

COMMENCEMENT 2021



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

3 p.m. CDT

May 14, 2021

Virtual Ceremony

COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL
AND NATURAL RESOURCE SCIENCES

WELCOME GUESTS

Welcome to this celebration of the achievements of the
College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource
Sciences graduates. We're honored to have you share
this momentous occasion with us.

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** Degree candidates are listed alphabetically by degree and major.*

Ceremony Program

Virtual ceremony begins at 3 p.m. Central Time on Friday, May 14, 2021

CFANS Virtual Undergraduate Commencement

Access online at z.umn.edu/cfans2021

Welcome

Michael White, Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Faculty Affairs

Undergraduate Student Speaker

Katherine R. Gathje, BS '21, Agricultural Communication and Marketing

Welcome to the CFANS Alumni Society

Rylee Ahnen, BS '14, MS '18, Nutrition,
President, CFANS Alumni Society Board of Directors

Address

Brian Buhr, Dean

Keynote Address

Mary Rogers, BS '03, MS '08 Entomology,
Associate Professor, Department of Horticultural Science

Presentation of Candidates

Conferring of Degrees

The Honorable Kendall J. Powell,
Chair, Board of Regents

Hail! Minnesota

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Honor Designations

College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences degree candidates may graduate with either Latin honors (cum, magna or summa cum laude) or with distinction (distinction or high distinction), or both. These citations are provisional and do not become official until all requirements for the award are fulfilled. There are many other designations that students may receive, some of which are described on this page. This is not a comprehensive list.

Latin Honors—Medallion

Students graduating from the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences through the University Honors Program have taken part in a rigorous course of study, research, scholarship or other creative work in the major, culminating in an Honors thesis representing independent work done under the direction of a faculty supervisor or mentor. Students graduating cum laude (with honor) have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 for the last 60 graded credits at the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities (UMTC). Magna cum laude (with great honor) awards require a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.66. Summa cum laude (with highest honor) awards require a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75 in the final 60 graded credits at UMTC.

Distinction—Gold Cord

Students earn graduation “with distinction” based on cumulative grade point average at the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities, with at least 60 graded credits completed at UMTC. Students graduating “with distinction” must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher in UMTC coursework at the time of graduation.

High Distinction—Maroon and Gold Cord

Students earn graduation “with high distinction” based on cumulative grade point average at the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities, with at least 60 graded credits completed at UMTC. Students graduating “with high distinction” must have earned a cumulative GPA or 3.90 or higher in UMTC coursework at the time of graduation.



Honor Designations

Community Engagement Scholar—Medallion

Students graduating with the “Community Engagement Scholar” distinction have completed at least 9 credits of service-learning course work, at least 400 hours of community service, and a series of reflective pieces. They also have completed an integrative community engagement project that results in the creation of a sustainable project for a community organization.

Multicultural Celebration of Achievement— Multi-colored Woven Stole

Given to students who attend the annual ceremony honoring all multicultural students.

President’s Emerging Scholar—Purple Cord

This program is a four-year opportunity for select undergraduate students with diverse backgrounds.

Program Notes

Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of this program. Please note that the student’s transcript, rather than the commencement program, serves as the student’s official record of degree completion.

If you have a full directory or record suppression in place and did not give us permission in writing, per our request, your name is not listed in this program.

Degree Candidates

Agricultural Communication and Marketing

Faculty Representative: Rebecca D. Swenson, PhD

Grace Arnold
Alec Bray
Laura Church, *Distinction*
Eva Doornink, *Distinction*
Gabriel Duncanson
Kyra Flom
Katherine Gathje
Jacob Handrick
Jared Hanson
Victoria Hanson
Ellen Harth
Michael Kanne
Gabriel Knowles
Shoshana Lefkow
Emelia Melson, *High Distinction*
Michael Munson
Marty Novacek
Geneva Nunes
Katrina Paulson
Catherine Schmidt
Emma Severns
Anders Severtson
Grace Taylor
William Teachout
Catherine Thompson
Kierstyn Tupa
Olivia Vande Hey
Shannon Werstein



