



# ECONOMICS

VIRGINIA TECH™

## Commencement Celebration

Saturday, May 16, 2020  
12:00 Noon

### **Welcome and Remarks**

Sudipta Sarangi  
*Department Head*

Melanie Fox  
*Undergraduate Director & Master of Ceremony*

### **Keynote Address**

Michael "Mike" W. Carey  
Carey, Scott, Douglas & Kessler, PLLC  
Virginia Tech, B.S. Economics, '76

### **Department Awards**

### **Student Awards**

### **Presentation of Graduates**

# Department of Economics

## College of Science

Ainy Akhtar  
James Chris-Amore Alexandre  
Nnamdi Miles Amu  
Jacob Alexander Baisden  
Udval Batbayar \*  
Samantha Hope Beggs \*  
Brett Joseph Bell  
Connor O'Brien Brown  
Philip George Buys  
Sarah Gayle Chester \*  
Abdullah Choudhury  
Alan Thai-On Dang  
Linxin Dang  
Matthew Jordan Deville \*  
Matthew Tanner Elliott  
Songqi Fan\*  
Joseph Riley Farmer  
Gemillie Alejandra Giron  
Britney Michelle Gonzalez  
Jacob Christopher Gray  
Bennett Alon Greenfield  
Michael John Greenfield  
Samara Karim Hasan  
Richard Jamard Holt III  
Ryan Alexander Hord \*  
Lu Hou  
Yihua Huang  
Kerry Michael Hyatt  
Sean Kota Kaku  
Megan K. Lee  
Suhoon Lee  
Samuel L. Lucas  
Thomas Paul Mecherikunnel \*\*\*#  
Connor Joseph Miko  
Avery Burton Mills III \*\*\*  
Dillon Lee Morrell  
Michael Brendan Mulvey \*\*  
Calvin Masanari Muramoto  
Helen Lynn Ngov \*\*  
Pablo Penovi Orjales  
Robert Frank Orr  
Eleanor Grace Kelly Patrick  
Nathan Jon Murray Pawlowicz  
Anthony Thomas Peluso  
Zefeng Peng  
Malynn Kim Pheng  
Lauren W. Prieur  
Brendan Connor Quinn  
Cameron Kekoa Ray \*  
Carey Ruth Rice  
Peter Quinn Ridder  
Dylan Thomas Schmader  
Christian Joseph Sedita \*\*  
Peter Dearing Seuffer  
John Michael Shaia  
Jiayi Shen \*\*  
Christopher Agostinho Silva  
Sarah Louise Spicer \*\*\*  
Catherine Elizabeth Stein  
Laura Frances Sullivan  
Lorena Dany Vargas\*\*  
Liam Patrick Walter  
Jack Henry Weston  
Edward Wu  
Henry Wu  
Yutong Xia  
Kareem Mofied Yousef \*  
Mariah Callie Zwirb \*

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## College of Business

Havisha Sai Annamreddy  
Sean Michael Hall  
William Ethan Lehman \*  
Nicholas Paul Monaco  
Julianne Marie Paris

## Graduate Degrees

Ghadir Asadi, Ph.D.  
Chau Hung "Tommy" Chan, MA  
Eric James Eells, MA  
Yuan Gu, MA  
Alex Holtschneider, MA

Yao "Hillary" Huang, Ph.D.  
Azat Nurmukhametov, MA  
Nazanin Sedaghatkish, MA  
Long Vu, MA

## Student Awards

*Outstanding Junior*  
Hannah Louise O'Neil

*Chair's Award*  
Mariah Callie Zwirb

*Outstanding Seniors*  
Thomas Paul Mecherikunnel  
Sarah Louise Spicer

# Congratulations Graduates

## **Steve Springer Scholarship**

Ahreum Max Kim  
Liam Henry Garrigal

## **Friends of Economics Scholarship**

Joseph Nunzio LaRosa  
Plamedi Mutangu Mbiya

## **Departmental Awards**

*Graduate Student Instructor of the Year*  
Sakshi Upadhyay

*Outstanding Faculty in Principles Courses*  
Niloy Bose

*Outstanding Faculty in Undergraduate Courses*  
ZhouYang

*Outstanding Faculty in Graduate Courses*  
Aris Spanos

*Most Valuable Player*  
Amy Stanford

## **Future University Acknowledgements**

You are invited to participate in formal commencement ceremonies in December 2020 or May 2021.

All graduating students and at least two guests are also invited to campus to celebrate commencement with a senior tailgate and complimentary attendance to the September 26 home football game, conditions permitting.

We hope to see you!