

## **College of Life Sciences Convocation**

Brigham Young University August 12, 2016 2:00 p.m. Marriott Center

## **Program**

University Representative Brad Neiger

Associate Academic Vice President

for Undergraduate Studies

Welcome Dean James Porter

Invocation Vanessa Palmer

Student Address Zaid Malhees

Vocal Solo Anna Hawkes

"Be Still, My Soul" Zachary Adamson, accompanist

Music by Jean Sibelius

Lyrics by Katharina von Schlegel Arranged by Jay Richards

Student Address Matthew Gregory

Presentation of Diplomas Deans and Department Chairs

Remarks Dean James Porter

Benediction Eliza Lawrence

Prelude and Recessional Music Sheri Peterson

The audience will please remain seated until the recessional is complete.

## **Honored Students**

The following are honored students chosen by their departments as exemplary student representatives. The speakers and prayers have been selected from among these students.

Morgan Francis, graduating magna cum laude in physiology and developmental biology, is the daughter of David and Debra Francis of Vineyard, Utah. Morgan received a full-tuition Heritage Scholarship and was on the dean's list for winter 2016. She enjoys running, hiking, volunteering with Friday's Kids Respite, playing the piano, and spending time with her family. After graduation she plans to attend medical school.

Matthew Gregory, graduating magna cum laude in exercise science, is the son of Mike and Donna Gregory of West Jordan, Utah. He and his wife, Jocelynn Chidester Gregory, are the parents of a daughter, Adalynn. Matt served an LDS mission in Orlando, Florida. He received a Utah Regents' Scholarship, the Reed H. and Wanda B. Chase Scholarship, and the Glenn E. and Olive W. Nielson Scholarship. Matt was on the dean's list from 2013 to 2015. He presented an abstract at the American College of Sports Medicine 2016 annual conference. Matt likes marathon running, hiking, skiing, watching BYU football, and spending time with family. After graduation he plans to attend medical school.

**Jack Heaton**, graduating cum laude in medical laboratory science, is the son of Tim and Judy Heaton of Provo, Utah, and the husband of Britney Lee Rudd Heaton. Jack served an LDS mission in Atlanta, Georgia. His interests include motorcycle rides, movies, playing basketball, and eating with friends. After graduation he plans to work and then consider attending graduate school.

Eliza Lawrence, graduating magna cum laude and with University Honors in food science, is the daughter of Keith and Tracy Lawrence of Orem, Utah. Eliza served an LDS mission in Jacksonville, Florida. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She attended an art history study abroad program in Europe and conducted a research project at the School of Agriculture for Family Independence in Malawi, Africa, where she developed a solar dryer for food preservation made out of plant materials. Eliza loves playing the piano and viola, running (she has completed three Ragnar races), exploring, traveling, watching Marvel movies, and eating delicious food. She is currently working as a food scientist for Dannon Yogurt and has been accepted into the microbiology master's program at BYU. She would eventually like to become either a family physician or a pharmacist.

Zaid Malhees, graduating with University Honors in genetics and biotechnology, is the son of Waddah and Salam Malhees of Ramallah, Palestine. Zaid is a member of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, a Crocker Innovation Fellow, and the recipient of a full-tuition BYU Jerusalem Center Scholarship. He was president of the Arabic Club and the Entrepreneurship Club, vice president of the International Student Association, and a member of the Honors Student Advisory Council. He did volunteer work for Pathway India and Middle East Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow. Zaid's hobbies include photography, tennis, hiking, and cycling. After graduation he will be working as an analyst for DaVita Healthcare in Denver, Colorado, and plans to eventually complete a dual PhD/MBA degree.

Vanessa Palmer, graduating magna cum laude in public health with an emphasis in health science, is the daughter of Kenyon and Colleen Walker of Jackson, Wyoming, and the wife of Christian Palmer. Vanessa is the recipient of the Abrelia Clarissa Seely Hinckley Scholarship, the 2016 BYU Department of Health Science Outstanding Student Achievement Award, and a master of public administration Romney Endowment. She and a team of BYU students participated in the Undergraduate Case Study Competition at the Society for Public Health Education 2016 annual meeting, where they won third place. At the National Environmental Health Association 2016 annual educational conference, Vanessa presented her research on children's exposure to dust. Vanessa enjoys figure skating, hiking, reading, paddle-boarding, spending time with her husband and family, and traveling to new and exciting places. She will be starting the MPA program at BYU this fall and would like to become a hospital administrator.

