cartava Sarah Elizabeth Cashwell Colleen Elizabeth Chaplin Kaci Nichole Chlada *** Joon Calvin Choi Rachel Nicole Cropp ** Francesca Nicole Czesak Christina Jean Dillard Heather Lynn Dodson Stefanie Madison Draper Madison Rebecca Duncan Michelle Caprio Dwyer * Julia Errington Darva Serenity Evans Kristianna Elizabeth Evans Taylor Rayne Farley Anna Christine Foley Hannah Marie Foster Nathan A. Freeman ** Kaitlin Michelle Garretson Meredith Ann Garrison Gabrielle Marie Godoy Allison Therese Gonley Katia Gonzalez Meila Leigh Grantham

Miranda Leighann Gregory Bailey Anne Halter Frances Marie Harris Alexandra Michelle Hawk Kathryn Adair Hayes Mikayla Ruth Hayton Matthew Luke Heinrich John-Robert Cameron Helsley Stephania Melissa Henriquez **Haylee Taylor Hess** Sydney Michele Hill *** Meghan Renee Hix Kellie Lauren Hogan Abigail Gregson Holland Hannah Sophia Holtzman Caroline Grace Hudgens Rachel A. Kanefsky ** Kelsey Corynn Kay Sarah Louise Keeth Taylor Marie Kellerman Tiffany Nguyen Keoprasert Kalynn Sierra Kirk Hanna Dawn Kiryluk *** Kirsten Anne Kohl Mackenzie Leigh Krason ** Courtney Erin Lee Madeline Rose LeGros Jacob Paul Lewis Natalie Leila Lovelace Ashleigh Paige Lowery Brianna Michelle Lynch Emily Rose Mardiks ** Cortney Lynn McDonald Rebecca Meagan McLaughlin Zoie N. McMillian * Lauren Nicole Meekins Shawnna Raye Melick Gabriella Menezes Skylar Ashton Merkle

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magna cum laude**
cum laude*

ANIMAL AND POULTRY SCIENCES

Duncan Venable Merritt Caitlin Marie Miller *** Kristen Elizabeth Minikel Jacob Brent Mintz Richard Luke Moore Haley Nicole Morgan McKinley Brooke Mullins Kelynn Madeline Murray Virginia Lane Nelson Holly Marie Newberne Annie Thanh Nguyen Alexis Ann Nuzzo Kayla Nicole Padilla Isabel Lynn Payseur Taylor Marie Pedigo Rachel Leigh Piepenbrink Jacob Joseph Poudrier ** Haley Brookfield Rae Rebecca Ann Rafalowski Julissa Y. Rios Sarah Elizabeth Rowe Kristina Renee Satchell Ronald Joseph Savino Gabrielle A. Schmitt Katherine Settle **Brigid Marie Sexton** Victoria Ashley Sharpe Chase Lee Sinnett **Destiny Simmons-Harper** Jordann Elizabeth Sipe Delaney Judith Skinner Lauren Elizabeth Smith * Sarah Michelle Spencer Santana Amber Stiltner Shavna Jillian Stern Courtney Marie Stone Olivia Leigh Stover Caroline Therese Swarm Robert Zachary Swope Amber Rene Talbot ** Christian Michael Taylor Caitlin Elizabeth Togher

Daniel Michael Turner Julia Louise Utting Morgan Elizabeth Van Davelaar Jasmine Carol Vaughan Sarah Elizabeth Vest *** Jamie Sterling Werner Jhett Anthony Wheeler * Mikaela Dawn Whittaker Rebecca Anne Wilkins Heather Noelle Williams Kirstin Ann Williams Alia Reagan Wilson Dylan Chace Wilson Kimberly Chevenne Winck Emmily Danielle Woods ** Marissa Grace Yeaman Virginia Marie Yuhas * Courtney Megan L'Amoreaux

