

# Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2022



## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Pegula Ice Arena

1:00 p.m.



**PennState**



## **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

Greetings, Class of 2022! We are pleased to join your friends and families in celebrating your graduation.

You are a special group. There are many words I could use to characterize this class of graduates. Perseverance. Adaptability. Patience. Determination.



You have faced unique challenges—arguably with the most tumultuous events in 50 years—and held your heads high. A global pandemic influenced every facet of your lives for more than half of your college career. You faced public health, economic, cultural, and political disruptions. Perhaps you mourned the loss of family members or friends. Particularly because of the far-reaching consequences for food supply, agricultural inputs, and economies around the world, the war in Ukraine will likely affect you more than most graduates in other disciplines.

Despite everything, here you are.

As the world changed around you, you adapted with grace and good spirit. The skills you've learned here will be in even greater demand to our nation and around the world.

You kept your eyes on the prize, earning a science-based degree that has prepared you for your next chapter, whether that is starting a rewarding career, continuing on to graduate or professional school, or taking another path toward a fulfilling life. In short, you were determined to succeed, and you have done so.

Over the years, I'm sure you'll agree that one of your biggest take-aways from your Penn State experience will be the relationships you've built with students, co-workers, and faculty. Continue to cultivate those networks. They will be a great resource, equipping you with an abundance of advice, pathways to new opportunities, and some of your best lifelong friends.

Whatever you choose to do next, the perseverance, adaptability, and other qualities that you have sharpened here will serve you well. You are ready to be even more effective and important problem solvers, contributors, and leaders. All of us in the College of Agricultural Sciences cannot wait to see what you will accomplish.

Good luck, be well, and stay in touch!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Roush". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Richard T. Roush**

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### To Our Guests

We welcome you to the commencement exercises for the College of Agricultural Sciences' baccalaureate and associate degree candidates.

Only authorized press and University photographers are permitted on the floor to take pictures once the exercises are in progress.

When the processional party enters at the beginning of the ceremony, the audience rises. They remain standing until all members of the platform party have taken their places on the platform and

during the singing of the national anthem. Following the singing of the Alma Mater, there is a recessional. The audience is requested to remain seated during this period.

NOTICE: The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in any indoor commencement facility is prohibited. Your admission to any of these facilities is conditional upon compliance with the above. The University reserves the right to refuse admission to, or remove, any person who violates this prohibition.

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Sunday, May 8, 2022

## ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Performed by **Centre Brass**

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Led by **Katrina Cole**

*The audience is asked to join in the singing.*

## PRESIDING

**Nicholas P. Jones, B.E., M.S., Ph.D.**

Executive Vice President and Provost of the University

**Richard Roush, B.S., Ph.D.**

Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

**Steven C. Loerch, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.**

Senior Associate Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences

## AUTHORIZATION TO CONFER DEGREES

**Russell C. Redding**, Secretary of Agriculture

Member, Board of Trustees

## RECOGNITION OF MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT

**Dean Roush**

## RECOGNITION OF STUDENT MARSHALS

**Tracy S. Hoover, B.S., M.Ag., Ph.D.**

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education,  
College of Agricultural Sciences

## CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

**Provost Jones**

## INDUCTION INTO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**Lisa Rankin Kirby, B.S.**

President, College of Agricultural Sciences  
Alumni Society

## ALMA MATER

Led by **Katrina Cole**

*You are invited to join in the singing.*

## RECESSIONAL

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### PROGRAM NOTES

This program contains the list of candidates for graduation as of March 21, 2022.

Students who indicated their intent to graduate after that date are not listed in this program.

Distinction lists are based upon fall grades.

A student's distinction level could change after spring grades are finalized and their final distinction level will be printed on their diplomas.

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.

Congratulations on your achievements!

## DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES

**Suat Irmak**, B.Sc., 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

**Adele M. Turzillo**, B.A., Ph.D.

Department Head of Animal Science

**Bradley Cardinale**, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.

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

## UNIVERSITY NOMENCLATOR

**E. Alan Cameron**, B.S.A., M.S., Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus of Entomology

## UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

**R. Allen Kimel**, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.

**Robert G. Melton**, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.

## COLLEGE MARSHALS

**Lori L. Connelly**, B.S., M.S.

**Siobhan L. Fathel**, B.S., B.A., M.S., Ph.D.

**Jenneth R. Layaou**, B.A.

**Dianne M. Petrunak**, B.S., M.S.

**Tammy M. Shannon**, B.A., M.Ed.

**Matthew J. Stumpf**, B.S., M.A.

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

### Steven C. Loerch



Since 2017, Steven Loerch has been senior associate dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State, where he is responsible for operations and management of personnel, budgets, facilities, and programs in the college.

Dr. Loerch earned his bachelor's degree in animal industries from Penn State in 1977

and received his master's and doctoral degrees in ruminant nutrition at the University of Illinois in 1978 and 1981, respectively.

In 1981, he joined the Department of Animal Sciences at The Ohio State University, where he served as professor of beef cattle nutrition for 32 years. His primary responsibilities were in beef cattle and sheep research and teaching. He taught AS 630.01 (Ruminant Nutrition), AS 8000 (Philosophy of Science), and AS 600 (Capstone in Animal Sciences).

In 2014, he became head of the animal sciences department at the University of Illinois, where he also taught a capstone course.

Dr. Loerch's research generated more than 135 refereed journal publications and approximately \$3 million in grant funding. Among his research honors were the 1998 OSU Animal Sciences Faculty Research Award, the 2001 American Society of Animal Science Ruminant Nutrition Research Award, the 2010 OARDC Senior Distinguished Research Award, the 2010 OSU Gamma Sigma Delta Faculty Research Award, and the 2013 American Society of Animal Science Research Fellow Award.

His teaching and service awards included the 2000 OSU Animal Sciences Faculty Teaching Award, the 2013 Ohio Sheep Industry Service Award, and the 2022 Ohio State University Meritorious Service Award.

Dr. Loerch was a member of the OSU Extension Beef Team and the OSU Extension Sheep Team; was past president of the Wayne County, Ohio, Cattlemen's Association; and served many years as a 4-H adviser.

His former doctoral students currently hold faculty positions at Penn State, Ohio State, Purdue, Wisconsin, North Carolina State, the University of Georgia (department head), and several international universities.

## COLLEGE MARSHAL

### Gayatri Anil



Gayatri Anil, of Pittsburgh, majored in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences with a minor in One Health.

A Schreyer Honors Scholar, Gayatri is the recipient of the Evan Pugh Scholar Award, the President Sparks Award, and the President's Freshman Award. She was named the Gamma Sigma Delta 2022 Outstanding Senior in the

College of Agricultural Sciences.

She has received numerous scholarships, including the Provost's Award, the Harry Hayward Academic Excellence Scholarship, and a College of Agricultural Sciences Undergraduate Research Award.

Gayatri played violin in Penn State's Campus Orchestra and also has enjoyed dancing Bharatanatyam as part of Penn State Nritya. In addition, she was a computer-skills tutor for the Mid-State Literacy Council.

She was an undergraduate researcher at Penn State's Animal Diagnostic Laboratory. Her Schreyer honors thesis, under the research mentorship of Dr. Bhushan Jayarao, focused on developing an immunolateral flow assay to detect infectious coryza in chickens.

Following graduation, Gayatri will pursue a combined D.V.M./Ph.D. at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

The daughter of Rukmini and Anil Balan, Gayatri would like to acknowledge the guidance she received from all of her Penn State professors, including her research adviser Dr. Bhushan Jayarao and her honors adviser Dr. Robert Van Saun.

## DEPARTMENT MARSHALS

### AGRICULTURAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING

#### Emily Rademacher



Emily Rademacher is graduating magna cum laude with a major in BioRenewable Systems (Bioproducts option) and a minor in Economics.

She was the recipient of several scholarships, including the Alumni Association Scholarship, the Ready to Succeed Scholarship, the Joan and Malcolm Stehman Scholarship in Wood Products,

the Horace T. Woodward Scholarship in the College of Agricultural Sciences, the John and Beverly Bernardi

Scholarship in Agricultural Sciences, and the Frank and Jeanette S. Peikert Scholarship in Agricultural and Biological Engineering.

