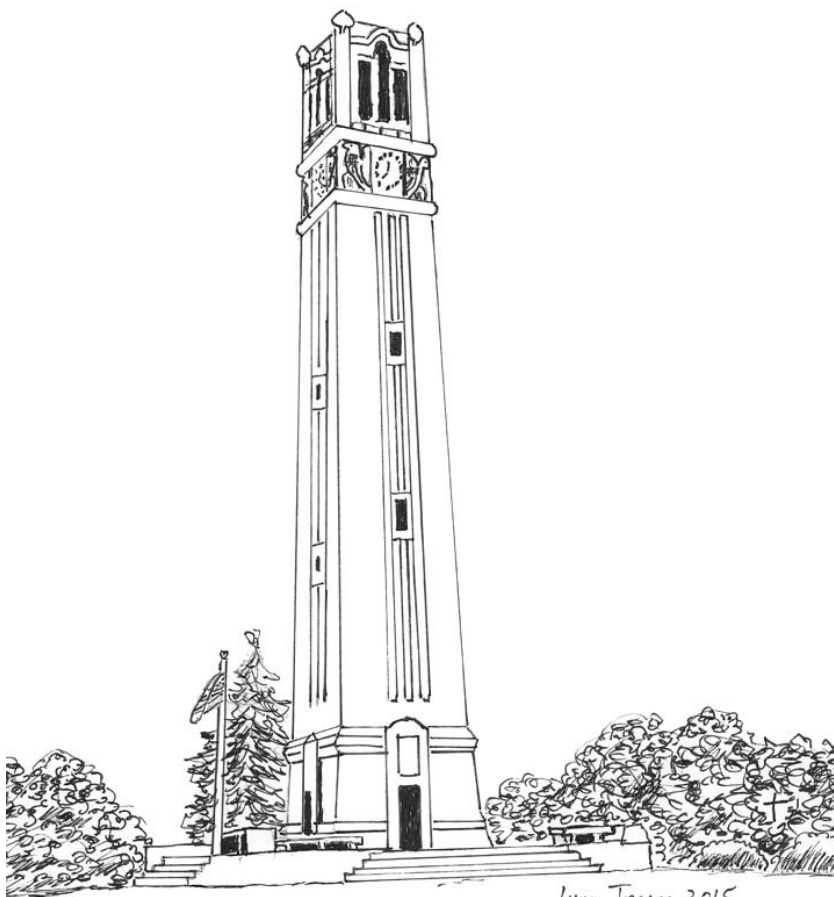


NC STATE

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS



Spring 2025

Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 2, 2025

- *** Summa Cum Laude—GPA 3.750 and above
- ** Magna Cum Laude—GPA 3.500-3.749
- * Cum Laude—GPA 3.250-3.499
- ‡ Double Major
- § Triple Major
- † Minor in Another Area
- + University Honors Program
- Mathematics Honors Program
- ≈ Financial Mathematics Concentration
- ^ Summer 2025 Graduate
- ° Fall 2024 Graduate
- ◆ University Scholars Program

Program

Welcome

Dr. Alina Chertock
Department Head, Mathematics

Guest Speaker

Mr. Martin O'Connell
Founder, PCI Business Development Solutions LLC
1992 Master of Science in Applied Mathematics, NC State University
1987 Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, NC State University

Presentation of Undergraduate Degrees

Dr. Alina Duca
Director of Undergraduate Programs, Mathematics

Presentation of Graduate Degrees

Dr. Tao Pang
Director of Financial Mathematics Graduate Program

Dr. Mansoor Haider
Director of Foundations of Data Science Graduate Program

Dr. Kevin Flores
Director of Biomathematics Graduate Program

Dr. Bojko Bakalov
Director of Applied Mathematics and Mathematics Graduate Programs

Closing Remarks

Dr. Alina Chertock
Department Head, Mathematics

Guest Speaker

Martin O'Connell

A double Wolfpack alumnus, Martin O'Connell's journey began with a foundation in mechanical engineering, solidified by a master's in Applied Mathematics from NC State – a cornerstone he credits for his near 30-years in the GEICO actuarial, IT and claims departments. With a career that spans beyond spreadsheets and risk assessments, Martin is also an Advanced



SAS Certified Programmer with an array of other programming languages in many computing environments. Believing that success in a business environment requires industry knowledge as well, Martin also holds the CPCU and AIDA insurance industry designations.

