

DEPARTMENT of GEOSCIENCES

DEPARTMENTAL CONVOCATION

Celebrating the Class of 2022

Friday, May 20, 2022

Earth and Space Sciences Building

1:30 PM



Program

Welcome: Professor Brian Phillips

Presentation of Undergraduate Degrees and Awards: Professor Lars Ehm

Undergraduate Excellence in Teaching Award: Sarah Tabibzada

Myron Fuller Award: Ranger Agte

For outstanding Senior(s) in Geology and/or Earth Space Sciences.

Oliver Schaeffer Award: Kim Vu

For academic performance, research, and departmental service, in honor of the Department's founder.

Oliver Schaeffer Endowed Scholarship: Elijah Berger and Sarah Praisner This scholarship recognizes academic achievement and aspiration exemplifying the vision of the Department's founder. Endowment established by Professor Robert Warasila (PhD '76) and the George Schaeffer Family and continues to be supported by other generous donors.

Speaker Introduction: Professor Brian Phillips

Salute to Graduates: Dr. Ashaki Rouff (PhD 2004)

Presentation of Graduate Degrees and Awards: Professor Deanne Rogers

Graduate Excellence in Teaching Award: Madison Anae and Hanxiao Wu

David E. King Field Work Award: Taylor Grandfield and Kevin HattonMade possible by donations from David E. King (MS '84)

The Far Beyond Award: Laura Breitenfeld

For exceptional voluntary service that significantly enhances the quality of the Geosciences undergraduate learning experience, research mission, or Department operation.

Closing Remarks: Professor Brian Phillips

Undergraduate Degree Candidates

Bachelor of Arts - Earth and Space Sciences

Amy Lin, Cum Laude Caitlin Maria Ocasio

Bachelor of Arts - Earth and Space Sciences Education Track

Nicholas Andrew Montero

Lia Judith Reisner

Bachelor of Science - Geology

Ranger Roy Agte, Summa Cum Laude
Gabrielle Nicole Clement
Alexis Marie Cupo
Enrico James Frantellizzi
Ryan James Korman
Shannon Letscher
Lillian Jean Nicholson, Magna Cum Laude
Nattarika Saengkhueankaeo
Kim Thanh Vu, Cum Laude
Ranae Andrea Ward
Keena Wong

Graduate Degree Candidates

Master of Arts in Teaching Earth Science

Robert M. Fernandez

Matthew William Organ

Jarrod Matthew Trojcak

Master of Science – Geosciences

Hydrogeology Concentration

Christopher Michael Rooney

Doctor of Philosophy – Geosciences

Alexandra Anne Ahern
David Graham Burtt
Justin Chandler Cowart
Donald Allen Hendrix
Douglas Richard Schaub
Siheng Wang
Allison Mary Zastrow

Dr. Ashaki Rouff is an Environmental Geochemist studying inorganic and organic contaminants in natural, human-impacted, and engineered systems with the goal of environmental preservation and sustainability. Research foci include phosphorus recovery from wastewater for sustainable use of nutrient resources, metals in urban soils, and sustainably-sourced sorbents for gas capture. She holds a PhD from Stony Brook University, NY and received postdoctoral training at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the Paul Scherrer Institute, Switzerland. She was the recipient of a 2019 Fulbright Global Scholar Award, and a 2011 Career Enhancement Fellowship from The Institute for Citizens & Scholars. She is an Associate Professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Rutgers University, Newark.