Emily was involved in several clubs and organizations. She served as service chair for Lambda Sigma Honor Society and as director of academic success for Alpha Sigma Tau sorority. She was also a member of agricultural honor society Gamma Sigma Delta, the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers, and the Biorenewable Systems Club.

As an undergraduate researcher, she interned in the laboratory of Dr. Tom Richard working on a grant-funded bioenergy project aimed at using anaerobic digesters to produce biogas from switchgrass. She was also the undergraduate leader of an experiment exploring bioenergy feedstocks.

After graduation, Emily plans to pursue a master's degree in BioRenewable Systems at Penn State.

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*Department Marshals, continued*

**AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, SOCIOLOGY,  
AND EDUCATION**

**Madeline Musser**



Madeline Musser, of Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, majored in Agribusiness Management.

Madeline earned numerous scholarships from the college and from agriculture-related outside organizations. In her final academic year alone, her external scholarships included awards from PennAg Industries Association, the Lancaster County Farm

and Home Center, Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit Foundation, the Pennsylvania Farm Show Scholarship Foundation, and the Farm Women Society of Pennsylvania.

From the College of Agricultural Sciences, she received the Mary T. Dale Scholarship, the Penn State Sigma Alpha Alumni Association Award, and the Horace T. Woodward Scholarship in the College of Agricultural Sciences.

Madeline was a member of Block and Bridle, for which she was treasurer, Collegiate Cattlewomen, and the Penn State Livestock Judging Team. She was also a Bible study leader for Navigators Christian Fellowship.

She supplemented her academic training while serving as a 4-H intern with Penn State Extension in Lancaster County and as a sales and marketing intern with the Wenger Group.

The daughter of Gregory and Jodi Musser, Madeline hopes to work in agricultural lending in the Lancaster area and plans to continue volunteering for 4-H and other youth agricultural organizations.

**ANIMAL SCIENCE**

**Maria Schultheis**



Maria Schultheis, from Connellsville, Pennsylvania, majored in Animal Science (Science option).

Maria received the Rosemarie C. and Howard R. Peiffer Scholarship in the College of Agricultural Sciences, the Anna K. Eaton Scholarship, the Bernard N. and Beatrice Sandson Scholarship in Agri-

culture, the John T. and Janet Zerbe Scholarship in Agricultural Sciences, the George V. Woodrow Scholarship, and the Glenn O. Bressler Memorial Award.

She was a member of the Pre-Vet Club and the Penn State Reproduction Research Team.

Maria has significant undergraduate research experience. Beginning in the summer after her first academic year, she conducted research with Dr. Julio Palma at Penn State Fayette, focusing on theoretical quantum chemistry calculations for novel molecular electronic devices. Under his mentorship, she received recognition and several awards, including the Erickson Discovery Grant and the Launchbox Invent Penn State Grant at Penn State Fayette.

In addition, she studied salmonella, necrotic enteritis, and the effectiveness of probiotics against infectious disease in poultry in the lab of Dr. Gino Lorenzoni. That work led to an opportunity to develop a business pitch around one of the lab's experiments with the support of a Harbaugh Undergraduate Research Assistantship grant.

The daughter of Greg and Vickie Schultheis, Maria will attend veterinary school at Ohio State University. She plans to eventually open her own small-animal veterinary practice.

**ECOSYSTEM SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Lisa Grab**



Lisa Grab, a native of Thornhurst, Pennsylvania, majored in Forest Ecosystem Management.

A recipient of the Leonard H. and Anna Jane Baird Family Scholarship, Lisa was active in the Pennsylvania Forestry Association. She gained undergraduate research experience under the guidance of Dr. Eric Bur-

khart, with whom she inventoried and modeled populations of a plant species of conservation concern on Penn State forestlands. She also completed an internship as a field research assistant for the Stone Valley Forest Inventory.

Lisa is an enthusiast of running ultra-marathons. She also enjoys outdoor pursuits such as hunting, fly fishing, backpacking, and mountain biking.

