Commencement
SPRING SEMESTER 2020

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
May 9, 2020
**National Anthem**  
*by Francis Scott Key*

O say, can you see, by the dawn’s early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming;  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro’ the perilous fight,  
O’er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air  
Gave proof thro’ the night that our flag was still there.  
O say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave  
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

**Alma Mater**  
*by Fred Lewis Pattee*

For the glory of old State,  
For her founders, strong and great,  
For the future that we wait,  
Raise the song, raise the song,  
Sing our love and loyalty,  
Sing our hopes that, bright and free,  
Rest, O Mother dear, with thee.  
All with thee, all with thee.  
When we stood at childhood’s gate,  
Shapeless in the hands of fate,  
Thou didst mold us, dear old State,  
Dear old State, dear old State.  
May no act of ours bring shame  
To one heart that loves thy name,  
May our lives but swell thy fame,  
Dear old State, dear old State!
Dean’s Message

Hello, Class of 2020!

As with any generation, in any society, there are difficult chapters that stand out in history. For certain today, even as we celebrate your significant achievements, we know that the COVID-19 pandemic and its worldwide impacts are a unique chapter of your life story and will be one of the markers of your generation. It reminds us that we are not in control of what happens in life, but we can control how we respond to it, which I’m confident you will do with patience and resilience.

Viewed through the lens of history, we see common themes of how people best have responded to the hardships of their day. We see it now: heroism, compassion, generosity and service, care and protection of others, an understanding that life is bigger than just us, that what we do makes a difference.

Particularly relevant today, as you receive a science-based Penn State degree, is the reinforcement that the mission of this University—education, research, and outreach—is more critical now than ever. Science will be the bridge that allows us to cross to the other side of this pandemic and other challenges to come. Research will provide the cures and solutions.

The College of Agricultural Sciences was designated a “life-sustaining” operation as part of Pennsylvania’s emergency response strategy. This reminds us that we all are dependent upon agriculture for life. It reminds us that our food system is complex, and our college helps to provide and support the workforce, the researchers, and the educators that keep it going.

This pandemic is also an urgent reminder for many that food, fiber, and other necessities do not magically appear in grocery stores or in online deliveries. They are the product of agriculture. Agriculture matters. What we do in this college matters, and what you will do with your degree, in your career, with your life, matters.

Without question, over the past several weeks, we all have missed interacting in our classrooms, laboratories, clubs and organizations, and traditional spring events. We all deeply regret that today we cannot celebrate this milestone in person with you and your families.

However, as your dean, and as a parent, I urge you to not let this overshadow in any way all that you have accomplished and experienced to get to this moment. This time is uniquely yours and something that you will never forget. Instead, embrace this chapter in your life. Own this unique moment in time that will help define you. Share the lessons you have learned through experiencing it.

I heartily congratulate you on your accomplishment. You are now and forever alumni and members of our college family. I encourage you to stay engaged with us and continue your journey of lifelong learning.

Your entire Ag Sciences family wishes you well, and we look forward to watching you thrive in the years to come!

Sincerely,

Richard T. Roush
COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
Saturday, May 9, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Led by Amina Faye ’20, Musical Theatre, College of Arts and Architecture

PRESIDING
Eric J. Barron, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.
President of The Pennsylvania State University

SPECIAL REMARKS
President Barron

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS
Nicholas P. Jones, B.E., M.S., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President and Provost of the University

AUTHORIZATION TO CONFER DEGREES
Mark H. Dambly, B.S.
Chair, Board of Trustees

RECOGNITION OF MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT
Penn State Students

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
Presiding: Provost Jones
Conferring: President Barron

INDUCTION INTO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Randolph B. Houston, Jr., B.A., J.D.
President, Penn State Alumni Society

SPECIAL THANKS
Penn State Students

PENN STATE ALMA MATER
Penn State Students
Penn State Blue Band

PROGRAM NOTES
This program contains the list of candidates for graduation as of April 23, 2020. Students who indicated their intent to graduate after that production date are not listed. Subject to completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements.
College Administration

Richard Roush, B.S., Ph.D.
Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences

Tracy S. Hoover, B.S., M.Ag., Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education

Department and Program Representatives

Paul Heinemann, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.
Department Head of Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Laszlo Kulcsar, M.A., Ph.D.
Department Head of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education

Terry D. Etherton, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.
Department Head of Animal Science

