LSU College of the Coast & Environment
Summer 2024
Graduating Class

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP

Dr. Clint Willson, Professor & Dean
Dr. Sibel Bargu Ates, Professor & Associate Dean, Academics
Dr. John White, Professor & Associate Dean, Research
Ms. Leah Courville, Assistant Dean
Dr. Brian Snyder, Associate Professor & Director, Undergraduate Programs
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COASTAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Kin Long Chiu  
Hometown: Hong Kong, People's Republic of China

Olivia Anne Hebert  
Hometown: Metairie, LA

Annie Elizabeth Lamke  
Hometown: Port Barre, LA

Lilith May Meng  
Hometown: The Woodlands, TX

Austin Wade Wittig  
Hometown: Zachary, LA

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Michele Faraone Delliger, MS Environmental Sciences  
Title of Paper: “The use of artificial bat roosting structures along electric utility rights-of-ways as an effective mitigation strategy for the loss of natural roosts in forest-dominated ecosystems: a systematic review”  
Major Advisor: Dr. Margaret Reams  
Hometown: Mechanicsburg, PA

Ryan Duhon, MS Environmental Sciences  
Title of Paper: “What are the impacts of large native pollinator habitat areas on land management decisions on state departments of transportation? A Systematic Review”  
Major Advisor: Dr. Rebeca de Jesús Crespo  
Hometown: Sunset, LA

Md. Muzahidul Islam, MS, Oceanography & Coastal Sciences  
Title of Thesis: “Impacts of Morphological Changes on Water Residence Times in River Deltas”  
Major Professor: Dr. Matthew Hiatt  
Hometown: Khulna, Bangladesh

Cassandra Drexel Kidder, MS Environmental Sciences  
Title of Paper: “An Analysis of Carbon Capture as a Solution to Climate Change”  
Major Advisor: Dr. Rebeca de Jesús Crespo  
Hometown: Breaux Bridge, LA

Walter James Kornegay, MS Environmental Sciences  
Title of Paper: “PFAS Contamination in the Great Lakes Region”  
Major Advisor: Dr. Brian Snyder  
Hometown: Midlothian, TX
Haley Ann Marquette, MS Environmental Sciences  
Title of Paper: “Impacts of Plastic Pollution on Seabirds”  
Major Advisor: Dr. Brian Snyder  
Hometown: Covington, LA

Kristine Marie Mueller, Certificate in Environmental Modeling & Analysis  
Major Advisor: Dr. Rebeca de Jesús Crespo  
Hometown: Huntington Beach, CA

Samatha Schwippert, MS, Oceanography & Coastal Sciences  
Title of Thesis: “Evaluating the Biological Carbon Pump at the Ross Ice Shelf Marginal Zone”  
Major Professor: Dr. Kanchan Maiti  
Hometown: Fort Myers, FL

Lucy Soto, MS Environmental Sciences  
Title of Paper: “Can we reach environmental sustainability with renewable energy?”  
Major Advisor: Dr. Rebeca de Jesús Crespo  
Hometown: Houston, TX

Kevin Stoner, MS, Oceanography & Coastal Sciences  
Title of Thesis: “Impact of Containment and Elevation on Created Marsh Plant Community and Ecosystem Dynamics”  
Major Professor: Dr. Tracy Quirk  
Hometown: Lansing, MI

Maya E. Tessler, MS, Oceanography & Coastal Sciences  
Title of Thesis: “A model-proxy analysis of plankton dynamics across the Cretaceous-Paleogene boundary”  
Major Professor: Dr. Cheryl Harrison  
Hometown: Poughquag, NY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Jianguo Yuan, PhD, Oceanography & Coastal Sciences  
Major Professor: Dr. Jun-Hong Liang  
Hometown: Zhangjiajie, Hunan Province, People’s Republic of China

Wenqiang (William) Zhang, PhD, Oceanography & Coastal Sciences  
Dissertation: “Sediment Transport and Geomorphological Evolution of Mud-capped Dredge Pits on the Inner Louisiana Continental Shelf”  
Major Professor: Dr. Kehui (Kevin) Xu  
Hometown: Weifang City, Shandong Province, People’s Republic of China