The daughter of Kim Grab and Tom Grab, Lisa will start research this summer for her master's degree in Forest Resources



at Penn State, focusing on forest economics. Following graduate school, she aspires to rise through the ranks of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Bureau of Forestry, but she has not ruled out a career in research.

## FOOD SCIENCE

### Kayla Finkelstein



A native of Southampton, Pennsylvania, Kayla Finkelstein majored in Food Science.

Kayla received many scholarships and awards during her undergraduate career. Among these were support from the Philip G. Keeney Food Science Department Head Excellence Fund, the Agricultural Sciences Award from Penn State Berks, the

William H. Knightly Scholarship in Food Science, the John T. and Paige S. Smith Scholarship in the College of Agricultural Sciences, the Chester D., Agnes H., and Robert Dahle Memorial Scholarship, the Ray Finegan Agricultural Leadership Endowment, the Alan Nutt Memorial Award, the Snyder Family Award, and the National Association of Flavors and Food-Ingredient Systems Scholarship Award.

She served three semesters as secretary of the Food Science Club and is a member of the college women's fitness organization CHAARG, as well as Penn State Hillel and similar organizations. She is also a student member of the Professional Manufacturing Confectioners Association and previously was a Lion Ambassador at Penn State Berks.

In spring 2020, Kayla was an undergraduate research assistant in the Department of Food Science for a project investigating the astringency of cocoa beans. She was also a research and development intern with the Hershey Company in 2021.

The daughter of Ken and Ellen Finkelstein, Kayla is pursuing a position in research/product development in the food science industry.

## PLANT SCIENCE

### Cameron Foreman



Cameron Foreman, of Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, majored in Turfgrass Science.

Cameron competed on the Penn State Turf Bowl team that finished second in the Sports Field Management Association competition and fourth in the Collegiate Turf Bowl competition sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

He is also a member of the Penn State Turfgrass Club and Turning Point USA at Penn State.

He completed a summer internship with the grounds department at Trump National Golf Club in Washington, D.C.

After graduation, Cameron, the son of Darren Foreman and Bernadette Foreman, will assume the role of assistant superintendent at Lancaster Country Club, the host site of the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament in 2024.

## VETERINARY AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

### Julia Hamilton



Julia Hamilton, a native of Union City, Pennsylvania, majored in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences.

As a Schreyer Honors Scholar, Julia received the Academic Excellence Scholarship from the Schreyer Honors College. She also received the University's Provost's Award.

In addition, the College of Agricultural Sciences awarded her the Theola F. Thevaos Honors Scholarship, the John T. and Janet Zerbe Scholarship, the Dr. Jay E. Hreiz VMD Scholarship, the George V. Woodrow Scholarship, the Veterinary Founders Academic Scholarship, the Emmett C. Dawson Jr. Memorial Award, and the Pass-It-On Fund In Agricultural Sciences Scholarship.

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*Department Marshals, continued*

Julia's extracurricular activities included serving as a student worker at the Penn State Dairy Barns. She was also a member of the Pre-Vet Club, the agricultural honor society Gamma Sigma Delta, and the first-year honor society Phi Eta Sigma.

She served as a research assistant at Penn State's Central Milk Testing Lab. Her undergraduate thesis, under the mentorship of Dr. Adrian Barragan, examined the effects of intrauterine dextrose infusion in postpartum dairy cows diagnosed with clinical metritis. She presented the results of this study at several research exhibitions, placing second for original research in the Student Affiliate Division at the 2020 American Dairy Science Association annual meeting.

The daughter of Alan and Cheryl Hamilton, Julia credits her experiences in the College of Agricultural Sciences and the Schreyer Honors College for enabling her to earn acceptance to several veterinary schools, including The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, where she will work to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming a doctor of veterinary medicine.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

### **Jonathan Suchy**



Jonathan Suchy, of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, majored in Environmental Resource Management, with minors in Environmental Engineering and Watersheds and Water Resources.

Jonathan was a recipient of the John Danhouse Martz Jr. Scholarship. His extracurricular activities included membership in the agricultural

honor society Gamma Sigma Delta, the Penn State Woodsmen Team, and the Penn State Outing Club.

He gained practical experience as an intern with the U.S. Geological Survey at the New Jersey Water Science Center in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, where he conducted stream gauging and monitored surface and ground water quality.