David Eissenstat, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.
Interim Department Head of Ecosystem Science and Management

Gary Felton, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.
Department Head of Entomology

Robert F. Roberts, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.
Department Head of Food Science

Carolee T. Bull, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.
Department Head of Plant Pathology and Environmental Microbiology

Erin L. Connolly, B.A., Ph.D.
Department Head of Plant Science

K. Sandeep Prabhu, Ph.D.
Department Head of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences

Robert D. Shannon, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.
Program Coordinator of Environmental Resource Management
Kyle Kulp is an Agribusiness Management major from Martinsburg, Pennsylvania. His distinguished undergraduate career has been marked by academic achievements and accolades. He received the N.C. Harris Scholarship in 2018 and is a two-time recipient of the Harry R. and Kathleen E. Ulrich Scholarship in Agricultural Sciences (2017 and 2019).

Kulp began his academic career at Penn State Altoona, where he received the President’s Freshman Award in his first year and the President Sparks Award as a sophomore. As both a junior and senior at University Park, he received the Evan Pugh Scholar Award.

Gamma Sigma Delta agricultural honor society also recognized him with its 2020 Outstanding Senior Award.

The son of Philip and Rebecca Kulp and a member of the Penn State Dairy Science Club, Kulp plans to return to his family’s dairy farm after graduation to represent the third generation involved in the business.
Agricultrue and Biologicul Engineering

Evan W. Battisto

Evan Battisto, from Cresco, Pennsylvania, majored in BioRenewable Systems (Bioproducts option).

He received the William G. and Elizabeth K. Leitzell Scholarship, the Madden Memorial Scholarship in Engineering, the Burton S. Horne Memorial Scholarship, and the Bill Baldwin Memorial Scholarship.

His extracurricular activities included participation in Club Quidditch, for which he served as captain and secretary.

He performed undergraduate research focusing on the testing of tensile properties of drinking straw paper when coated in carboxymethyl cellulose and chitosan mixture, and on aligning cellulose nanofibers in 3-D printer resin to enhance tensile strength of biocomposites.

The son of Shelley and James Battisto, he will continue his education by pursuing a master’s degree in BioRenewable Systems at Penn State.

Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education

Gregory W. Mitchell

Gregory Mitchell double-majored in Community, Environment, and Development and in Economics, while also earning a master’s degree in Energy, Environmental, and Food Economics as part of the Schreyer Honors College Integrated Undergraduate/Graduate Program.

He received the Provost Award and the Chapel Executive Internship Scholarship, and he was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta and Phi Beta Kappa honor societies.

He interned at China Resources Power in Liaoning, Panjin, China, in 2017; as a summer consultant at Bates White Economic Consulting in 2018; and as a community development intern at the Federal Reserve Board of Governors in 2019.

His undergraduate research focused on perceptions of prescribed burns as a tool for forest management in the Mid-Atlantic, and his master’s thesis examined environmental gentrification, or how cleanups of environmental pollution can lead to local displacement.

A native of Los Angeles, California, he is the son of Jerri and Gregory Mitchell. He will return this fall to Bates White Economic Consulting as a consultant.

Animal Science

Shoshana H. Brody

Shoshana Brody majored in Animal Science with the Science option.

A Schreyer Honors Scholar, she received the National Dairy Shrine Merit Scholarship as a sophomore and junior. She also was a recipient of a Farm Credit Foundation for Agricultural Advancement scholarship.

She interned at ST Genetics Ohio Heifer Center, Maple Dell Farm, and Hillacres Pride Jerseys. She has been a member and officer of the Dairy Science Club, the Coaly Society, and the Reproduction Research Team. Her honors thesis research has focused on the identification of milk fat depression in Jersey cows based on fatty acid levels in the milk.

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, she is the daughter of Sonye Danoff and Lawrence Brody. She will attend the University of California Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, where she plans to concentrate on dairy medicine.

Ecosystem Science and Management

Tristan M. Smith

Tristan Smith majored in Wildlife and Fisheries Science after earning his associate degree in Wildlife Technology at Penn State DuBois.

During his undergraduate career, he received the Fred D. Falkinburg Trustee Scholarship, the Mel Chrostowski Trustee Scholarship, the College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Scholarship, the John and Nancy Steimer Scholarship, and the H. Mark Saunders and Lynn M. Walker Trustee Scholarship.

