

SCHOOL OF  
MOLECULAR & CELLULAR BIOLOGY

# CONVOCATION

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2024



COLLEGE OF  
LIBERAL ARTS  
& SCIENCES

## **TO OUR GRADUATES**

**Today you are graduates of the University of Illinois.**

This is a remarkable achievement, and we hope that you celebrate the occasion with loved ones. Commencement is a joyous and deeply symbolic event for all, including the faculty members, staff, family, friends, and others who have supported you on your journey. As members of the Class of 2024, you have overcome many challenges to earn your degree. Congratulations, and we look forward to learning of your future success.

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

## FACULTY PROCESSION

### DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Milan K. Bagchi, PhD, *Director, School of Molecular & Cellular Biology and Deborah Paul Endowed Professor; University Scholar; Romano Professorial Scholar*

## DEGREE CANDIDATE PROCESSION

### LAND GRANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Carin K. Vanderpool, PhD, *Associate Dean for Research, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences*

As a land-grant institution, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign has a responsibility to acknowledge the historical context in which it exists. In order to remind ourselves and our community, we will begin this event with the following statement. We are currently on the lands of the Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankashaw, Wea, Miami, Mascoutin, Odawa, Sauk, Mesquaki, Kickapoo, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Chickasaw Nations. It is necessary for us to acknowledge these Native Nations and for us to work with them as we move forward as an institution. Over the next 150 years, we will be a vibrant community inclusive of all our differences, with Native peoples at the core of our efforts.

### ALUMNI REMARKS

Kameno Bell, MD

### RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES RECEIVING AWARDS AND GRADUATING WITH HONORS

### PRESENTATION OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY CANDIDATES

### PRESENTATION OF MASTER OF SCIENCE CANDIDATES

### PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE CANDIDATES

Distinction Recipients (Biochemistry, MCB Honors, and MCB)  
Biochemistry, Specialized Curriculum Candidates  
MCB Honors Concentration Candidates  
MCB Candidates

### CLOSING REMARKS

Milan K. Bagchi, PhD, *Director, School of Molecular & Cellular Biology and Deborah Paul Endowed Professor; University Scholar; Romano Professional Scholar*

### SINGING OF "HAIL TO THE ORANGE"

Hail to the Orange. Hail to the Blue. Hail Alma Mater, ever so true. We love no other, so let our motto be Victory, Illinois, Varsity!

### RECESSION OF FACULTY AND GRADUATES

For the safety of our graduate candidates, we ask that you please keep the aisles clear to reduce any congestion near the stage area as candidates are trying to access or exit the stage platform. Thank you for your cooperation.

# ACADEMIC DRESS

Academic dress, consisting of cap, gown, and hood, originated about the twelfth century and was worn primarily for warmth. Subsequently, the material of the gown and lining, and the shape of the hood, represented the economic and social, as well as academic status of the wearer.

In the United States, the great majority of the academic costumes now worn are in accordance with the general provisions of the Intercollegiate Code of 1895, which was revised in 1932 and again in 1960. Under this code, the bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves, the master's gown has oblong sleeves with an arc at the bottom, and the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. All gowns are black, although the adoption of colored gowns by individual institutions in the United States is becoming more prevalent.

The bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed. The doctor's gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves. The facing and bars may be black or may be the color of the subject to which the degree pertains. The bachelor's gown is worn closed; the master's and doctor's gowns may be worn open or closed.

Hoods are also black. The bachelor's hood is 3 feet in length, the master's is 3 ½ feet, and the doctor's is 4 feet. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. At the University of Illinois, the lining is orange and blue. The colored velvet border of the hood, which is 2 inches, 3 inches,

and 5 inches wide for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degree, respectively, identifies the faculty or field of study to which the degree pertains.

The black mortarboard cap is standard in the United States. Usually, all tassels are black, but where the graduating seniors do not wear hoods, as at the University of Illinois, the color of the cap tassel indicates the department of study. At the University of Illinois, candidates for degrees wear tassels on the right front quadrant of their caps before degrees are conferred, and move them to the left front quadrant after degrees are conferred. Caps are considered a part of the costume and are customarily removed only during an invocation or benediction, and then by men only.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods, tassels of caps, and linings of banners, there are different colors associated with the different disciplines. The color for Liberal Arts & Sciences is white.