BIOCHEMISTRY

Orwa Saeed Ahmad Rachel Corbin Hindle *** Misiker Girma Alayachew Allison Elizabeth Hopkins Anthony Garrett Allegra * Parker Wallace Jackson Sydney Lauren Alter Sebastian Antonio Jaques Kyle James Anderson Grant Edwin Kawecki * Tayah A. Andrews Andrew Douglas Kessler Caleb Warren Ashley Amy Lynn Klinger Joshua Adam Kraus *** Allison William Balcezak David Barto ** Danielle Sara Kugler * Allahna Diamante Batista Julia Kuhn Alisa K. Bondar * Fanny A Kusi Elizabeth Annadell Bose *** Twyla Tian-le Lee ** Galen Michael Boyle Trami Ly **Brady Michael Bryant** Lexi Nicole Lynn Thomas Cha Kiran Mantena Ruoyu Cheng Alicia Catherine Mastroianni Sarah Kay Clark Andrew Thomas McIntosh * Jenna Therese Colturi * Davis Moon McNabb Alexsandra Corrigan Astrid Islande Ligonde Meenan Tanner Gage DeHart ** Eric Matthew Merten Edward Peter Miller III Gabriel Orion Dickson Ryan Wong Din Mack Joseph Mohr Darren Thomas Dougharty * Amy Dawn Morris * Kathryn Randolph Douthat **Brendan Connor Murphy** Dylan Peter Ellis Catherine Irene Murphy Victoria P. Filippone Natalie Novotna ** Zachary Blair Fisher Sabrina Ariana Orsi Kevin Patrick Foley Anu Patel * Jacqueline Ann Fore Alejandro Humberto Pezo Nghi Gia Phung *** Megan Lynn Fouch Nicholas Robert Francis Gretchen Katharine Pickerel Joseph Daniel Freund Jhorgely Karen Pinto Villanueva Lauren Hope Fryzlewicz Linda Ren Kaitlyn Sierra Gallagher Austin C. Reynolds Holly Marie Giovinco *** Katherine Shannon Rizzolo Cydney Elizabeth Griffin Raven Nola Robinson Aspen Leigh Gustin ** Sarah Alice Rothstein Priscilla Kuduah Gyamfi Rahaf Rousan Leah Marie Hall Beatriz Consuelo Salvador summa cum laude*** Aaron Joseph Hayes * magna cum laude** Byron Elijah Hernandez

cum laude*

Emma Lee High

Peter Tasman Schultz Elliot Barrett Shelton Zeren Sheng * Wenting Shi Amrit Singh Michael Santiago Sloper **Brett Kelso Smedley** Danny Song Jr. Siena Sorrentino Kayleigh Ann Stevenson Garrett Edmund Stoll Josephine Grace Summitt ** Mandy ManYee Tam Mohit Tammireddi Christopher Wibisono Tan *** Sarah Grace Tartabini Bathsheba Teshome Ally Leigh Thompson Averi Simone Thompson Thomas Holden Tolley Alexandra Mary Tracy Claire Elizabeth Tronrud Kimberly Michelle Trotter Shreya Varigala ** Morgan Leigh Vaughn Katherine A. Vaughn ** Desiree Alexis Velez Melanie R. Vonah Arthur Yuan Chen Wang Yuanyuan Wang Amanda Morgan Ward *** Owen Campbell Ward *** Allison Louise Welham * **David James White** Daniel Ryan Wilburn ** Emma Nicole Wilkinson *** Wendi Elizabeth Williams Sarah Nicole Wilson Esther Lynne Hagen Wisdom *** Sierra Bailey Witt ** Muzhou Wu

Karlie Michelle Wysong *

Yue Yang Christine Veronica Zaky * Allison Rebecca Zeher

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magna cum laude**
cum laude*

DAIRY SCIENCE

David Elliott Ames Brittany Maria Boitnott Amber Nicole Burch * Kavita Marie Bushong Skylar Kay Cochrane ** Kennedy Morgan Crothers Garrett Clark Fleming Elizabeth Leann Funkhouser Hailey Roselea Galyon ** Sarah Katherine Garbade Kaitlin Michelle Garretson Austin Ryan Hall Helena Jean Trevor Leah Parker Jenkins Rachel A. Kanefsky ** Christene Temitope Oduyelu Christina Temitayo Oduyelu * Jordann Elizabeth Sipe Allie Jordan Smith Caleb Stacy Van Buren *** Rebecca Anne Wilkins *

FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Brittany Leigh Carter *** Joanna Chan Erin Spencer DeShazo *** Maguerite Jacqueline Djossou Colleen Renee Dommel ** Grace Ellen Earnhart Benjamin James Eifert Mirah Laya Khalid Katharine Ann Mathews Michaela Chang Xue Morrow Foster ** Laura Elizabeth Powell Emily Lyn Riha Amanda Marie Singh Kayleigh Ann Stevenson Sydney Alexis Studioso **Jewel Mary Thomas** Kirsten E. Trimmer Wenying Zhang

