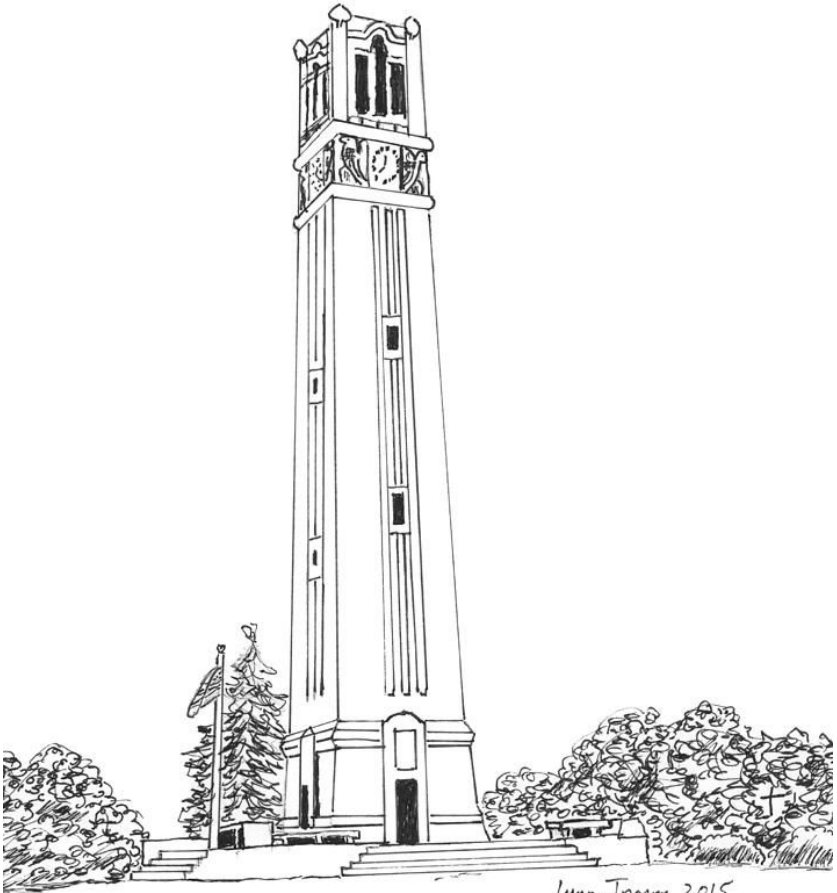


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COLLEGE OF SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS



Spring 2026

Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 8, 2026

- *** 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
- Mathematical Foundations of Data Science Concentration
- ^ Summer 2026 Graduate
- ◆ University Scholars Program

Program

Welcome

Dr. Lorena Bociu
Associate Department Head, Mathematics

Guest Speaker

Ms. Emily Gordon
Senior Program Manager, SAS Institute
College of Sciences Foundation Board of Directors, NC State University
2010 Master of Science in Global Innovation Management, NC State University
2009 Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics, 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
Interim Director of Biomathematics Graduate Program

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

Closing Remarks

Dr. Lorena Bociu
Associate Department Head, Mathematics

Guest Speaker

Emily Gordon

Emily Gordon is a Senior Program Manager at SAS Institute in Cary, where she leads identity and access engineering initiatives that address complex, high-impact technology challenges. She credits her NC State College of Sciences education in mathematics and physics with building the rigorous, creative problem-solving skills that guide her work and her approach to leading teams from solution design through effective implementation. Emily serves on the College of Sciences Foundation Board of Directors and previously completed three terms on the Alumni Advisory Board. Her commitment to service reflects her support for NC State's mission to expand access to exceptional education and opportunity—especially for women and students from underrepresented backgrounds in the sciences. She is passionate about mentorship and is proud to help students connect their academic strengths and personal interests to meaningful career paths.



A lifelong member of the NC State community, Emily comes from a proud family of alumni whose degrees span mathematics, textiles, computer science, statistics, civil engineering, math education, and design, so they all took mathematics classes along the way. She says she has always been—and will always be—part of the NC State family, and she strives to embody the university's "Think and Do" motto by continuing to be a life-long learner and by supporting the NC State University community.



Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics

Maeve Burns **†≈	Emerald Isle, NC
Rohit Farmah **	Apex, NC
Justin Florence *	Durham, NC
Diana Laura Gomez **††≈^	Wilmington, NC
Nick Franklin Hengsterman *†	Hillsborough, NC
Evan Horner ***†°	Raleigh, NC
Sophia Khoudary *††	Cary, NC
Ryan Leanne Mabe †	Kernersville, NC
Walker McDonald **†≈	Cary, NC
Austin Hunter Medlin †≈	Wake Forest, NC
John Miller ***††●+	Newton, NC
Mason Petronzio **†≈	Winston Salem, NC
Megan Rose Sharkey ***†+	Monroe, NC
Benjamin Santos Uy ***†+	Mooresville, NC

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Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Nishant Ajitsaria **‡●+	Mumbai, India
Kartik Alle ***‡	Morrisville, NC
Rene Abang Ashu	Burlington, NC
Jalen Jacob Bellamy	Fayetteville, NC
Jennifer Huanxun Brandt **†	San Antonio, TX
Joseph Matthew DeCerbo	Sanford, NC
Zachary Dubisky *‡	Gastonia, NC
Marina Eisnaugle †	Albemarle, NC
Quinn Gebeaux **†	Raleigh, NC
Makaio Allen Hendrix	Greensboro, NC
Charlie Hernandez *‡^	Dobson, NC
Omee Jain ***‡	Cary, NC
Noah Evans Lehner ***§+	Pittsburgh, PA
Hanwen Li †	Lanzhou, China
Mason McElroy ***‡●	Huntersville, NC
Vasudev Menon ***‡	Morrisville, NC
Kagwe Muchane **‡	Cary, NC
Adelaide Nebeker ***●	Arlington, VA
William James Newman **‡	Charlotte, NC
Ryan O'Connor *‡	Concord, NC
Emma Ogden **‡	Wake Forest, NC
Ethan Patrick McCoy Patten ***‡†	Fayetteville, NC

Melina Roman †

Noah David Siekierski ***††●

Benjamin Huchingson Smith **●

Chinmay Talikoti ***††

John Wiles ***†●

Matawan, NJ

Pittsboro, NC

New Bern, NC

Cary, NC

Raleigh, NC

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Graduate Degrees

Master of Financial Mathematics

Kristen Kathleen Epperly	Denver, NC
Burke Jordan King	Elon, NC
Adharsh Rajagopal	Charlotte, NC
Eric Wang	Knoxville, TN

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Master of Science in Foundations of Data Science

Shrawani Ajay Gulhane	Arvi, India
Em C. Jirles	Durham, NC
Shraawani Lattoo	Pune, India
Gaurav Nilesh Mehta	Mumbai, India

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Master of Science in Applied Mathematics

Pingyao Feng	Chengdu, China
Hayden Outlaw	Boulder, CO
Ryan Rinaudo	Acworth, GA

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Master of Science in Mathematics

Ethan Botelho	Raleigh, NC
Nicholas Brock	Dayton, TN
Rebecca Fiechter	Bluffton, IN
Bobby Jarrell	Kiserian, Kenya
Rachel Niebler	Bethesda, MD
Jeffrey Venable Jr.	Raleigh, NC

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Doctor of Philosophy in Biomathematics

Johnna Brooks	Harkers Island, NC
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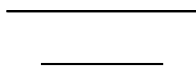
Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Mathematics

John Neuberger	Flagstaff, AZ
Madhusudan Madhavan ^	Cary, NC

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Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics

Reeshad Arian	Tucson, AZ
Alexander Betz	Stony Brook, NY
Matthew Broussard	Lookout Mountain, GA
Diego Cornejo	Lima, Perú
Evangelia Ftaka	Kozani, Greece
Ian Klein	Edwardsville, IL
Francisco Ponce Carrion	Quito, Ecuador
Daniel Profili	Marietta, GA
Jack Reeve^	Cary, NC
Elijah Rutter	Metuchen, NJ
Yiling Wang	Wuhan, China



Minor in Mathematics

Tochukwu Aniekwensi	Levi Lavengood
Sofiiia Asadchykh	William Livengood
Keegan Bader	Daniel Longrie
Aditya Basarkar	Scott Loubier
Maggie Becker	Patrick Mays
Joshua Cervenak	Logan Moy
Aaron Chao	Angela Ni
Quincy Cornish	Zayden Parks
Liam Doak	Pari Patel
Jude El Marsi	John Pawlowski
Gabriel Elsisy	Rhea Pimenta
Carl Emerson	Jorge Quintana Maldonado
Anna Florness	Jake Riehle
James Garmon	Jacob Roof
Christian Goga	Greydon Sarvis
Kergan Sanderson	Brennan Selcz
Zachary Haugan	Kyle Setzer
Savanah Hendzel	Siddharth Shinde
Nora Hicks	Cade Sorensen
Michael Hines	Cole Spillman
Angel Jimenez	Matthew Stanioch
Kieran Jones	Ryan Terpolilli
Veronika Juylova	Paul Toolan
Eleanor Kaley	Benjamin Tran
Sanjana Kasturi	Leo Wang
Michael Kincart	Alex Wierda
John Kruger	Vanessa Wingard
Anneke Lam	Evan Xavier
Hollander Landon	Charles Zug
Keaton Lane	



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

By William Butler Yeats

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