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MASTER OF ARTS

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MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Anna Nix Davis—Chemistry
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Wei Fan—Computer Science
Andrew Venegas Feigley—Pharmacology
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Erin Elizabeth Fey—Molecular Pathology and Immunology
Pierce Stephen Finley—Mechanical Engineering
Mariia Gorchichko—Electrical Engineering
Dustin M Groff—Chemical Engineering
Azadeh Hadadianpour—Molecular Pathology and Immunology
Alese Erin Halvorson—Biostatistics
Nathaniel Paul Hamilton—Electrical Engineering
Quintin Douglas Hoffman—Computer Science
Sangwon Jeong—Computer Science
Kaylee Marie Johnson—Biochemistry
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Zlatko Joveski—Computer Science
Shweta Prabhat Khare—Computer Science
Karla-Anne Knapp—Chemistry
David Christopher Knorr—Earth and Environmental Sciences
Benjamin Lane—Biostatistics
Kenneth June Li—Computer Science
Aung Soe Lin—Microbe-Host Interactions
Hemanth Kumar Venkata Machavaram—Computer Science
Adele Victoria Malpert—Community Research and Action
Diego Manzanas Lopez—Electrical Engineering
Nicholas A Marinelli—Chemical and Physical Biology
Emily Markert—Computer Science
Cody Robert Marshall—Biomedical Sciences
Rebekah Leigh McMahan—Neuroscience
Melinda Rogers Morris—Leadership and Policy Studies
Patrick Musau—Electrical Engineering
Justin James Musser—Biomedical Sciences
Sage Elise Pickren—Special Education
Edward Bryn Joseph Pitt—Mechanical Engineering
Grant Douglas Poe—Electrical Engineering
Marney Squires Pollack—Special Education
Sameer Puri—Computer Science
Vishnu Amrit Pydah—Computer Science
Jessica Lynn Raff—Earth and Environmental Sciences
Ellis W. Richards—Electrical Engineering
Camila Rivas-Garrido—Community Research and Action
James Michael Roberts—Biomedical Sciences
Noah Robinson—Psychology
Kaitlyn Lyle Ryder—Electrical Engineering
Landen Daniel Ryder—Electrical Engineering
Chinmaya Samal—Computer Science
Ayush Sangari—Computer Science
Matthew Christopher Sedam—Computer Science
Sagar Kirankumar Shah—Electrical Engineering
Shrey Shah—Electrical Engineering
Rachel Elizabeth Siciliano—Psychology
Julie F. Sriken—Community Research and Action
Thomas Allen Stilson—Mechanical Engineering
Zachary David Stuckelman—Psychology
Devin Alexander Taylor—Chemistry
Vedansh Thakkar—Electrical Engineering
Matthew Nicholas Torrico—Environmental Engineering
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Pooja Arvind Wagle—Computer Science
Blake Marshall Wallrich—Earth and Environmental Sciences
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Scott Andrew Williams—Mechanical Engineering
Patrick Wu—Biomedical Informatics
Brian Yongli Xu—Computer Science
Daniel Yan—Computer Science
Jun Ying—Computer Science
Jinzhu Yu—Civil Engineering
Marianne Perez Zape—Community Research and Action
Hamid Zare—Computer Science
Zhehao Zeng—Computer Science
Minhui Zhou—Computer Science

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Stephanie Davis—Creative Writing
Cydnee Devereaux—Creative Writing
Carla Isabella Diaz—Creative Writing
Carlina C. Duan—Creative Writing
Alina Frances Grabowski—Creative Writing
Samuel Gregory Rutter—Creative Writing
Sophia Stid—Creative Writing
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MASTER OF ENGINEERING

