

NC STATE College of Veterinary Medicine

CLASS OF 2021

OATH AND HOODING CEREMONY



6:00 PM MONDAY MAY 10, 2021

PROGRAM

Welcome Address

Introduction of Platform Party and Class of 2021

Faculty Address

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Closing Remarks

Thank you to those attending today's celebration.

The **UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT**
is Friday, May 14, 2021, 7pm. at Carter-Finley
commencement.ncsu.edu

CLASS OF 2021

Nikole Archer
Janelle Avelino
Patricia Baez-Ramos
Kristen Bagley*
Anne Bailey
Michelle Barnett*
Jacqueline Blake*
Aleaya Bowie
Mallory Brown* +
Madeline Buddendorf
Thomas Burdette
Megan Carson+
Joshua Chamberlin ~
Miriam Chari
Joshua Chelgren+
Kenneth Cook III
Bethanie Cooper
Khushboo Dass ~
Febe Delgado Montes
Ashley deMey
Dylan DeProspero*
Kelsie Dougherty ~
Lauren Ferebee+
Caroline Fisher+
Alexandra Fitton+
Nicole Freitas
Devin Fussell*
Megan Gallagher
Christopher Gaudette
Emily Gidcumb*
Stefanie Golden* +
Taylor Gregory
Dylan Harver
Cheryl Heitzman ~
Michelle Hoblit+
Marisa Hofmeister
Stephen Huff

Margaret Huneycutt
Brianna Jackson+
Shayla Jackson
Abhilasha Jindal
Rebecca Jones+
Susan Jones*
Jazmine Kemp
Jane Kim
Amanda Kortum
Stephanie Krasteva+
Aryn Krueger
Emily Mackey*
Jamie Madigan
Dario Marquez
Claire McCallick+
Elisa Meier+
Sophie Mercer ~
Madeline Mitchell
Joseph Moledo
Sarah Montoya+
Brittany Moorhead
Sarah Moyer+
Caitlyn Mullins* ~
Elissa Nelson+
Valerie Nelson*
Meagan Noblin
Liliya Nusbaum* ~
Maryanna Parker
Mara Parmenter
Irina Perdeu ~
Raquel Petrizzo
Haley Pratt* ~
Betina Proof
Hannah Ritchie
Olivia Ross
Samantha Rudd
Elsa Sanabria*

Amanda Sautner+
Emily Sheppard*
Samantha Shetler*
Aimee Sink
Skylare Smith
Kaitlin Stahl
Elisabeth Stone
Lillian Strickland
Carl Thomas
Dawn Torrisi+
Samuel Tucker+
Sara Tufts*
Stephanie Valentino
Shawna Varichak
Jennifer Vrabel ~
Brandi Walker
Ashlan Westbrook
Allie Wetzel
Anne White*
Erin Wilkins
Elisabeth Wise
Junxian Zheng

OFFSHORE GRADUATES:

ST. GEORGE UNIVERSITY

Jocelyn Becker- June 2021
Erin Pedone- June 2021
Catherine Wadman- June 2021
Heather Warburton- June 2021

ROSS UNIVERSITY

Emily Cutolo- May 2021
Olivia Gordon -May 2021
Courtney Nacke-Horney- May 2021

* Members of Phi Zeta, the Honor Society of Veterinary Medicine are represented with Silver cords. Membership is based on high academic achievement.

+ Business Certificate Program with Honors.

~Business Certificate Program, Standard.

Congratulations to the Class of 2021!



White Coat Ceremony, August 2017

All the best to all our new doctors!

MESSAGE FROM KENNETH “TREY” COOK III, CLASS PRESIDENT

To our Family, Friends, Faculty, and Staff,

I want to express the deepest gratitude to you on behalf of the Class of 2021. Yes, we are here to celebrate our accomplishments and entrance into the veterinary profession, but that would simply not be possible without your involvement in our respective journeys. Arriving at this day is an accomplishment that I think you should all be just as proud of reaching as we are. Some of you have loved and supported us our entire lives, and as we receive the doctoral hood and say that Oath today, it marks almost as much a lifelong accomplishment for you as it does the achievement of a lifelong dream for many of us. Others have joined our teams along the way or many of you took us under your collective wing in the time since our white coat ceremony four years ago. For many of us, these last four years have been the steepest learning curve and the most intense education experience of our lives, and we owe you a great debt of gratitude as we reach today's milestone. Your support, your love, your mentorship, your patience, and your checking in on the non-school parts of our lives has meant the world to us! And specifically to those of you at the CVM, thank you for doing the utmost to make adjustments continuously through the year to further optimize our clinical year learning experience and maximize its potential. Your flexibility, creativity, and perseverance are a huge reason we are able to stand here today at all. Thank you!