HUMAN NUTRITION, FOODS, AND EXERCISE

Caroline Elizabeth Alcorta Kelly Elizabeth Dunlap Claudia Noelle Altman Margaret Elizabeth Dunleavy Kylea Joelle Andreano Miranda Eberle Hailey Jane Arnold Alayna Kateland Foutz Jessica Lou Arnold Rachel Ann Frazier McKenzie Elizabeth Atkinson Annie Yang Gao Katelyn Ann Barker Victoria Rae Garrison Jennifer Ann Giese Annie Harris Beatty Sara Anne Benjamin **Darious Reginald Giles** Hannah Elizabeth Berkon Leina Kathryn Greenwalt Addison Leigh Blackwell Michael Austin Groseclose Bryce Owen Bossinger Elizabeth Marie Grove Pamela Lynn Bowen Kristin Marie Hardy Taylor Lee Boyce Laurel Madeline Harris Christin Nicole Hensley Ryan Phillip Boyles Zackary Paul Boyles John Kevin Hill Hannah Christina Brein Maggie Jeanne Hill **Emily Rose Marie Hobbs** Erica Nichole Brizendine Rebecca Lynn Brown Kelsey Bryn Hoehn-Saric Ashley Amanda Burris Joy Anastasia Hogarty Raven Christina Byrd Gianna Marie Horsley Inez Mae Cabral Meghan Carter Hueston Blair Crist Hurley ** Emma L. Carraway Christine Joyce Suarez Castro Emily Anna Jacobs Jaspreet Chahal Kylie Lynne Jacobs Jordyn Marie Jarvis Elise Rose Chamberlin **Emily Magdeline Chartier** Maya Anne Johnson Alexandra Nicole Kua Chavez Carly Rae Karalus Lauren Olivia Keener Shinhyung Choi Christina Compton Ashlyn Brooke Kefauver Shelby Ashley Conway Kiley Grace Kettle Ashley Lynne Cooper Emelyn Sujin Kim Alexander James Crichton Tristan Lawrence Kiser Elizabeth Anne Cusack Elizabeth Renee Kramer Kacie Elizabeth Dalton Paige Nicole Krebs Jayme Lee Davenport Nicolas Fernando Otto Kress Jag Vitorre de Leon **Eunice Baah Kwarteng** Jordann Elizabeth Deacon Melanie Elizabeth Lancaster Michael Christopher Degrassi Allison Grace Lavrinovich Landon William Diehl Olivia Grey Lawson Shene Disbergen summa cum laude*** magna cum laude** Meaghan Lynn Donnelly Maeve Bryane Dumais

cum laude*

HUMAN NUTRITION, FOODS, AND EXERCISE

Gelsey Ledezma Olivia Carolyn Ledwith Albert Jihoon Lee Claire Elise Lee *** Aislinn Leedy *** Natalie Kay LeGree Andrew Harrison Leon Jana Marie Leotta Rosa Monique LePelch Sarah Mock Lilly Kristen Nicole Lopez Mariah Christine Lowman Gillian Isabella Lutz Sandy Mai Camie Leigh Martin Caroline Elizabeth Maruca Jordan Elizabeth Mason Mary Elizabeth Massey Megan Lynn Matteodo Callie Ann McBride Elizabeth Paige McCarty Lindsey Elizabeth McClain Philip Edward McKean Fredrick Stewart Merdian III * Joseph Charles Miffleton Lauren Therese Miller Elizabeth Stewart Moomaw Jessica Erin Murphy Laura Maeve Murphy Marybeth Christina Myers Logan Elisabeth Nguyen Alexander Thomas Nickle Danielle Christine Nolan Ethan Mark O'Connell Madison Riley Oliver Paige Halie Overbay Chandler Brooke Oxendine Rebeccah Clarice Pace Carter Ann Packett Allison Rae Palmer **Eugene Koh Park** Joseph Park ** Sarah Catherine Park

Tabitha Kai Parks Michaela Johnai Patterson Kaleigh R. Patton Ashley Marie Pennington Nina Nicole Petitt Lisa Kim Podruchney Kaley Elizabeth Prieto Ana Michele Principi Caitlin Joanne Kettelle Pyne Adrian Diego Quimbayo-Cipric Salome Elizabeth Raiszadeh Hannah Alexander Rector Alexis Nicole Rhodes Michael Romeo Roberts Haley Anne Robinson Marcelo Antonio Rodriguez Andrew Perry Rolaf Kristina Louise Rossi Latane Ann Rowland Bridget Deegan Ryan Diego Gabriel Bolusa Sabugo Donya Saffar Jae Ziara Pirote Saraum Deena Samir Sbitany Isabelle Payton Seligman Abby Renae Setash Morgan Lee Shoulders ** William Moses Shubert IV Jordan Elizabeth Sibley Alexis Elizabeth Smith Katherine Grace Smith Alexandra Lynn Southard Rachel Ann Sparks Gavin Bryce Spears Emma Legier Stanton Brittany Ann Steffens Audrey Erin Stevenson Hayley Wynter Stewart Laura L. Stewart

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HUMAN NUTRITION, FOODS, AND EXERCISE (continued)

