

Graduating with High Honors



Jessica Noel Casimir
Michael Doucette Jr.

*Welcome
from the
Department
Chair*

*Lambda Pi Eta Inductees
Theta Kappa Chapter*

*National Communication Association
Honor Society*



Zander Michael Toy
Allie Hannah Bennett
Barron John Northrup
DeCarlos Jarrell Hickson
Hayley Sigmon
Joshuah Hunter Cates
Jared Clay Warner
Jessie Noel Casimir
Kerri McCraw
Nicole Marie Saca
Lexi Gray
Madison Michelle Bennett
Marguerite Anna Leek
Max Vieweg
Mia Jamison
Reana Johnson

Ryan Anderson
Yi Ge
Zoe Claire Leatherwood
Zuri Best
Isabella Taylor Frommelt
Spencer Douglas Amos
Diana Viridiana Gonzalez
Olguin McKinley Alexis
McNeill Joshua Raymond
Martin Sophia Grace
Hutchens Chelsey Lynn
Radford
Krista Monique Mackey
Amanda McLaurin
Kristen Renee Brown
Barbara Reichmann Blaschke
Isabella Mae Canovai



Fall 2019 Graduates



Bridgette Andrzejewski
Jake A. Bargas
Myron Corey Bell Jr.
Madison Michelle Bennett
Cameron Bowen
Gabrielle Brown
Manasia Aliese Brown
Ella Patton Doran
Victoria Kathryn Friel
Stephen Hart
Anthony Johnson
Elijah Isaiah Kerr-Brown
Anudeep Kodali

Joseph Antoine LeBlanc Jr.
Evan Robert Levine
Stephen Alan Miller
Emma Ariel Newbegin
Kelsey Rauenhorst
Da'Norris Dominique Searcy
Peyton Devonne Singleton
Veronica Skoczek
Carl Lamonte Tucker Jr.
Maximillian Vieweg
Mary N. Williams
Myles Xavier Wolfolk

Phi Beta Kappa Inductees

The Nation's Oldest Academic Honor Society



Samuel Jacob Bible-Sullivan
Lisl Clair Eltschlager
Barron John Northrup
Nicole Marie Saca



It is a great pleasure to greet you—graduating students, friends and family—as we celebrate the Department of Communication's 2020 graduating class—virtually.

We celebrate, even in the midst of the most serious global health and economic crisis that has occurred in many generations. We celebrate the kind of individual and collective work and sacrifices that brought you thus far and that will carry you, and all of us, through this moment.

You will notice in this commemorative commencement document that this year we have one hundred sixty five graduates, including six doctoral candidates, and one candidate for the Master of Arts degree. Over fifty members of our undergraduate students are graduating with highest distinction, or distinction, and four have been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most honored college honorary society. One student will be graduating with High Honors. In the Cultural Studies major, housed in the department, there is also one student graduating with High Honors.

As faculty members, we take seriously our mission to nurture students and provide them with the critical capacities that will hold them in good stead in the years to come. For us, commencement is the tangible expression and celebration of everything that we hold dear as a department and as a global public research university that cherishes the transformative power of a liberal arts education.

On behalf of my colleagues, I want to extend my sincere congratulations to the Department of Communication's graduating class of 2020. We are proud of each one of you, and look forward to hearing news of your accomplishments in the years to come.

Patricia Parker
Department Chair



*Message from the
Director of Graduate Studies*



Each year, the Department of Communication and the Graduate School of the university recognize students who have committed years of their lives to expand our understanding of the ways communication and culture shape and might be used to reshape the lives of individuals and society. The pursuit of a graduate degree in Communication evinces a passionate faith in the importance of producing and sharing the best knowledge possible, in the hopes of contributing to society's futures. Under even the best of circumstances, completing the rigorous demands of graduate studies requires an extraordinary commitment of time, energy and resources. This spring, our graduating students faced a campus closure amidst an unprecedented global health crisis. Their perseverance is truly inspiring, and we offer our deepest congratulations to the 2020 graduating class of M.A. and Ph.D. students, and to the families and friends who have supported them.

Michael Palm

Director of Graduate Studies



Summer 2020 Graduates



Khawla Assisou
Allison Hannah Bennett
Zuri Best
Isabella Mae Canovai
James T. Clearance Cauthen
Kody Thomas Daley
Carlos Ivyn Dugan
Gaven Miles Felan
Isabella Taylor Frommelt
Jessica Hamilton
Brianna Nicole Klaver
Emily Mae Krupa
Summer Aria Lawrence
Ashley Sarah Lee
Daniel Anthony Ligons
Brandon Jevon Noel
John Mauro Pezzulla Jr.
Kri M. Schafer
Amy Lynn Schneider
Mattie Ella Thompson

The names listed above reflect only students who informed the office of intent to graduate Summer 2020.