Dear Class of 2021,

Today, we take an Oath that will change our lives forever. An oath, like a promise, is much less like the Pirates of the Caribbean “guidelines” and much more like a Harry Potter “unbreakable vow.” It says our first duty is to benefit society through our care of animals. May we never forget that people are always attached to the animals we work with and that by aiding one we benefit the other. This Oath presents a serious undertaking, but I would remind you of the Mission Statement that we built as a class halfway through our time here, “Our purpose remains constant: to inspire growth, foster belonging, promote kindness, and support authenticity in our community in order to maximize our potential as people and professionals for the betterment of the veterinary field.”

Dear doctors, we are not embarking on carrying out the Veterinarian's Oath for the first time today! We have been committed to following that first tenet of the Oath with the conscientiousness, dignity, and ethics it requires for years now. Our veterinary education has now sufficiently prepared us to fulfill the rest. As you make these commitments the bedrocks of your budding careers, I am thrilled to see where they take you. I eagerly anticipate what you will add to the existing wealth of veterinary knowledge, what amazing locations you will call home, what you will create, who you will care for, and what excellent clinicians you will become.

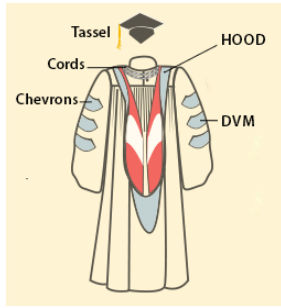
I will always treasure every Friday at Brickhouse after anatomy practicals, each pickup volleyball game, every TAU lab, the lunch conversations, and the late nights in study rooms. How can I ever forget our Cowabunga trips, Vetriotee's, football tailgates, and House Games clashes?! The relationships I enjoyed the opportunity to build with you these past four years were the real value of vet school, and the ability to know and call up someone who is a top-notch doctor in every species under the sun is priceless. I hope that you all will continue to rely on, encourage, support, and be there for one another, just as you have so well these past four years. I look forward to continuing to celebrate your accomplishments and achievements as we progress throughout our careers. I look up to you, have been proud to call you my classmates, and now am humbled to call you my colleagues.

Congratulations Class of 2021!

And stay frosty my friends,

Trey Cook, Class of 2021 President

ACADEMIC REGALIA



Academic regalia is a code. If properly deciphered it allows understanding of the degree, institution and discipline of study of a graduate.

But before we get to that, how did the wearing of a hood and gown become associated with academia?

The hood and gown likely dates back to the 12th century, patterned after clothing worn by the clergy.

It may have originally served a very practical purpose: keeping warm.

Over time, academic regalia has been refined to what we see today. In the United States, the assignment of colors to represent areas of study was not standardized until the 19th century. In the early 20th century, the American Council on Education approved a standardized code of costumes, in effect since then with only minor revisions.

The degree we confer today is the doctor of veterinary medicine, thus the gown and hood is in the style of the doctor's degree. The discipline color of veterinary medicine is gray.

For the doctor's degree, the gown sleeves are bell shaped, and the classic color of the gown is black, although, as you will note with some of our faculty members here today, some institutions allow alternate colors. To indicate the doctor's degree, the gown is trimmed with velvet down the front and with three bars of velvet across the sleeves. The velvet may be black or may be of the color of the discipline to which it pertains.

The hood is black and the length is dictated by the degree. It is 4 feet for the doctor's degree. The hood is lined with the official color or colors of the college or university, red and white in the case of NC State, and is trimmed in velvet, also of the color of the discipline. The thickness of the trim is related to the degree which, for the doctor's degree, is 5 inches.

In the United States, the cap is generally mortarboard style and has a tassel that is black or colored to match the discipline, except in the case of the doctor's degree where it may be gold. The tassel may be worn on the left or right unless specified by the institution.



VETERINARIAN'S OATH

Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health and welfare, the prevention and relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics.

I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence.