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NEWSLETTER

May
2021

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Chemistry and Physics Graduates

Congratulations to our graduates. Job well done!

College of Arts and Sciences Chemistry and Physics Department



<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	Lauryn Kay Blakely Lewis
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	Tiffany Bramblett Simpson
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	Damaris N. Gonzalez
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	David John Green
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	Zixian Jiao
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	Quinisha Jonyea Leak
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	Danaisha Chante' Moore
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	Christin Ryan Revels
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	James Wellington Graham
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	Dana E. Lamberton
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	Ryan K. Locklear
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	Stenson D. Sampson
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	Ashton Tate Schmoll
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	James Dwight Williams
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	Evert Garcia-Guzman

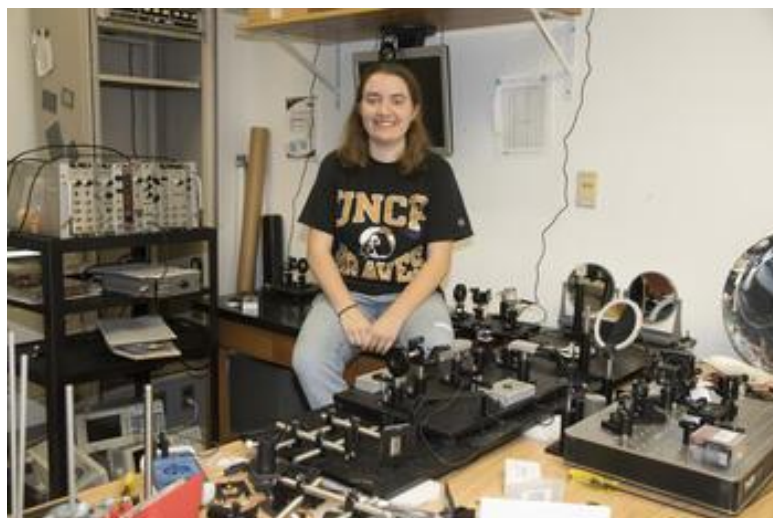
Some Photos of our Chemistry and Physics Graduates



Tiffany Bramblett Simpson



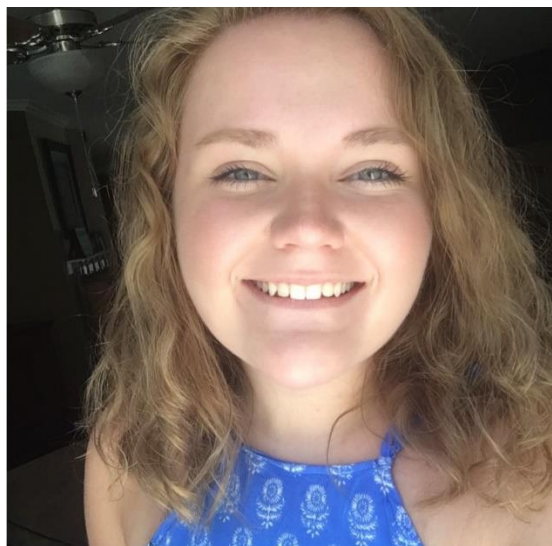
James Wellington Graham



Dana E. Lamberton



Evert Garcia-Guzman



Lauryn Kay Blakely Lewis


Congratulations

Chemistry and Physics Graduate Drop-in Social

The 2021 Spring Graduate Drop-in Social was May 13, 2021. Graduates randomly stop by the office to receive their lunch bag from Chick-fil-A. The faculty and staff met briefly with the graduates to give their wishes and congratulations. The graduates for this semester are: **Lauryn Kay Blakely Lewis, Tiffany Amber Bramblett Simpson, Damaris Noemi Gonzalez, James Wellington Graham, David John Green, Zixian Jiao, Dana E. Lamberton, Quinisha Jonyea Leak, Ryan K. Locklear, Danaisha Chante' Moore, Christin Ryan Revels, Stenson D. Sampson, Ashton Tate Schmoll, James Dwight Williams, and Evert Garcia-Guzman.** Congratulations to our graduates. Job well done!





James Wellington Graham



Dana E. Lamberton



Evert Garcia-Guzman, David John Green, Stenson D. Sampson, Tiffany Amber B. Simpson

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke will hold its graduation ceremony for students receiving graduate degrees on Friday, May 21, and undergraduate degrees on Saturday, May 22, 2021.

