

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE



GRADUATION CELEBRATION CEREMONY

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N.C. State University, Centennial Campus

May 3rd, 2024

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE

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WELCOME..... Dr. Frank Louws
Department Head, Professor

SPECIAL GUEST..... Mr. Jason Gipe
*Senior Director of Philanthropy
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences*

AWARDING OF DEGREES

Ph.D., M.S., M.H.S..... Dr. Gina Fernandez
Director of Graduate Programs, Professor

B.S..... Dr. Helen Kraus
Director of Undergraduate Programs, Associate Professor

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Gwendolyn Englebach (In Absentia) – Dr. Jeanine Davis (Chair)
Optimizing Organic Hemp Production: The Role of Colored Plastic
Mulches in Enhancing Soil Microbial Diversity and Plant Health

Brianna Haynes (In Absentia) – Dr. Penelope Perkins-Veazie and
Dr. Gina Fernandez (Co-Chairs)
Fruit Composition Characterization of North Carolina Strawberry
Fruit Germplasm (Summer 2024)

Ethan Jenkins – Dr. Melinda Knuth (Chair)
E-Commerce and Product Source Labeling: Influencing Consumer
Perception of Horticultural Products through Information and
Messaging (Summer 2024)

Brandan Shur — Dr. Brian Jackson (Chair)
The Characterization and Development of Soilless Substrate
Systems for Enhanced Mother Plant Production of Strawberries in
a Precision Indoor Propagation (PIP) Environment

MASTER OF SCIENCE *(continued)*

Patrick Veazie (In Absentia) – Dr. Brian Whipker (Chair)

Examining the Impact of Silicon Substrate Amendments and Biochar Aggregates on Plant Growth and Nutrient Uptake on Greenhouse Produced Crops

MASTER OF HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE

Taylor Hatfield – Ms. Anne Spafford (Chair)

Urban Food Forestry – Seeing the Forest for the Community (Summer 2024)

Hunter Kornegay (In Absentia) – Ms. Anne Spafford (Chair)

Selecting Plants for Garden Coherency

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGROECOLOGY

Ricardo Hernandez (*Advisor*)

Jeff Hertzberg

Agroecology – Urban Horticulture
**Animal Science*

Ashlyn Nix

Agroecology – Urban Horticulture
**Horticultural Science*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE

Anne Spafford (*Advisor*)

Emma Coogan

**Landscape Design, Gardens &
Urban Environments**

Emily Ellis

**Landscape Design, Gardens &
Urban Environments**
**Spanish*

Natalia Garcia

**Landscape Design, Gardens &
Urban Environments**

Liza Lavengood

**Landscape Design, Gardens &
Urban Environments**

Drew Lewis

**Landscape Design, Gardens &
Urban Environments**

Gabriel Mixon

**Landscape Design, Gardens &
Urban Environments**

Delaney Padgett

**Landscape Design, Gardens &
Urban Environments**
**Plant Biology*
**Landscape Architecture*

Glen Svebek

**Landscape Design, Gardens &
Urban Environments**

** denotes minor*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE

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Brian Jackson *(Advisor)*

Michael Carter

**Production Systems and
Entrepreneurship**

**Agricultural Business
Management*

**Biological Sciences*

**Entomology*

Logan Hooks

**Production Systems and
Entrepreneurship**

**Biological Sciences*

Jonathan Woodman

**Production Systems and
Entrepreneurship**

**Psychology*

Lis Meyer *(Advisor)*

Tanner Hamerling

**Production Systems and
Entrepreneurship**

Hudson Ashrafi *(Advisor)*

Sarah Farrell

Plant Breeding & Biotechnology

**Entomology*

Thomas Morgan

Plant Breeding & Biotechnology

Julieta Sherk *(Advisor)*

Sumi Lee

**Landscape Design, Gardens &
Urban Environments**

Abby Peterson

**Landscape Design, Gardens &
Urban Environments**

**Biological Sciences*

Sydney Wilhelm

**Landscape Design, Gardens &
Urban Environments**

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Helen Kraus *(Advisor)*

Ava Anderson

**Production Systems and
Entrepreneurship**

**Plant Biology*

Rylee Bays

**Production Systems and
Entrepreneurship**

Andrew Facciolini

**Production Systems and
Entrepreneurship**

Peyton Gardner

**Production Systems and
Entrepreneurship**

John Hendrix

**Production Systems and
Entrepreneurship**

**Entomology*

Emma Jolly

**Production Systems and
Entrepreneurship**

Rhett Pasour

**Production Systems and
Entrepreneurship**

Andrew Quate

**Landscape Design, Gardens &
Urban Environments**

**Soil Science*

Sarah Remington
(In Absentia)

**Production Systems and
Entrepreneurship**

Danielle Vaughan

**Production Systems and
Entrepreneurship**

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CERTIFICATE RECOGNITION
Undergraduate Certificate

Mr. Issac Lewis, Advisor:

Haley Brinkley (*In Absentia*)
Amy Bruzzichesi (*In Absentia*)
Kendall Hooten (*In Absentia*)
Adrienne Mauney (*In Absentia*)

AWARDS

CLOSING COMMENTS **Dr. Frank Louws**

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GRADUATION WITH HONORS

To be eligible for degree honor designations students must have completed at least two semesters and at least 30 credit hours at NC State University. Undergraduate degree honor designations are:

Cum Laude (white sash) – GPA 3.25 through 3.499
Magna Cum Laude (silver sash) – GPA 3.50 through 3.749
Summa Cum Laude (gold sash) – GPA 3.75 and above

PI ALPHA XI

The Iota Chapter of Pi Alpha Xi is the national Honor Society for Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture. Pi Alpha Xi members graduating today are recognized by Cerulean blue and Nile green honor cords, the official colors of the organization.

The Department of Horticultural Science thanks the Iota Chapter of Pi Alpha Xi for their generous contribution to the graduation ceremony.

Associate of Applied Science in Horticultural Science Management

**These students were recognized at the Agricultural Institute
Graduation Ceremony on May 3rd, 2024.*

Ty Alexis **Ornamentals and Landscape Technology**

Zach Colvin **Small Scale Farming**

Emma Jones **Ornamentals and Landscape Technology**

Allie Maxwell **Ornamentals and Landscape Technology**

Ariel Parker **Small Scale Farming**

Abbie Stepnoski **Small Scale Farming**

Will Watson Taylor **Ornamentals and Landscape Technology**