**Tyson Terry**, a biology graduate, is the son of Jeff and Jill Terry of Stansbury Park, Utah. He served in the LDS Argentina Resistencia Mission. He has a passion for research and has submitted two articles that are pending publication in scientific journals. His specialty is pollination ecology. Tyson enjoys mountaineering, skiing, backpacking, and golfing. After graduation he plans to pursue a PhD in ecology and would like to eventually secure a teaching and research position at a prominent university.

## Music Performers

Zachary Adamson, a piano performance major, is the son of Robert and Sharyl Adamson of Salt Lake City, Utah. He is an Eagle Scout and served an LDS mission in Arcadia, California. He competed in the sophomore piano recital at BYU and participated in a study abroad program in Vienna, Austria. His hobbies include barefoot hiking, cycling, improvising piano pieces, arranging and performing music with his violinist sister, performing at care centers and senior facilities, and cooking with family and friends. He plans to complete a graduate degree in music and create programs to inspire children with music. He would like to teach music at the university level.

**Anna Hawkes**, a vocal performance major, is the daughter of Chris and Tina Romney of Salt Lake City, Utah, and the wife of Ian Hawkes. She served as a Young Performing Missionary in historic Nauvoo, Illinois, and was invited to the national round of the 2015 Classical Singer Vocal Competition. Anna played the role of Gretel in the opera *Hansel and Gretel* at BYU and will perform the role of Musetta in the opera *La Bohème* next fall. Along with singing, her favorite things to do are biking, hiking, sewing, and trail running, and she is excited to see what the future brings after graduation.

**Sheri Peterson**, graduating with a master's degree in organ performance, is the daughter of Mike and Donna Lawyer of Springville, Utah, and the widow of Clay Peterson. She is the dean of the Utah Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and has published in *The American Organist Magazine*. Sheri teaches piano and organ lessons and also enjoys family history research, gardening, hiking, and spending time with her family. She plans to complete a doctoral degree in musical arts.

## **Scholastic Recognition**

	June 2016		August 2016
Summa Cum Laude	4.00	Summa Cum Laude	4.00
Magna Cum Laude	3.94	Magna Cum Laude	3.93
Cum Laude	3.89	Cum Laude	3.86

## Magna Cum Laude

Emily Mae Christensen Morgan Jean Francis Matthew Thomas Gregory Eliza Esther King Lawrence Vanessa Loraine Palmer Chelsea Marie Randall Madeleine Susanne Smith Scott Joseph Sonne Rachel Elizabeth Webb

JUNE 2016 GRADUATES
Makenzie Evelyn Beckett
McKenzie Miller Broadbent
Bryan Boyd Hair
Amanda Hardman
Calvin Michael Jahng
Ryan Patrick Mackay
Vera Mayhew
Kurt Rawson Williams

## Cum Laude

Natalie Anne Dayton Kati Anne Packard Jordan Francis Tanner

JUNE 2016 GRADUATES Megan Blake Adam Christopher Garrett Shalia Kristine Hartvigsen Jack Timothy Heaton Matthew Don Van Slooten

## **University Honors**

Students graduating with University Honors have completed several interdisciplinary General Education courses, performed educational service or studied in a foreign setting, written an interdisciplinary essay and a thesis, and defended their theses in their major discipline.

Eliza Esther King Lawrence Major: Food Science Thesis: Exploring the Scope of an Anion-Pi Interaction

JUNE 2016 GRADUATES
Zaid Waddah Hefzi Malhees
Major: Genetics and
Biotechnology
Thesis: Bridging Biotech's
Valley of Death: How Gaps
in the Biotech Industry
Network Create Barriers
to Emerging Startups and
How Connecting WGs
with CROs Can Remove
All Obstacles

Vera Mayhew
Major: Genetics and
Biotechnology
Thesis: Disease and
Treatment Factors
Contributing to Elevated
Cancer Risk in Human and
Murine SLE

## Phi Kappa Phi

Eliza Esther King Lawrence Madeleine Susanne Smith

JUNE 2016 GRADUATES
Fabrizio Cena
Juan Camilo Garcia-Quintero
Mitchell Spencer Garey
Adam Christopher Garrett
Edmund Warren Gubler Jr.
Vera Mayhew
Zachary Thomas Owens
Matthew Don Van Slooten
Katrina Jo Welker
Kurt Rawson Williams

## Graduates

## **DOCTORAL DEGREES**

## Biology

#### **BIOLOGY**

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY Derek Brandon Tucker Advisor: Jack Sites

#### INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY Joseph D. Mugleston Advisor: Michael Whiting

## Microbiology and Molecular Biology

## MICROBIOLOGY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY Anne Tanner

Advisor: Brad Berges

**JUNE 2016 GRADUATE** Joann Diray Arce Advisor: Brent Nielsen

## Physiology and **Developmental Biology**

#### NEUROSCIENCE

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY **IUNE 2016 GRADUATE** Malia Louise Anderson Advisor: Brock Kirwan

## PHYSIOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY Adhari Abdullah Al Zaabi Advisor: Marc Hansen

## Plant and Wildlife **Sciences**

## WILDLIFE AND WILDLANDS CONSERVATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY Lucas Keith Hall Advisor: Brock McMillan

## MASTER'S DEGREES Nutrition, Dietetics,

## Biology

## BIOLOGY

MASTER OF SCIENCE Kandace Mary Hugentobler Advisor: Jerry Johnson

## **Exercise Sciences**

## EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY

MASTER OF SCIENCE **JUNE 2016 GRADUATE** Tiffany Dawn deVries Advisor: Wayne Johnson

#### HEALTH PROMOTION

MASTER OF SCIENCE Keilah Elizabeth Martinez Advisor: Larry Tucker

**JUNE 2016 GRADUATE** Elizabeth Z. MacDonald Advisor: Pat Vehrs

## **Health Science**

## PUBLIC HEALTH

MASTER OF PUBLIC **HEALTH** Iesse Koanuionamoku Bush Advisor: Gordon Lindsay Melanie Ssu-Mei Chao Advisor: Randy Page

## Microbiology and Molecular Biology

## MICROBIOLOGY

MASTER OF SCIENCE **JUNE 2016 GRADUATE** Michael Allen Sheflo Advisor: Don Breakwell

## MICROBIOLOGY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

MASTER OF SCIENCE Jared Michael Hoffman Advisor: David Erickson

**JUNE 2016 GRADUATE** Lauren Elizabeth Johnson Advisor: David Erickson

# and Food Science

#### NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE

MASTER OF SCIENCE **IUNE 2016 GRADUATES** Chelsea Jayne Irving Advisor: Susan Fullmer Kayla Camille Jensen Advisor: Sarah Bellini

## Physiology and **Developmental Biology**

#### NEUROSCIENCE

MASTER OF SCIENCE Nathan McKay Muncy Advisor: Brock Kirwan Ashlev Cerise Nelson Advisor: Scott Steffensen

## PHYSIOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

MASTER OF SCIENCE **JUNE 2016 GRADUATE** Aimee Elizabeth Hodson Advisor: Ben Bikman

## Plant and Wildlife **Sciences**

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

MASTER OF SCIENCE Douglas Keith Jacobson Advisor: Brad Geary

## WILDLIFE AND WILDLANDS CONSERVATION

MASTER OF SCIENCE John Anthony Huber Advisor: Ryan Stewart

**JUNE 2016 GRADUATES** Turmandakh Badrakh Advisor: Bruce Roundy Wesley "Skip" R. Skidmore Advisor: Randy Larsen David C. Smedley Advisor: Randy Larsen

## BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

## **Biology**

## BIOINFORMATICS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Jonathan Edward Greenland Erik Chandler Rasmussen

JUNE 2016 GRADUATES Adam Wesley Hansen Andrew Charles Himebaugh Mark Elliot Wadsworth

#### **BIOLOGY**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Drew Bernhisel Megan Elizabeth Garner Tyson Jeffrey Terry

JUNE 2016 GRADUATES Dean Kim Bartlett Madison Lee Borup Gavin Steven Davis Randy Luke Klabacka Joseph Taft Memmott Marissa Robison Mary Alice Waldron

### **Exercise Sciences**

## ATHLETIC TRAINING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Kaylee Elizabeth Kalehuamakanoe Au Jaclyn Beth Foutz Jessica Mariah Israelsen Douglas McKay Owens

JUNE 2016 GRADUATES Carrie Pualanileimakamae Hee Jared Todd Mortensen Rachel M Yorgason

### **EXERCISE AND WELLNESS**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Jaclyn Kate Anderson Emily Catherine Beaty Casey Morgan Brown Miranda Ray Byington Joshua Wayne Carter Rebekah Maria Coffey Jennifer Cowley Anna Louise McKay Davis Malorie Jennifer Fleischer Tori Markus Gee Lauren Michelle Gessel Karalyn Gilson Alexandria Mallory Graul **Emily Xenia Griffiths** Nathan Henderson Jessica Jackson