Caps and gowns were worn for the first time at the University of Illinois Commencement ceremony of 1897. In the early 1900s, the Commencement procession marched up Burrill Avenue to the old Armory. After diplomas were received, the procession marched back to the lawn south of Green Street. The seniors sang the State song and "Auld Lang Syne" before they said good-bye to each other and the campus.

# SCHOOL OF MOLECULAR & CELLULAR BIOLOGY

## ADMINISTRATION

Milan K. Bagchi, PhD, *Director, School of Molecular & Cellular Biology*

Claudio Grosman, PhD, *Head, Molecular & Integrative Physiology*

Satish Nair, PhD, *Head, Biochemistry, and Director, Center for Biophysics & Quantitative Biology*

Supriya Prasanth, PhD, *Head, Cell & Developmental Biology*

James M. Slauch, PhD, *Head, Microbiology*

## MASTER OF CEREMONY

Milan K. Bagchi, PhD, *Director, School of Molecular & Cellular Biology and Deborah Paul Endowed Professor; University Scholar; Romano Professorial Scholar*

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

Carin K. Vanderpool, PhD, *Associate Dean for Research, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences*

## PARTICIPATING FACULTY AND GUESTS

Sayeepriyadarshini Anakk, PhD, *Associate Professor of Molecular & Integrative Physiology*

Steven R. Blanke, PhD, *Professor of Microbiology*

Catherine Christian-Hinman, PhD, *Associate Professor of Molecular & Integrative Physiology*

Martin Gruebele, PhD, *Professor of Chemistry and Professor, Center for Biophysics & Quantitative Biology*

James A. Imlay, PhD, *Professor of Microbiology*

Auinash Kalsotra, PhD, *Associate Professor of Biochemistry*

Ting Lu, PhD, *Professor of Bioengineering*

Susan A. Martinis, PhD, *Vice Chancellor for Research & Innovation, Professor of Biochemistry*

Kyle Shelton, PhD, *Associate Technology Manager, Office of Technology Management*

James M. Slauch, PhD, *Professor and Head of Microbiology*

Emad Tajkhorshid, PhD, *Professor of Biochemistry and Professor, Center for Biophysics & Quantitative Biology*

Rachel J. Whitaker, PhD, *Professor of Microbiology*

Boxuan Zhao, PhD, *Assistant Professor of Cell & Developmental Biology*

## CONVOCATION MARSHALS

Timothy Bowers, MS, *Senior Academic Advisor, Molecular & Cellular Biology*

Bethany Burger, BS, *Academic Advisor, Molecular & Cellular Biology*

Joseph Fernandez, PhD, *Coordinator for the Undergraduate Major in Neuroscience*

Lilia Garcia, BS, *Academic Advisor, Molecular & Cellular Biology*

Bradley Mehtens, MS, *Instructor and Academic Advisor, Molecular & Cellular Biology*

Melissa Reedy, BS, *Coordinator for Instruction, Molecular & Cellular Biology*

Alejandra Stenger, MS, *Assistant Director for Curriculum & Instruction, Molecular & Cellular Biology*

**CONVOCATION ASSISTANTS**

Dustin Buntrock, MS, *Instructor, Molecular & Cellular Biology*

Jack Ikeda, PhD, *Lecturer and Academic Advisor, Molecular & Cellular Biology*

Kristopher Jones, MA, *Office Support Associate, Molecular & Cellular Biology*

Shawna Naidu, PhD, *Senior Coordinator for Instruction (Honors) and Instructor, Molecular & Cellular Biology*

Alison Neff, PhD, *Coordinator for the Undergraduate Program, Department of Biochemistry*

Shawna Smith, BS, *Graduate Program Coordinator, Molecular & Cellular Biology*

Jeremy Toma, PhD, *Lecturer, Molecular & Cellular Biology*

**CONVOCATION COORDINATORS**

Tina Knox, EdM, *Assistant Director for Advising and Recruitment, Molecular & Cellular Biology*

