



COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
PHYSICS
VIRGINIA TECH™

Departmental Commencement 2021



May 15, 2021

Virtual Ceremony 2021:

Hosted by: Prof. Mark Pitt, Department Chair

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Slideshow created by: Melissa McPeak and Diane Walker-Green

- Greetings from College of Science Interim Dean Ron Fricker
- Introductory Remarks
- Presentation of Graduate Degree Recipients
- Presentation of Undergraduate Degree Recipients
- Valedictorian Addresses by Isabella Giovannelli, Olti Myrtaj, and Liam Welch
- Closing Remarks

Physics Minor

Owen Andre	Venkata Gadamsetty	Xiaozhen Liu
Kaitlyn Baldwin	Reid Gomillion	Jordan Moon
Colson Brandetsas	Jared Gray	Marglo Osborne
Skye Carlson	Andrew Grove	Jessica Solomon
Sidney Crum	Joshua Hayward	Anuradha Trivedi
Jack Dale	Samuel Holloway	
Charles Findley	Kai Lin	

Astronomy Minor

Owen Andre
Nicholas Jones
Jessica Solomon

Bachelor of Arts

Garrett Bimsteffer

Yisheng Huang

Adam Lulis

Katianne Dunay

Julia Kawas^Δ

Julie Nguyen^Δ

Erin Fosnocht[†]

Brendon Knopes

Daniel Seitz[#]

Jianxiang Gao

Peter Landers

Nathan Wagner[†]

Bachelor of Science

David Anand

Zeyu Gao

Joshua Stevic[†]

Michael Arnau

Isabella Giovannelli[†]

Mason Stoecker

Brian Bennett^Δ

LeAnn Hamilton^{*Δ}

Jade Thompson

Matthew Brandt^{*Δ}

Brendan Lorn^Δ

Phillip Truppelli^Δ

Aden Brown

Kevin Marquez Diaz

Kaleb Wagar

Mitchell Cassell

Tyler Merrell^{*}

Nathaniel Walker[†]

Lia Compton[#]

Olti Myrtaj^{*†}

Eli Welch^Δ

Eric Cook[#]

Haydee Portillo[#]

Liam Welch[†]

Brandon Daul^{*}

Prashant Pradhan

David Whiteside

Shreya Dayal

Carley Seay

Erik Wrightson

Ziwei Ding

Timothy Sharp^Δ

† Summa Cum Laude
Δ Magna Cum Laude
Cum Laude
* Astronomy Minor

Master of Science

Luis Delgadillo Franco

David Jackson

Hong Yao

Doctor of Philosophy

Wei Cui

Zijian Jiang

Rebekah Pestes

Kuangyin Deng

Shengchao Li

Shannon Serrao

Wenzheng Dong

Ruslan Mukhamadiarov

Tulasi Subedi

Linjie Gu

Matthew Murphy

Hao Zou

Rathsara Herath

Riya Nandi

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