Alison Rose Sullivan Ryleigh Natalie Sullivan Natalie Renee Tabor ** Anah K. Taylor Nathalie Claudine Thomas *** Sarah Elizabeth Thomas Amelia Faith Tilley Megan Paige Tincher Lenzi Marie Toler * Christopher Harrison Unger Jr. Sarah Fernanda Vasquez Abigail Marie Vayette *** Emily Michelle Warren * Kelsey Marie Watson Sophia Wei ** Miranda Paige Westbrook Madeline Taylor White Megan Elizabeth Wiggs Caitlyn N. Will Ian Patrick Winter * Mallory Danielle Wohlford Emily Clara Woods * Alexandria Summer Wright * JiHee Sarah Yoon Amanda Paige Young *** Rachael Samantha Young Munira Hassan Yusuf

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SCHOOL OF PLANT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Major: Crop and Soil Sciences

William Michael Brown Jr.
Jamie Carol Conner ***
Hamilton Trey Crockett *
Everett Jameson Fox
Liam Thomas Hogue ***
Hailey Michelle Humphreys
Joshua Tyler Jacobson
Stephanie Lynn Johansen
Kirby Michelle Lingenfelser *
Colin David Manning
Sarah Lillian Martin

Brian James McNeil
Andrew Morris
Dana Joyce Mulligan ***
Aaron Michael Shull
Douglas Lee Terry II
Max Oliver Thoreson *
Bradley James Vandygriff
Courtney May Walls
Jessica Ann Wilbur *

SCHOOL OF PLANT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Major: Environmental Sciences

Meagan Kela Bragg Mitchell Weber Braun *** Francisco Alexander Casillas Aaron Paul Cleveland Nick John Dengler Anona Madeline Anastasiya Fowler ** Brett Daniel Golder Chase Thompson Gunther Kylee C. Hooper Keith Lorence Jandzinski Lindsey Carson Kyte Jarred Patrick Lacov * Garret Rogers McBee ** Amanda Kaylie Michel *** Taylor Erin Noonan Hyejin Park Seiin Park

Celeste Viola Perrotti *
Autumn Darnella Peterson

Laura Lynn Ray
Jessica Renee Smith
Hunter Ford Tettelbach
Benjamin Tucker Vandyne
Kathryn Anne Weisbrodt *
Daniel Lenwood Wines III
Jinman Yang **
Qifan Yang

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cum laude*

SCHOOL OF PLANT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Majors: Landscape Horticulture and Design and Environmental Horticulture

Jonathan Luke Ball **Hunter Dare Bengtson** Garrett Edward Brockwell Grace Kathryn Carey ** Jared Mitchell Carlisle Goldie Tolar Daniels ** Claire Julia Duncan * Tyler James Dymond Caitlyn Elaine Hand Adam Connor Hockaday * Rachael Marie LaFlamme Chaney Christina Merritt ** Elizabeth Addison Oswalt ** Alexis Gail Page ** **Brett Gordon Prong** Cheyenne Shay Salmon *** Arlyn Brie Smith ** Shelby Lynn Spittler ** Megan Alexandra Wilkins ** Sarah Elizabeth Wright

Summa Cum Laude - 3.8 GPA or above

Madeline Carine Apel McKenzie Elizabeth Atkinson Hannah Elizabeth Berkon Chelsea Elizabeth Bickley Elizabeth Annadell Bose Mitchell Weber Braun Ashley Amanda Burris Brittany Leigh Carter Kaci Nichole Chlada Zachary Seth Cohen Jamie Carol Conner Jordann Elizabeth Deacon Erin Spencer DeShazo Meaghan Lynn Donnelly Maeve Bryane Dumais Anna Christine Foley Alayna Kateland Foutz Kaitlyn Sierra Gallagher Jennifer Ann Giese Holly Marie Giovinco Colburn Hastings Hassman Kathryn Adair Hayes Sydney Michele Hill Rachel Corbin Hindle Kelsey Bryn Hoehn-Saric Liam Thomas Hogue Caroline Grace Hudgens Kylie Lynne Jacobs Hanna Dawn Kiryluk Elizabeth Renee Kramer Joshua Adam Kraus Melanie Elizabeth Lancaster Claire Elise Lee Aislinn Leedy Jana Marie Leotta Mariah Christine Lowman Eric Matthew Merten Amanda Kaylie Michel Caitlin Marie Miller

Lauren Therese Miller Dana Joyce Mulligan Marybeth Christina Myers Kayla Nicole Padilla Allison Rae Palmer Sarah Catherine Park Ashley Marie Pennington Nghi Gia Phung Caitlin Marie Reamy Haley Anne Robinson Andrew Perry Rolaf Kristina Louise Rossi Sarah Alice Rothstein Chevenne Salmon Abby Renae Setash Wenting Shi Garrett Lawson Shumate Laurel Katelyn Stevens Christopher Wibisono Tan Nathalie Claudine Thomas Caleb Stacy Van Buren Morgan Elizabeth Van Davelaar Abigail Marie Vayette Sarah Elizabeth Vest Amanda Morgan Ward Owen Campbell Ward Kelsev Marie Watson Emma Nicole Wilkinson Alia Reagan Wilson Esther Lynne Hagen Wisdom Amanda Paige Young

