



UNIVERSITY of VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
Graduation Ceremony

May 16, 2020

Welcome from the Faculty Professor John V. Pepper, Department Chair

Commencement Speaker . . . Emily Klein

Emily, a recent resident of 13 West Lawn, grew up in McLean, Virginia. During her time as a pre-med Economics major, Emily served as the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Challenge and as a Research Assistant for Professor Korinek studying the externalities from antimicrobial resistance. She has also enjoyed being the Head Program Director for Adopt-a-Grandparent, an Organic Chemistry Teaching Assistant, and a member of the Women’s Club Lacrosse Team. Finally, Emily is a member of the Raven Society, Phi Beta Kappa, and Kappa Alpha Theta. Next year Emily will be an EMT in Charlottesville while applying to medical schools.

Ph.D. and Master’s Graduation

Presented by

Professor Amalia R. Miller, Director of Graduate Studies

Tipton R. Snavely Prize for Best Dissertation

Emily Cook
 Alex Gross
 Devaki Ghose

Undergraduate Graduation

Presented by

Professor Lee Coppock, Director of Undergraduate Studies

**Kenneth G. Elzinga Award
 for Academic Excellence (2019 – 2020)**

Yuqi Cheng	Chenchen Peng
Cole Chisom	Hema Shah
Phillip Given	Haroon Tahir
Neel Hosmane	Grant Tobben
Christopher Oliveira	Derrick Wang

William M. Hill Jr. Award (2019 – 2020)

Julia Kothmann
 Derrick Wang

Goldman Sachs Scholars (2019 – 2020)

Savannah Quick
 Wuxin Zeng

**Distinguished Majors Program
 Outstanding Thesis Prize**

Chenchen Peng
 Hema Shah

Duncan Clark Hyde Academic Achievement Award

Nigle Barrow	Victoria Robertson
Cole Chisom	Hema Shah
Phillip Given	Jacob Shapero
Chenchen Peng	Grant Tobben
	Kincaid Youman

Duncan Clark Hyde Outstanding Major Award

Christopher Oliveira

Closing Remarks ...Kenneth G. Elzinga, Robert C. Taylor Professor of Economics

Congratulations Class of 2020!

In an effort to best serve you and majors following behind you, please share your post-graduation plans with us through the First Destination Survey. Whether you are seeking employment, have secured employment, are planning to attend graduate school, traveling, volunteering, or something else, we want to know. We ask all graduating students to log into their Handshake account and share their plans with us. With this information in hand, we can then best help our majors with relevant services and by providing accurate data.

You will find the Class of 2020 First Destination Survey at virginia.joinhandshake.com. Then click “Career Center” followed by “First Destination.”

The survey takes 3-5 minutes to complete and provides the University and the department with data to inform career development programs that align with fellow Hoos’ goals and aspirations. The ECO will be using the data this year, in particular, to help plan for advising and programming over the summer just for our majors. First Destinations from past graduating classes is available on the [UVA Career Center website here](#) and the [Economics Career Office website](#).

... And please stay in touch by emailing econ@virginia.edu!

Go Hoos!