Dara Lawyer, MS, *Academic Advisor, Molecular & Cellular Biology*

# ALUMNI SPEAKER

## **Kameno Bell, MD**

An emergency medicine physician, Dr. Kameno Bell received his BS in biology from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 1992 followed by his MD from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2000. Born and raised in Chicago, Dr. Bell developed a love for sports and biology while a student at Whitney Young High School. At Illinois, he pursued both these passions as a biology student and a running back on the Fighting Illini football team. In 1991, he was named the team's most valuable player. Drafted by the Miami Dolphins, Bell went to Florida for preseason training, and while there, he took the medical school entrance exam. After gaining admission to medical school, he turned his focus on pursuing his MD. His residencies were at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, first in general surgery and then in emergency medicine. After completing a fellowship in sports medicine at Indiana University Hospital, Dr. Bell joined the staff at Hackensack University Medical Center in New Jersey. He has been an emergency room physician there since 2007. As a mentor to resident physicians at the medical center, and as a professor at the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine at Seton Hall University and Saint George University School of Medicine, he teaches the next generation of physicians. Dr. Bell has continued to keep a close connection to the football world; he serves as an associate team physician with the New York Giants. He and his wife, Kenyanna Bell, are parents to three daughters: Alyssa, Nia, and Maya.

# AWARDS AND HONORS

## UNIVERSITY DISTINCTION

### BRONZE TABLET

Edward Erlin Andrews IV, MCB Honors  
Shivang Bhaskar, MCB Honors  
Ashley Naomi Blackwood, MCB  
Emma Bridgeman, MCB Honors  
Olivia Marie Catelli, MCB  
William Dai, MCB  
Emily Elaine Davis, MCB Honors  
David J. Dutton, MCB  
Dalya Bahaa Fadl-Alla, MCB  
Chad Jureczek, MCB  
Julie Anne Mathews, MCB Honors  
Joseph Thomas O'Brien, MCB, December 2023  
Neha Ramachandran, MCB Honors  
Katarina Vrtikapa, MCB  
Emily Wang, Biochemistry

### CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS

Emma Bridgeman, MCB Honors  
David J. Dutton, MCB  
Charlotte Marie Holas, MCB, December 2023  
Julie Anne Mathews, MCB Honors  
Emily Tung, MCB  
Emily Wang, Biochemistry

## COLLEGE DISTINCTION

### JAMES SCHOLARS

Edward Erlin Andrews IV, MCB Honors  
Shireen Mualla Aydogan, MCB  
Matthew Steven Babik, Biochemistry,  
December 2023  
Maaz Bashir, MCB Honors, August 2024  
Jamie Bernal, MCB Honors  
Austin M. Borri, Biochemistry  
Emma Bridgeman, MCB Honors  
Jayna Lee Burger, MCB Honors  
Zolzaya Byambasuren, MCB  
Elizabeth Michelle Chavarin, MCB,  
December 2023  
William Dai, MCB  
Emily Elaine Davis, MCB Honors  
Sofia Faillaci, MCB Honors  
Claire Graham, Biochemistry  
Kate Karaman, MCB Honors  
Nabeeha Sajid Khan, Biochemistry  
Catherine Lynn Koterba, MCB  
Stav Kramer, MCB



# AWARDS AND HONORS

Yuhan Liu, MCB  
Julie Anne Mathews, MCB Honors  
Ishaan Patel, Biochemistry  
Sofia Perry, Biochemistry  
Noah Aaron Pogonitz, MCB  
Neha Ramachandran, MCB Honors  
Hitarthee T. Ray, MCB  
Manasi Reddy, MCB  
Amanda Reinoso, Biochemistry  
Joel Ryan, MCB Honors  
Mia Salerno, MCB  
Yiyang (John) Shen, MCB Honors  
Jacob Sowizral, MCB  
Katarina Vrtikapa, MCB  
Emily Wang, Biochemistry  
Michelle Kristin Weber, MCB  
Lily Catherine Foreman Wenger,  
Biochemistry  
Olivia Grace Wynn, MCB Honors