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Vishal Khandare—Civil Engineering
Matthew James Klooster—Civil Engineering
Pawan Adnan Mohamad-Ali—Civil Engineering
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Elizabeth A. Okenfuss—Civil Engineering
Fernanda Povoa Peixoto—Civil Engineering
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Dingjie Su—Computer Science
Sara Anabelle Tsai—Mechanical Engineering
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Yuxing Wang—Computer Science
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Erin Renee Aho—Cell and Developmental Biology
Baig Abdullah Al Muhit—Civil Engineering
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Karen Marie Barako Arndt—Hearing and Speech Sciences
Rebekah Ann Austin—Electrical Engineering
Thea Jean Autry—English
Rachel Louise Bain—Environmental Engineering
Emma Lillian Banks—Anthropology
Yanqing Bao—Interdisciplinary
William Walker Barbour—Civil Engineering
Nathaniel Johnathan Barnes—Environmental Engineering
Brendan Patrick Bartanen—Leadership and Policy Studies
Yogesh Damodar Barve—Computer Science
Nicole Beth Briggs Beckmann—Nursing Science
Sean K. Bedingfield—Biomedical Engineering
John Scott Austin Beeler—Biochemistry
Monique Renee Bennett—Microbe-Host Interactions
Jennifer Rae Benoy—Chemistry
Magaela Christina Bethune—Community Research and Action
Anirban Bhattacharjee—Computer Science
Dayi Bian—Electrical Engineering
Stephanie Sue Ling Birnbaum—Biological Sciences
Maria Elin Gerda Bjorkman—German
Karin Janae Bosma—Molecular Physiology and Biophysics
Jennifer Leigh Bradham—Earth and Environmental Sciences
Jessica Lynne Bratt—Religion
Fernanda Bretones Lane—History
Casey Brock—Interdisciplinary Materials Science
Andrew Wallace Brooks—Human Genetics
Abby Rosalyn Broughton—French
Trevor Logan Bruns—Mechanical Engineering
Audra Foshage Bryan—Cell and Developmental Biology
Miles Richard Bryan—Neuroscience
Lauren Kay Bryant—Neuroscience
Andrea Bernadette Bushaw—Nursing Science
Iliza Myers Butera—Neuroscience
Ahmet Cakir—Computer Science
Victor Francisco Calderon Arrivillaga—Physics
Tristan Philip Call—Anthropology
Federico Campisano—Mechanical Engineering
Peter Thurrott Capretto—Religion
Amber Rose Carlson—Philosophy
Chad Duane Carpenter—Mechanical Engineering
Olivia Grace Carr—Leadership and Policy Studies
Sari Lynn Carter—English
Rhonda Renee Caston—Microbe-Host Interactions
Selena Chacon Simon—Chemical and Physical Biology
Hung-Hsin Chen—Epidemiology
Ling Chen—Biological Sciences
Ye Chen—Mechanical Engineering
Jonathan Joseph Chipman—Biostatistics
Brandon Michael Chisholm—Environmental Engineering
Kofi Shomari Shakir Christie—Environmental Engineering
Douglas Huntington Brown Clark—Religion
Bradley Palmer Clarke—Biochemistry
Iyaxel Ixkan Cojti Ren—Anthropology
Melissa Leigh Cooper—Neuroscience
Jennifer Judith Coppola—Psychology
Natalie Esther Vanderveen Covington—Hearing and Speech Sciences
Sharon Elizabeth Davis—Biomedical Informatics
Timothy James Davis—Hearing and Speech Sciences
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Terrance Dean—Religion
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Kristen Leigh D’Onofrio—Hearing and Speech Sciences
George Duffy—Earth and Environmental Sciences
Megan Elissa Dumas—Cell and Developmental Biology
Glenna Caitlin Dunn—Astrophysics
Jonathan Mark Eldridge—Physics
David Len Elion—Cancer Biology
Joseph Mina Elsakr—Molecular Physiology and Biophysics
Andrew Michael Engelhardt—Political Science
Samuel Theodore Eppink—Economics
Esther Akunna Epum—Biological Sciences
Jing Fan—Electrical Engineering
Ahram Samuel Feigenbaum—Mathematics
Rachel Anne Fischer—Pharmacology
Israel Flores—Psychology
Nora June Foegeding—Cell and Developmental Biology