We appreciate both Carolyn and Hope for preparing the lunch bags from Chick-fil-A for the faculty, staff, and graduates luncheon. Both of you did a great job! Thanks for all you do for the department.

Departmental Awards Day Ceremony Cancelled

Due to the ongoing of COVID-19, the Faculty and Staff members and Dr. Siva Mandjiny took the decision to cancel the Academic Awards Day Ceremony.

Thank you Dr. Storms and Mrs. Bullock for all the hard work you put together for this Awards Ceremony and the programs. Also, thank you to the Scholarships Committee members: Drs. Storms, Flowers, Mandjiny, Dooling, Brandon, and Rice. Each recipients will receive a certificate and a cash award.

This year's recipients are:

Lauryn Blakely Lewis	American Institute of Chemists Outstanding Senior Award
Kathryn Durden	Professional Promise Award
Haleigh Grace	Continuing in Chemistry Award
Jennifer Valladarez-Castrejon	ACS Sponsored Award in Analytical Chemistry
Crystal Flinchum	ACS Sponsored Award in Inorganic Chemistry
Minh Huy Giang	ACS Sponsored Award in Organic Chemistry
Angel Williams	ACS Physical Chemistry Undergraduate Award
Tiffani Roberts	CRC Freshman Chemistry Award
Tiffany Bramblett Simpson	Undergraduate Research Award in Chemistry
Evert Garcia-Guzman	Undergraduate Research Award in Physics
Caleb Locklear	Outstanding Pre-Engineering Student Award
James Graham	Einstein Achievement Award in Physics
Terry Chavez	"3+2" Student Award
Stenson Sampson	"3+2" Student Award
Kathryn Durden	Outstanding Department Assistant

The recipients for the scholarships will be announced in the Fall.

Drs. Cecil and Naomi Lee Conley Endowed Scholarship
 UNCP Biotechnology Endowed Scholarship
 Anne Marie Teague Memorial Endowed Scholarship
 Jose and Dorothy D'Arruda Endowed Scholarship
 Comstock Foundation Pre-Engineering Scholarship


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CONGRATS

CALEB LOCKLEAR

*Outstanding
Pre-Engineering Award*

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CONGRATS



TIFFANY
BRAMBLETT
SIMPSON

Undergraduate Research in Chemistry Award



2021
FRESHMAN CHEMISTRY
AWARD



TIFFANI ROBERTS

GO
BRAVES!

UNC Pembroke

'3+2' OUTSTANDING
PRE-ENGINEERING
STUDENT AWARD

Cheers to Terry Chavez!



Jennifer Valladarez Castrejon

ACS Award - Analytical Chemistry
Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society
Inductee

2021



KATHRYN DURDEN

Professional Promise
Award
and Gamma Sigma
Epsilon Chemistry Honor
Society Inductee





Congratulations




ACS AWARD
IN INORGANIC
CHEMISTRY
Spring 2021
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CRYSTAL FLINCHUM


Congratulations!



Lauryn Blakely Lewis
**OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN
CHEMISTRY**
AWARD
UNC Pembroke



Gamma Sigma Epsilon
Chemistry Honor
Society and
Continuing in
Chemistry Award



**HALEIGH
GRACE**

**Undergraduate
Research Award
in Physics**



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Evert Garcia-Guzman

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I have loved my time at UNCP and only wish I had attended sooner. The quality of education, interaction with professors, and affordable tuition has all been amazing. This mentorship and education I have received has inspired and provided the opportunity for me to further my education once again.

— **JAMES WELLINGTON ("WELLS" GRAHAM)**
UNC Pembroke Physics Student

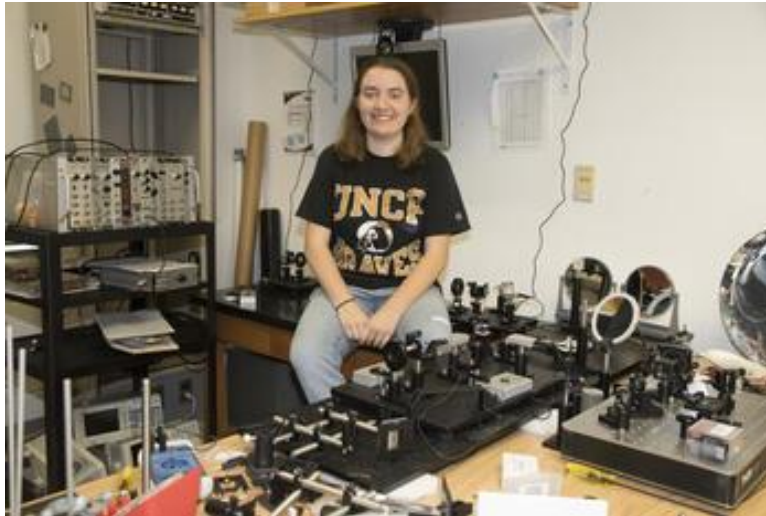


Einstein Achievement Award in Physics



Tiffany Bramblett Simpson
Undergraduate Research Award in Chemistry

The First '3+2' Student Graduate from both UNCP and NCSU



Dana E. Lamberton

My experience at UNC Pembroke was overwhelmingly positive. It provided me with a personal education experience, which allowed me to thrive as a student. The professors and other mentors I had at UNCP truly cared about making a quality education possible. I spoke to each of these people daily, and the personal interaction encouraged me to do my best. If I ever seemed to them like I was falling behind or not doing my best, my teachers would speak to me out of concern and encourage me to do better. They were also willing to answer any questions or concerns I had. When my college experience began, I was shy and afraid to ask questions; but I learned that being willing to ask questions was important to my education. The personal experience at UNC Pembroke made being more open to asking questions easier. At times, there were challenging spots; but overall, I treasure the time I spent at UNCP and appreciate the friends and mentors I made while I was a student there.



Dr. Siva Mandjiny takes the opportunity to “thank” the very important members of our department on your behalf. They are **Mrs. Carolyn Parsons Oxendine** and **Ms. Hope Bullock**. These two people have taken care of our department extremely well and I hope you agree with me on this. They were the first contact person of our department on a daily basis. They were in the front line for all our department events/needs and taking care of our students in every aspect. Let us salute them and let us give this “EXCELLENT SERVICE AWARD” to both of them with great cheers.



In conclusion, we should not forget to recognize Dr. Meredith Storms in helping us identify those award winners. Also, we should thank Dr. Meredith Storms, Dr. Paul Flowers, Dr. Tom Dooling, Dr. Bill Brandon, and Dr. Quinton Rice individually for their help to identify those scholarship winners. *“I appreciate all of you for all the services you do for our department as always. Honestly, I feel that our department will go in a different level up in the forthcoming years with all your help and enthusiasm. I remain speechless because of your wonderful and amazing work and I am so blessed to work with you all”* stated Dr. Mandjiny. We are a great team. Go Braves!!!

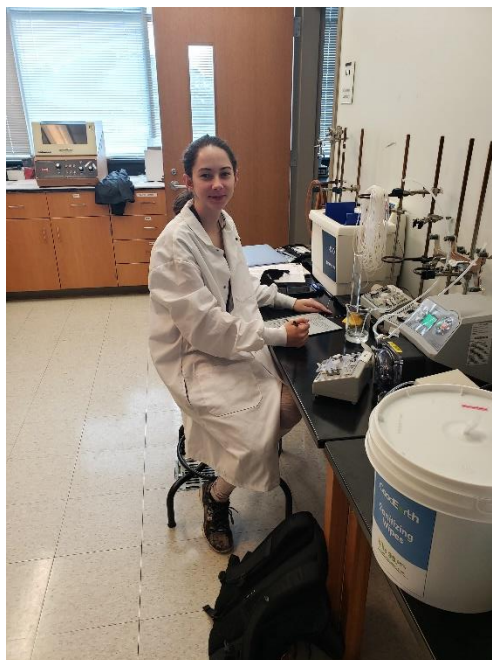
Thank You !!!

Many special “thank yous” for serving on the importance of the Safety Committee with the University and for the department. Thank you: **Mr. Devang Upadhyay, Dr. Rebecca Bullard-Dillard, and Mrs. Carolyn Oxendine.**



WORK STUDY STUDENT

The department appreciates the needed help of our work-study student, **Kathryn Durden.** We greatly appreciate your time and hard work. Thank you!!!





Student News

Dana Lamberton: our first UNCP graduate obtaining the “dual degree” on the ‘3 + 2’ program with NCSU. She graduated from NCSU completing the BS Mechanical Engineering degree this semester.

