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2021 College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, & Agriculture Remote Hooding Ceremony

April 29, 2021

Run Time : 00:41:05

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TRANSCRIPT:

00:00

[Music]

00:08

all right i was muted

00:10

i said this is this is the fourth

00:11

ceremony now so i think we're in

00:13

pretty good shape we've worked all the

00:16

[Music]

00:28

cases

00:32

[Music]

00:42

do

00:50

[Music]

01:24

so

01:30

[Music]

02:35

foreign

02:38

[Music]

03:36

[Applause]

03:41

[Music]

04:03

scott i'm going to need you to unmute

04:12

yourself

04:18

sorry technical difficulties uh

04:22

good afternoon my name is scott delcor

04:24

and i serve as the associate vice

04:25

president for graduate studies and

04:26

senior associate dean

04:28

it is my pleasure to welcome you today

04:30

to the 2021 virtual hooding ceremony for

04:33

the college of natural sciences

04:34

forestry and agriculture we are also

04:37

pleased to welcome

04:38

last year's alumni from the graduating

04:40

class of 2020 to the ceremony

04:42

to receive their hoods as well as

04:44

graduate degree recipients

04:46

you have faced numerous challenges to

04:47

your education over the past 13 months

04:50

and have displayed a great deal of

04:51

resilience in facing these challenges

04:53

i am thrilled that we can join your

04:55  
friends and family as well as members of  
04:57  
the university community today to  
04:58  
celebrate your accomplishments  
05:03  
at this time i am pleased to introduce  
05:06  
dr cody byramian vice president for  
05:08  
research and dean of the graduate school  
05:09  
who will extend a pre-recorded welcome  
05:11  
to you today  
05:17  
hello i'm cody vararamian the vice  
05:20  
president for research and dean of the  
05:22  
graduate school i would like to take  
05:24  
this opportunity to extend my  
05:26  
congratulations to you  
05:28  
as members of our graduate student  
05:30  
community  
05:32  
receiving master's for doctoral degrees  
05:34  
in 2021.  
05:37  
you have proven that you can not only  
05:39  
overcome  
05:40  
obstacles as presented by global  
05:43  
pandemic  
05:45  
but persevere and succeed with strength

05:48  
and courage and indeed this has impacted  
05:53  
very positively on our community  
05:56  
i would like to share with you just a  
05:58  
small sample of your positive impact  
06:01  
and contributions in some cases  
06:04  
students have dedicated their research  
06:06  
time to assist with the pandemic  
06:09  
for example graduate teaching assistants  
06:13  
enhance undergraduate student success  
06:17  
by organizing virtual collaborative  
06:20  
group work  
06:20  
in mathematics courses that the  
06:23  
undergraduate students were enrolled in  
06:27  
assistant professor of economics andrew  
06:30  
crowley  
06:31  
and his six graduate assistants  
06:34  
help state of maine officials estimate  
06:37  
the economic fallout  
06:39  
from the coronavirus pandemic  
06:44  
assistant professor of bioengineering  
06:46  
caitlin howell  
06:48  
with the assistance of her doctoral