Oakleigh Marie Folkes—Pharmacology
Melanie Jeanne Forehand—Spanish
Lindsay Radcliffe Foreman-Murray—Special Education
Nathaniel Johnson Freymeyer—Chemistry
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Mohit Ganguly—Biomedical Engineering
Andrea Resch Gardiner—Environmental Engineering
Benjamin William Gasser—Mechanical Engineering
Samantha Ann Gesel—Special Education
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Hunter Ramsdell Gibbons—Microbe-Host Interactions
Kyle Samuel Godbey—Physics
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Henry Grey Gorman—History
Sarah M. Gorman—Philosophy
Kevin Whittle Graepel—Microbe-Host Interactions
Bonnie Marie Griffin—French
Yuanjun Guo—Pharmacology
Alexandria Ree Hadd—Psychology
Richard Edwin Hagner—Political Science
Andrew Tully Hale—Biochemistry
Amy Lynn Harbison—Special Education
Rachel Christine Harrington—Electrical Engineering
Caomhhe Marie Harrington Stack—Psychology
Nolan Daniel Hartley—Neuroscience
Jamison Ramon Heard—Electrical Engineering
Carla Cecilia Hernandez Garavito—Anthropology
Alison Hessling—Hearing and Speech Sciences
Mason Alan Hickman—Civil Engineering
Scott Andrew Hinger—Biological Sciences
Sarah Elizabeth Holliday—History
Ashleigh Rene Hope—Sociology
Austin Allyn Howes—Physics
Justin Wade Hubbard—History
Savannah Renee Jacklin—Astrophysics
Meredith Allyn Jackson—Biomedical Engineering
Christopher Brett Jaeger—Psychology
Kevin Jagessar—Chemical and Physical Biology
Lara Louise Jasien—Learning, Teaching and Diversity
Sarah Elizabeth Kabourek—Leadership and Policy Studies
Asante R. Kamkwalala—Neuroscience
Donnan Jamin Keith—Chemistry
Kevin Parsons Kelly—Biological Sciences
Loran Elizabeth Kelly—Psychology
Emily Christine Kern—Leadership and Policy Studies
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Kameron V Kilchrist—Biomedical Engineering
Emily Elizabeth Kimball—Hearing and Speech Sciences
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Katherine Chanel Konvinse—Microbe-Host Interactions
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Zoe Genevieve LeBlanc—History
Lauren Mary LeJeune—Special Education
Shiying Li—Mathematics
Yi Li—Computer Science
Dakota Roy Bailey Lindsey—Psychology
Zachery Ryan Lonergan—Microbe-Host Interactions
Jian Lou—Computer Science
Caitlyn Elizabeth Majeika—Special Education
James Thomas Michael Maksymetz—Pharmacology
MariaSanta Mangione—Cell and Developmental Biology
Harris Walpole Manning—Chemical Engineering
Kevin M. Manz—Neuroscience
David J. Marcus—Neuroscience
Andres Martinez Guerra—Mechanical Engineering
Wyatt James McDonnell—Microbe-Host Interactions
Katherine Rose McKenna—History
Christian T. Meyer—Chemical and Physical Biology
Lauren Mitchell—English
Hasina Akhtar Mohyuddin—Community Research and Action
Aimee Moiso—Religion
Jiyun Moon—Biological Sciences
Sean Patrick Moran—Neuroscience
Sylvia Irene Morrow—Physics
Kathleen Elizabeth Moyer—Interdisciplinary Materials Science
Ayan Mukhopadhyay—Computer Science
Rachael Anne Muscatello—Neuroscience
Saramati Narasimhan—Biomedical Engineering
Paromita Nath—Civil Engineering
Vishwesh Nath—Computer Science
Emma Hollmann Neal—Chemical Engineering
Kelsay Elizabeth Neely—Mechanical Engineering
Katherine Mackay Newman—Learning, Teaching and Diversity
Paul Steven Niekamp—Economics
Casey Paulasue Nielsen—Cell and Developmental Biology
Jordan Kyle Nikkel—Mathematics
Scotti Michelle Norman—Anthropology
Patrick Gerald O'Keefe—Psychology
Salma Abuobieda Omer—Neuroscience
Jason Ostenson—Chemical and Physical Biology
Alexandra Louise Oxner—English
Amy Marie Palubinsky—Neuroscience
Richard Allan Paris Jr.—Computer Science
Susan Kemper Patrick—Leadership and Policy Studies
Samuel Allen Patton III—Special Education
Lillian Tatiana Paz Lemus—Anthropology