He interned as a mosquito field research assistant with Penn State DuBois and the Pennsylvania Game Commission, and he was a member and officer of the Penn State DuBois chapter of the Wildlife Society.

He also performed independent study projects using video analysis, camera trapping, and weather data to examine the behavior and movement of elk and white-tailed deer.

A native of DuBois, Pennsylvania, he is the son of Bobbie Smith. After graduation, he plans to pursue a position that allows him to work outside while promoting conservation and educating others about wildlife and the environment.
**Food Science**

**Michael J. Zaffuto**

Michael Zaffuto is a Food Science major from Sykesville, Pennsylvania.

During his Penn State career, he received several scholarships, including the Oswald Scholarship, the Harry and Kathleen Ulrich Scholarship—Pennsylvania Master Farmers Association, the Forbes Chocolate Leadership Award, the Pennsylvania Dairy Innovation Scholarship, and the Chester D., Agnes H., and Robert Dahle Memorial Scholarship.

He was active in several organizations, such as the Food Chemistry Club (founder and president), the Food Science Club, six Product Development Competition teams, Ag Advocates, the University Park Undergraduate Association, Faculty Senate (student senator), Agricultural Student Council, and the Penn State Thespian Society. He also completed an internship at Mondelēz International.

His undergraduate research experience focused on emulsifying salts and their effect on the dissociation of casein micelles. He also worked in a faculty laboratory to develop and teach a new food-science-based curriculum for undergraduate laboratory classes and to research chemical applications of food as related to use in classroom instruction.

The son of Sam and Angela Zaffuto, he has accepted a position as an associate scientist in the Research, Development, and Quality division of Mondelēz International.

**Plant Science**

**Will J. Kolbrener**

Will Kolbrener, a native of Pittsburgh, majored in Plant Sciences with the Horticulture option.

He began his Penn State career at Penn State Altoona, where he founded the Creative Writers Club. After relocating to the University Park campus, he worked as an English tutor in the learning center from 2017 to 2019. From spring 2019 to spring 2020, he was a patient service representative at Nature’s Medicines, a medical marijuana dispensary.

A Dean's List student from 2016 to 2020, he is a member of honor societies Gamma Sigma Delta, Alpha Lambda Delta, and the National Society for Leadership and Success.

The son of Kate Kolbrener and Michael Kolbrener, he plans to enter the cannabis industry in Pennsylvania to educate, seek social justice, and improve therapeutic approaches offered by Cannabis sativa.

**Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences**

**Elizabeth St. Clair**

Elizabeth St. Clair is a Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences major from Palmyra, Pennsylvania.

A Schreyer Honors Scholar, she received the R.F. Russell Memorial Scholarship, the Harry R. and Kathleen E. Ulrich Scholarship in Agricultural Sciences, the APVMA Scholarship, the Mario W. D’Alessio Scholarship, the Richard and Barbara Grubb Agricultural Excellence Award, the Kenton D. Rexford Honors Scholarship, and the Theola F. Thevaos Memorial Scholarship.

She was a dairy intern with Kreider Farms, and she has been a member and officer of the Pre-Vet Club and Club Cross Country. She also was a member of the Large Animal Reproduction Research Team and the Coaly Society. In addition, she participated in undergraduate research studying immunoglobulin production in goats.

The daughter of Russell and Jeanette St. Clair, she will attend the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming a veterinarian.

**Environmental Resource Management (Interdisciplinary Program)**

**Sarah Schanwald**

Sarah Schanwald is an Environmental Resource Management major, with a minor in Sustainability Leadership.

A Schreyer Honors Scholar, she is the recipient of several College of Agricultural Sciences scholarships, including the Bernard N. and Beatrice W. Sandson Scholarship, the Jeffrey S. Blanton Scholarship in Environmental Resource Management, the Settlemyer Fund Scholarship, the Sara Ristey Memorial Scholarship, the Dawson Memorial Award, and the Smith Scholarship.

She was a climate assistance intern with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and she held leadership positions with various student organizations, such as Penn State Alternative Breaks, Fresh START Day of Service, and Outdoor School.

In addition, she participated in undergraduate research projects comparing ecological worldviews of urban and rural high school students in Pennsylvania, exploring the use of food waste as a feedstock for anaerobic digestion to achieve climate goals, and examining aquatic macroinvertebrates to assess stream water quality.