## SCHOOL DISTINCTION

### **BEST SCHOLARS**

Madison Rose Ardagh, Biochemistry  
Emma Bridgeman, MCB Honors  
Hannah Lin Hallman, MCB  
Stav Kramer, MCB  
Katarina Vrtikapa, MCB  
Lily Catherine Foreman Wenger, Biochemistry

# GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### BIOCHEMISTRY

Zachary Dewald

Stella Ekaputri, December 2023

Andrea Hernandez Garcia, August 2023

Sonya Kumar Bharathkar, December 2023

Haoqian Liang

Qianqiao Liu, December 2023

Nikita Modi, August 2023

Krishna K. Narayanan, August 2023

Adrika Raybarman

### BIOPHYSICS &

### QUANTITATIVE BIOLOGY

Andres Arango, August 2023

Mayank M. Boob, August 2022

Kevin Cheng

Kush Coshic, December 2023

Defne Gorgun Ozgulbas, December 2023

Wenjang Jing, December 2023

Ashley Knoerdel, August 2023

Yifei Li

Hyun Park

Aniket Shrikant Ravan, December 2023

Kumar Sarthak, August 2023

Alice Troitskaia

Rohit Vaidya, December 2023

Yuhan Wang, August 2023

### CELL & DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

Hailun Zhu

### MICROBIOLOGY

Lucy Chou Zheng, August 2023

Sneha Das

Stefanie Susanne Eben, December 2023

Tongyu Liu

Sangeetha Ramesh, December 2023

Rouhallah Ramezanifard, December 2023

Ruben Sanchez-Nieves, December 2023

Ami Seeger, December 2023

### MOLECULAR & INTEGRATIVE PHYSIOLOGY

Daniel Castro, August 2023

Nicole Godellas, December 2023

James Nguyen, August 2023

Anushna Sen, August 2023

Yenny Yook

### NEUROSCIENCE

Alexander Asilador, August 2023

Paul Camacho, December 2023

Cathryn Cutia, December 2023

Rebecca Golden

Robbie Ingram

Young Jae Lee, August 2023

Allison Louie

Jorge Maldonado DeJesus

Liran Ziegalman

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### CELL & DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

