



Department
of
Mathematics & Statistics
Convocation

Friday
May 15, 2026
2:30pm

SMLC 102 Auditorium

Welcome

Prof. Monika Nitsche, Department Chair

Speakers

Ernesto Morales Carrasco, BS Applied Math
Prof. Fletcher Christensen, Graduate Committee Chair

Awards & Appreciation

As voted by the Faculty

Outstanding Undergraduate Student

Aldo Morelli, Pure Math
Chayton Castruita, Pure Math
Ernesto Morales Carrasco, Applied Math
Norman Boyd, Computational Math
Craig Ortega, Statistics

Outstanding Graduate Student in Research

Haiyang Zhu, Statistics
Galen Novello, Pure Math
Jose Garcia, Pure Math
Nate Kornetzke, Applied Math

Outstanding Graduate Student in Teaching

Emmanuel Kubuafor, Statistics
Bach Ngoc My Nguyen, Applied Math
Shandy Simpson, Pure Math

Outstanding Faculty

As voted by the Students

Prof. Guoyi Zhang, Statistics
Prof. Daniel Gomez, Applied Math
Prof. Matthew Blair, Pure Math
Prof. James Degnan, Statistics

Susan Deese-Roberts Outstanding TA Award

Ross J. Cocks, Pure Math

Prof. Anna Skripka, Undergraduate Chair

Department Honors

Norman Boyd magna cum laude
Chayton Castruita magna cum laude
Ernesto Morales Carrasco magna cum laude
Aldo Morelli summa cum laude

Bachelor of Science

Boyd	Norman	B	Mathematics of Computation
Carter	Preston		Pure Mathematics
Carter	Mystica	R	Statistics
Castruita	Chayton	P	Pure Mathematics
Doyle	Kaylie	D	Statistics
Erickson	Andrew	J	Applied Mathematics
Hajjaji	Amira	G	Applied Mathematics
Hoffman	David	A	Applied Mathematics
Hua	Bei		Statistics
Lindskog	Samuel	B	Applied Mathematics
Morales Carrasco	Ernesto		Applied Mathematics
Morelli	Aldo	F	Pure Mathematics
Mullany	Molly	S	Statistics
Ortega	Craig	A	Statistics
Phillips	Avery	L	Applied Mathematics
Poling	Darla	H	Statistics
Romero	Isaac	L	Math Education
Sabir	Mahmoud	Y	Applied Mathematics
Sadlowski	Christian	W	Applied Mathematics
Shimanek	Storey	B	Applied Mathematics
Whelan	Leila	M	Statistics
Zuniga	Steven	G	Mathematics of Computation

Prof. Fletcher Christensen, Graduate Chair

Master of Science

Baidoo	Dennis		Statistics
Cervantes	Jason	J	Statistics
Chowdhury	Nikhet	I	Statistics
Davis	Edward	D	Statistics
Evans	Collin	J	Statistics
Fritschi	Alexander	B	Pure Mathematics
Fry	Cheryl	E	Statistics
Garcia	Jose	J	Pure Mathematics
Hopkins	Mary	S	Statistics
Hossain	Zakia		Applied Mathematics
Kubuafor	Emmanuel		Statistics
Le	Ly	T	Applied Mathematics
Libedinsky	Eytan		Statistics
McDonald	Grayson	W	Statistics
Molla	Md Al Amin		Applied Mathematics
Nguyen	Bach Ngoc My		Applied Mathematics
Pedrotty	Augustus	L	Statistics

Doctorate of Philosophy

Sara Almutiri, PhD Statistics

Faculty Advisor: Prof. Fletcher Christensen

Bayesian Designs for Two-Arm Clinical Trials with Time-to-Event Endpoints: Incorporating Historical Data through Power Priors

Nate Kornetzke, PhD Applied Mathematics

Faculty Advisor: Prof. Helen Wearing

Uncertainty Quantification for Stochastic Models of Emerging Infectious Diseases

Zacharia Stuart, PhD Statistics

Faculty Advisor: Prof. Fletcher Christensen

Interpretable Case-Control Inference Through Log-Linear General Location Models