A Pittsburgh native, she is the daughter of Pamela Keen and Seth Schanwald. After graduation, she has accepted a service-year opportunity as a Repair the World fellow in Pittsburgh.
## Candidates for Degrees

### Associate Degrees

**Two-Year Turfgrass Science and Management**  
Dylan Alexander Bross  
Chase D. Ivey  
Nathan Andrew Jones  
Daniel Perkins

### Baccalaureate Degrees

**Agribusiness Management**  
Kyra Alena Anderson  
Landon Bryce Baer  
Laken Mae Bankert  
Christina Rose Black  
Mackenzie Lynn Bohs  
Patrick Richard Braczko  
Daniel Butz  
Christopher Jacob Callari  
Hansong Che  
Isaac David Clements  
Ryan Patrick Coleman  
Melanie Cordova  
Frank Russell Curtis V  
John T. Curtis III  
Matthew R. DiNunzio  
Julia Lynn Doluisio  
Nicholas Eury  
Benjamin Everett  
Eric Richard James  
Falkenburg  
Kevin Joseph Flaherty  
Zachary Ryan Futchko  
Carey Geis  
Ryan R. Geyer  
Nicole Danielle Giannini  
Clara Mary Good  
Trent S. Goss  
Laura Greaves  
Luke Grodeska  
Jeffrey Anthony Gubicza  
Corrie Cecelia Haiko  
Andrew Robert Hamilton  
Brett Russell Harris  
Kyle Richard Hemcher  
Quince R. Hutchings  
Melanie Angie Imbrigiotta  
Lauren Kemerer  
David E. Kovacs  
Kyle Mckenzie Kulp  
Tyler James LaFaver  
Tingsen Lao  
Sabrina Marie Marinucci  
Ethan Metzler  
Benjamin Miele  
Corbin Kennedy Miller  
Rachel Nicole Monte  
Harrison Grant Myer  
Austin Timothy Parker  
Jeremy C. Pieja  
Christopher Mark Puccini  
Kelvin J. Ranck  
Andrew Richey  
Nicole Anne Robinson  
Gabriela Maria Sanchez Robles  
Elyse Sanford  
Jordan Max Schnurman  
Francesco Giuseppe Sgroi  
Brian Peter Shobaken  
Jonathan Daniel Steffenino  
Charles A. Stinson  
Michael Robert Szwaluk  
Derek Van Asten  
Zachary E. Waller  
Lauryn E. Watkins  
Lucas Dean Waugerman  
Ian Ramsey Weaver  
Eli S. Weikert  
Jarrett E. Wilson  
Hongzhen Xu  
Santisuk Yuan  
Anna Louisa Zigarovich  
Cayden D. Confer  
Kaitlin Jessica Conrad  
Rebecca L. Dent  
Nicole L. Ditzler  
Katherine Anne Elder  
Tabatha D. Fowler  
Geoffroy Gagnon  
Dustin Marcel Gearhart  
Caleigh Lauren Gizzi  
Samantha Lee Gollmer  
Lacey Anne Greiss  
Mackenzie Faith Hahn  
Katrina Elizabeth Heckman  
Jill Heffner  
Cassidy Heitzenrater  
Kashyia A. Henry  
Seneca Nittany Hill  
Danielle Taylor Kaplan  
Abigail Elizabeth Kerr  
Kaylee M. Kishbaugh  
Daniel Levan Kitchen  
Katherine Ann Kogut  
Shannon Maire Kohler  
Erin Lang  
Katherine Langan  
Megan Laubach  
Hannah Paige Lehew  
Emily Rose Lowry  
Katie-Scarlett C. Loya  
Kelly Marie Macrae  
Carly A. Martone  
Margaret Kae McCabe  
Natalie Milsztajn  
Melaina Christina Pepsin  
Jessi Ann Reichenbach  
Laura Riedlmeier  
Jeremy Joseph Rigali  
Montana R. Rigg's  
Ronald Jacob Ritenour  
Ashley M. Rosario  
Henriquez  
Joseph James Rossi  
Mason Ann Russell  
Kayla Denai Schlichting  

