



College of the Coast  
& Environment

## Fall 2023 Graduating Class

### LSU COLLEGE OF THE COAST & ENVIRONMENT PLATFORM PARTICIPANTS

**Clinton S. Willson**, Callais and Woods Professor and Interim Dean

**Sibel Bargu Ates**, Professor, Associate Dean, Academics, and representing the Department of Oceanography & Coastal Sciences

**John White**, Professor, Associate Dean, Research

**Kevin Armbrust**, Professor & Chair, Department of Environmental Services

**Vince Wilson**, Professor & Director, CC&E undergraduate programs

**Robert Rohli**, Professor & Master of Ceremony

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COASTAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

**Caitlyn M. Abu-Kubie**

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**Maximus Christian Cook**

**Madelyn Grace Grooms**

**Emma Grace Holloway**

**Lauren Kathryn Landholm**

**John Michael McGraw**

**Shayla Marie McSally**

**Aaron Hamilton Meyers**

**Brennan M. Robertson**

**Marion Elizabeth Vise**

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

**Lindsay Brooke Burris**, MS Environmental Sciences

Professional Masters

Major Professor: Rebeca de Jesús Crespo

**Seth Chapman**, MS Oceanography & Coastal Sciences

Thesis: Vegetation and Habitat Classification of Created and Natural Brackish Marshes via Unoccupied Aerial Systems and Potential Monitoring Applications

Major Professor: Dr. Michael J. Polito

**Taylor Crowder**, MS Environmental Sciences

Professional Masters

Major Professor: Rebeca de Jesús Crespo

**Marion S. Freistadt**, MS Environmental Sciences

Thesis: Are We There Yet?

Major Professor: Dr. Margaret Reams



## MASTER OF SCIENCE

**Clay Austin Pankey**, MS Environmental Sciences  
Professional Masters  
Major Professor: Rebeca de Jesús Crespo

**Suzanne Rice**, MS Oceanography & Coastal Sciences  
Professional Masters  
Major Professor: Dr. Robert Rohli

**Kristine K Souknary**, MS Environmental Sciences  
Professional Masters  
Major Professor: Rebeca de Jesús Crespo

**Maggie Tabor**, MS Environmental Sciences and Certificate in Environmental & Energy Policy  
Professional Masters  
Major Professor: Dr. Rebeca de Jesús Crespo

**Katelyn Templeton**, MS Environmental Sciences  
Professional Masters  
Major Professor: Dr. Rebeca de Jesús Crespo

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

**Ruth Adetoro Akintoye**, PhD, Environmental Sciences  
Dissertation: Vibriosis: An Integrated Study of Ecology, State Policy, and Health Communication  
Major Professor: Dr. Margaret Reams

**Jennifer Elizabeth Argote**, PhD, Environmental Sciences  
Dissertation: Influences on Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System in Coastal Counties in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida  
Major Professor: Dr. Margaret Reams

**Caitlin Nicole deNux**, PhD, Environmental Sciences  
Dissertation: Evaluation of Organic and Synthetic Herbicides Applications on Indicators of Soil Health and Weed Suppression in a Conventional Cropping System in Louisiana  
Major Professor: Dr. Aixin Hou