Magna Cum Laude - 3.6 - 3.7999 GPA

Kylea Joelle Andreano Kaitlyn Marie Bahrs Katelyn Ann Barker

David Barto

Kelsey Leigh Berry Kayla Beth Blatman Bryce Owen Bossinger

Taylor Lee Boyce Inez Mae Cabral Grace Kathryn Carey Skylar Kay Cochrane Shelby Ashley Conway Ashley Lynne Cooper Alexander James Crichton

Rachel Nicole Cropp Francesca Nicole Czesak Kacie Elizabeth Dalton Goldie Tolar Daniels Jayme Lee Davenport Tanner Gage DeHart

Colleen Renee Dommel Jeffrey M Estienne Jacqueline Ann Fore

Anona Madeline Anastasiya Fowler

Nicholas Robert Francis Rachel Ann Frazier Nathan A. Freeman Hailey Roselea Galyon Meredith Ann Garrison Allison Therese Gonley Elizabeth Marie Grove

Aspen Leigh Gustin Abigail Marie Hemby Amy Frances Horton Meghan Carter Hueston

Blair Crist Hurley Emily Anna Jacobs Rachel A. Kanefsky Rachel A. Kanefsky Kiley Grace Kettle Emelyn Sujin Kim

Mackenzie Leigh Krason

Paige Nicole Krebs

Courtney Megan L'Amoreaux

Olivia Carolyn Ledwith Twyla Tian-le Lee

Natalie Kay LeGree

Abby Racquel Leschinger Natalie Leila Lovelace

Emily Rose Mardiks

Mary Elizabeth Massey Garret Rogers McBee

Astrid Islande Ligonde Meenan

Samuel Elisha Mefford Chaney Christina Merritt Elizabeth Stewart Moomaw

Richard Luke Moore

Michaela Chang Xue Morrow Foster

Natalie Novotna

Elizabeth Addison Oswalt

Paige Halie Overbay Alexis Gail Page

Joseph Park

Jacob Joseph Poudrier Kaley Elizabeth Prieto

Caitlin Joanne Kettelle Pyne Katherine Shannon Rizzolo

Raven Nola Robinson Meleah Renee Shadler Morgan Lee Shoulders

Arlyn Brie Smith
Gavin Bryce Spears
Shelby Lynn Spittler
Brittany Ann Steffens
Hayley Wynter Stewart
Mead Wrightington Stolarz
Josephine Grace Summitt
Natalie Renee Tabor

Natalie Renee Tabor Amber Rene Talbot Ally Leigh Thompson Alexandra Mary Tracy Katherine Vaughn Shreya Varigala

Christopher Lucas Volk

Magna Cum Laude - 3.6 - 3.7999 GPA

Zachary Douglas Wall Sophia Wei Daniel Ryan Wilburn Megan Alexandra Wilkins Sierra Bailey Witt Emmily Danielle Woods Jinman Yang Rachael Samantha Young

Cum Laude - 3.4 - 3.5999 GPA

Anthony Garrett Allegra Claudia Noelle Altman Bailey Ann Anderson Hailey Jane Arnold Sydney Marie Baxter Annie Harris Beatty Alisa K. Bondar Hannah Christina Brein Amber Nicole Burch Raven Christina Byrd Sarah Elizabeth Cashwell Laura Elizabeth Clingenpeel Jenna Therese Colturi Hamilton Trey Crockett Abigail Elizabeth Davis Michael Christopher Degrassi Landon William Diehl Darren Thomas Dougharty Madison Rebecca Duncan Claire Julia Duncan Michelle Caprio Dwyer Anna Elizabeth Fowler Victoria Rae Garrison Trevor Cole Guy Aaron Joseph Hayes John Kevin Hill Maggie Jeanne Hill Adam Connor Hockaday Jordyn Marie Jarvis Grant Edwin Kawecki Keri Nicole Knott Danielle Sara Kugler Jarred Patrick Lacov Olivia Grey Lawson Kirby Michelle Lingenfelser Kirby Michelle Lingenfelser William Ellis Looney Kristen Nicole Lopez Callie Ann McBride Andrew Thomas McIntosh