**Agricultural and Extension Education**  
Britton Leigh Bracken  
Luke M. Kerstetter  
Kaitlin Rose Liszka  
Abbie Paige Smith  
Brandon B. Wittmer  
Agricultural Science  
Emily Grace Allegar  
Whitney Elizabeth Ashe  
Elizabeth Baker-Mikesell  
Camryn Brooke  
Bookhammer  
Abigail Elizabeth Carpe  
Antonio Casadei  
Owen Elliott  
Parker Isaiah Jones  
Jennifer Laughlin  
Clayton Lynch  
Molly McGeehan  
Teresa E. McNamara  
Laura C. Przyjemski  
Olivia Rae Richard  
Seth William Schiever  
Reba Smith  
Delbert Hunter Voight  
Bailey M. Winslow  
Natalie Ann Zetts  

**Animal Science**  
Ashley Ann Anderson  
Caleigh Anderson  
Amanda Nicole Barletta  
Paige Elizabeth Barrett  
Kayci Rosemary Bjornsund  
Shoshana Helen Brody  
Sarah Elizabeth Burke  
Isabella M. Cerrone
Erin E. Schmick
Anabella Jolie Schuman
Erica Senyo
Colleen Haley Sheehan
Ethan Bradley Stas
Ethan Phillip Stewart
Cheyanne M. Storm
Samantha Jean Strong
Ariel Jasmine Swanson
Stephanie N. Thompson
Jamie Wallace
Taylor Danielle Welch
Madeline Mae Whiting
Molly Marie Zona

BioRenewable Systems
Noah Babik
Eli D. Baker
Katherine Ariana Barnett
Evan William Battisto
Kathleen Flaherty
Emily Ann Fucinato
Patrick J. Guilfoyle
Brendan Conners Hanna
Todd Hesse
Sean Patrick Jamison
Randall Lewis Knight Jr.
Shiwen Li
Alexandra Lynott
Erica C. Salvo
Zachary Toth
Cody A. Ustazewski

Environmental Resource Management
Julia E. Biertempfel
Kaitlin Bomboy
Sarah Shea Brau
Ashlin Brooks
Jessica Chou
Zachary D. Cowell
Carly R. Crofcheck
Tatiana E. DiSalvo
Colten Robert Ehrhart
James Gammiere
Andrew Hopkins
Alexander M. Jimenez
Zachary Kaltenbach
Andrew Younghyun Lee
Jiayin Sun
Taylor Louise Thomas
Andrew Joseph Purwo
Kennedy P. Ritchie
Elin N. Sabados
Chandelle Eilene Keller

Forest Ecosystem Management
Jessica Danielle Clark
David J. Contrael
Garrett R. Evans
Zachary Tyler Fisher
Sean Patrick Freidhof
Ezra Pascal Houston
Paul Laudenslayer
Joshua Richard Maron
Audrey Mays

Food Science
Shannon Benson
Derek Clark
Vera Mercedes Colmenero Brewer
Tess Jennifer Coval
Brandon Davis
Madeline Alexis Detwiler
Charlotte Elwell
Kaelyn Ashley Emanuel
Jingzhang Feng
Kaitlyn Augusta Frantz
Jacob Stuart Ginn
Kayla Graff
Fallon Eileen Hammer
Emma Herrmann
Madison M. Hofmeister
Anjanique Lashay Julius
Morgan Lee Kaufman
Andrew John Mattern
Elise Diane McCarthy
Sarah Kathleen McNeil
David T. Nguyen
Abigail Peleschak
Gabriella N. Pinto
Abigail S. Price
Jeremy Alexander Purwo
Kennedy P. Ritchie
Elin N. Sabados

Immunology and Infectious Disease
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Beem
Austin T. Betts
Brigette Cannata
Angelica Rose Carmenolla
Jose Eugenio Chacon
Robert A. Cockrell
Zachary Michael Corey
Alyssa Bernadette Dipner
Justyn E. Dusold
Shaniece Noelle Ebelhar
Andrew Lawrence Fine
Tianna I. Fredericks
Caroline Irene Freeman
Ashley C. Heimann
Talia A. Heinly
Stephanie Nicole Howell
Madison Holt Hutson
Chandelle Eilene Keller
Jamie Ann Kennedy
Sophia McKeand
Lauren Danielle McKenzie
Nathaniel Meyer
Emma Mills
Courtney Lynn Page
Lindsay Elizabeth Pemberton
Eric R. Petroski
Molly A. Robertson
Lily Qing Lian Robinson
Sarah Mohan Samuel
Mackenzie M. Schade
Haron M. Sharifi
Ty Allen Sornberger Jr.
Hailey Walsh
Emily Ann Wood
Stephen Worrell
Jillian F. Zablocki
Landscape Contracting
Shawn Dipietro
Collin Ellis
Aidan Emmett Fitzpatrick
Ryan Charles George
Kamsi Andrea Gerry-Ofor
Zachary Harmon
Joel Nicholas Mercadante
Jack Ryan Pohutsky
Daniel Stawowczyk
Gregory Martin Yeity

Pharmacology and Toxicology
Emma Leanne Herb
Zoe Ann Kehs
Colin K. Mansfield
Jacqueline Missey
Nathan Reese
Jessica R. Rodriguez
Ty Allen Sornberger Jr.