06:50

students compiled a list of research

06:53

on n95 masks decontamination

06:57

and provided this information to

06:59

hospitals in the state

07:02

graduate students in the emotion pain

07:05

and interpersonal

07:07

communication laboratory working with

07:10

director and professor of psychology

07:12

molly rohan have been studying the

07:15

social

07:16

impacts of face masks graduate students

07:20

have also persevered

07:21

in their important fields of study

07:24

despite the pandemic

07:26

for example doctoral student in

07:29

biomedical science

07:30

andrew ollett worked with the jackson

07:33

laboratory faculty

07:35

associate professor katrine kozrowski

07:39

to discover a new connection between

07:41

alzheimer's dementia

07:44

and a specific gene doctoral student

07:47

sabrina sultana

07:49

has been investigating ways in which

07:52

maine's

07:52

forests can contribute to the state's

07:55

economic

07:56

health graduate students

07:59

in the laboratory of doctor climus

08:02

excuse me

08:03

dorothy climus zakas have been studying

08:06

the wound healing properties of

08:09

blueberries

08:10

these are just a few examples of your

08:13

important

08:14

work i would like to thank all of you

08:18

for your contributions to the university

08:20

of maine

08:21

the state of maine and beyond

08:25

moreover as you graduate you are

08:28

starting a new chapter in your lives

08:31

by graduating from the university of

08:33

maine you are receiving humane

08:35

stamp of approval and joining the

08:39  
thousands of individuals who have  
08:41  
received their degrees from this great  
08:43  
institution  
08:44  
for over 150 years  
08:48  
the stamp of approval from the  
08:50  
university of maine means that you have  
08:52  
received  
08:53  
high quality and high impact education  
08:57  
through distinctive programs and by  
09:00  
world-renowned faculty  
09:02  
who have prepared you well for  
09:04  
professional success  
09:06  
and lifelong learning finally  
09:10  
the university of maine is great because  
09:13  
of you  
09:14  
and those who graduated before you  
09:17  
for all that you have done and continue  
09:20  
to do  
09:21  
to make the university of maine the  
09:23  
flagship institution  
09:25  
it is today thank you  
09:28  
we appreciate the opportunity to



09:30

celebrate your success

09:33

please keep in touch as we want to hear

09:36

from you

09:37

about all of your endeavors

09:40

congratulations to you our class of

09:44

2021

09:48

thank you dean baramin as it is for many

09:52

of us who have spent their careers in

09:53

higher education

09:54

commencement is my favorite time of the

09:55

year and one of the things that is most

09:58

rewarding for me is sharing the joy of

10:00

our graduates with those who are most

10:01

dear to them

10:02

it is the perfect culmination of the

10:04

academic year and the many years of hard

10:06

work that have preceded this celebratory

10:08

time

10:09

one of the things that makes

10:10

commencement exercises special

10:11

particularly for graduate degree

10:13

recipients

10:13  
is the academic attire and today's focus  
10:16  
the academic hood  
10:18  
so i thought i'd spend just a few  
10:19  
minutes providing an overview of the  
10:21  
academic robe and hood that and the  
10:22  
features that you and your family will  
10:24  
note  
10:24  
as you receive your hoods today  
10:28  
the origins of academic dress date back  
10:30  
to the 12th and 13th century  
10:32  
when universities were first taking form  
10:34  
since the initial focus of universities  
10:36  
was on the education of the clergy  
10:38  
the dress of teachers and students was  
10:40  
that of a cleric  
10:42  
long gones were worn and given the cold  
10:44  
and drafty buildings in medieval times  
10:46  
they were likely necessary to help stay  
10:47  
warm  
10:49  
similarly the hood was used to cover the  
10:50  
shaved heads of clerics and students  
10:53  
in the days of henry viii oxford and

10:55  
cambridge  
10:56  
first began prescribing a definite  
10:58  
academic dress  
11:00  
european institutions have always had a  
11:01  
great diversity in their specifications  
11:04  
of dress  
11:05  
however academic colleges and  
11:06  
universities opted for a definite system  
11:08  
that all might follow  
11:10  
a significant contribution to the  
11:12  
development of the system was made by  
11:13  
gardner patrell leonard  
11:15  
whose family owned a firm that made  
11:16  
clothing including religious robes  
11:19  
mr leonard was greatly interested in the  
11:21  
subject of academic dress  
11:22  
publishing on the subject in 1893.  
11:25  
shortly afterward he was invited to work  
11:27  
with an intercollegiate commission  
11:28  
made up of representatives of leading  
11:30  
institutions to establish a suitable  
11:32  
system

11:33  
of academic apparel the commission met  
11:35  
at columbia university in 1895  
11:38  
and adopted a code of academic address  
11:40  
which besides regulating the  
11:42  
cut and style and materials of the gongs  
11:44  
prescribed the colors  
11:46  
which were to represent the different  
11:47  
fields of learning on the velvet trim  
11:49  
in the on the hood you will wear today  
11:52  
white was designated as the color of  
11:54  
arts and letters and dates back  
11:57  
to the fur trim on the hoods of oxford  
11:59  
and cambridge robes  
12:00  
gold and yellow like this robot holding  
12:03  
up here  
12:06  
get it on camera um  
12:11  
was assigned to the sciences and stands  
12:13  
for wealth  
12:14  
which scientific research has produced  
12:17  
the satin lining on the inside of the  
12:18  
hood represents the school's colors  
12:20  
for umaine that color is light blue