Agricultural Education

Faculty Representative: Becky Haddad, PhD

Mesay Doyamo
Nathan Goldade, *Distinction*
Amanda Langley
Kelsey Petit
Robin Tidd

Agricultural and Food Business Management

Faculty Representative: Metin Çakir, PhD

Walter Albitz
Nathan Archibald
Nathan Auerbach
Carter Baarts
William Beckstrom
John Bloomquist
Brooke Burditt
Johnna Burt
Alexander Chase
Sydney Craven
Christian Dahl
Matthew Denman
Imad Diomande, *Distinction*
Ryan Donkers
Andrew Eiss
Maxwel Fagan
Charles Green
Luke Greenagel
Lauren Hall
Nathan Hoglund
Karter Janssen
Ashley Johnson
Nicole Kolmer
Alexandar Korbelt

Jennifer Lamkin
Wyatt Lawrence
Thomas Leitner
Colin Leuthold
Maxwell Liegel
Katherine Lillie
Phoebe Limond
Emma Lindahl
Isabelle Lindahl, *High Distinction*
Vladyslav Lobak
Alexander Love, *Distinction*
David Madison
Evan Nei
Greta Nelson
Teigen Olson
Stephanie Peller
Elizabeth Richmond
Mallory Roeske
Leah Ruen, *Distinction*
Brandon Severtson
Joshua Tastad
Franco Torrescano De La Torre
Kennedy Tschida
Joshua Ulbricht
Teja Upadhyaya
Logan Vannelli
Michael Vojvodich
Johann Walther, *Distinction*
Madison Warta
Riley Weihs
Montgomery Wright
Shangyou Yang
Fanfei Zhao
Shaoying Zhu



Animal Science

Faculty Representative: Anthony Seykora, PhD

Molly Abrahamson

Nicholas Achen

Daniel Ames

Katherine Atkins

Andrew Backman, *High Distinction*

Yuxi Bai

Cailey Banken

Amanda Barbour

Madeline Barkholtz

Melanie Barnes

Erlinda Barrera

Madison Baumgartner, *High Distinction*

Tiffany Beard

Leyton Becker

Quentin Beeth

Ashley Belgarde

Grace Bergstrom

Mitchell Bobendrier

Claire Bohan

Robyn Bonate

Jaileen Bonete

Amber Brink, *High Distinction, summa cum laude*

Madelyne Carlson, *Distinction*

Arianna Carriveau

Michael Carroll

AbiGail Cermak

Paige Chaffer

Taylor Chevalier

Laura Church, *Distinction*

Mikayla Comstock


Cassandra Cordero

Tessa Coudron

Evan D'Amato

Daniela De Luna

Natalie Diers
Kelsie Domeier
Jeffrey Drilling
Alyssa Eiden, *High Distinction*
Sadie Ernstmeyer
Benjamin Evans
Hailey Everhart, *Distinction, summa cum laude*
Sally Fahr, *High Distinction*
Kelsey Fatze
Dennis Fischer
Kyra Flom
Olivia Fremling
Meghan Friese
Paige Gadiant
Chaya Gangsei
Amanda Garcia
Drew Gilman
Olivia Groth
Jeong Hoon Han
Brandon Hanson
Tabitha Harmdierks
Ellen Harth
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Anna Hedger, *High Distinction*
Selah Hennesy
Victoria Hershberger
Wynne Hetherington
Sophia Hiller
James Holen
Gabrielle Holton
Margaret Hughes
Megan Hughes
Makayla Huisman
Karter Janssen
Yun Hyoung Ji
Allison Johnson, *Distinction, summa cum laude*