Zoie N. McMillian

Virginia Kay Morris

Charlotte Compton McMullin

Fredrick Stewart Merdian III

Amy Dawn Morris Jessica Erin Murphy Logan Elisabeth Nguyen Bethany Rose Nyberg Christina Temitayo Oduyelu Madison Riley Oliver John Matthew Owens Rebeccah Clarice Pace Dakota Casey Parker Anu Patel Michaela Johnai Patterson Kaleigh R. Patton Celeste Viola Perrotti Austin Thomas Ralls Hannah Alexander Rector Latane Ann Rowland Donya Saffar Zeren Sheng Lauren Elizabeth Smith Lauren Elizabeth Smith Patrick Walsh Smith Katherine Grace Smith Alexandra Lynn Southard Cody Reece Stallard Laura L. Stewart Max Oliver Thoreson Lenzi Marie Toler Sarah Rachelle Vanadia Sarah Fernanda Vasquez **Emily Michelle Warren** Kathryn Anne Weisbrodt Allison Louise Welham Jhett Anthony Wheeler Jessica Ann Wilbur Rebecca Anne Wilkins Ian Patrick Winter **Emily Clara Woods** Alexandria Summer Wright Karlie Michelle Wysong Ashley N. Yanego Virginia Marie Yuhas Munira Hassan Yusuf Christine Veronica Zaky

University Hward

Aspire! Award for COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP Addison Blackwell, Undergraduate Student

The Aspire! Awards were established in 2011 as a way to recognize students who embody the Aspirations for student Learning which are Curiosity, Self-understanding and Integrity, Civility, Courageous Leadership, and Ut Prosim. Addison Blackwell, a senior from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, majoring in Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise, was the recipient of the 2020 Aspire! Award for Courageous Leadership. Check out her story below.

"As a first-year student, Addison Blackwell watched as some of her peers struggled with alcohol and substance abuse—and, ultimately, their overall well-being. She knew then she wanted to help lead change on campus.

Addison joined the IMPACT Peer Education and Prevention Team through Hokie Wellness after learning about the team's mission. IMPACT stands for Initiating and Motivating a Positive Alcohol Culture Together. Team members facilitate workshops, promote a Party Positive message, educate students about the negative side effects of high-risk drinking, and collect data.

Her nominator wrote, "While Addison could turn a blind eye or try to minimize these issues as just part of college, she instead chooses to step up to the challenge to enact positive change again and again. In my understanding, this is what it means to be a courageous leader."

Addison is, in her nominator's words, "nonjudgmental, caring, curious, and hilarious." This is all part of what makes her an effective leader. She is also mindful that leaders must be continual learners. When she is not working with IMPACT, she volunteers with College Mentors for Kids and serves as a house manager for her sorority, Sigma Kappa.

Her nominator wrote, "From the moment she steps in front of a room or meets with a student, she is able to put them at ease. She is not there to shake her finger and shame them. She is there to share her expertise and support to help them grow, learn, and make informed decisions. It is truly amazing to watch a student's entire demeanor change because Addison makes them laugh and meets them where they are."

To walk across campus with Addison is to see her leadership style and get a glimpse of how she has spent her four years. "It isn't unusual for someone to walk up to her to thank her and share a change they have made in their life," her nominator shared. "By the time she graduates in May, she will have spent three of her four years in college educating thousands of Hokies and will have truly left an example of what it means to be a peer educator, and, ultimately, a peer leader."

Addison defines courageous leadership this way: "Speaking up when it is tough. Talking about issues that make people uncomfortable and making them less uncomfortable. Being willing to be the underdog and fight for something you truly believe in, even if people don't accept it right away."

She continued, "It is forming a group that includes others instead of rejecting them, and being confident in yourself and your abilities to better the community around you—wherever you are." Addison, well said. We are so glad you chose THIS community. Thank you for your contributions to making Virginia Tech a better place to live and learn and grow."



Randolph L. Grayson Outstanding CALS Diversity Scholar Award Winners

The Randolph L. Grayson Outstanding CALS Diversity Scholar Award was established in 2016 to recognize outstanding diversity accomplishments of students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The four individuals who are receiving this award exemplify excellence in advancing the college's mission of promoting diversity in the college. The student award is named for Dr. Randolph Grayson, who students continuously cite for the encouragement and support he has given them over the years.

Cristina Marcillo, Graduate Student

Cristina Marcillo is a Ph.D. student in Biological Systems Engineering. She successfully defended her thesis in March 2020. Cristina has displayed devotion to issues of justice and inclusion in her research, service, and professional activities. Her research investigated disparities in water system management in the Commonwealth of Virginia. She discovered that rural areas and areas with higher minority populations were more likely to fail the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act. With a partnership here at Virginia Tech, she has developed drinking water test kits that have been used in a rural community in Guatemala near a silver mine. She was a member of Biological Systems Engineering's Diversity Committee and during her time there developed and co-led a seminar for current graduate students designed to discuss issues in diversity and campus climate.