12:22

often called columbia blue

12:25

the american council on education has

12:26

continued to update the standards for

12:28

academic dress over the years

12:30

the most recent change coming in 1986

12:33

with the new guidance on the phd degree

12:35

and i quote from the code

12:37

in the case of the doctor philosophy phd

12:40

degree

12:41

the dark blue color that is used to

12:44

represent the mastery of the discipline

12:45

of learning and scholarship in any field

12:48

that is attested to by the awarding of a

12:50

degree and is not intended simply to

12:52

represent the field of philosophy so

12:54

so the brief overlay is saying that is

12:57

that all phds receive a hood that's

12:59

colored dark blue on the outside

13:03

before we proceed with voting i'm

13:04

pleased to introduce the co-host of

13:06

today's ceremony

13:07

interim dean of the college of natural

13:09

sciences forestry and agriculture

13:11

dr mario teisel so that he may share his

13:13

congratulate remarks with you

13:16

yes i was told keep it to a minute so

13:19

here

13:20

here it goes so um hello everyone

13:23

uh especially the people from 2020

13:27

and the class of 2021. um

13:30

i'm an alum of this college

13:33

i was a umaine masters student in the

13:35

school of economics

13:37

back in the day my time as a student

13:41

opened not only opportunities but new

13:44

ways of thinking

13:46

i left to pursue because i was a

13:48

biologist by training

13:49

and my master's degree was in applied

13:52

economics

13:53

i left to pursue my phd but never forgot

13:56

the people in orono

13:58

when i returned back as an assistant

14:00

professor

14:01

i knew i was truly home particularly

14:04

since i also met my wife here

14:06

um the time you have spent here matters

14:10

um as man maine's land c and space grant

14:13

university

14:14

all that we do ultimately aims to

14:16

advance the greater good

14:18

and our college does a lot of that

14:21

not only on campus but across maine and

14:23

beyond

14:25

you should know that the stories faculty

14:28

are most eager to share

14:29

are not about publications the amount of

14:32

money they gave

14:33

got from a grant but they're really

14:37

proud about their former students

14:38

success

14:40

so please please please keep in touch

14:42

with your mentors

14:44

because they they will relish what what

14:47

you have to say

14:50

over the past year you have faced

14:52

significant challenges

14:54

all grad students do but you had more

14:57

challenges than most due to the pandemic

15:01

um but each one of each and every one of

15:04

you succeeded

15:05

um and the fact you're here there here

15:08

today

15:08

is a testament to your dedication to

15:11

your field of study

15:12

and professional growth enjoy this

15:15

moment you

15:16

absolutely earned it keep striving to

15:20

make life more fascinating

15:21

fun and fulfilling congratulations

15:25

to all the graduates

15:28

thank you thank you

15:33

and now the reason we are all here today

15:34

let the hooding begin

15:36

as a point of order we will start by

15:38

holding the candidates for doctoral

15:39

degrees in alphabetical order by their

15:41

first name



15:42  
graduates will be brought to the main  
15:43  
screen individually at which time  
15:45  
they will they will turn on their  
15:46  
cameras to be hooded and i will read  
15:48  
their names  
15:50  
after i have introduced you your hooding  
15:51  
assistant should step forward and place  
15:53  
the hood over your head  
15:55  
if you are tall it helps to bend your  
15:56  
knees to give them a fighting chance  
15:59  
once your hooding assistants have  
16:00  
completed the task you will be placed  
16:02  
back with the other attendees  
16:04  
we encourage you all to stay and watch  
16:05  
the remaining graduates be hooded  
16:07  
and you'll notice um as  
16:10  
as this is this is practice after doing  
16:13  
this three times already this week for  
16:14  
the other colleges  
16:16  
if you see me waving my hands like this  
16:18  
that's the american sign language  
16:20  
um meaning for applause