Qualisha Johnson
Ryan Johnson
Kyle Keehr
Jessica Kitching, *High Distinction*
Mejrema Korman
Marissa Kramer
Lauren Kreager
Aspen Kurth
Chandler Kurth
Kara Laffin
Collin Lane
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Drew Lehman
Isabelle Lindahl, *High Distinction*
Zhaotong Liu
Natalie Lorca
Ahna Manz
Heather McFarlane
Maria McMahan
Tristan Merino
Danielle Moews
Kaitlyn Morgenson
Joshua Mrosko
Emily Myers
Lindsey Narveson, *Distinction*
Nicole Nelson, *magna cum laude*
Kaitlyn Newcome
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Patricia Seader
Cynthia Silva
Mikaela Stevens
Arianna Stowe
Katherine Su
Maija Throntveit
Ellen Van Roekel, *Distinction*
Katie Vessel
Rachel Vraa, *Distinction*
Uyen Vu
Katherine Walcheck
Gabriella Walker
Madison Warta
Tomara Whiteaker

Regan Wood
Teresa Yam
Lan Yu
Anna Zeltinger
Zhanjia Zhang
Heather Zwaschka

Plant Science

Faculty Representative: Neil Anderson, PhD

Timothy Benike
Nicholas Berg
Wolfgang Blee
Lucas Brownlee
Coleman Clawson
Sean Cuevas
Hannah Darcy
Anthony DeWees
Leyna Do
Thomas Donelan
Mariah Duncan
Owen Geier
Elizabeth Goodman, *Distinction*
Gavin Grams
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Emmery Hartwig, *Distinction*
Brendan Heaton
Michelle Horner
Jessica Huege
Garrett Johnson
Matthew Johnson
Quinn Johnson
Bryant Jones
Michelle Jugovich
Andrew Kluis
Cody Lachinski, *Distinction, summa cum laude*



Justin Larkin
Carley Marie Larson
Kai Pan Leung
Catherine Li
Celina Malabanan
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Cayla Smith, *Distinction*
Adam Sauve
Eamon Spanier-Scanlon
Kara Sticht
Isabella Tecken
Ian Tierney
Benjamin Van Raalte
Andrew Wiens
Patrick Wigstrom
Chue Yang
Benjamin Ziegler, *Distinction*

Sustainable Systems Management

Faculty Representatives: Omar Espinoza, PhD and Tim Smith, PhD

Edward Anderson
William Bergstrom
Brooke Bestul, *High Distinction*
Tyler Blevins
Summer Burgess

Aaron Busch
Hannah Chaloupka
Jean Noriel Cruz
Jialu Ding
Binderiya Dugersuren
Emmajo Elder
Emma Esser
Skye Feist
Dylan Finley
Tommy Hua
Rachel Johnson
Taylor Karasch
Nathan Kempf
Maksym Kolomayets
Kaylee Kuehn
Alejandro Lagman Nakpil
Aaron Leschisin
Danielle Litzau
Emily Lobato
Erik Lucas
Evan Mitchell
Hunter Natterstad
Marko Ognjanovic
Griffin Rustad
Olivia Schumack
Gratias Sessou
Ethan Smith, *High Distinction*
Grant Sterne
Michael Toth
Joseph Tucker
Colin Webster
Sarah Whiteside, *cum laude*
Kaleb Woodman



Guest Speaker

About the Keynote Speaker

Mary Rogers, PhD (BS '03 Environmental Horticulture, MS '08 Entomology) is an Associate Professor of Sustainable & Organic Horticultural Food Production Systems in the Department of Horticultural Science at the University of Minnesota. Her research program investigates plant-insect interactions and biological and environmental strategies to improve the production of organic vegetables and fruit in the upper Midwest. Her current research focuses on controlled environment agriculture, urban agriculture, and integrated pest management for local and organic production systems.

