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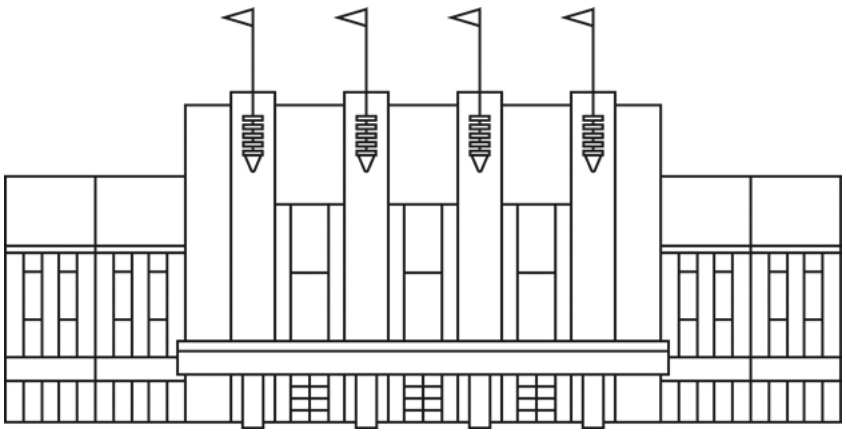
**JENKINS GRADUATE PROGRAMS  
COMMENCEMENT**

May 3, 2025

Reynolds Coliseum  
Raleigh, NC

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William Neal Reynolds Coliseum

## Order of Events

### Prelude and Processional

*Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1* by Sir Edward Elgar

### Welcome and Opening Remarks

Frank A. Buckless, PhD  
Stephen P. Zelnak Jr. Dean

### Address to Fellow Graduates

Laura Ann Fuller, Class of '25  
Master of Business Administration

### Recognition of Graduate Degrees Conferred

Vikas Anand, PhD  
Associate Dean for Academic Programs

Richard Warr, PhD  
Associate Dean for Faculty and Research

Nichole Miller, MS  
Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs

### Doctor of Philosophy in Economics

Graduates presented by: Umut Dur, PhD  
Graduates hooded by: Denis Pelletier, PhD

### Master of Economics

Graduates presented by: Umut Dur, PhD  
Graduates hooded by: Denis Pelletier, PhD

### Master of Accounting

Graduates presented by: Kathy Krawczyk, PhD  
Graduates hooded by: Scott Showalter, CPA

### Master of Business Administration

Graduates presented by: Don Warsing, PhD  
Graduates hooded by: Vikas Anand, PhD

### Master of Management, Marketing Analytics

Graduates presented by: Rishika Rishika, PhD  
Graduates hooded by: Vikas Anand, PhD

### Master of Management, Risk and Analytics

Graduates presented by: Ericka Kranitz, MS  
Graduates hooded by: Vikas Anand, PhD

### Alumni Induction and Pinning

Brian Clark, MS  
Executive Director of Philanthropy

### Alma Mater

By Alvin M. Fountain and Bonnie F. Norris Jr., Class of 1923

### Closing Remarks

Frank A. Buckless, PhD  
Stephen P. Zelnak Jr. Dean

### Recessional

*The Jenkins Graduate Programs would like to thank our faculty, family, friends and guests for joining us today. We appreciate your unrelenting support and encouragement in pursuit of our graduates' goals.*

## Academic Programs Leadership

### Deans

**Frank A. Buckless, PhD**

Stephen P. Zelnak Jr. Dean and Professor of Accounting

**Vikas Anand, PhD**

Associate Dean for Academic Programs and  
Professor of Management, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

**Richard Warr, PhD**

Associate Dean for Faculty and Research and Professor of Finance

**Nichole Miller, MS**

Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs

**Tedd Szeto, PhD**

Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Programs

### Department Heads

**Jonathan Bohlmann, PhD**

Department Head of Business Management and  
Professor of Marketing and Innovation

**Karen Jansen, PhD**

Department Head of Management, Innovation and Entrepreneurship  
and Professor of Leadership and Change

