



# DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY, DUKE UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA & RECOGNITION CEREMONY FOR BIOLOGY MAJORS

*Sunday, May 14, 2023  
Wilson Recreation Center*

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• **Welcome**

Dr. Emily Bernhardt, Chair, Department of Biology

• **Recognition of Biology Majors Earning Honors**

**The Excellence in Plant Science Prize.....Xavier Heidelberg**

presented by Dr. Kathleen Donohue, Department of Biology

*Given each year by the Botany faculty in recognition of excellence in plant science research.*

**The James B. Rast Memorial Award in Comparative Organismal Biology.....Magdalena Phillips**

presented by Dr. Sönke Johnsen, Department of Biology

*The parents and friends of James Brailsford Rast, a member of the Class of 1958 of Duke University, endowed this award in his memory. Given each year by the Biology faculty in recognition of excellence in the study of organismal biology.*

**The Maggie Schneider Award in Marine Biology.....Nicholas Kaney**

presented by Dr. Tom Schultz, Duke University Marine Laboratory

*In memory of Maggie Schneider, a member of the Duke class of 2004. Given each year by the faculty of the Duke University Marine Laboratory to the biology major who demonstrates the love of learning and service in marine and conservation biology.*

**Biology Faculty Award.....Alexandra Bennion; Samuel Gruber**

presented by Dr. Dave McClay, Department of Biology

*Given by the Biology faculty for outstanding intellectual achievements and excellence in research.*

**The Edward C. Horn Memorial Prize for Excellence in Biology.....Dinachi Okonkwo**

presented by Dr. Gustavo Silva, Department of Biology

*Given each year to a graduating biology major who has shown, in the opinion of the Biology faculty, the highest level of academic achievement and promise, this prize is offered in memory of Professor Edward C. Horn. It is a tribute to his warm regard for students and faculty and his appreciation of scholarly excellence.*

**Graduation with Distinction in Biology**

presented by Dr. Ron Grunwald, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Biology

*Awarded by the Biology faculty to majors achieving excellence in both their studies and the performance of significant and original research. The awardees have earned at least a B average in biology and successfully presented a poster and a thesis based on their research.*

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**Class of 2023 Biology Graduates  
and September & December 2023 (*intended*)  
with a First Major in Biology  
(*Name, Degree, Concentration*)**

Hannah Françoise Marluz Abrams, *BS*  
Edwin James Allen, *BS*  
Kenneth Beau Allen, *BS, Anatomy, Physiology &  
Biomechanics*  
Jared Michael Andrade, *BS*  
Afreen Ashraf, *BS*  
Micheal B Bennett, *BS, Neurobiology*  
Alexandra Jeannette Bennion, *BS*  
Nadia Amani Bey, *AB*  
Sahejbir Singh Bhatia, *BS, Anatomy, Physiology &  
Biomechanics*  
Amber Nicole Brooks, *BS*  
Lilly Honour Brooks, *AB*  
Jessica Bullock, *BS*  
Alexandra Lynn Bumpas, *BS, Anatomy, Physiology &  
Biomechanics*  
Myra Cai, *BS*  
Charles Cao, *BS*  
Daniel L Cao, *BS*  
Harrison Jay Chen, *BS, Anatomy, Physiology &  
Biomechanics*  
Grace Chow, *BS*  
Emily Chu, *BS, Neurobiology*  
Meng-Chun Grace Chung, *BS*  
Haley Marie Cionfolo, *BS, Anatomy, Physiology &  
Biomechanics*  
Isabella Grace Coogan, *BS*  
Alexis Imani Cook, *AB*  
Isabella Maria Costanzo, *BS*  
Benjamin Milton Cox-Faxon, *AB*  
Jenna Lea Crean, *BS*  
Christopher Dalla Valle, *BS*  
Elizabeth Maria Davidson, *BS, Anatomy, Physiology &  
Biomechanics*  
Morgan Adele DePrizio, *BS*  
Alexis Diaz, *BS*  
Emily Claire Duerr, *BS*  
Haripriya Sai Dukkupati, *BS, Cell & Molecular  
Biology*  
Marissa Emi Dulas, *BS*  
Laila Grace Edelman, *BS*  
Jacob Ryan Egol, *BS, Cell & Molecular Biology*  
Alina Shi Feng, *BS, Cell & Molecular Biology*  
Felipe Monteiro Ferraz, *BS, Genomics*  
Sophie Rose Finkelstein, *BS*  
Caroline Miette Fiore, *BS*  
Eliza Marie Foley, *BS*  
Dhanawn Jhiveer Fullard, *BS*  
Deeya Garg, *BS*  
Madison Danyel Griffin, *BS, Marine Biology*