Rose Schmitt Perea—Physics
Tyler Landon Perfitt—Molecular Physiology and Biophysics
Jessamyn Irene Perlmutter—Biological Sciences
Andrea Anne Perreault—Chemical and Physical Biology
Kalen John Petersen—Chemical and Physical Biology
Ashlyn Elizabeth Pierson—Learning, Teaching and Diversity
Elizabeth A. Pokorski—Special Education
James Christopher Poland—Chemistry
Meagan Marie Postema—Cell and Developmental Biology
Bradley David Potteiger—Electrical Engineering
Aimee Danielle Potter—Microbe-Host Interactions
Laura A. Powell—Microbe-Host Interactions
Nicole Elizabeth Putnam—Microbe-Host Interactions
Bradley Lewis Rachlin—Physics
Lyn Alison Radke—Philosophy
William David Ramos-Lewis—Cell and Developmental Biology
Patrick David Rasico—History
Francis Ralambotsiferana Ratsimbazafy—Economics
Carson Walker Reed—Chemistry
Jordan Marcus Rhodes—Chemistry
Eric Joseph Ritter—Philosophy
Bretta Louise Rivera—Learning, Teaching and Diversity
Cristina Michelle Robinson—Biological Sciences
Evan Hojer Robinson—Chemistry
Laura Kathleen Rogers—Leadership and Policy Studies
Gabrielle Victoria Rushing—Neuroscience
Daniel Joseph Ryan—Chemistry
Neena Marie Saha—Special Education
Hilary Jerome Scarsella—Religion
Johanna Marlies Schafer—Biochemistry
Abigail Morgan Searfoss—Chemical and Physical Biology
Jessie Iona Sellers—Nursing Science
Saptarshi Sengupta—Electrical Engineering
Marion Setliff II—Chemical and Physical Biology
Zachary Thomas Settle—Religion
Amanda Ward Sheaffer—Special Education
John Dylan Shropshire—Biological Sciences
Cara Michelle Singer—Hearing and Speech Sciences
Robert Joseph Siverd Jr.—Astrophysics
Piotr R. Slawinski—Mechanical Engineering
Gregory James Smith—Earth and Environmental Sciences
Ryan William Solava—Mathematics
Savanna Rae Starko—Physics
Laura Anna Strombergsson—German
Lei Su—Hearing and Speech Sciences
Bin Sun—Mathematics
Mackenzie Ann Sunday—Psychology
Christopher Scott Sundby—Neuroscience
Monte Dawn Talley—Anthropology
Carolyn Dee Taratko—History
Laurel Jean Teller—*Hearing and Speech Sciences*
Lucas Benjamin Thal—*Chemistry*
Joshua James Thompson—*Cancer Biology*
Matthew White Thompson—*Chemical Engineering*
Jaime E Tierney—*Biomedical Engineering*
Elijah Trefts—*Molecular Physiology and Biophysics*
Alexandra Joan Trevisan—*Biochemistry*
Glenn Mac Trujillo Jr.—*Philosophy*
Marc James Trussler—*Political Science*
Jessica Marie Tumolo—*Cell and Developmental Biology*
Danyelle Adia Nichole Valentine—*History*
Lis Eda Valle-Ruiz—*Religion*
Mark Joseph Vander Roest—*Biomedical Engineering*
Talitha Marie VanWie—*Chemistry*
Kadiir J. Vaquer Fernandez—*Spanish*
Peter Schuyler Vielehr—*Sociology*
Sheahan Gray Virgin—*Political Science*
Benjamin Voloh—*Psychology*
Laine Christine Walters Young—*Religion*
Li Wang—*Environmental Engineering*
Pan Wang—*Electrical Engineering*
Garrett Mason Warren—*Biological Sciences*
Emily S. Weaver—*Special Education*
Cara Leiona Wilson—*French*
Boston Jared Woolfolk—*Spanish*
Haojie Wu—*Computer Science*
Jianchao Wu—*Mathematics*
Matthew Yandell—*Mechanical Engineering*
Alexander Hao Yang—*Chemical Engineering*
Xiaochen Yang—*Computer Science*
Rashid Muhammed Yasin—*Mechanical Engineering*
Melodie Yen—*Hearing and Speech Sciences*
Mesut Yilmaz—*Electrical Engineering*
Rachel Lauren Zelkowitz—*Psychology*
Xiaoge Zhang—*Interdisciplinary*
Xin Zhang—*Mechanical Engineering*
Yu Zhang—*Chemical Engineering*
Huan Zhao—*Electrical Engineering*
Jingjing Zhu—*Epidemiology*
Yuantee Zhu—*Pharmacology*
HONOR FELLOWS
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Founder’s Medal for First Honors is awarded for outstanding achievement in the graduating class. Cornelius Vanderbilt’s gifts to the university included endowment of this award, first given in 1877.