Faizan Rashid, August 2023

#### MOLECULAR & CELLULAR BIOLOGY

Melanie Arteaga, December 2023

Wangtong Bao, December 2023

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

Edward Erlin Andrews IV, MCB Honors

Kaitlyn Nicole Angileri, MCB

Oyinkansola Aisha Ashiru, MCB Honors

Maaz Bashir, MCB Honors, August 2024

Karl Peter Baumgartel, MCB, December 2023

Shivang Bhaskar, MCB Honors

Ashley Naomi Blackwood, MCB

Emma Bridgeman, MCB Honors

Jayna Lee Burger, MCB Honors

Zolzaya Byambasuren, MCB

Olivia Marie Catelli, MCB

William Dai, MCB

Emily Elaine Davis, MCB Honors

Rohan Dixit, MCB, December 2023

David J. Dutton, MCB

Allison Marie Eberhard, MCB

Dalya Bahaa Fadl-Alla, MCB

Jacklyn Jo Fiandaca, MCB

Matthew Ford, MCB

Rishi Goyal, MCB

Joseph Steven Hardy, MCB

Chad Jureczek, MCB

Kate Karaman, MCB Honors

Elli E. Keys, MCB

Sarika L. Kumar, MCB

Yuhan Liu, MCB

Kali Ann Mardjetko, MCB

Thomas Marousek, MCB

Julie Anne Mathews, MCB Honors

Aneek Mirza, MCB, December 2023

Mason James Mitchell, MCB

Andrew Nisipeanu, MCB Honors,

December 2023

Lily Noonan, MCB, December 2023

Joseph Thomas O'Brien, MCB,  
December 2023

Arisu Oya, MCB

Varshal Patel, MCB

Noah Aaron Pogonitz, MCB

Ishita Purwar, MCB

Neha Ramachandran, MCB Honors

Maya Raviv, MCB Honors

Hitarthee T. Ray, MCB

Joel Ryan, MCB Honors

Yiyang (John) Shen, MCB Honors

Katarina Vrtikapa, MCB

Olivia Grace Wynn, MCB Honors

Ayumi Yonezawa, MCB

#### HIGHEST DISTINCTION, RESEARCH

Matthew Steven Babik, Biochemistry,  
December 2023

Shivang Bhaskar, MCB Honors

Emma Bridgeman, MCB Honors

Rujuta Madhav Chikodikar, MCB Honors

William Dai, MCB

David J. Dutton, MCB

Hannah Kim, Biochemistry

Sarika L. Kumar, MCB

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Aneek Mirza, MCB, December 2023  
Sophia Nelson, MCB  
Daivi Patel, Biochemistry  
Ishita Purwar, MCB  
Joel Ryan, MCB Honors  
Emily Wang, Biochemistry  
Lily Catherine Foreman Wenger,  
Biochemistry  
Mark Yaroslavsky, Biochemistry,  
December 2023

### HIGH DISTINCTION, RESEARCH

Tyler Cushing, MCB  
Laurel Hart, MCB  
Charles Thomas Knapp, Biochemistry  
Catherine Lynn Koterba, MCB  
Lauren Patrice Kowalski, MCB  
Elisabeth Paskali, MCB  
Sofia Perry, Biochemistry  
Neha Ramachandran, MCB Honors  
Brendan Rattin, MCB, December 2023  
Jessica Rose, MCB  
Gordon Sara, Biochemistry  
Asta Simonovic, Biochemistry  
Lilia Rose Thomas, Biochemistry

John Matias Van Wazer, Biochemistry  
Danyi Wang, MCB, December 2023

### DISTINCTION, RESEARCH

Edward Erlin Andrews IV, MCB Honors  
Oyinkansola Aisha Ashiru, MCB Honors  
Jayna Lee Burger, MCB Honors  
Tammy Guo, MCB, August 2023  
Ahmad Hassan, MCB  
Anshita Jayanth, MCB, December 2023  
Jacob May, MCB, December 2023  
Truman Poteat, MCB  
Maya Raviv, MCB Honors  
Katilyn E. Simmons, MCB  
Tyler J. Smith, MCB  
Jacob Sowizral, MCB

### BIOCHEMISTRY, SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM

*If students have earned distinction, they will be listed above and not duplicated here.*

Miriam S. Akhnoukh  
Madison Rose Ardagh  
Nicolas Aspan  
Xiaobao Bai

Dziyana Balakir  
Steven Blanke  
Austin M. Borri  
Cynthia Nicole Chavez  
Kaelin Darisse Dean  
Andrew Q. Diep  
Taylor William Drake  
Jessica Jeanette Ehlinger  
Cole Evan Esparza  
Claire Graham  
Jinyu Guo, December 2023  
Luke Illes  
Ishan Joshi, August 2024  
Nabeeha Sajid Khan  
Daniel Kiernan  
Dale Jaspher D. Landas  
Kurt Andrew Unabia Leano, December 2023  
Leron Maddi  
Ishaan Patel  
Aidan Petersen, August 2024  
Adrianna Ramos  
Aditya S. Rao  
Emaan Rauf  
Alison Marie Reeve  
Amanda Reinoso

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Anthony Sanchez  
Laura Sanchez  
Anton G. Sazonov  
Stella Sung  
Katherine Maria Travia  
Eileen Zheng  
Dominik Tomasz Zieliński

### **MOLECULAR & CELLULAR BIOLOGY HONORS CONCENTRATION**

*If students have earned distinction, they will  
be listed above and not duplicated here.*

Jamie Bernal  
Katherine Bieber, December 2023  
Sofia Faillaci  
Manas A. Gajjela  
Jennifer Lee, December 2023  
Jacquelyn Nguyen  
Shriya N. Patel, December 2023  
Olivia Renee Swanson, December 2023  
Brian Jeffery Wassall