The son of Tom and Dawn Suchy, Jonathan has accepted a position as a hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey at the New Jersey Water Science Center, and he is considering attending graduate school in the future.

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

### Two-Year Turfgrass Science and Management

Douglas Jordan Brown

## BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

### Agribusiness Management

Laura Abele  
 Anthony Vincent Antario  
 Nicholas Patrick Benis  
 Anna Chidester  
 John P. Christy  
 Chad John DiDonna  
 Donald John Edwards III  
 Robert Francis Ferry  
 Kirsten Michelle Feusner  
 Brandon Michael Foreman  
 David Forscht  
 Luke Anthony Franco  
 Matthew Joseph Gaul  
 Seamus M. Glynn  
 Zachary David Goodine  
 Justin Jihoon Gould  
 Steven Patrick Harp  
 Carly E. Hausner  
 Seamus A. Heckard  
 Brendan Michael Hill  
 Dalton F. Hirneisen  
 Cameron Donald Jeffers  
 Richard Gerhard Jethon Jr.  
 Alan David Jorge  
 Jose Juez  
 Connor James Jupin  
 Alex Ross Kikta  
 Thomas Paul Kutufaris  
 Ryan B. Look

Stephen John Parks  
 Luchansky  
 Erin J. Malonzo  
 Anthony Matro  
 Grace McVay  
 Melissa Midence  
 Aline St Denis Miller  
 Roarke Lee Miller  
 Madeline Elizabeth Musser  
 Benjamin Earl Muth  
 Gabrielle Devine Nee  
 Luke Andrew Newman  
 Bennet Peloquin  
 Samantha Rae Ponto  
 Robert Radzevich III  
 Molli Robinette  
 Patrick M. Rogers  
 Haley Michelle Rothermel  
 Benjamin Payne Rothman  
 Christopher Joseph Scoffone  
 Ellen B. Steele  
 Adam Steiner  
 Mariah Stuck  
 Asia Swenk  
 Lucas Talley  
 Ryan Anthony Telese  
 Matthew Veisbergs  
 Colin M. Wagner  
 Peter E. Wagner  
 Adam James Weaver  
 Thomas Wertz  
 Jordan M. Wilmer  
 Hongyi Yue  
 Huachen Zhu

### Agricultural and Extension Education

Nell V. Barbour  
 Riley Carter  
 Dylan Clark  
 Thomas S. Gabel  
 Michaela Gerhart  
 Taylor A. Halbleib  
 Jenna Kibbe

Justin D. Kurtz  
 Lauren Elizabeth McHenry  
 Nathan Moyer  
 Lacey D. Walker

### Agricultural Science

Adam J. Cole  
 Madison Elizabeth Davidson  
 Creighton J. Edsell  
 Hailie Marie Gallagher  
 Luke Gasper-Markel  
 Nicholas J. Getz  
 Adam G. Hohn  
 Kaleb Konigus  
 Ashley Lambert  
 Xavier R. Mack  
 Mark McKendry  
 Joshua Allen Milliron  
 Braydn Pierce Minnich  
 Leah May Paulhamus  
 Apolonia Belle Prout  
 Rogen Lee Shaffer  
 Benjamin Shoemaker  
 Kelli Grace Waldron

### Animal Science

Olivia Alexander  
 Mikara Anderson  
 Rachel Lynn Bayer  
 Sara Benzio  
 Elizabeth Nichole Berger  
 Catherine Bierlein  
 Colby Alan Bomgardner  
 Patrick John Brennan  
 Emily Bernadette Brzozowski  
 David Reed Buckwalter  
 Brooke Carey  
 Alexander B. Clark  
 Alyse McCormick  
 Crownover  
 Caroline Belle Dallam  
 Cameron Gary Dedrick