Plant Sciences
Hayden Bock
Izaiah R. Bokunewicz
Angela Cepullio
Alicia M. Dickenson
Elise Xiomara Elizondo
Antonia E. Gallelli
Deanna M. Homan
Mitchell Paul Hornberger
Itsushiro Ko
Will J. Kolbrener
Crosley Kudla-Williams
Kira Ann Kullman
Ryan J. Lariviere
Xinran Li
Andrew C. Miller
Po Wen Pai
Issac A. Quevedo
Yasmine Romero
Dylan Lee Schoemaker
Aaron A. Sledge Jr
Parker Strand
Alys Tucker

Turfgrass Science
Paige Nicole Alcorn
Tyler Benson
Ethan R. Cairns
Dylan Cellini
Thomas J. Chiusano
Jake S. Decinti
Cooper L. Gulley
Jonathan Kaschak
Joseph John Lauch
Nicholas Charles Manna
Noah Pfeiffer
Kyle Patrick Roach
Devin Casey Schnupp
Evan Joseph Vanyo
Daniel W. Voorhees
Walter Steven Wapinski

Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences
Maxwell John Babinec
Jordan Taylor Dannielle
Bascome
Madison Anna Rhea Bates
Jenna M. Boley
Michelle Bourguignon
Lena Michelle Bullock
Vanessa Castro-Pena
Oscar Chen
Yu Jou Chen
Kirsten L. Coulton
Julia N. DeRose
Alexandra Grace Destefano
Alexis L. D’Souza
Kristina Barbara Edmiston
Arianna D. Ferguson
Hannah Kay Flamme
Taylor Frownfelter
Mya Celeste Giasomo
Chelsea M. Griffin
Kellie Harrington
Katrina Elizabeth Heckman
Delaney R. Hussey
Renee M. Khouri
Abigail Kiddir
Miranda Nicole Kuhlins
Nattanan Kultrailak
Yi Lan Liao
Xinru Lin
Carley Marie Lionetto
Gwenevere Marie Lockrey
Lindsey Maiale
Alexia M. Mazzarella
Victoria McCombs
Cara Marie McNamara
Ashley Louise Mell
Keara Eva Monaghan
Emily R. Murphy
Victoria Muttin
Anna Northcott
Catherine Grace Padilla
Hope Pavsek
Natalia Veronika Pikula
Kathryn Paige Porter
Alexa Rodriguez
Christine J. Ruffin
Samantha Helen Schaeffer
Abigail Seeley
Elizabeth St Clair
Sara Grace Stoltz
Brooke Alexandra Telesk
Luke Douglass Trimble
Natalia Vasquez Cabrales
Sofia C. Viebranz
Kailey L. Werkheiser
Courtney Rae Westover
Yulia F. Yeung
Shangyu Zhou

Wildlife and Fisheries Science
Brandon Buckley
Ana Calixto
Adam Daniel Chorba
Patrick James Conte
Jadelyn M. Cunningham
Cody Lee Farmery
Matthew J. Kello
Justin Klagholz
Sean Curtis Lauer
Ryan S. Mast
Kory Dean McConnell
Eric Donald McKeone
Christopher C. Mesler
Caitlin Minnick
Ashley M. Moll
Owen Neff
Richard Austin Novak
Sabrina Marie Parisi
Alyssa Marie Polansky
Lane Matthew Potts
Katherine G. Reese
Darby Jean Richard
John Rogers III
Kyle Robert Schlittler
Abigail Seeley
Mackenzie Kaela Shiner
Sarah Noland Smith
Tristan Matthew Smith
Kelly A. Snyder
Wil Elliot Snyder
Ryan Spencer
Ryan Struble
Nicolas Martin
Vidrio-Toews
Rachel Erin Wolff
Cam M. Young
DISTINCTION CANDIDATES
Subject to completion of all degree requirements and satisfaction of minimum criteria, distinction may be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements. Distinction is conferred on candidates who have completed the required number of credits at the University and who are in the top 12 percent of their graduating class in their college.