### **MOLECULAR & CELLULAR BIOLOGY**

*If students have earned distinction or honors,  
they will be listed above and not duplicated here.*

Nafay S. Abdul  
Meera Elizabeth Achari  
Celeste Acosta, December 2023  
Diego Alejandro Acuna, December 2023  
Noga Adar, December 2023  
Justin Affinati  
Yamini Khushi Agarwal, December 2023  
Razeen Ahmed  
Dia Nicole Allamian, December 2023  
Rocky Bassam Alruwaily  
Ramiro Alvarado  
Madeleine Alvis  
Maiwen Amegadjie, August 2024  
Fiona An, August 2024  
Teju Anand  
Antoinette Rose E. Anchinges  
Kevin Arguello  
Sarai Arriaga, December 2023  
Kafayat K. Awolumate, December 2023  
Shireen Mualla Aydogan  
Rumeysa Rana Aydogdu, December 2023  
Peter Baffoe

Brittney Kay-Lynn Bailey  
Jana Barghouti  
Nicole Bim  
Bode Delaney Blohm, December 2023  
Ahmad Arif Bobat  
Olivia Boundy  
Gabija Brazauskaite  
Stephen Blake Bushy, December 2023  
Dominic Anthony Capozzi  
Maxwell Carr  
Samantha Lee Case  
Michael Chai  
Melanie Carolina Chalco, December 2023  
Elizabeth Michelle Chavarin, December 2023  
Catherine Chen, August 2024  
Ho Kwan Cheng, December 2023  
Chinzaya Chinbat  
Nicholas Blaine Clevenger  
Jessica Coller  
Selena Cruz  
Jorge A. Curtis  
Nicole Debrauwere  
Daniela Del Bosque Siller  
Brittany Anne Dietsch  
Elizabeth G. Ducharme

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Bryan Duong  
Fjolla A. Elezi  
Kavishka Randima Fernando  
Nicolas Figueroa  
Cossette Flores  
Kathryn Victoria Fong  
Tyler C. Fossum  
Emmi Frieden  
Carmody Fulks  
Sophia Gambino  
Jairo Garcia Romo  
Ava Garippo  
Andrew Ghannad  
Diana Giselle Gómez  
Gerardo Gonzalez, December 2023  
Noah Gordon  
Salifu Habib, December 2023  
Hannah Lin Hallman  
Heesuk Han  
George Hanna  
Chance Hansen  
Yasmine Haynes  
Kayli Hilliard  
Charlotte Marie Holas, December 2023  
Jacklyn Hwang

Dana Audrey Iosup  
Jeongwon Jang  
Lucia Antonia Jaquez  
Samuel C. Jeon, December 2023  
Lily Jiang  
Haoping Jin  
Andrew Jo, December 2023  
Sophie Judge  
Krishan Kamal  
Myra Kamdar, December 2023  
Aanan Kashyap  
Ema Kaunas  
Ahmar Khan, August 2024  
Aimen Abid Khan  
Samia Khan  
Sophia Ihorivna Khudyk  
Kevin Kim  
Nathan Taemin Kim  
Sani Kimura, December 2023  
Caroline Konneck  
Stav Kramer  
Olivia Kratz  
Madelyn Krigbaum  
James Kwan  
Jennifer Adeline Lahey

Grant Lawson  
Grace Yuqingchun Ledogar  
Hannah Yewon Lee  
Suzy Lee  
Kevin Omar Lemus  
Brandon Li  
Eric Liu  
Mythili Machireddy  
Patricia Gabriella Madel, August 2024  
Apil Mahat, December 2023  
Mia Anabel Maren  
Jennifer Martinez, December 2023  
Ava Cynthia Matz  
Ryan McClintock  
Michelle McReynolds  
Kevin Meier  
Kwaku Mensah  
Gabrielle Millikin  
Riley Elaina Millsap, December 2023  
Bridget Mongoven  
William Michael Moore  
Ivan E. Moreno, December 2023  
Patricia Moreno  
Michelle C. Mumba, August 2024  
Ritika Nair, August 2024