Samuel M Thomas Gruber, *BS, Cell &  
Molecular Biology*  
Kasun Chamika Gunawardena, *BS*  
Sara A Haas, *BS*  
Tierney Maureen Hall, *BS*  
Emmery Hammond, *BS*  
Julia Lauren Hannon, *AB*  
Cierra Camille Harrison, *BS, Cell & Molecular  
Biology*  
Doyle Eugene Hayden, *BS, Anatomy,  
Physiology & Biomechanics*  
William Bradley Hayes Jr., *BS*  
Rebecca Siyuan He, *BS, Anatomy, Physiology  
& Biomechanics*  
Xavier Kale Heidelberg, *BS*  
Hana Hasna Hendi, *BS, Cell & Molecular  
Biology*  
Carson Elizabeth Herman, *BS*  
Hannah Elizabeth Hess, *BS*  
Chloe Noelle Hicks, *BS, Pharmacology*  
Sophie Anna Holtzman, *BS*  
Davis McClain Howell, *BS*  
Matthew Huang, *BS*  
Rennica Huang, *BS, Cell & Molecular Biology*  
Eric Robert Huey, *BS*  
Kinsie Elizabeth Huggins, *BS*  
Lucas Aslam Lewis Humayun, *BS, Cell &  
Molecular Biology*  
Hamdy Seidu Inusah, *BS*  
Carter John Jackson, *BS, Genetics*  
Kamryn E Jackson, *BS*  
Mehul Jain, *BS*  
Ashley Yeekim Jones, *BS, Cell & Molecular  
Biology*  
Benjamin Hidon Joo, *BS*  
Nicholas Aaron Kaney, *BS, Marine Biology*  
Emily Joohyun Kang, *BS*  
Tessa Ann Kanjiramkuzhey, *BS*  
Ava Elisabeth Katz, *BS, Neurobiology*  
Ismail Mohammed Khaderi, *BS*  
Andrew Kim, *BS*  
Paul Tongju Kim, *BS, Cell & Molecular  
Biology*  
Carly Jane King, *BS*  
Lara Marie Kohlenbach, *BS*  
Michaela Zdenka Kolarova, *BS*  
David Kong, *BS, Cell & Molecular Biology*  
Danae Koslovsky, *BS, Animal Behavior*  
Zoe Elle Koutas, *BS*

Mare Kozmar, *BS*  
 Natalie Kubicki, *BS, Anatomy, Physiology & Biomechanics*  
 Thanaporn Kusupholnand, *BS, Genomics*  
 Pooja Dilip Lalwani, *BS*  
 Paxtyn Bailey Lawson, *BS*  
 Dongwon Lee, *BS*  
 Huizhong Li, *BS, Pharmacology*  
 Jenny Jia Li, *BS*  
 Melissa X Li, *BS, Cell & Molecular Biology*  
 Rebecca Zheng Li, *BS, Neurobiology*  
 Yu Yi Liang, *BS, Biochemistry*  
 Emma Lofgren, *BS, Genetics*  
 Andrew Gregory LoPolito, *BS, Neurobiology*  
 Samantha Katherine Lowe, *BS*  
 Shibani Thalia Mallik, *BS, Cell & Molecular Biology*  
 Jason Todd McBane, *BS, Pharmacology*  
 Victoria Michelle McReynolds, *BS*  
 Priyanka Meesa, *BS*  
 Victor Tzonkov Milev, *BS*  
 Seo Ho Moon, *BS, Pharmacology*  
 Alec Manuel Morlote, *BS, Cell & Molecular Biology*  
 Kristen Alicia Murphy, *BS*  
 Ashley Myers, *BS, Cell & Molecular Biology*  
 Jiung Nam, *BS*  
 Flannery Paige Nania, *BS, Pharmacology*  
 Ryan Neill, *BS*  
 Joshua Evan Nidus, *BS, Genomics*  
 Sebastian Ochoa, *BS, Cell & Molecular Biology*  
 Dinachi Angelina Okonkwo, *BS*  
 Dana Michi Otera, *AB*  
 Sung Ho Park, *BS, Anatomy, Physiology & Biomechanics*  
 Mihir Sanjay Patel, *BS, Pharmacology*  
 Cody Iverson Perry, *BS, Anatomy, Physiology & Biomechanics*  
 Wyatt Lee Pfau, *BS*  
 Magdalena Lundsgaard Phillips, *BS, Marine Biology*  
 Adrienne S Pink, *AB*  
 NiQuava TeQuila Pope, *BS, Pharmacology*  
 Kailee Orianna Poteete, *BS*  
 Swetha Rajagopal, *BS*  
 Pratamesh V Ramasubramanian, *BS*  
 Francesca Gella Ramos, *BS*  
 Kevin James Repice, *BS, Anatomy, Physiology & Biomechanics*  
 Nicolas A Rey-Liemann, *BS*  
 Kelsey Elizabeth Reznick, *AB*  
 Alexis Xuan-Trang Roberts, *BS*  
 Maria De Jesús Rocha, *AB*  
 Ali Hesham Sadek, *BS*  
 Joshua Taylor Sarafian, *BS*  
 Emily Sara Schewe, *BS*  
 Reanna Shah, *BS, Anatomy, Physiology & Biomechanics*  
 Roseline Margaretta Simanjuntak, *BS, Ecology*  
 Lauren Evelyn Simmons, *BS*  
 Sarah J Snyder, *BS*  
 Rachel Annalise Solecki, *BS, Genetics*  
 Shiyue Sandy Song, *BS, Evolutionary Biology*  
 Rania Soufny, *BS*  
 Yajur Sriraman, *BS*  
 Caitlin Su, *BS*  
 Cynthia Zoe Sullenger, *BS*  
 Gisele Elise Tapia, *AB*  
 Ainsley Marie Thurston, *AB*  
 Andrew Khoa Tran, *BS*  
 Ajaya Laya Tummala, *BS*  
 Mara Romina Turkieltaub Paredes, *BS*  
 Shawin Vitsupakorn, *BS*  
 Crista Vroman, *BS*  
 Devan Christopher Wainright, *BS*  
 Caleb Andrew Watson, *BS, Cell & Molecular Biology*  
 Emily Hope Weil, *BS*  
 Kaitlyn Jean Winters, *BS*  
 Naim Charles Wright, *BS, Neurobiology*  
 Haipei Yao, *BS, Cell & Molecular Biology*  
 Jessica Lauren Young, *BS, Animal Behavior*  
 Jeffrey Zhang, *BS*  
 Emily Nicole Zhen, *AB*  
 Larry Rui Zheng, *BS, Marine Biology*

