



Stony Brook University

DEPARTMENT of GEOSCIENCES

DEPARTMENTAL CONVOCATION

Celebrating the Class of 2025

Friday, May 23, 2025

Earth and Space Sciences Building

2:00 PM



Program

Welcome: Professor Brian Phillips

Opening Remarks: Paul Kelton, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences

***Presentation of Undergraduate Degrees and Awards:
Professor Hanna Nekvasil and Professor Marine Frouin***

Undergraduate Excellence in Teaching Award: James Boglioli

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

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

Oliver Schaeffer Endowed Scholarship: Kristen Norberg and Gabriel O'Donnell
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: Lynn Macrone (BS '81)

Presentation of Graduate Degrees and Awards: Professor Joel Hurowitz

Graduate Excellence in Teaching Award: Yucheng Wang

David E. King Field Work Award: Victoria Castle and Kevin Hatton
Made possible by donations from David E. King (MS '84)

The Far Beyond Award: Alison Brett
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

***Siena Bitetto
Jacquelin Cao
Steven VanDood***

Bachelor of Arts – Earth and Space Sciences Education Track

***Sarah Athir
Konnor Douglas Bocklet***

Bachelor of Science – Geology

***James Douglas Boglioli
Timothy Chan
John James Chianese
Sarah Hafke
Basil Mai
Christine Meiselbach, Cum Laude
Andrew Schreck
Juliet Slota, Cum Laude***

Bachelor of Arts in Earth and Space Sciences/ Master of Arts in Teaching Earth Science

***Jack Andrew Classen, Magna Cum Laude
Matthew Classen, Cum Laude
Daniel Friedman, Cum Laude
Anthony Munoz, Cum Laude***

Graduate Degree Candidates

Master of Arts in Teaching Earth Science

Caleb Erasmus Atkinson-Barnes

David Lopue

Gianna Marie Sclafani-Zamora

Master of Science in Geosciences

Veronica A. Borracci

Lingfeng Gary Kuang

Leland Reisfield

Doctor of Philosophy - Geosciences

Lajhon St. Michael Campbell

Tristan Catalano

Mae Saslaw



Lynn Macrone is an entrepreneur and alumna of Stony Brook University, Geosciences. During her college course work, she developed an analytical mindset and a deep appreciation for storytelling through data and discovery. Since then, Lynn's professional trajectory has led to unimaginable twists and turns. Her Bachelor of Science degree took her to science publishing, and then into the life-changing world of pharma advertising.

After honing the craft of science and promotional writing, Lynn founded a creative advertising and marketing agency called JUICE Pharma Worldwide. For nearly 25 years, her agency developed innovative branding, advertising, and marketing strategies for a diverse range of clients, providing communications to healthcare professionals, patients, and families around the world.

Her agency had the honor of launching some of the most groundbreaking discoveries in medicine—from first-of-their-kind vaccines to treatments for rare diseases and cancer, all in the service of helping people live better lives. Lynn continues to explore new opportunities to consult and mentor and is developing a music and arts center for young adults and children on Long Island. She spends time with her family between New York and Arizona, where she is immersed every day in the power and beauty of the geologic forces that shape our world.