He's a testament to NC State's 'Think and Do' mantra, proving that intellectual curiosity translates to real-world impact. In 2023, Martin channeled his wealth of insurance industry experience by founding PCI Business Development Solutions LLC, forging his own path into consultancy and currently is working with an international commercial lines insurer. In his spare time, he enjoys home restoration, taking to the open road on his motorcycle, running, tackling a good crossword puzzle as well as an occasional bridge game. Mr. O'Connell is a lifelong learner who demonstrates the harmony that can exist when you combine the pursuit of knowledge with the spirit of adventure.



We want to thank Martin and his wife Caroline for the many years that they have supported a scholarship within the College of Sciences to help make the NC State experience possible for others.

Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics

Pratik Bairoliya ***††	Morrisville, NC
Nicole Berkin ***†≈	Waxhaw, NC
Connor Blumsack ***†	Charlotte, NC
Drew Bodnar †	Burlington, NC
Corbin Brogdon ≈	Clayton, NC
Alexander Mark Chaffee ***†◆≈	Charlotte, NC
Irika Amit Desai †◆≈	Concord, NC
Kristen Kathleen Epperly **†≈	Denver, NC
James Fentress ≈^	Raleigh, NC
Kayli Fromm †	Etters, PA
Rianna Elizabeth Gillies **††	Raleigh, NC
Zachary Roland Jewell *†≈	Huntersville, NC
Lev Mascenik Kakasenko ***†●	State Road, NC
Burke Jordan King ***††◆≈	Elon, NC
Marissa Ann Lane ***†≈	West Jefferson, NC
Ignacio Leon †	Raleigh, NC
Carissa Lynn *	Charlotte, NC
Alex Mize ***†	Columbus, NC
Trevor Otte *†≈	Apex, NC

Charan Pandigunta **†≈	Cary, NC
Daniella Christine Quigley †^	Clayton, NC
Arthur Roger Jr. ^	Miami, FL
Diego Sarria	Raleigh, NC
Megan Vezzetti ***‡●	Raleigh, NC
Aijia Zhang **‡	Lanzhou, China

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Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Olivia Lynn Allred †	Elon, NC
Max Barberan *	Knightdale, NC
Jalen Bellamy	Raeford, NC
Hobson Carion ***‡†	Huntersville, NC
Derek Curry ***‡	Cary, NC
Calista Foret ***‡†	Concord, NC
Parker Grantham	Raleigh, NC
Caleb Hathaway ***‡	Gastonia, NC
Xuyang He ^	Xi'an, China
Roy Hosek ***§●	Wilmington, NC
Gezhi Hou *	Lanzhou, China
Bailey Howard	Charlotte, NC

Elsie Christine Howard **	Raleigh, NC
Shannon Kellie Jenkins ***§†◆●	Fuquay Varina, NC
Clara Johnson	Chapel Hill, NC
Pranav Krishna Kumar *††	Morrisville, NC
Arvin Kushwaha **††●	Greensboro, NC
Katherine Renee Lennon ***	Cary, NC
Ryan Anthony Leynor	Cary, NC
Xiang Li ***	Zhengzhou, China
Grant McNaughton ***†	Cary, NC
Sarah Melby *†	Newport, NC
Emily Moore ***†	Mooresville, NC
Reed Morgan *††	Dobson, NC
Khoi Nguyen †	Lawrenceville, GA
Josh Ott ***†●	Raleigh, NC
Fahim Pavel ***†●	Raleigh, NC
Rebecca Elias Peace *	Baltimore, MD
Matthew Thomas Presson ***†	Raleigh, NC
Brian Ramsey *†	Charlotte, NC
Matthew Rink **†	Marion, NC
Matthew Rinnyk ††	Howell, NJ
Noah Robertson *†●	Raleigh, NC
Marie Sieber ***†	Matthews, NC
David Sieg ***†●	Winston-Salem, NC

