



SCIENCE

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What a year!

The second week of May is always my favorite because it is *Celebration Week*. Honors College celebration, officer commissioning, doctoral hooding, and finally commencement! This spring, several undergraduate and graduate students in SCIENCE won [College awards](#). National and International recognition of our students continues to elevate Clemson science.

SCIENCE students had a terrific spring. [Rami Major](#) won the 2019 Norris Medal as the best all-around graduating senior at Clemson University. Our College also had a trifecta of Goldwater scholars – [Ben Slimmer, Erin Mihealsick, and Laura McCann](#) – and one of our BioSci doctoral students – [Rhett Rautsaw](#) – was one of only five scientists in the world to receive the 2019 BioOne Ambassador Award.

As I shook each SCIENCE graduate's hand, I was reminded that the holy grail at Clemson is the signature student experience. I hope that this academic year exceeded even your highest expectations. If you graduated this spring – congratulations! We welcome you into the Clemson Alumni family and look forward to your continued engagement with SCIENCE. Stay in touch so we can follow all of your accomplishments! Returning students: whether you are studying abroad, interning, taking classes, conducting research or just getting some rest and relaxation – enjoy the summer! We look forward to seeing you back on campus in August.

What a year! Thank you – each and every one of you – for your aspiration, inspiration, commitment, and hard work. It is my honor to serve as your dean.

Go Tigers!

CYNTHIA Y. YOUNG
FOUNDING DEAN, COLLEGE OF SCIENCE





From left, Daniel Fox, Rami Major, Camille Zervas, Adam Miller, Erin Milhealsick, Kylie Smith, Lauren Stoczynski, Stella Self, Jason Erno and Saheed Bukola pose with Dean Young (center). Image credit: Pete Martin

SCIENCE honors outstanding students

The College of Science honored its outstanding undergraduate and graduate students April 10 at the Madren Conference Center. An assemblage of standout students received a variety of awards during the event, which featured food, photos and an uplifting video.

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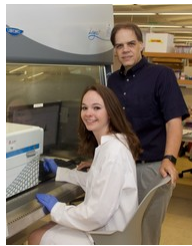
Genetics major wins 2019 Norris Medal

Geneticist Rami Major wins the Norris Medal as best all-around graduating senior at Clemson University. Kylie Smith of biological sciences wins the Phil and Mary Bradley Student Award for Mentoring in Creative Inquiry. London Means of biological sciences wins the Class of 1956 Staff Excellence Award.

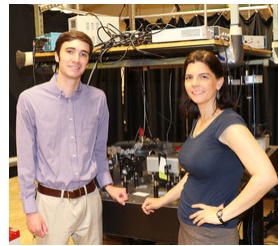
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*Laura McCann
with mentor
Carlos Garcia*



*Erin Mihealsick
with mentor
Kerry Smith*



*Ben Slimmer with
mentor Joan Marler*

Three SCIENCE students win Goldwater Scholarships

Three outstanding College of Science students are Clemson University's winners of the 2019 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, a premier national undergraduate award in the fields of mathematics, natural sciences and engineering.

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Student earns worldwide recognition

Doctoral student Rhett Rautsaw is one of just five scientists to receive the 2019 BioOne Ambassador Award.

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Rhett Rautsaw

Mark your calendars

[STUDY ABROAD](#)

MAY 19-JUNE 23: General microbiology in Poland

JUNE 2-15: First health mission program in Costa Rica

JUNE 13-JULY 13: Program in Dublin, Ireland

JUNE 23-JULY 6: Second health mission program in Costa Rica

JULY 14-27: Final health mission program in Costa Rica

SUMMER

AUG. 8: Summer doctoral hooding ceremony at Brooks Center

AUG. 9: Summer graduation at Littlejohn Coliseum

FALL

AUG. 19: New student convocation

AUG. 21: Fall classes begin

COLLEGE NEWS

Here's what's happening around the College of Science.

- [Center for Human Genetics continues to unravel how genes impact drug use and addiction](#)
- [Chemistry professor Ken Marcus wins Researcher of Year award](#)
- [World-class data science server to amplify Clemson's supercomputer](#)
- [Superhero scientist: Clemson quantum physicist featured in ComicBook.com](#)
- [Chemistry's Dan Whitehead receives prestigious innovation award](#)
- [Nobel laureate Sir Fraser Stoddart shares lessons on science, careers](#)
- [Several thousand attend 'Be a T.I.G.E.R. Field Day' before Clemson Football Spring Game](#)

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