



LSU College of the Coast & Environment Spring 2026 Commencement Ceremony

Order of Events

Platform Party Procession

Welcome & Introduction of Platform Party
Clint Willson, Dean

Presentation of Candidates
Robert Rohli, Professor and Master of Ceremony

Congratulations
Clint Willson, Dean

Acknowledgement of Graduates Not in Attendance - Bachelors, Masters, PhD
Robert Rohli, Professor and Master of Ceremony

Presentation of Diplomas
Bachelor of Science in Coastal Environmental Science
Brian Snyder, Director, CC&E's Undergraduate Program
Master of Science in Environmental Sciences
Master of Science in Oceanography & Coastal Sciences
Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Sciences
Doctor of Philosophy in Oceanography & Coastal Sciences
Kevin Armbrust, Chair, Department of Environmental Sciences
John White, Professor, Department of Oceanography & Coastal Sciences

Concluding Remarks, Clint Willson, Dean

Reception in Shirley Plakidas Room- 1st floor

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COASTAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Alexis Nicole Anderson

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Tayla Scherri Anderson

Concentration in Environmental Science and Research

Morgan E Barber

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Katie Lane Barrett

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Camille Kerry Beeding^{***}

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Sofia Bosch

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Omid Nadimi Boushehri^{***}

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Tyler Derrick Cobb

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Eowyn Dautrich^{**}

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Isabel Grace Dean^{*}

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Leighton Flanagan^{***H}

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Chase Garbert^{***}

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Ainsley Lauren Grant

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Joliegh Josephs

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Alexis M LaBarrere

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Hayden Lapeze^{*}

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Zoe Muhammad

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Travis R Pasquier

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Stephanie Pham

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Julianna Lucia Rhodes

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Jonathan M Russell^{***TH}

Concentration in Coastal Meteorology

William John Sexton

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Campbell Smith

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Tanner Brandt Soileau

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Jada Tyrell^{**}

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

Jameson Woodall

Concentration in Applied Coastal Environmental Science

*** indicates honors distinction Summa Cum Laude, 3.9 GPA or above

** indicates honors distinction Magna Cum Laude to 3.899 GPA

* indicates honors distinction Cum Laude, 3.7 to 3.799 GPA

H indicates Ogden Honors College graduate

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GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Cortnie Lynn Gulley, Certificate in Environmental and Energy Policy

Richard William McCarthy, Certificate in Environmental and Energy Policy

Roger Phung, Certificate in Environmental Modeling and Analysis

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Howard Patrick Dunleavy, MS, Oceanography & Coastal Sciences

Thesis Title: "Using long-term data to understand estuarine ecology and develop educational tools", Major Professor: Dr. Stephen Midway

Destin Garcia, MS, Environmental Sciences

Final Paper (non-Thesis): "Evaluating the effectiveness of outreach programs to engage well owners in testing and protecting their drinking water supply"

Elizabeth Harris, MS, Oceanography & Coastal Sciences

Thesis Title: "Recent Wetland Elevation Dynamics in Coastal Louisiana, USA"; Major Professor: Tracy Quirk

Sophia Sevier Lingo, MS, Oceanography & Coastal Sciences

Thesis Title: "Greenhouse Gas Fluxes Across a Sediment Organic Matter Gradient in an Active Delta"; Major Professor: Dr. Robert Twilley

Ralph Sherwood Oglesby III, MS, Environmental Sciences

Final Paper (non-Thesis): "Evaluating Fecal Coliform as a Water Quality Indicator in Louisiana Oyster Harvesting: Historical Development, Scientific Basis, and Alternative Approaches"

Morgan Ulmer, MS, Environmental Sciences

Final Paper (non-Thesis): "How Effective Are Louisiana's Wastewater Permitting and Enforcement Programs in Reducing Pollutant Discharges?"

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Gabrielle Electra Carpenter, PhD, Oceanography & Coastal Sciences

Dissertation Title: "Disease 'Scapes: A Multi Scale Approach to Understanding Marine Disease in Stony Corals" Newport Beach, CA, Major Professor: Dr. Michael Dance

Benjamin Holmes Farmer, PhD, Oceanography & Coastal Sciences

Dissertation Title: "Metacommunity Coupled Epidemiological and Biophysical Modeling of an Emergent Coral Disease" Lexington, KY, Major Professor: Dr. Daniel Holstein

Sajjad Feizabadi, PhD, Oceanography & Coastal Sciences

Dissertation Title: "Nonlinear Hydrodynamics and Connectivity in a River-Dominated Delta under Atmospheric Cold Fronts" Tehran, Iran, Major Professor: Dr. Chunyan Li

Jennifer Kay Irving, PhD, Environmental Sciences

Dissertation Title: "Quantifying Cumulative Impacts: A Spatial Analysis of Environmental Health Disparities in Louisiana", Major Professor: Dr. Nina Lam

Lee Avery Potter, PhD, Oceanography & Coastal Sciences

Dissertation Title: "Biogeochemical Controls on Phosphorus Transport and Legacy Storage Across a Coastal Watershed" Silver Spring, MD, Major Professor: Dr. John White

Sean Christopher Reagan, PhD, Environmental Sciences

Dissertation Title: "Cancer screening resilience during the COVID 19 Pandemic" Madisonville, LA, Major Professor: Dr. Vince Wilson

Caitlin Turner, PhD, Oceanography & Coastal Sciences

Dissertation Title: "Reconnecting the River: Upstream Inputs and Downstream Impacts of a Large-scale Coastal Freshwater Diversion" Mays Landing, NJ, Major Professor: Dr. Matthew Hiatt

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