16:23

so so we'll certainly be applauding or

16:26

applauding as

16:27

uh as the graduates are introduced

16:31

so i'm pleased to introduce the first

16:35

phd recipient who is colleen mayberry

16:39

she's a doctor of philosophy in

16:41

microbiology and advised by dr melissa

16:48

mcginnis

17:02

so

17:21

not seeing colleen on my screen is she

17:23

there

17:26

i believe uh her the her hooding

17:29

assistant her advisor is not

17:30

present yet um and so i think we can

17:34

come back after the end of the doctoral

17:36

students

17:37

okay we'll come back to colleen

17:40

next is michael wilcheck also a doctor

17:43

of philosophy in microbiology and also

17:45

advised by dr melissa mcginnis

18:02

i'm awesome

18:24

um can we jump back around to both of us

18:31

we'll go on and come back uh next

18:34

nicole ramber peel doctor of philosophy

18:37

in the college of environmental sciences

18:39

advised by dr hamish greg

19:25

yay congratulations nicole

19:31

next is tishkar doctor of philosophy and

19:33

ecology environmental science advised by

19:35

dr daryn ranco

20:06

congratulations tish

20:12

next to be hooded is tongling g

20:15

doctor of philosophy and ecology

20:16

environmental science advised by dr j

20:18

howe

20:34

nicely done congratulations

20:39

um we'll move on to the masters students

20:43

and

20:43

and then we'll come back to colleen and

20:45

michael um first

20:49

abby hartford master of social work

20:51

advised by dr jennifer crittenden

21:26

zappy there

21:38

well done congratulations

21:44

uh next is abby fruschi

21:48

also a master of social work advised by

21:50

dr liam maxwell

22:10

well done congratulations

22:14

next alitha campbell master of arts in

22:17

communication sciences and disorders

22:19

advised by judy stickles

22:36

well done congratulations elisa

22:42

next alexandria bromley

22:45

master of science in food science and

22:46

human nutrition co-advised by dr

22:48

jennifer perry and dr brian perkins

23:14

congratulations alexandria

23:18

next a may

23:21

master of wildlife conservation advised

23:23

by dr alicio

23:34

mordelli

23:46

congratulations today

23:50

batul cueter master of social work

23:53

advised by dr kelly jaxa

24:35

here's my tool

24:43

ain't that cute

24:47  
congratulations  
24:50  
next karen bouta master of social work  
24:54  
advised by dr steven gilson  
25:09  
well done  
25:13  
congratulations  
25:16  
uh next casey fockingham master of  
25:18  
social work advised by dr elizabeth  
25:26  
armstrong  
25:44  
got it congratulations  
25:50  
colleen keegan master of social work  
25:52  
advised by dr sandra butler  
26:12  
congratulations colleen  
26:16  
next delaney greiner master of science  
26:20  
and food science and human nutrition  
26:21  
advised by dr jennifer perry  
26:57  
congratulations delaney  
27:01  
next elizabeth la men master of science  
27:04  
and food science and human intuition  
27:06  
advised by dr mona terian  
27:32  
cheers  
27:34  
congratulations  
27:37  
emma brookman master of social work