Thea J. Autry—*English*

Harold Stirling Vanderbilt Graduate Scholars are chosen at the time of admission from applicants showing exceptionally high promise in intellectual endeavor and commitment to excellence.

Julianne Adams—*English*
Juliet C. Larkin-Gilmore—*History*
Lillian Tatiana Paz Lemus—*Anthropology*

University Graduate Fellowships are awarded on the basis of merit to entering students who display outstanding promise in research and academic excellence.

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Laura Louise Adery—*Psychology*
Gwendolyn Frances Sarah Arvidson—*French*
Anirban Bhattacharjee—*Computer Science*
Pietra Taylor Bruni—*Psychology*
Audra Foshage Bryan—*Cell and Developmental Biology*
Tristan Philip Call—*Anthropology*
Sari Lynn Carter—*English*
Selena Chacon Simon—*Chemical and Physical Biology*
Ye Chen—*Mechanical Engineering*
Brandon Michael Chisholm—*Environmental Engineering*
Anthony Gerardo Contreras—*French*
Carla Isabella Diaz—*Creative Writing*
Samuel Theodore Eppink—*Economics*
Nathan Frisch—*Anthropology*
Alina Frances Grabowski—*Creative Writing*
Yuanjun Guo—*Pharmacology*
Azadeh Hadadianpour—*Molecular Pathology and Immunology*
Alese Erin Halvorson—*Biostatistics*
Caoimhe Marie Harrington Stack—*Psychology*
Mason Alan Hickman—*Civil Engineering*
A small group of select students has been supported through a university-wide competitive fellowship program known as the Provost’s Graduate Fellowships.

The Center for Teaching Fellows mentors and trains graduate students for future teaching careers.
The Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities awards a select group of Graduate School Ph.D. students in the humanities and qualitative sciences to support innovation and excellence in graduate student research.

Emma Lillian Banks—Anthropology
Iyaxel Ixkan Cojti Ren—Anthropology
Cyndee Devereaux—Creative Writing
Sarah M. Gorman—Philosophy
Bonnie Marie Griffin—French
Katherine Rose McKenna—History
Lauren Mitchell—English
Scatti Michelle Norman—Anthropology

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based master’s and doctoral degrees.