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Natalie Rose Natiello  
Isabella Marleen Natividad  
Meghan Niziolek  
Younis A. Nooraldeen  
Tejaswi Nunna  
Connor O'Keefe  
Kennedy Marcella Ortmeier, December 2023  
Serena Palacios  
Charles Parkerson, August 2024  
Hannah Parmar  
Sarah Parmar  
Morgan Ellen Pasley, December 2023  
Naiya Chetan Patel  
Rudra Patel  
Vishwa Patel  
Yash Hitesh Patel  
Nicole Riek Peeters  
Nina Carmela Petrarca  
Lauryn Paige Pickerill  
Ryan Peter Pinto, December 2023  
Victoria Pitula  
Alexia Popa  
Samuel V. Procopio, December 2023  
Emma Elizabeth Pyszka  
Victor Quarterone Do Prado, December 2023

Jessica Quito Aguilar  
Mohammad Abdullah Rashdan  
Riya Priya Rathod  
Manasi Reddy  
Tenzin Rikha  
Taylor Risken  
Antony Rizk  
Nicholas Adam Rizvi, December 2023  
Arianna Rodehaver  
Fabiola Rodriguez  
Adira Safar  
Mia Salerno  
Amber Victoria Salmon, December 2023  
Chloe Jean Salvesson, December 2023  
Sanjana Satish, December 2023  
Emily Schaab  
Krupa Himanshu Shah  
Sruthi Singaraju  
Tanuj Singh  
Kalyssa Smith  
Hannah Son  
Hanyang Song  
Olga R. Sretenovic, December 2023  
Cole James Stanfield, December 2023  
MJ Stern

Hsuan-Yu Tai  
Ayaa Mahdi Tamam  
Natalie Mishael Taylor  
Kruti Thakkar  
Alexandra Faith Thomas, December 2023  
Grace Mae Tolentino  
Ben Duc Tran, December 2023  
Serena J. Tran, December 2023  
Natalie Tsang  
Lucas Tingyu Tsao, December 2023  
Katia Tsytsarina  
Emily Tung  
Anne-Farah Usman  
Mariana Ventura  
Isela Villasenor  
Julia Walsdorf  
Angela Jiamei Wang, August 2024  
Sloane Olivia Alek Ward  
Michelle Kristin Weber  
Yu-Chin Wei  
Justice RK West  
Skylar W. Wileaver, December 2023  
Isabel Maria Wojcik  
Audrey Wu  
Fareeda Yacout

Rajiv Yadav  
Claudia Zarycki  
Amy Zhang  
Shenyi Zhao  
Luke Zilinskas

## **CERTIFICATE COMPLETION**

*Students listed below have completed all coursework required to earn a certificate which provides a foundational understanding of the specified discipline.*

### **CELL & DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY**

Charlotte Marie Holas, MCB, December 2023

### **INFECTIOUS BIOLOGY**

Adrianna Ramos, Biochemistry  
Grace Mae Tolentino, MCB

## **GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES**

### **MICROBIOLOGY**

Edward Erlin Andrews IV, MCB Honors  
Oyinkansola Aisha Ashiru, MCB Honors  
Nicole Bim, MCB  
Victor Quarterone Do Prado, MCB,  
December 2023  
Jessica Rose, MCB  
Laura Sanchez, Biochemistry  
Cole James Stanfield, MCB, December 2023  
Ayumi Yonezawa, MCB

### **NEUROSCIENCE**

Celeste Acosta, MCB, December 2023  
Shireen Mualla Aydogan, MCB  
Emma Bridgeman, MCB Honors  
Samantha Lee Case, MCB  
Olivia Marie Catelli, MCB  
Tyler Cushing, MCB  
Allison Marie Eberhard, MCB  
Dalya Bahaa Fadl-Alla, MCB  
Sofia Faillaci, MCB Honors  
Tyler C. Fossum, MCB  
Rishi Goyal, MCB  
Samia Khan, MCB

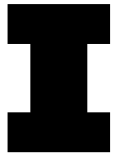
Lauren Patrice Kowalski, MCB  
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