27:40

advised by dr judith josiah martin

27:58

well done congratulations

28:05

erica socher master of social work

28:08

advised by dr leah

28:14

maxwell

28:32

congratulations

28:36

stephanie gonzalez master of social work

28:38

advised by dr kelly jackson

28:56

so

29:00

congratulations

29:04

gabrielle craig master of social work

29:06

also advised by dr kelly jackson

29:21

very well done

29:25

haley sattler master of social work

29:27

advised by dr steven gilson

29:48

well done

29:52

ian nesbitt master of science in earth

29:55

and climate sciences co-advised by dr

29:57

seth campbell and dr sean smith

30:37

see in there

30:48

maybe not

30:54

there he is curious

31:01  
he's already got his hood on  
31:04  
congratulations ian  
31:08  
next juliana karocho master of arts in  
31:11  
communication sciences and disorders  
31:13  
advised by judith nichols  
31:24  
oops no i'm sorry i apologize i skipped  
31:26  
the name  
31:27  
um first is john forbes master of arts  
31:30  
in communication sciences and disorders  
31:32  
advised by dr jennifer seal  
32:01  
congratulations john now  
32:04  
juliana carotza master of arts in  
32:06  
communication sciences and disorders  
32:08  
advised by judith stickles  
32:17  
congratulations next  
32:20  
katrina mercer master of social work  
32:22  
advised by dr jennifer crittenden  
32:40  
oh  
32:47  
let me turn  
33:00  
hi katrina  
33:07  
there we go  
33:12  
well done congratulations guess the dogs

33:15  
were barking congratulations  
33:19  
next a two-time graduate degree  
33:21  
recipient kristen sadly master of arts  
33:24  
in economics advised by dr mario teisel  
33:38  
congratulations preston  
33:44  
next modern ortel master of social work  
33:48  
advised by dr judith josiah martin  
34:05  
you got it congratulations  
34:09  
melissa mcphée master of social work and  
34:12  
also advised by dr judith josiah martin  
34:37  
congratulations melissa  
34:41  
michael mccormick master of science and  
34:43  
earth and climate sciences  
34:44  
advised by dr alicia cruzuribay  
35:00  
congratulations  
35:02  
michelle fiddler master of arts in  
35:04  
communication sciences and disorders  
35:07  
advice advised by dr jennifer seale  
35:22  
well done congratulations  
35:26  
paige emerson master of social work  
35:28  
advised by dr judith sire martin  
35:56  
so



35:59  
congratulations paige  
36:03  
pratima pahati master of science in  
36:06  
botany and plant pathology  
36:08  
advised by dr yang zhang  
36:28  
congratulations paige i mean  
36:31  
for team sorry next rachel cox  
36:34  
master of social work advised by dr  
36:36  
sandra butler  
37:06  
that's rachel  
37:19  
congratulations rachel  
37:24  
next i actually know this graduate  
37:27  
from from my summer vacation  
37:31  
spot in smithfield sadie donovan master  
37:34  
of social work  
37:35  
advised by dr sandra butler  
37:53  
congratulations sadie  
37:57  
and the last masters candidate then  
37:59  
we'll go back to the phds  
38:01  
uh yell should he governors legacy  
38:04  
deborah salesi master of science and  
38:06  
economics  
38:07  
advised by dr kathleen bell

38:44  
do  
38:48  
see lcd here  
38:54  
there he is  
39:12  
congratulations  
39:15  
now returning to the top of the list  
39:19  
let's bring back colleen mayberry  
39:24  
doctor philosophy of microbiology  
39:26  
advised by dr melissa mcginnis  
39:29  
[Music]  
39:39  
yay congratulations colleen  
39:43  
and last but not least michael wilcheck  
39:46  
also doctor of philosophy of  
39:47  
microbiology advised by dr melissa  
39:54  
mcginnis  
39:58  
oh watch the camera  
40:03  
he's a bit taller yeah bending the knees  
40:08  
helps  
40:10  
michael  
40:18  
get my script back so this concludes our  
40:22  
hoodie presentation for the university  
40:23  
of maine's college of natural sciences  
40:25  
forestry and agriculture agriculture

40:27  
graduating classes of 2020 and 2021  
40:30  
a special thanks to the university of  
40:32  
maine symphonic band for providing the  
40:34  
pomp and circumstance music  
40:36  
thank you all for participating today as  
40:38  
we honor your achievements and  
40:39  
resilience during these unprecedented  
40:41  
times  
40:42  
as you move into the next phase of your  
40:43  
careers please stay in touch with us so  
40:45  
that we may celebrate your future  
40:46  
accomplishments  
40:48  
for those of you who may have been too  
40:49  
shy to join us today on camera  
40:51  
congratulations to you also as we  
40:54  
conclude  
40:55  
to quote former dean of the graduate  
40:56  
school dan sandweis welcome to  
40:58  
our hood so long everyone  
41:03  
congratulations