Class of 2020
On behalf of the University of Georgia College of Engineering faculty and staff, I want to extend my warmest congratulations to you, the Class of 2020. We are honored to celebrate your hard work, commitment and achievement in completing a demanding and rigorous course of study at one of the nation’s best public research universities. You should be proud of your accomplishment, as should the family and friends who supported you during this journey.

While this is a time of celebration, it is also a time of reflection on what lies ahead. Whatever path you choose, I am confident you have acquired the knowledge and skills you need to succeed. The world faces unprecedented challenges and engineers will play a major role in finding creative solutions that ensure a brighter future for people around the globe. Whether you choose a career in research, the private sector, or public service, I know you are prepared to make a difference.

Our college is built around communities of learning, discovery and innovation that prepare students for leadership roles in the engineering profession. Your commitment in the classroom, in the laboratory, and throughout the state of Georgia and beyond is helping create a strong and vibrant engineering community at UGA. Our college and our university are better because of the work you have done here. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to learn and grow alongside you during your academic career.

As you join our growing and distinguished alumni community, I encourage you to stay in touch with the college. Make every effort to attend alumni events and activities so you can share your legacy with a new generation of students. Keep this college and the people who helped you during your academic journey close to you as you venture on to your next destination. You will always have a home at the University of Georgia College of Engineering.

Good luck and best wishes!

Dean and UGA Foundation Professor in Engineering
Doctor of Philosophy Candidates

Abhijit Marar
Engineering with an Emphasis in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Major Professor: Peter Kner, Ph.D.

Timothy Alan Stephens
Engineering
Major Professor: Brian Bledsoe, Ph.D.
Dissertation: Quantifying Honest Reliability Under Uncertainty And Non-stationarity with Probabilistic Floodplain Maps

Iman Salehihikouei
Engineering with an Emphasis in Resilient Infrastructure Systems
Major Professor: Sung-Hee “Sonny” Kim, Ph.D.

Master of Science Candidates

Chandler Cole Banks
Civil and Environmental Engineering with an Emphasis in Civil Engineering
Major Professor: Sung-Hee “Sonny” Kim, Ph.D.
Thesis: Development of a Concrete Mechanical and Thermal Properties Database for Pavement Mechanistic–Empirical Input

Bianca Rachel Bitere
Engineering with an Emphasis in Mechanical Engineering
Major Professor: Benjamin Davis, Ph.D.
Thesis: Dynamic Response of a Flexible Cylinder in Cross Flow Undergoing Vortex-Induced Vibrations

Shaoheng Li
Engineering with an Emphasis in Mechanical Engineering
Major Professor: Xianqiao Wang, Ph.D.

Caleb Mark Mitchell
Biomanufacturing and Bioprocessing

Angela Doan Nguyen
Civil and Environmental Engineering with an Emphasis in Civil Engineering
Major Professor: Stephan Durham, Ph.D.
Thesis: Development of Bridge Asset Management for Local Georgia Governments

Denna Saji
Engineering with an Emphasis in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Major Professor: Jagannath Rao
Bachelor of Science Candidates

School of Chemical, Materials and Biomedical Engineering

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOCHEMICAL ENGINEERING
Sarah Catherine Rupert  
Cum Laude  
Sydney Davis Matheny

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING
Dakota Alexander Arrington  
Simona Bovanova  
Burke Cravens Doggett  
Sarah Elizabeth Franklin  
Colton Turner Garrison  
Ryan Michael Hall  
Megan Elizabeth Hively  
Sara Marie Lewis  
Helen Marie McIntire  
Michael Salm Runyan  
Tyler William Russell  
Magna Cum Laude  
Rachel Metz Wellington  
Cum Laude, Student Ambassador  
Yi Wu  
Kianna Nicole Young

School of Electrical and Computer Engineering

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SYSTEMS ENGINEERING
Michael Scott Barker  
Calvin Sparks Childress  
Marvin Marcus Pring  
Cum Laude  
Christopher H. Shifrin

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING
Armin Hajdarevic  
Rachel Annette Johnson  
Hindolo Michael Kamanda  
Cameron Brian Lima  
Bochen Ma  
Juhitha Porika  
Khalil Lowell Revels  
Kyle A. Weiland

