



Stony Brook University

DEPARTMENT of GEOSCIENCES

DEPARTMENTAL CONVOCATION

Celebrating the Class of 2023

Friday, May 19, 2023

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: Daniel Friedman

Myron Fuller Award: Elijah Berger

For outstanding Senior(s) in Geology and/or Earth Space Sciences.

Oliver Schaeffer Award: Kate Oliver

For academic performance, research, and departmental service, in honor of the Department's founder.

Oliver Schaeffer Endowed Scholarship: Christine Meiselbach

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: Scott Yanuck (MS '93, BA '87)

***Presentation of Graduate Degrees and Awards:
Professor Deanne Rogers***

Graduate Excellence in Teaching Award: Yang Gao and Brooke Peritore

David E. King Field Work Award: Thomas Reilly

Made possible by donations from David E. King (MS '84)

The Far Beyond Award: Daniel Friedman

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

Bao M. Do

Kate Elisabeth Oliver

Bachelor of Arts – Earth and Space Sciences

Education Track

Matthew Farruggio

Gianna Marie Sclafani-Zamora*

****double major (Earth and Space Science and Geology)***

Bachelor of Science – Geology

Elijah Isaac Berger, Summa Cum Laude

Stanley Ullises Brackett

Mairi Arisawe Brooks

Gabrielle Nicole Clement

Jonathan Edward Kline, Cum Laude

Christopher Michael Lautato

Sarah Elizabeth Praisner, Summa Cum Laude

Andelo Pratama Putra

Thomas Robert Schuette

Caleb James Thompson

Yifei Zhang

Bachelor of Arts in Earth and Space Sciences/

Master of Arts in Teaching Earth Science

Alaina Marie Johnson, Cum Laude

Graduate Degree Candidates

Master of Arts in Teaching Earth Science

Michelle Endres

***Master of Science – Geosciences
Hydrogeology Concentration***

Christopher Michael Rooney

***Master of Science – Geosciences
Earth & Space Sciences Concentration***

Jake Everett Meyerson

Master of Science – Geosciences with Thesis

Melissa Claire Passik

Doctor of Philosophy – Geosciences

Laura Brucia Breitenfeld

Sibo Chen

Jeonghyeop Kim

Shen Tu

Mr. Yanuck is the Founder and President of Laurel Environmental Geosciences, D.P.C., (1992). Mr. Yanuck holds a M.S. in Hydrogeology and a B.A. in Geology, both from SUNY Stony Brook. He is a former President of the Long Island Association of Professional Geologists and board member of the NYS Council of Professional Geologists. Mr. Yanuck is a licensed professional geologist in New York State. Mr. Yanuck's varied experience, while operating Laurel Environmental Geosciences for the past 31 years, includes work under the NYS Spills Program, NYS Superfund Program, NYS Brownfield Clean-Up and NYC Voluntary Clean-Up Programs. He has served as an environmental consultant to real estate and development companies, legal firms, and both large and small financial institutions throughout the greater metropolitan area. Prior to starting Laurel, Mr. Yanuck worked at a residential real estate development company, where his activities included the planning and construction of residential developments in Long Island and NYC. Mr. Yanuck made a move into the environmental consulting field after involvement redeveloping a contaminated site in Queens. His experience in real estate development coupled with environmental consulting experience led him to put together a team to successfully acquire and redevelop 24 Brownfield Sites in Nassau County. Mr. Yanuck continues to manage the company's growth and expand client services at Laurel.

