

**UGA TIFTON CAMPUS STEAM WHISTLE**  
**A CAMPUS TRADITION**

In 1918 the Georgia Land Owners Association, led by Captain Henry Tift, asked the state legislature to create the agricultural experiment station in Tifton. The Georgia state legislature agreed. Farmers in the Coastal Plain produce more than 80 percent of the row crops in Georgia. The growing season here lasts between 205 and 275 days, and many farmers produce crops year-round. This made Tifton an excellent choice to conduct world-class interdisciplinary agricultural research that conserves natural resources.

The Coastal Plain Experiment Station, now named the University of Georgia Tifton Campus, opened in 1919 on 206 acres of land donated by Captain Tift, and for over 100 years has been serving the citizens of Georgia with its three-fold mission of research, teaching, and extension. Scientists conduct research for the improvement of agriculture in Georgia, while protecting environmental, soil and water resources. Additionally, UGA Tifton campus students work closely with scientists to complete their studies for both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

On May 3, 1919, when the news broke that Tifton had officially been selected as the site for the agricultural experiment station, the local citizens were alerted to this good news by the blowing of a steam whistle at the local fire station. As such, the steam whistle has become synonymous with campus celebrations. Today, our graduates will have the opportunity to sound the whistle to mark their achievements as we celebrate their graduation from the University of Georgia.



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*Fall 2020*  
*Graduation Program*

December 12, 2020  
2:00 p.m.

UGA Tifton Centennial Garden

# Candidates for Graduation

## Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSA)

### Agricultural Education

Austin J. Barnes

### Agriscience and Environmental Systems

Kasey L. Herrington, *Summa Cum Laude*

Jordyn K. Sumner

## Master of Plant Protection and Pest Management (MPPPM)

Colton S. Moon (Dr. Phillip Roberts, faculty advisor)

Patrick B. Triana (Dr. Sudeep Bag and Dr. Alton Sparks, faculty advisors)

## Master of Agricultural and Environmental Education (MAEE)

Sydney Pinder (Dr. Barry Croom, faculty advisor)

## Master of Science (MS)

Kasmita Karki (Dr. Bhabesh Dutta and Dr. Abolfazl Hajihassani, faculty advisors)

Tanner C. Sparks (Dr. David Riley, faculty advisor)

## Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD)

Lavesta C. Hand (Dr. Stanley Culpepper, faculty advisor)

Ruth M. Orellana Rivas (Dr. Sha Tao, faculty advisor)

Anna Orfanou (Dr. Wesley Porter, faculty advisor)

Dimitrios Pavlou (Dr. George Vellidis, faculty advisor)

### Honors Designation GPA

*First Honor Graduate* 4.00

*Summa Cum Laude* 3.90

*Magna Cum Laude* 3.75

*Cum Laude* 3.60

## Processional\*

## Welcome

**Dr. Michael Toews**

*Assistant Dean*

*UGA Tifton Campus*

## Messages to Graduates

**Kasey Herrington**

*BSA Agriscience and Environmental Systems*

**Anna Orfanou**

*PhD Crop and Soil Sciences*

**Dr. Joe West**

*Interim Dean and Director*

*College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences*

## Recognition of Candidates

**Dr. George Vellidis**

*Director of Academic Affairs*

*UGA Tifton Campus*

## Alumni Greetings

**Katie Murray '06**

*Admissions Counselor*

*UGA Tifton Campus*

## Closing Remarks

**Dr. Michael Toews**

*Assistant Dean*

*UGA Tifton Campus*

## Recessional\*

*\*Please stand during Processional and Recessional*