



Stony Brook University

DEPARTMENT of GEOSCIENCES

DEPARTMENTAL CONVOCATION

Celebrating the Class of 2024

Friday, May 17, 2024

Earth and Space Sciences Building

1:30 PM



Program

Welcome: Professor Brian Phillips

Presentation of Undergraduate Degrees and Awards:
Professor Hanna Nekvasil and Professor Lars Ehm

Undergraduate Excellence in Teaching Award: Evan Iervolino

Myron Fuller Award: Andrew Groh
For outstanding Senior(s) in Geology and/or Earth Space Sciences.

Oliver Schaeffer Award: Nicolette Lombardi
For academic performance, research, and departmental service, in honor of the Department's founder.

Oliver Schaeffer Endowed Scholarship: Evan Iervolino & Juliet Slota
This scholarship recognizes academic achievement and aspiration exemplifying the vision of the Department's founder. Endowment established by Professor Robert Warasila (PhD '76) and the George Schaeffer Family and continues to be supported by other generous donors.

Speaker Introduction: Professor Brian Phillips

Salute to Graduates: John Rocchetta (BS '97)

Presentation of Graduate Degrees and Awards:
Professor Deanne Rogers

Graduate Excellence in Teaching Award: Melissa Passik

David E. King Field Work Award: Roheyatou Ceesay & Kirtee Ramo
Made possible by donations from David E. King (MS '84)

The Far Beyond Award: Kevin Hatton
For exceptional voluntary service that significantly enhances the quality of the Geosciences undergraduate learning experience, research mission, or Department operation.

Closing Remarks: Professor Brian Phillips

Undergraduate Degree Candidates

Bachelor of Arts – Earth and Space Sciences

Matthew Daniel Farquharson, Cum Laude
Ariana Nicholette Ventura

Bachelor of Arts – Earth and Space Sciences

Education Track

Frank Christopher Orlando
Anthony James Urbancik

Bachelor of Science – Geology

Augustine Guanwu Bach
Victoria Rose Castle
Andrew Gardiner Groh, Magna Cum Laude
Natalie E Lehmann
Kosta Mendelson
Grace Morel
Sydnee Anne Nissen, Magna Cum Laude
Tatiana Rascoe, Magna Cum Laude
Caroline Elizabeth Rapp
Maxwell Owen Siegelbaum
Marko Sinani

Bachelor of Arts in Earth and Space Sciences/

Master of Arts in Teaching Earth Science

Nicolette Jean Lombardi, Magna Cum Laude
Michael Scicolone, Cum Laude
Jessica Suzanne Sideleau

Graduate Degree Candidates

Master of Arts in Teaching Earth Science

Sydney Miller

Doctor of Philosophy – Geosciences

Carlos Gary Bicas

Nandita Kumari

Victoria Beatriz Rivera-Banuchi

Siyuan Sui

Mr. Rocchetta is Vice President and current partner at GreenLogic Energy with offices located in Southampton Village and Roslyn Heights (est. 2005). GreenLogic is a national Award-Winning renewable energy company with \$15 million in annual revenue. His geology work and environmental consulting experience made the move into the Renewable Energy field seamless as geothermal, solar and wind became popular energy sources on Long Island. Prior to GreenLogic, Mr. Rocchetta was a Geologist and Project Manager at Environmental Assessment and Remediation (EAR) from 1997 to 2004. His varied experience included work on Long Island, NYC and upstate NY conducting contaminate plume tracking/delineation, GPR Studies, rock coring, fracture analysis, design and implementation of ground water remediation systems, as well as providing expert witness testimony for the NYSDEC. He currently volunteers as an Environmental Consultant to Peconic Land Trust and has served on their Stewardship Committee for the past 26 years. Mr. Rocchetta holds a Master Captains license and operates Tsunami Fishing Charters (est. 2002), which combine coastal geology tours by boat while fishing the bays, inlets and ocean of the south shore of Long Island. He is also owner/operator of Woods and Waves Management Inc. (est. 2015), which develops wildlife management plans for Eastern Long Island Villages, Homeowners Associations and Land Preservation Groups. His hobbies include skiing, running, fishing, archery and martial arts, reaching the rank of 2nd degree Black Belt in Kempo Karate.