Faculty, Staff and Student Awards

CFANS Distinguished Teaching Award for Undergraduate Tenured Faculty

Ruth Dill-Macky, Department of Plant Pathology

CFANS Distinguished Teaching Award for Undergraduate Non-Tenured Faculty

Jason Kerwin, Department of Applied Economics

CFANS Distinguished Teaching Award for Graduate Students

Michael Boland, Department of Applied Economics

CFANS Pioneering and Innovation Award

Matt Petersen, Department of Entomology

Graduate Assistant Teaching Award

Ramya Lekha Medida, Department of Animal Science

CFANS Civil Service/Bargaining Unit Staff Award – Technical Category

Colin Zumwalde, Department of Horticultural Science

CFANS Civil Service/Bargaining Unit Staff Award – Administrative Category

Cheryel Keyser, Water Resources Center

CFANS Professional and Academic Award – Research Category

Ben Held, Department of Plant Pathology

CFANS Professional and Academic Award – Other Professional Category

Kristen Opitz, Department of Plant Pathology

Distinguished Extension and Outreach Award

Robert Koch, Department of Entomology

Distinguished Diversity and Inclusion Award

Candy Hirsch, Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics

About Us

University of Minnesota

The University of Minnesota was founded as a preparatory school in 1851, seven years before the territory of Minnesota became a state. Known as the father of the University, John Sargent Pillsbury, who was a regent, state senator, and governor, used his influence to establish the school as the official recipient of public support from the Morrill Land-Grant Act, designating it as Minnesota's land-grant university. Today, the University of Minnesota ranks among the nation's top public universities and largest schools and offers baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees in virtually every field – from medicine to business, law to liberal arts, and science and engineering to architecture. The Twin Cities campus, the University's largest campus, is made up of 17 colleges and offers the full range of academic and professional degrees. Other University System campuses are in Duluth, Morris, Crookston, and Rochester. University alumni include several Nobel Prize winners, a former chief justice of the United States, two former vice presidents, the heads of Fortune 500 companies, pioneers in medicine, two astronauts, civil rights leaders, top journalists, and men and women who have achieved distinction in every field. Alumni and their families and friends are always welcome at the University. Alumni are invited to continue their relationship with the University through the University of Minnesota Alumni Association and its college associations.

College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences

With a legacy of bringing discoveries to life through science, the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS) educates the next generation of leaders to anticipate and adapt to a changing state and world and solves the real challenges of nourishing people while enriching the environments in which we live. Created in 2006 via the merger of two colleges and a department, today the college—better known as CFANS—consists of 12 academic departments and 10 research and outreach centers (ROCs) across Minnesota, plus the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, the Bell Museum, and dozens of interdisciplinary centers that span the college, the University, and the globe. Our unique living laboratories both in St. Paul and around the state allow students, faculty, and staff to study in forests, fields, and water across all four of Minnesota's diverse ecosystems, while being part of a major urban university located in the heart of the Twin Cities.

Welcome Alumni

Welcome to the CFANS Alumni Society

CFANS Class of 2021,

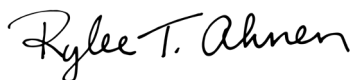
As chair of the CFANS Alumni Society Board, I want to officially congratulate each of you on your new status as a CFANS alumnus/alumna! As your role and relationship with the University of Minnesota changes, I encourage you to stay connected to the College after graduation. The CFANS alumni webpage—cfans.umn.edu/alumni—is filled with resources to help you maintain your connection to our college community by getting involved in one or more of the CFANS Alumni Society Board’s many programs.

For example, if you are passionate about helping CFANS students navigate their career choices and build stronger connections to employers in their field—you can volunteer with the Alumni Board’s Mentor Program. Or, if you love sharing the groundbreaking research being done in St. Paul every day by CFANS students and faculty, you can sign up to help with our annual Classes Without Quizzes series. At the very least we encourage you to sign up for the email list to stay informed about networking opportunities in the Twin Cities and beyond.

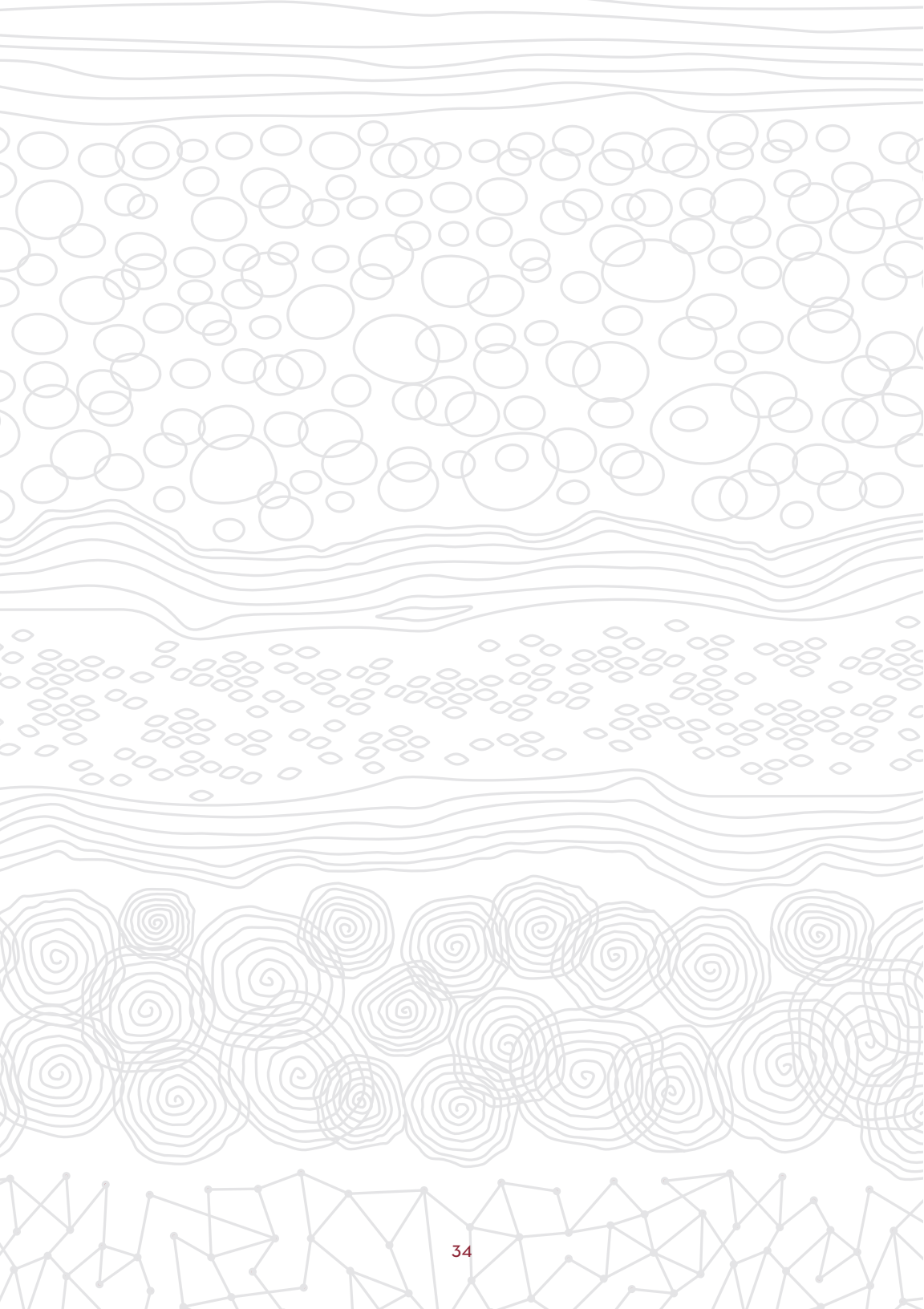
The CFANS Alumni Society Board is also dedicated to serving as a continued professional resource for you beyond graduation. We help to manage and promote U of M networking tools like the Maroon and Gold Network and the CFANS LinkedIn group—so join one or both today to continue connecting with fellow CFANS and U of M grads as you navigate your career.

Again, welcome to this new phase of your life. The CFANS Alumni Society Board is excited to see what you accomplish next, and we encourage you to stay involved with CFANS and the U beyond this momentous occasion!

Congratulations and best wishes,



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Hail! Minnesota

Minnesota, hail to thee!
Hail to thee, our college dear!
Thy light shall ever be
A beacon bright and clear;
Thy sons and daughters true
Will proclaim thee near and far;
They will guard thy fame
And adore thy name;
Thou shalt be their Northern Star

—Truman E. Richard

THANK YOU

We are grateful that you took part in honoring our graduates. The University of Minnesota is privileged to serve and educate the people of our state, country, and world. We look forward to celebrating the future accomplishments of our graduates.