Hannah Diehl  
 Emily Dunk  
 Jenna Dunk  
 Sydney Tyler Dunseath  
 Alana Durphy  
 Kylie Storm Eckley  
 Chloe Jean Ellis  
 Anna Elizabeth Fenlon  
 Audra Leigh Fisher  
 Tribe-Judah Gallman  
 Kalah Veronica Gries  
 Allison Hart  
 Tiffany Rose Hatfield  
 Michaela Anne Hendricks  
 Olivia Kerr  
 Jeannedarc G. Kfoury  
 Evan Richard Kocher  
 Olivia Paige Locke  
 Kylie Lusk  
 Henry Evan Mah  
 Faith McElravy  
 Allison Nicole Miller  
 Lucy Mulligan  
 Emma C. Murgas  
 Jonathan Nace  
 Gregory Norris  
 Donald Isaac Opp  
 Kyra M. Phelps  
 Meghan J. Poirier  
 Maci M. Raybuck  
 Anna Irene Reyburn  
 Patrick Leroy Rush  
 Camryn E. Ryan  
 Maria Schultheis  
 Carleigh Michelle Seeley  
 Kaylie Semsick  
 Sarah R. Sher  
 Melanie Marie Showers  
 Avery A. Simpson  
 Brooke Renee Stoneham  
 Marley Stonesifer  
 Jenna Strittmatter  
 Haley Rebecca Sweitzer  
 Alexa Tannu  
 Grayson Thew

Jaclyn L. Topper  
 Amy L. Wampler  
 Morgan Watt  
 Madison G. Weaver  
 Rebecca J. Webster  
 Brianne Williams  
 Megan Lynn Wilmot

**BioRenewable Systems**

Madison Coppolino  
 Kevin Franz Fombrun  
 Amanda Christine Mullen  
 Lia Novak  
 Hyunsung Park  
 Emily J. Rademacher  
 Brian Andrew Stopper

**Community,  
 Environment,  
 and Development**

Claire B. Brier  
 Angelica Brill  
 Emily Ciganik  
 Jerry A. Farrar  
 Kayla Gordon  
 Emily Paige Griffin  
 Kaitlyn Marie Hennessey  
 Garret J. King  
 Vanshika Madaan  
 Erin Joanne McDermott  
 Amelia Morton  
 Tynetta Muhammad  
 Mary S. Muldoon  
 Brandon Rosica  
 Lauren Mary Young  
 Rachel May Zimmerman  
 Zachary Allen Zwijacz

**Environmental  
 Resource Management**

Matthew D. Bellia  
 Fiona Elizabeth Bennett  
 Willow Carnwath Blew  
 Samantha Rose Calus  
 Ying Chi Cheung  
 Alexa Renee Crider

Kyle Eckley  
 Daryn Joseph Fournier  
 Amelia Geiser  
 Elka Jewel Hoelsken  
 Samantha Hornbaker  
 Sarah Elizabeth Hudson  
 Chyvonne Marie Jessick  
 Sarah Elizabeth Kern  
 Hannah Kim  
 Jason Ben D. Legayada  
 Derek James Metcalfe  
 Samantha Mills  
 Spencer Riccio  
 Anna Rittenhouse  
 Lydia Jane Roe  
 Colton Karl Schaible  
 Colen Reid Sorber  
 Jonathan Suchy  
 Jamie Lynn Timko  
 Jessica Wolfe  
 Jason M. Zubris

**Food Science**

Madalyn Arthur  
 Lila Rose Bechtel  
 Ryan Henry Bullotta  
 Tyler Chandross-Cohen  
 Rebecca Marie Cimino  
 Natalie K. Constantakis  
 Alexandra DeRose  
 Kevin Diaz  
 Kayla Finkelstein  
 Ian M. Finn  
 Caitlyn Amanda Harms  
 Jaclyn Gladys Hess  
 Yu Hsi Hou  
 Claire E. Hummel  
 Pornpat Jantip  
 Erin LeMay  
 Samantha Liddy  
 Yvonne Maree Longenecker  
 Allison Maloney  
 Cora Rose Marchand  
 Nancy Maria Montanez  
 Sarah L. Olson  
 Christopher John Pedone  
 Kelsey L. Schlegel

Christopher T. Talarico  
 Haley N. Velemirovich  
 Leah Ward  
 Aaron M. Wiedemer  
 Cameron Joseph Wilkin  
 Conner Nickolas Wilson  
 Emmaline Yang  
 Abigail Zimomra