Lester Schonberger, Graduate Student

Lester Schonberger has a M.S. in Life Science and is a Ph.D. candidate in Food Science and Technology. Lester's efforts across the Department of Food Science and Technology (FST) to promote diversity and Inclusion are exemplary. Lester's involvement in the FST Diversity Council led to a new vision and goals for the department. Lester has improved and expanded the VT Engage Campus Kitchen Program by working closely with community partners and extended its support to outside of Virginia Tech. He has also facilitated listening sessions with the graduate students in the department and advocated to make change so the department is more inclusive.

Alexis Villacis-Aveiga, Graduate Student

Alexis Villacis-Aveiga is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. Alexis has brought a fresh perspective and vigor for inclusivity in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AAEC). He has launched a monthly departmental breakfast for graduate students, faculty, and staff to promote an inclusive community. He has advocated for more diversity in the department and brought attention to the faculty of potential students from outside of the US who would be interested in pursing a graduate degree in the dept. Alexis was actively involved in recruiting a Ph.D. student from Zambia and is currently communicating with potential students from Columbia to recruit into the program.

Connor Owens, Graduate Student

Connor Owens is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Dairy Science. Connor has a great passion and commitment to fostering inclusion and diversity in agriculture. He has been involved the student organization Cultivating Change, a group that pushes to advance LGBTQA+ issues in agriculture natural resources and beyond. He has been involved in Making Space at the Table Event for advocacy and ally ship in rural communities. He is involved with the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) where he has served on education and career development committees. He serves as a natural leader in the department and to fellow graduates. He has natural ability to connect with people and has provided help, guidance, and mentorship across the dept.



College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Senior

Rachel Kanefsky

Rachel Kanefsky is obtaining degrees in Animal and Poultry Sciences and Dairy Science. Rachel was not involved in agriculture before coming to Virginia Tech and credits the strong community of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) in supporting her success in the field. Rachel has sought out service opportunities to support the university as well as local and international communities.

As a Hokie Ambassador, CALS Ambassador, and Dairy Science Ambassador, she provides tours to prospective students and represents CALS at recruitment events. Rachel's dedication to mentorship shows up in her roles in the Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority, Honors College Student Representative, and Life Sciences Mentorship program, which serves underrepresented students as they transition to Virginia Tech.

In addition to her mentoring and ambassador roles, Rachel provides academic support as a teaching assistant for Intro to Animal and Poultry Sciences and as a tutor for Student-Athlete Academic Support Services. Beyond the Virginia Tech campus, she continues service in international communities. Rachel was selected as an Odyssey fellow and as part of her service project, she traveled to Senegal and developed and implemented 4-H curricula that can be adapted to Senegalese culture.

In addition to her outstanding service and leadership achievements, Rachel has excelled academically with Dean's List recognition each semester and is the recipient of numerous scholarships, including the Horace E. and Elizabeth F. Alphin Scholarship and the Virginia Beef Corporation Scholarship. Rachel's long-term goals are to become an army veterinarian and serve her country and global community by providing veterinary care for those with limited access.

The Faculty and Staff in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences would like to offer our sincere congraulations to Rachel who is most deserving of honor.

Departmental *H*wards

Departmental Outstanding Seniors

Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics Outstanding Senior: **Colburn Hassman**

Colburn Hassman has been involved in Commodity Investing by Students at Virginia Tech since his first year at VT and now trains junior members. He also studied abroad in Munich, Germany. Colburn will be pursuing a career in commodity price analysis after graduate school.

Department of Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education Outstanding Senior: **Abigail Hemby**

Abby Hemby has been involved with the Virginia Governor's School for Agriculture, served as a Resident Advisor, and served as a peer mentor for the first-year experience course. She was an active community member. She also traveled to Mali, Africa on an Agricultural Project Mission trip. She plans to attend graduate school to focus on agricultural education and facilitation.

We would like to thank Abby for serving as the student representative to the CALS Dean's Advisory Council. She served as a voice for the student body as the council advises the college on all aspects of teaching, research, and extension programs and helps to advance and promote the programs of the college.

Agricultural Technology Program Outstanding Senior: **Jeffrey Estienne**

Jeffrey Estienne served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 4 years and then came to Virginia Tech to study applied agricultural management. Previously he conducted reproductive and nutritional swine research with Virginia Tech's Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center. He served as an Agricultural Technology Ambassador. Jeffrey will continue working full-time in Teaching and Research Animal Care Support Services for the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine after graduation.

Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences Outstanding Senior: Sarah Vest

Sarah Vest excelled academically and was named an American Society of Animal Science Scholar. She served as a Lead Tutor at VT's Student Success Center. She also served as President of VT's Collegiate Young Farmers, and ambassador and peer mentor for Animal and Poultry Sciences. She was an equine management extern and helped manage both horse farms at Virginia Tech. Upon graduation Sarah plans to pursue a career as agent with Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Departmental Awards

Departmental Outstanding Seniors Continued Department of Biochemistry Outstanding Seniors:

Kaitlyn Gallagher and Astrid Meenan

Kaitlyn Gallagher was involved in a lot during her time at Virginia Tech. Kaitlyn was a peer mentor for Biochemistry. She also served as a worship minister at VT Wesley and has studied abroad in both Ecuador and Spain. After graduation, her goal is to pursue a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and become a professor.