Sean K. Bedingfield—Biomedical Engineering
Kofi Shomari Shakir Christie—Environmental Engineering
Israel Flores—Psychology
Meredith Allyn Jackson—Biomedical Engineering
Kameron V. Kilchrist—Biomedical Engineering
Kathleen Elizabeth Moyer—Interdisciplinary Materials Science
Emma Hollmann Neal—Chemical Engineering
Abigail Morgan Searfoss—Chemical and Physical Biology
John Dylan Shropshire—Biological Sciences
Piotr R. Slawinski—Mechanical Engineering
Mackenzie Ann Sunday—Psychology
Monte Dawn Talley—Anthropology
Melodie Yen—Hearing and Speech Sciences

National Institutes of Health Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards are given to a diverse pool of highly trained scientists in appropriate scientific disciplines to address the nation’s biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs.

Maria Lucia-Karwoski Agostini—Microbe-Host Interactions
Audra Foshage Bryan—Cell and Developmental Biology
Miles Richard Bryan—Neuroscience
Gabriella Elizabeth DiCarlo—Neuroscience
Andrew Tully Hale—Biochemistry
David J. Marcus—Neuroscience
American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowships are awarded to highly trained scientists, with women and underrepresented minorities highly encouraged, in a wide array of academic disciplines (including biology, chemistry, mathematics, technology, and physics), to enhance and improve global cardiovascular health.

Roshani Naresh Bulkunde—Economics
Hung-Hsin Chen—Epidemiology
Tyler Landon Perfitt—Molecular Physiology and Biophysics

The IBM Ph.D. Fellowship Program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students who have an interest in solving problems that are important to IBM and fundamental to innovation in many academic disciplines and areas of study.

Chad Duane Carpenter—Mechanical Engineering
Kofi Shomari Shakir Christie—Environmental Engineering
Andres Martinez Guerra—Mechanical Engineering
Mason Alan Hickman—Civil Engineering
Piotr R. Slawinski—Mechanical Engineering

As a means of increasing the number of U.S. citizens and nationals trained in science and engineering disciplines of military importance, the Department of Defense funds the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship, a highly competitive program supporting students who pursue a doctoral degree in one of fifteen supported disciplines at the institution of their choosing.

Nathaniel Paul Hamilton—Electrical Engineering

The Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program (DDETFP) awards fellowships to students pursuing degrees in transportation-related disciplines.

William Walker Barbour—Civil Engineering
Autism Speaks established the Dennis Weatherstone Predoctoral Fellowship Program in 2008 with a generous grant from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. The program honors the late financier Sir Dennis Weatherstone and his commitment to the education of early career scientists pursuing autism research.

Rachael Anne Muscatello—Neuroscience

The Free University of Berlin maintains a partnership with Vanderbilt University for a direct exchange for selected students to study abroad.

Eric Joseph Ritter—Philosophy

The Andrew W. Mellon Digital Humanities Fellowship trains graduate students in the humanities to integrate digital technologies into innovative research programs.

Melanie Jeanne Forehand—Spanish
Juliet C. Larkin-Gilmore—History
Laura Anna Strombergsson—German

The NASA National Space Grant College and Fellowship Project, also known as Space Grant, is a national network of colleges and universities working to expand opportunities for Americans to understand and participate in NASA's aeronautics and space projects by supporting and enhancing science and engineering education, research and public outreach efforts.

George Duffy—Earth and Environmental Sciences
Kelsay Elizabeth Neely—Mechanical Engineering

The PhRMA Foundation Predoctoral Fellowships help promising students advance their careers by providing up to two years of stipend funding to support full-time Ph.D. candidates.

Loran Elizabeth Kelly—Psychology
The National Institute of Justice Graduate Research Fellowship program has supported doctoral students whose research is relevant to criminal justice.

Christopher Scott Sundby—Neuroscience

Student marshals for Commencement are selected based on their contributions to graduate life at Vanderbilt through leadership and service.

Emma Lillian Banks—Anthropology
Abigail Morgan Searfoss—Chemical and Physical Biology