The 12 percent is divided into 2 percent with “Summa Cum Laude,” 4 percent “Magna Cum Laude,” and 6 percent “Cum Laude.” Distinction levels were determined by cumulative grade-point averages as of fall 2019.

Summa Cum Laude
Brigette Cannata
Benjamin Everett
Kyle Mckenzie Kulp
Gregory Wayne Mitchell Jr.
Catherine Grace Padilla
Olivia Rae Richart
Sarah J. Schanwald
Elizabeth St. Clair
Stephen Worrell
Michael Joseph Zaffuto

Magna Cum Laude
Camryn Brooke
Bookhammer
Shoshana Helen Brody
Jessica Chou
Zachary Michael Corey
Justyn E. Dusold
Collin Ellis
Carey Geis
Kayla Graff
Fallon Eileen Hammer
Renee M. Khouri
Will J. Kolbrenner
Lindsey Maiale
Nathaniel Meyer
Harrison Grant Myer
Hope Pavsek
Abigail Peleschak
Lindsay Elizabeth
Pembleton
Jeremy Joseph Rigali
Lily Qing Lian Robinson
Dylan Lee Schoemaker
Sydney Seidenberger
Tristan Matthew Smith
Katherine E. Sweeney
Allyson Kaye Ulsh

Cum Laude
Maxwell John Babinec
Hayden Bock
Derek Clark
Isaac David Clements
Brandon Davis
Madeline Alexis Detwiler
Hannah Kay Flammke
Jacob Stuart Ginn
Matthew Hall
Talia A. Heinly
Raymond L. Hoy
Jamie Ann Kennedy
Kaylee M. Kishbaugh
Sean Michael Krumpe
Nattanan Kultrailak
Sean Curtis Lauer
Kaitlin Rose Liszka
Emily Rose Lowry
Kelly Marie MacRae
Carly A. Martone
Keara Eva Monaghan
Richard Austin Novak
Courtney Lynn Page
Natalia Veronika Pikula
Gabriella N. Pinto
Jack Ryan Pohutsky
Alyssa Marie Polansky
Michael T. Price
Katherine G. Reese
Talia Nishay Seymour
Aaron A. Sledge Jr.
Abbie Paige Smith
Ty Allen Sornberger Jr.
Daniel A. Stiffler
Samantha Jean Strong
Albert Charles
Valentino III
Lucas Dean Waugerman
Ian Ramsey Weaver
Madeline Mae Whiting
The College of Agricultural Sciences

The first of the colleges established at Penn State, the College of Agricultural Sciences is broadly recognized as one of the nation’s premier institutions for agricultural research and education programs. One of the largest agricultural colleges in the country, its mission is to create, analyze, and share knowledge to enhance food and agricultural systems, natural resources and environmental stewardship, and economic and social well-being, thereby improving the lives of people in Pennsylvania, the nation, and the world.

The college comprises nine academic units and 67 cooperative extension offices—one in each county in the state—and operates numerous research and extension centers and laboratories. As part of one of the world’s foremost research universities and Pennsylvania’s sole land-grant university, the college’s mission consists of three parts:

• **Teaching:** formal classroom or college instruction

• **Research:** both basic science and unbiased applied research on practical problems

• **Public service:** nonformal education through Penn State Extension

More than 3,000 undergraduates choose from 17 majors, 22 minors, three two-year programs, and two certificate programs. About 80 percent of the college’s undergraduates come from nonagricultural backgrounds. The college has one of Penn State’s largest scholarship programs, awarding nearly $2.9 million annually.

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The College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Society

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Our award-winning organization has more than 8,000 members and several affiliate program groups representing academic units and specific programs. We have programs for alumni of all ages and activities to engage current and prospective students.

As a student, you may have benefited from programs sponsored by the Ag Alumni Society, such as scholarships, internship awards, or the student-mentoring program. As a society member, we encourage you to give back to these programs while enjoying the benefits of membership, including alumni events, networking, and recognition programs.

Visit us online at agsci.psu.edu/alumni to learn more about Ag Alumni Society activities, how to volunteer on a committee, and how to stay connected to the society and the college.

Congratulations to all graduates, and stay in touch!
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