Astrid Meenan lived out Ut Prosim, serving in and outside of the classroom, during her time as an Undergraduate. She served as super mentor who mentored other mentors in the Orion Living-Learning Community. Astrid performed research as part of her Fralin Undergraduate Research Fellowship. She represented the Department of Bichemestry as a student fellow for the Inclusive Excellence program. She volunteered as an EMT for the local resuce squad...just to mention a few of her activities.

Department of Dairy Science Outstanding Senior: Rachel Kanefsky

Rachel Kanefsky was also selected as the college outstanding senior. Read about her on page 20.

Department of Food Science and Technology Outstanding Senior Colleen Dommel

Colleen Dommel not only works hard in the classroom, she also helps teach 4-H gardening projects at Pulaski Elementary and volunteers at the Hahn Horticulture Garden. Colleen will be working for Hershey Foods after graduation.

Department of Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise Outstanding Senior Katelyn Barker

Katelyn Barker has been very involved on campus as a part of the Virginia Tech Nutrition Counseling team, a shift leader for The Campus Kitchen at Virginia Tech, a health specialist at the University of Virginia, a patient ambassador at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery, and an intern for the Virginia Family Nutrition Program. She plans to continune her education so she can become a Registered Dietitian.

School of Plant and Evironmental Sciences Outstanding Senior **Dana Mulligan**

Dana Mulligan, Crop and Soil Science major, took advantage of a lot that Virginia Tech had to offer including internships with Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Center for Environmental Farming Systems at North Carolina State Univeristy. She traveled internationally as a 2018 Austin Michelle Couyd Odyssey Senior Felllow and she worked with the Seeds Program International.

College Ambassadors

We would like to offer our sincere congratulations to all of the ambassadors who are graduating in 2020. We appreciate your leadership and service to the college and/ or your departments.

You represented us well!

Margaret Benson
Ashley Burris
Ana Fowler
Meredith Garrison
Rachel Kanefsky
Eunice Kwarteng
Lindsey Kyte

Matt Owens Rebeccah Pace Emily Riha Kate Stevens Morgan Van Davelaar Sophia Wei

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Departmental Ambassadors

Agricultural Technology Program Ambassadors

Maddie Apel Sarah Howard
Levi Carter Abby Leschinger
Laura Clingenpeel Mikala Liptrap
Skylar Elliot -Honig Will Looney
Jeffrey Estienne Sam Taylor
Trevor Guy Zach Wall
Hunter Harvie

Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics Ambassadors

Matt Owens Margaret Benson

Eli Mefford

Department of Animal and Poultry Science Ambassadors **Kayla Blatman Skylar Merkle**

Rachel Burton Kayla Padilla Chelsea Bickley Shayna Stern

Kaci Chlada Sarah Vest

Department of Dairy Science Ambassadors

Brittany Maria Boitnott Helena Trevor
Kavita Marie Bushong Rachel A. Kanefsky
Garrett Clark Fleming Caleb Stacy Van Buren

Department of Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise Ambassadors

Caroline Alcorta

Meghan Hueston

Inez Cabral

College Peer Mentors

Peer mentors serve an important role in helping incoming freshman and transfer students get acclimated to the university setting and the requirements of their majors. Peer mentors are shining examples of what it means to be a student in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Thank you Peer Mentors!

Margaret Benson
Grace Earnhart
Andrea Hagen
Abby Hemby
Emily Marx
Katie Mathews
Amanda Michel

Emily Riha Nicole Salinas Georgia Stover Sydney Studioso Jewel Thomas Emmily Woods

Departmental Peer Mentors

Department of Animal and Poultry Science Peer Mentors

Rachel Burton Kaci Chlada Caroline Hudgens Ashleigh Lowery Becca Rafalowski Sarah Vest

Department of Biochemistry Peer Mentors

Tayah Andrews Alisa Bondar Victoria Filippone Kaitlyn Gallagher Grant Kawecki Twyla Lee Cole Martin Astrid Meenan Sarah Tartabini Emma Wilkinson

Department of Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise Peer Mentors

Caroline Alcorta Inez Cabral Jayme Davenport Kelsey Hoehn-Saric Meghan Hueston Allison Lavrinovich Sarah Lilly Mariah Lowman
Caroline Maruca
Jordann Nemec
Alexis Smith
Laura Stewart
Ali Sullivan



Congratulations 2020 Graduates!