School of Environmental, Civil, Agricultural and Mechanical Engineering

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING
Jonathan Wade Cooper  
Dakota McLeod Fenton  
Selyna Dyon Gant  
John Hudson May  
Cum Laude, Tau Beta Gamma  
Brandon Forrest McLain  
Steven Bryce Moya  
Jerret Thomas Paige  
Gaspar Pedro  
Haley Katherine Selsor  
Magna Cum Laude  
Chandler James White

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING
Garrett Abraham Derrick Boden  
Khristian Ruelo DeCastro  
Venket Nikhil Duggirala  
Nicholas Todd Harbin  
Ariana Patrice Renee Henderson  
Brian Scott Landers  
Drayton Orcester McJunkins  
Baker Donald Metz  
Zachary John Picard  
Alexander Thomas Rush  
William Todd Shirley  
Cum Laude, Tau Beta Gamma  
Sam Yumul

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
Megan Mackenzie Dohn  
Mazen Imad El–Jeaid  
Cum Laude  
Summa Cum Laude, Tau Beta Gamma  
Hannah Grace Gaston  
Emma Claire Landford  
Benjamin Isaac Quattlebaum  
Gabrielle Rachel Usher  
Cum Laude  
Nicholas Ford Waters  
Denver Lee Williams  
Rebekah Lacy Williamson  
Magna Cum Laude, Tau Beta Gamma
Bachelor of Science Candidates

School of Environmental, Civil, Agricultural and Mechanical Engineering

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Riyadh Ahmed
Man Wah Aw
Ashcon Bakhtiar
John Paul Barton
Tanner Emerson Beck
Sam Allen Berry
Oscar Alejandro Campos
Justin Alexander Davis
Thomas David Dodd
Cum Laude
Chase Daniel Drake
Austin Michael Duncan
Michael John Ely
Luis Fernando Escuela
William Alexander Ezrine
Blake Ferrell Gilmer
Daniel Isaac Gothard

Jack Egan Hafer
Cum Laude, Tau Beta Gamma
Gilbert Herrera-Bleye
Parker Hinson
Hanson Kim Hoang
Justin Cao Hoang
Jimmy Cecil Johns
Magna Cum Laude, Tau Beta Gamma
Nikolas Olavi Kangas
Karl Dennis Karch
Andrew Miles Liquori
Andy Liu
Kevin Jing-wa Luong
Aman Luthra
Summa Cum Laude
Jack R. McDaniels
Magna Cum Laude
Daniel Evan McNaboe

Aliakbar Tanvirhasan Momin
Tau Beta Gamma
Danielle Leigh Neese
Cum Laude
Ryan William O’Hara
Raj Shailesh Patel
Danielle Rose Pattee
Charles Alexander Phillips
Abdeali Rangwala
Cum Laude
Derek Van Spitzer
Phillip Blake Spratling
Ruoyuan Wang
Tyler Scott Wharton
Dawson Thomas Willisford
Jordan Philip Winter

Graduation Distinctions

DEGREES WITH HONORS

Summa cum laude: 3.90 overall GPA  |  Magna cum laude: 3.75 overall GPA  |  Cum laude: 3.60 overall GPA

FIRST HONOR GRADUATE

Each student completing a baccalaureate degree with an overall grade point average of 4.0 will be designated a First Honor Graduate. The overall grade point average includes all work attempted at the University of Georgia as well as all college-level transfer work attempted prior to or subsequent to matriculation at the University.

GRADUATION WITH HIGHEST HONORS

Requires a total of nine Honors courses, six to nine credits of Honors approved Capstone coursework, with a minimum 3.5 Honors GPA and a minimum 3.9 cumulative GPA.

GRADUATION WITH HIGH HONORS

Requires a total of nine Honors courses, six to nine credits of Honors approved Capstone coursework, with a minimum 3.5 Honors GPA and a minimum 3.7 cumulative GPA.

WITH HONORS

Denotes a member of the University of the Georgia Honors Program

TAU BETA GAMMA

Denotes a member of the Tau Beta Gamma Engineering Honors Society

STUDENT AMBASSADOR

Denotes a College of Engineering Student Ambassador

University of Georgia College of Engineering
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