Justin Vincent Silluzio **†

Apex, NC

Simone Alexis Smith **††◆

Wake Forest, NC

Zhibang Sun

Shandong, China

Anderson Taurence ***††

Raleigh, NC

Mastawal Adane Getachew Tirfe **†●

Harrisburg, NC

Aaron West ***†●

Haw River, NC

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Graduate Degrees

Master of Science in Financial Mathematics

Jayanth Maruthayan Elangovan ⁰

Neyveli, India

Yuqi Wu

Nanjing, China

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Master of Science in Foundations of Data Science

Jenna Christensen

Raleigh, NC

Nathan Ress

Cary, NC

Lily Smith

Wilmington, NC

Pavithra Velumani

Tamil Nadu, India

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Doctor of Philosophy in Biomathematics

Savannah Victoria Curtis

Jacksonville, FL

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Master of Science in Applied Mathematics

Shuvrodeb Adhikary

Bagerhat, Bangladesh

Nathaniel Brockmann

Charlotte, NC

William Garrabrant

Raleigh, NC

Jenna Jones

Wilson, NC

Troy James Larsen

West Chester, PA

Logan Martyn

Burlington, NC

Andre Mas

Virginia Beach, VA

Helen Reed

Cary, NC

Nigar Sultana

Chandpur, Bangladesh

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Master of Science in Mathematics

Chay McHenry Beeson

Lexington, NC

Ian Bunner

Efland, NC

Liam Flaherty

Westfield, MA

Dengyao Luo

Wuhan, Hubei, China

Anna Shapiro

Portland, OR

John Skeen

Jacksonville, NC

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Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Mathematics

Abhijit Chowdhary	Laurel, MD
Kamala Dadashova	Baku, Azerbaijan
Benjamin Daniel	Fairfax, VA
Zachary T. Hilliard ^	Charleston, SC
Adam Pickarski ^	Moscow, PA
Tilekbek Zhoroiev	Osh, Kyrgyzstan

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Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics

Timothy Ablondi	Conway, AR
Isaac Bailey Dobes	Springfield, VA
John Graf	Melrose, MA
Bryson Kagy ^	Alpharetta, GA
Everett August Meike	San Diego, CA
Rachel Morris ^	Hudson, OH
Andrew Paul Murdza ^	Rutland, MA
Diego Castedo Peña	Santa Cruz, Bolivia
Kylan Schatz	Raleigh, NC
Andrew James Shedlock ^	Reston, VA

Minor in Mathematics

Craig Abell	Ahsen Malik
Yash Agarwal	Alexander Matta
Jacqueline Aguilar-Delgado	Nathan Muckler
Lillith Ahrens	Geigh Neill
Nabeel Alghaith	Christian Nielsen
Harshica Balu	Ashwin Pandey
Neil Bennett	Ravi Pavuluri
Nicholas Berenson	Sarah Perdue
Alexander Boehlke	Jackson Rhinehardt
Griffin Bonner	Tomas Rinne
Madison Book	Owen Rock
Joanna Brennan	McKenzie Sevier
Shane Conroy	Yusef Shakhtour
Reed Dallmann	Maxim Shelepov
Hannah DeVane	Kierra Shook
Connor Donovan	David Sweasey
Aaron Dusenbury	Xinqiu Tan
Michael Dvoskin	Logan Tart
Benjamin Ewing	Merilyn Thomas
Austin Farrand	Mary Vogelsong
Carter Fultz	Logan White
Alec Henderson	Bryant Willoughby
Sloane Hovey	Brian Yngve
Adeline Hunt	Vaden Young
Victor Ibarra-Mendoza	Katelyn Yount
Brady Jones	John Yu
Tyler Kay	Michael Zheng
Anthony Kelly	Noah Ziglar
Allen MacMillan	



Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire.

By William Butler Yeats

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