**Forest Ecosystem  
 Management**

Hunter A. Blankenhorn  
 Nathan R. Cunfer  
 Elijah B. DePaulis  
 Logan T. Goddard  
 Lisa Grab  
 Adrianna Marie Lannan  
 Zachary Makanikeoe  
 Mumma  
 Jonathan Michael Nelson  
 Brett David Schugt  
 William Francis Shields  
 Jacob Charles Sunderland  
 Derrick Wenrick  
 Dustin Clayton Zetwick

**Immunology and  
 Infectious Disease**

Devin Baughan  
 Lauren Margaret Berish  
 Makayla Mine Blackstock  
 Serina A. Blessing\*  
 Hassan Bokhari  
 Madison Joanna Brinkley  
 Brooke Costanzo  
 Taylor M. Dickson  
 Natalie Marie Hahn  
 Mina Halimitabrizi  
 Jack William Ibinson  
 Jacob Janssen  
 Kayla M. Kimble  
 Olivia Klapec  
 Melissa Long  
 Melanie Cristina Lopez  
 McDonald  
 Allison McGlynn

Payton O. Mendygral  
 Margaret Alice Mitchell  
 Brooke Nelson  
 Yunus Ozsoy  
 Alexis N. Palucki  
 Cameron Pardoe  
 Vanessa Peduzzi  
 Tiffany N. Reed  
 Hailey Kathryn Rush  
 Natalie Rydzak  
 Erin Salese  
 Elana Louise Sanguigni  
 Anjali Parag Sapre  
 Fredrique Rae Shearn  
 Henry Michael  
 Smychynsky  
 Erin Lillian Sullivan  
 Savannah Sweigart  
 Josey Anna Terwilliger

**Landscape Contracting**

Matthew Randall Boltuc  
 Brenton Scott Burkholder  
 Zachary R. Fuchs  
 Sean Thomas Murphy  
 Brian Tanner  
 Jesse Austin Toy  
 Dylan M. Walker  
 Maggie Rae Whitlatch

**Pharmacology and  
 Toxicology**

Serina A. Blessing\*  
 Claudia Marie Brown  
 Keaton Richard Chapman  
 Morgan Elizabeth Fries  
 Yiqin Li  
 Stuart Rinehart  
 Matthew Thomas Stocker  
 Tianyi Yang

**Plant Sciences**

David A. Ahakinian  
 Alan Dean Bauman  
 Adam Michael Becker

Baxter Bierbaum  
 Ian D. Chamberlain  
 Cole P. Connolly  
 Iris A. Costar  
 Megan Czekaj  
 Luke Riley Ergott  
 Ryan R. Fricker  
 Christian Gundermann  
 Kyle Andrew Hartmann  
 Brianna Lynn Huber  
 Payton Constance Jaenisch  
 Grace Elizabeth Jochem  
 Quinn M. Kelley  
 Adriana Lee  
 Olivia Alice McGraw  
 Nicole C. Meek  
 Katherine Myers  
 Cameron L. Quirin  
 Baileigh Christine Rosado  
 Benjamin R. Rudnik  
 John D. Sauter  
 Cody Wyatt Smith  
 Hunter Thomas Tini  
 Shelby Edith Watt  
 Philip Albert Winklosky  
 Shuhan S. Yin

**Turfgrass Science**

John T. Andrews  
 Stephen Anthony Campbell  
 Cameron Michael Foreman  
 Damien Ganchoso  
 Charles Goode  
 Ryan Lewis Hiles  
 Mitchell Thomas Kohl  
 Gavin Thomas  
     Kopczynskie  
 David Colby Campbell  
     Murray  
 Alec Ratchford  
 Garrett Peirson Robey  
 Ian Royer  
 Hayden Sackey  
 Chase Skrubis

**Veterinary and  
 Biomedical Sciences**

Emily G. Afflerbach  
 George M. Amin  
 Gayatri Anil  
 Sophia Bianchi  
 Sydney Rae Brennan  
 Carley Jean Caruth  
 Jesikah Ann Marie Cooper  
 Jessica Cover  
 Sophia Anna Czopek  
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