Makenzie Rachel Johnson-Halliday
Keza Utamuriza King
Gina Lee Suso Larson
Anna Karolina Maddux
Haleigh Clouse Martherus
Hillary Jeanne Merrifield
Kendahl Lynn Olson
Scott Allen Peirce
Victoria Noel Phillips
Dallen Dean Reber
Rachel Lauren Salazar
Kennedy Page Tuttle
Rachel Ranae Urry
Kaylee Marie Wood

JUNE 2016 GRADUATES
Kanani Kelsi Akemi Corotan
Chelsey Graf
Jarrett Joe Jarvis
Dallin Stephen Ralph
Johnson
Leah Christina Johnson
Brock Smoot Markham
Mitchell B Mathews
Matthew Allen Ware

#### EXERCISE SCIENCE

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE** Ryan Allen Alderman Erica Nicole Allen Javier Ascanio-Pellon Tyler Wade Bake Clark Boyd Braden Charles Capt Oscar Castro Jace T Christensen Truman Ray K.G.C. Chun Kelly Kathryn Wright Clinger Connor Bailey Cunningham Taylor Damian Davis Geoffery David Fernquist Matthew Thomas Gregory Charlie Michael Hancock Isaac Leon Hanset Kevin Neil Hodgson Christian Terrell Huch Milofrank Jenkins Peter Richard Jones Kenneth J Knox Trevor West Liljenquist Tyler David Morgan Alexander Paul Nelson Taylor Lee Null Kati Anne Packard Eugene Brent Petersen Jonathan Ensign Pulsipher Ariel Marie Solomon Scott Joseph Sonne Jessica Lynn Townsend Andrew Paul Tyus Paul K Vance Raffaele John Vitelli Andrew David Willmore Stephen Hyrum Zimmerman

**JUNE 2016 GRADUATES** Bryon Ellis Anderson Andrew John Beckett Makenzie Evelyn Beckett Alex James Bischoff David Rowe Bitner Robert Matthew Carpenter Bradley J. Clark Craig Douglass Clayton II Katelin Connole Mark Young Dewsnup Mackynzie Lee Parry Durkin Caitlin Eppich John Michael Fowler Juan Camilo Garcia-Quintero Ty Alan Gardner Devyn Jay Gibby Talan Jayms Gunnell Davis William Hammond Amanda Hardman Dallin Bryan Harris Camille Green Heath Ryan Wayne Hendrickson Ryan Darren Johnson Stacie Helene Jones Kaitlin Kelly Daniel James Keyes Tyler James Madsen Michael Ivan McCleve Zachary Thomas Owens Eric J Pearce Mikayla Jane Pillar John Joseph Robison Hayley Dawn Rozsa Brandon Isidro Salgado Tyler James Scavo Matthew Reid Trowbridge Emily Marie Vidmar Todd Frederick Wakefield Quentin Cade Willey Alex Scott Williams Corbin Rick Worthen

## **EXERCISE SCIENCES**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Jennifer Lynn Swalberg

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
JUNE 2016 GRADUATE
Donovan Sonny Browning

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION—SPORTS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Dean Lawrence Kiser

## **Health Science**

#### PUBLIC HEALTH

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Melanie Kate Anderson Andrea Luz Baker Cassondra Melody Best Paul Tyler Bradshaw Jaclyn Alexis Brooks Rosselim America Chama **Jimenez** Cherri Ngo-kang Chan Emily Mae Christensen Jonathan Carlos Conde Aaron Martin Cox Harper Rachel Crickmore Reshley Andrew De Guzman Dalisay Natalie Anne Dayton Emily Joan Dekker Ianica Eleanor Moanikealaikaleolani Dement Abbey J'Brie Dighans Madisan Brooks Dockendorf Paul Austin Eckel Kathryn Elizabeth Fillmore Madison Fox Sabrina Isabel Franks Angelo Ezra Garcia Jenna Susann Gautreaux Tyson Ryan Hamilton Brittani Nicole Hammer Kelsey Linn Hamstead James Bradley Heap Jenna Rae Henderson Colton Ross Higgins Brett Anthony Jones Danielle Kaiser Laurie Melissa Kelley Alina Alicia King Andrew Kirk Lindsay Waverly Anne Livingston Savannah Marie Looper Ashley Nicole Mauger Taylor Michael McBride Cassady Mae Mecate Danielle Kristen Mecate Eleanor Sophie Mika Hannah Marie Mills McKenna Seal Morais Joshua James Norlund Vanessa Loraine Palmer Chelsea Marie Randall Mykol Ann Rhett Emily Ann Rowley Jessica Colleen Francine Felipe Sagisi Hailey Noelle Seaver Nicole Seedall Madeleine Susanne Smith Alison Nichole Squire Jordan Thompson Preston Lyman Wilcken Nicala Anne Wood Tana Kim Yeip