Spring 2020 Graduates



Madison Nicole Nance
Barron John Northrup
Nathaniel Jerry Owens
Giuliana C. Palasciano
Hannah Beth Paramore
Rachel Taylor Pedigo
Sydney Peregoy
Amanda Marie Roberts
Brandon Frank Robinson
Mikayla Dominique Robinson
Geogry Eugene Ross Jr.
Nicole Marie Saca
Talia Felice Sanchez
Emilie Martha Scheuerle
Lydia Rose Self
Mihir Kamlesh Shah
Kate Jacquelyn Shurtleff

Kevin James Sowinski
Trevor Daniel Stryker
Tegan May Sullivan
Oreyane Tate
Alexander Michael Toy
Kelley Elizabeth Traynham
Jordan Meyer Van Glish
Kendall Walker
Bradley Andrew Walter
Natalie Claire Ward
Jared Clay Warner
Breanna Parker Welles
Jazmin Monique White
Olivia Psalms White
Jordan Mary Williams
Sierra Marie Winters

Doctoral Candidates



Ali Reza Eshraghi

Dissertation Title: Debating the Limits of Debate: Politics and Rhetorics of Dissent and Disagreement in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Advisor: Professor Bill Balthrop

Emily Brennan Moran

Dissertation Title: Naming the Dead: An Ethics of Memory and Metonymy

Advisor: Professor Della Pollock

Elizabeth Melton

Dissertation Title: "This is East Texas": Hometown Ethnography and Public School Desegregation in Longview

Advisor: Professor Renee Alexander Craft

Andrew Jenkins

Dissertation Title: Cultures of the Drug: Language, Self, and Politics in Contemporary American Drug Discourse

Advisor: Professor Christian Lundberg

Sonny Kelly

Dissertation Title: Pipelines to Pathways: Reframing and Reclaiming Black Youth Identities Through Performance

Advisor: Professor Renee Alexander Craft

Marie Alisa Garlock

Dissertation Title: Performing Cancer Cultures: Activating Healthcare and Environmental Justice

Advisor: Professor Della Pollock



Master's Candidates

Chandler Classen

Advisor: Professor Renee Alexander Craft



The names listed above reflect only students that have applied for graduation during the Spring 2020 semester.

*Message from the
Director of Undergraduate Studies*



We are honored to share this important day with the graduating class. Throughout these students' time at Carolina, we've witnessed their impressive intellectual and personal growth and have been privileged to be a part of their lives. Among their many accomplishments, four of our graduating students were inducted into the distinguished honors society, Phi Beta Kappa. Congratulations to Lisl Clair Eltschlager, Samuel Jacob Bible-Sullivan, Barron John Northrup, and Nicole Marie Saca. Michael Joseph Doucette Jr. received High Honors in Cultural Studies, and Jessie Noel Casimir earned High Honors in Communication. These extraordinary students are representative of the overall impressive character of this graduating class. Congratulations to the 2020 graduating class members and their families.

Sarah Dempsey

Director of Undergraduate Studies



Spring 2020 Graduates



Bryan Allen
Spencer Douglas Amos
Ryan Michael Anderson
Nya Linese Anthony
Hunter Danielle Atherton
Oumoul Kirami Bah
Brielle Jaelyn Barrow
Logan Hunter Beard
Wayne Edwin Beatty II
Olivia Begos
David Ryan Brewer
Jordanne Raine Briggs
Diamond Bonnie Brown
Aja Tikana-Dane Bullock
Marissa Arrionna Butler
Jeri Marisa Carlton
Jessica Noel Casimir
Joshuah Hunter Cates
Mary Catherine Chiapetta
Alex Kwang-Myung Chung
Caleb Montgomery Clarke
John Collier Cobb
Hailey Grace Cole
Peyton Michael Collette
Noland Isaac Cotzin
Ashely Mariah Darr
Salem Grace Davidson
Cam S. Davis
Malibongwe Mpumelelo Dlangalala
Lisl Clair Eltschlager
Ketan Edward Fadale
Yi Ge
Mary Deborah Gibeau
Cassidy Hamill Goff
Courtney Alana Goldfarb
Tyla Briana Gomez
Claire Goray
Julia Christine Grenon
Kyra Nicole Harbert
James Joseph Harkins VI
Mary Emerson Hayes
Ricki Head

Austin Craig Headlee
DeCarlos Jarrell Hickson
Khazia Shani Hislop
Emerald Renell Hoover
Clifton Tyrone Hopper II
Hannah Marie House
Michael Alexander Humphries
Hannah Elizabeth Hunt
Sophia Grace Hutchens
Mia Jamison
Reana Amira Johnson
Anna McKinnon Jones
Macy Jones
Alexandra Hejin Kim
Zachary William Kissick
Madison Jean Kujawa
Michelle Anne Langlois
Rebecca Grace Lawson
Zoe Claire Leatherwood
Marguerite Anna Leek
Richard William Lesmeister Jr.
Francesca Alexandria Lipscomb-Cobbs
Jermani Alexis Lowery
Krista Monique Mackey
Bianca Renee Maheia
Ashley Nicole Mahone
Madalyn Marie Marino
Kerri Lee McCraw
Alysa M. McGinnis
Fiona Grace McGuire
Amanda McLaurin
Jamison Cole Diddle McLean
McKinley Alexis McNeill
Rachel Anne Medlin
Sean Thomas Meehan
Jeimy Alejandra Mejia
Jeff Mendez Gamez
Mark Wayne Meyer Jr.
Kyle Anne Mihok
Andrew Scott Montross
Madinah Muhammad
Aaron Anthony Murphy

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