Lauryn Kay Blakely Lewis: will be attending Campbell University (NC) for Pharmacy School Program

Tiffany Amber Bramblett Simpson: will be attending Florida State University for Chemistry PhD

Damaris Noemi Gonzalez: Data Analysis job

James Wellington Graham: will be attending Wake Forest University (NC) for Physics PhD

David John Green: hope to get job with Pfizer in Sanford, NC

Zixian Jiao: will be attending the Graduate Program Wichita State University, Kansas

Stenson Dakota Sampson: hope to attend NC State University in Computer Science

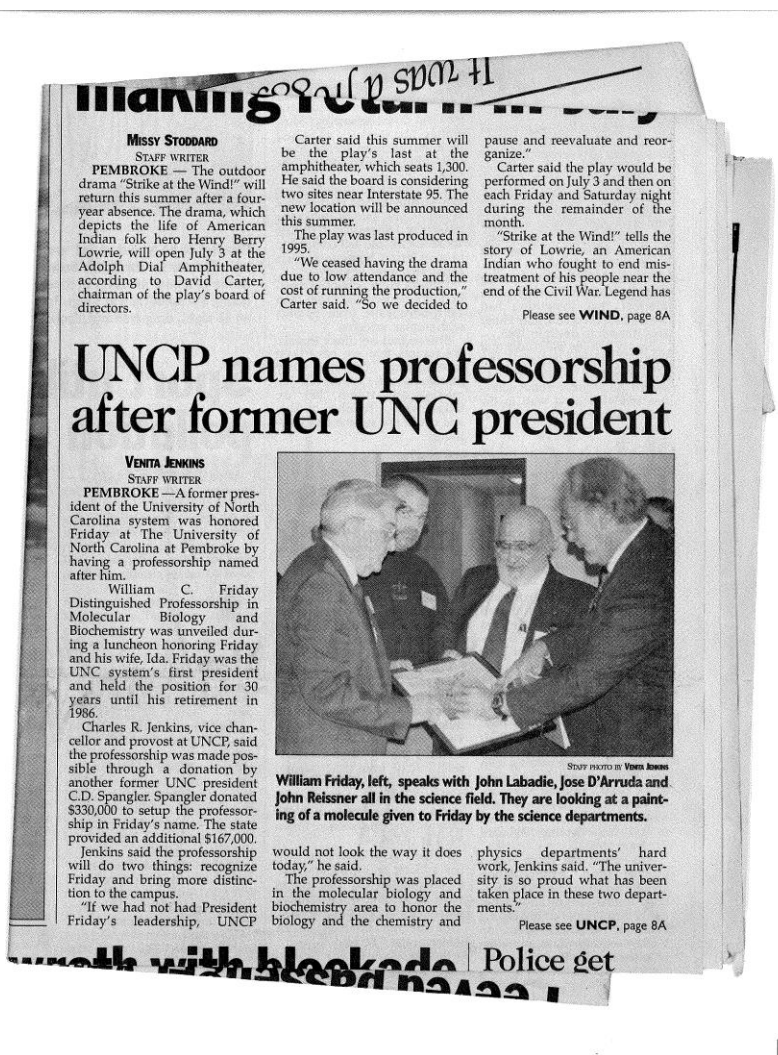
Evert Garcia-Guzman: will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill for Physics PhD

Megan Byrne: Laboratory Technician at Tergus Pharmacy in Durham, NC



Memories

Dr. Jose D'Arruda has shared some old memories with us.




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Celebrate -- *From left: Melissa Vance, Chancellor Meadors, Bobbie Ann Scott and Shirley Rodgers pose Monday at the celebration honoring the Employee of the Year.*

Bobbie Ann Scott is elected UNCP's Employee of the Year

Bobbie Ann Scott, an administrative assistant in the Department of Chemistry and Physics, was voted by her peers as Employee of the Year.

She was surprised Monday morning with a reception organized by Shirley Rodgers, chair of the Employee Recognition Committee.

She received a dozen roses, \$150, a 16 meal plan at the

cafeteria, a ceramic "Dreamsicle," a day off on her birthday and a reserved parking space.

"I am speechless," Ms. Scott said. "This is great!"

Dr. Tim Ritter said, "This is a well deserved award."

Department Chair Jose D'Arruda, who presented Ms. Scott with a model Harley Davidson, said "she is a model employee."

Johnson, Edgell and Walters are elected to posts

Sylvia T. Johnson, director of Health Careers Access Program, was elected chair of the Nomination Committee for the National Association of Medical Minority Educators (NAMME) Southern Region.

Dennis Edgell, assistant professor of geography, was elected vice president of the North Carolina Geographical Society (NCGS) at the October meeting. Next year, he will serve as president.

Dr. George Walter, chair of the Music Department, is president-elect of the North Carolina Music Teachers Association

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