**Students Graduating with a Second or Interdepartmental Major in Biology**  
*(Name, Degree, Interdepartmental Major or Concentration)*

Elizabeth Catalina Bock, *BS, Marine Biology*  
 Jerry T Fu, *BS*  
 Reagan Britney Glass, *BS*  
 Logan Glasstetter, *BS*  
 Ella Gunady, *BS*  
 Adam Zachary Hahn, *BS*  
 Abhinav Jain, *BS*  
 India Christina Little, *BS*  
 Sophia Lyn Maginnes, *BS*  
 Connor Libro Murphy, *AB*  
 Dhanasheel Muralidharan, *BS, Biology/CompSci*  
 Jonathan Alexander Pertile, *BS, Animal Behavior*  
 Simon Rodriguez, *BS*  
 Tamara Juliana Tran, *BS, CompSci/Biology*  
 Anna Forbes Zolotor, *BS, Statistical Science/Biology*

- Recognition of Biology Majors Earning Honors (*continued from front cover*)

*High Distinction*

Alexandra Jeannette Bennion, Jessica Bullock, Grace Chow, Emily Claire Duerr,  
Jacob Ryan Egol, Samuel M Thomas Gruber, Ella Frances Gunady, Rebecca Siyuan He,  
Xavier Kale Heidelberg, Chloe Noelle Hicks, Matthew Huang, Ava Katz, Lara Marie Kohlenbach, David Kong,  
Natalie Marie Kubicki, Jason Todd McBane, Dinachi Angy Okonkwo, Magdalena Lundsgaard Phillips,  
Pratamesh V Ramasubramanian, Caitlin Yuanyuan Su, Shawin Vitsupakorn, Caleb Andrew Watson,  
Kaitlyn Jean Winters, Naim Charles Wright, Haipei Yao

*Distinction*

Edwin James Allen, Afreen Ashraf, Meng-Chun Grace Chung, Isabella Maria Costanzo,  
Alina Feng, Sophie Rose Finkelstein, Hana Hasna Hendi, Sophie Anna Holtzman, Lucas Aslam Lewis Humayun,  
Ashley Yeekim Jones, Nicholas Aaron Kaney, Emily Joohyun Kang, Tessa Ann Kanjiramkuzhey,  
Thanaporn Kusupholnand, Pooja Lalwani, Huizhong Li, Rebecca Zheng Li, Emma Lofgren,  
Andrew Gregory LoPolito, Shibani Thalia Mallik, Seo Ho Moon, Alec Manuel Morlote, Jiung Nam,  
Sung Ho Park, Mihir Sanjay Patel, Adrienne S Pink, NiQuava T Pope, Kailee Orianna Poteete,  
Nicolas Rey Liemann, Emily Sara Schewe, Rachel Annalise Solecki, Emily Hope Weil, Larry Rui Zheng

- **Appreciation of Service to the Department and Community**

Dr. Eric Spana, Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Biology

- **Recognition & Award of Diplomas**

Dr. Emily Bernhardt, with Drs. Paul Manos & Nina Sherwood and members of the Biology faculty

*- List of Graduates inside -*

- **Acknowledgement of Graduates, Families, and Faculty**

Dr. Emily Bernhardt, Chair, Department of Biology

***Congratulations and Best of Luck to All Our Graduates!***

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