**JUNE 2016 GRADUATES** Devin Howard Anderson Todd McArthur Barrett Catherine Leigh Black Megan Blake Jason Daniel Bunker Fabrizio Cena Blair Hannah Crickmore Mallory Aspen Fox Adam Christopher Garrett Thalia M. Gaxiola Dustin E George Edmund Warren Gubler Jr. Seth Rockwell Hall Michael Corwin Harding Calvin Michael Jahng Rebekah Larsen Janalee Oldham Katrina Isabel Rigsby Caleb Paul Thomas Austin Michael Tyler Rachel Elise Warner Katrina Ann Zimmerman

## SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE JUNE 2016 GRADUATE Rylie Talbot

## Microbiology and Molecular Biology

## MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE **JUNE 2016 GRADUATES** Rebecca Nicole Barr Maren Jenne Bayles Heather Jean Bright Stuart Taylor Carson Josalyn Rave Ceroalo Sara Elizabeth Edwards Jack Timothy Heaton Taylor Daniel Jones Amy Lynn Marshall Jessica Myers Stephanie Edith Nation Amy Elizabeth Ruhl Brooklyn Janae Shannon Brittany Weed Victoria Marie Yorgesen

## MICROBIOLOGY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Thomas Scott Brady Kyler J. Haskell Ashley-Marie Payne

JUNE 2016 GRADUATES Matthew Kendall Blakemore Ryan Arvid Carlson Glen-Olav Digernes Collett Justin Thomas Crockett Bryan Boyd Hair David Ernest Poe Matthew Don Van Slooten

#### MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Alex Michael Buchkovich Alex J Freeman

JUNE 2016 GRADUATES Nicholas Robert Anderson Samantha Mariah Martinez Kurt Rawson Williams

# Nutrition, Dietetics, and Food Science

#### DIETETICS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Natalie Catalina Wachlin

JUNE 2016 GRADUATES Elizabeth Umeko Mathews Whitney Jane Stevens Jenna Leigh Weiler

## FOOD SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Erin Elizabeth Hiatt Daniel Bret Hubert Eliza Esther King Lawrence Kimber Ann Meek

JUNE 2016 GRADUATES Abigail Adams Anna Mckay Frampton Jonathan Victor Southern

#### NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Jameson Merrick McBride Karen Diane Rowley

# Physiology and Developmental Biology

## **BIOPHYSICS**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
JUNE 2016 GRADUATES
John David Henstrom
Cameron Blake Lindemann
Nathaniel Ray Shirts
Katrina Jo Welker

## PHYSIOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Blake Kevin Anderson Brock Madsen Davis Morgan Jean Francis Trey Daniel Hatton Trevor Andrew Hendricks Vince Reynielle Nito
Labinpuno
Ho Hin Ma
Nicholas Charles Nelson
Jordan Francis Tanner
Rachel Elizabeth Webb

JUNE 2016 GRADUATES
Sean Douglas Allsop
Taylor Douglas Baker
McKenzie Miller Broadbent
Andrew Paul Dalley
Mitchell Spencer Garey
Tyler Reed Glassford
Shalia Kristine Hartvigsen
Ryan Patrick Mackay
Aleksander Paul Mika
Alex David Powell
Ryan Scott Staudte

# Plant and Wildlife Sciences

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Ellen Xanthos

## GENETICS AND BIOTECHNOLOGY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Matthew Dean Jeffs Audrey Indietta Kunkel Justin Craig Lillywhite

JUNE 2016 GRADUATES Cassandra Anne Dohse Taylor Leigh King Zaid Waddah Hefzi Malhees Vera Mayhew Madeline Veloz

#### LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Ashley Caresse Logan

JUNE 2016 GRADUATES Nelson Dee Geary Meagan Elaine Huber Holmes

## WILDLIFE AND WILDLANDS CONSERVATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Hailey Diane Brown Tara Elizabeth Jibson Corinne Michelle Scott

JUNE 2016 GRADUATE Skyler Kent Richins