**Denis Pelletier, PhD**

Department Head of Economics and  
Professor of Economics

**Roby Sawyers, PhD**

Department Head of Accounting and  
Forvis Mazars Professor of Accounting

## Academic Programs Leadership

### Program Directors

**Umut Dur, PhD**

Director of Graduate Economics Programs and  
Professor of Economics

**Ericka Kranitz, MS**

Director of Master of Management, Risk and Analytics Program and  
Professor of Practice in Accounting

**Rishika Rishika, PhD**

Director of Master of Management, Marketing Analytics Program and  
Associate Professor of Marketing

**Scott Showalter, CPA**

Director of Jenkins Master of Accounting Program and  
Professor of Practice in Accounting

**Don Warsing, PhD**

Director of Master of Business Administration Program and  
Associate Professor of Operations and Supply Chain Management

## Welcome from the Dean

Dear Graduates:

On behalf of the NC State Poole College of Management faculty and staff, congratulations to you on this achievement! I also congratulate your family members and friends who supported and encouraged you along the way.



Our top priority as a college of management is the success of our students. We aim to attract, educate and prepare you, our talented and diverse student body, to make meaningful contributions in your chosen fields.

I look forward to staying connected with you and learning about your next steps as you apply what you've learned during your time here at NC State.

I am grateful to be part of an exceptional college community that celebrates excellence, innovation, inclusion, ethical decision-making – and works tirelessly to think beyond traditional boundaries to do the extraordinary. You are an important part of that community and are making it possible for us to continue raising the bar for management education at NC State – thank you!

All of us at the Poole College of Management send our best wishes for a bright future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Frank Buckless". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frank Buckless  
Stephen P. Zelnak Jr. Dean  
Poole College of Management

## Academic Regalia

The master's and doctoral graduates typically wear a traditional black cap and gown and a colored hood. Of all the components of the academic costume, the hood is most symbolic. The hood's coloring and size represent the level and subject of degree earned, as well as the institution from which it was awarded. The hood has colors on it in two different places. On one side of the hood there are patches of velvet, and on the other side there are large patches of silk. The silk patches are the colors of the institution that gave the degree. The velvet indicates the area of study.

Faculty typically wear the regalia of the institution from which they earned their highest degree.

The graduates typically wear a cap or "mortar board" with a tassel. The tassels for the PhD degree are gold, and those for other graduate and professional degrees may correspond to the trimmings on the hoods.

The stoles and cords represent a rich variety of honors and associations in which the graduates have participated during their time at North Carolina State University.

## Commencement Speaker

### **Laura Ann Fuller, Class of '25 Master of Business Administration**

As a Jenkins MBA student, Laura Fuller works full-time as an Accounting Clerk for the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and part-time at NC State's Howling Cow Creamery and Dairy Education Center. She serves as a Jenkins Graduate Delegate and is a founding board member of the Graduate Student Advisory Board. Laura has traveled extensively during her time at Poole, completing study abroad programs in CapeTown, South Africa; Paris, France; and Switzerland.

She is a mother to four young children: "They are my 'why' for completing this program – to show them they can do hard things and finish strong," she says.

Laura is graduating with certificates in Business Leadership and Marketing and is currently studying for her Project Management Professional certification. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career as a project manager for a company that improves the lives of others.

## Jenkins Graduate Programs

### **Doctor of Philosophy in Economics**

**Ayesha Cooray**

Dissertation: *Essays on Agricultural Production and Surface Water Quality*  
Under the direction of Dr. Junjie Wu and Dr. Roderick Rejesus

**The Hoi Dinh**

Dissertation: *Essays on High-Dimensional Financial Econometrics*  
Under the direction of Dr. Mehmet Caner

**Yue Shan**

Dissertation: *Studies Exploring Impacts of Contemporary Policy and Regulation on U.S. and Global Supply Chains*  
Under the direction of Dr. Kathryn Boys

**Caroline Elizabeth Tompson**

Dissertation: *Essays on School Transportation Preferences and Valuation*  
Under the direction of Dr. Roger von Haefen

**Yilun Wang**

Dissertation: *Essays on Deep Learning in Asset Pricing*  
Under the direction of Dr. Mehmet Caner

**Shiyue Yao**

Dissertation: *Essays on Renewable Energy, Agrivoltaics, and Groundwater Sustainability*  
Under the direction of Justin Baker and Zachary Brown

## **Master of Economics**

Ali Riza Akin  
Nashmi Alotaibi  
Cooper M. Cable  
Adam Sami Fam  
Sungjin Han  
Hanul Kim  
Alexander Trovillion

## **Master of Accounting**

Tariq Ahmad Ansari  
Catlyyne Arreguin  
Malerie Faith Austin  
Walker Leonard Austin  
Landon Daniel Barnes  
Daniela Barrios  
Leonardo Benitez  
Brianna Renee Berry  
Katherine Adelle Berthiaume  
Phadma R Bhattacharjee  
Rebecca Faith Brown  
Kollin Burden  
Kevin Andrew Coffman  
Emma Diane Coram  
Meagan Marie Cox  
Josiah Matthew Coyer  
Ryan D'Costa  
Harrison Perry DeCicco  
Evan Dombek  
Cameron Duarte  
Christopher Lee Edwards Jr.  
Samuel Michael Emerick  
Yigit Erdogan  
Blake Anthony Fasciolo  
Jered Michael Ferguson  
Seth Karl Freeman  
Morgan Elizabeth French  
Robert James Garbarz  
Aoha Godo  
Joshua Andres Gonzalez  
Lakshmi Gopalraj

Connor Gordon  
Claire Kay Gregorio  
Connor Seagrave Hajj  
Meghan Heller  
Giovanny Hernandez  
Christian Wesley Horton  
Ethan A. Hubrich  
Samuel Humble  
Poornima Jayasheela  
Kyler Funrow Jessup  
Jack Jiang  
Catherine Elizabeth Johnson  
Anna Katherine Kelly  
Hamza Bin Khalid  
Chaehong Lee  
Haoying Lin  
Hongji Lin  
Julianna Lopez  
Wyatt Christopher Manus  
Aubrey Jeanne McKay  
Evan Thomas McKendree  
Aiden Van Cleve Moody  
Rachael Frances Murray  
Roxanne Murray  
Ethan Michael Nardi  
Lindsey Doan Nguyen  
Grayson Howard Nichols  
Megan Fiona O'Brien  
Brendan Price Outlaw  
Dorian Packer  
Evan Clarke Padiak  
Kaitlyn Elisabeth Palmateer  
Elizabeth Grace Paszt  
Sheev Patel  
Yami Patel  
Spencer Scott Pearce  
Sophia Remy  
Reid Joseph Richards  
Meghan Ann Rogers  
Denzel Dijon Ross  
Andrew Riley Santiago  
Sarah Elizabeth Severini

Kesha Shah  
Parker Sullivan Shahdad  
Alona Shamli  
Katie Emiko Shimaura  
Eric Gordon Spaugh  
Margaret Belle Stichter  
Hanna Yurievna Sukhadolskaya  
Landon Sutton  
Gus Elliot Svendsgaard  
Andrew Swope  
Logan Lee Taylor  
Tayhana Tatyana Taylor  
Abbigail Kathryn Tucker  
Magali Kate Turner  
Luke Alexander Ward  
Brianna Rea Whelan  
Dylan Wipperman  
Bryant Yang  
Mei Lan Yang  
Jacob Peter Zerkel

## *Summer 2025*

Rodney Bizzell  
Yinuo Chen  
Walker Basil Featherngill  
Sabrina Marie Herritt  
Syed Muzzammil Imam

## **Master of Business Administration**

Samuel Bandel  
Ravi Kumar Adireddi  
David Walter Afeke  
Emily Agaba  
Richard Ambrose  
Dacia Auman Barnes  
Alberto Barragan  
Yaswanth Kumar Battina  
Deepali Belle  
Ian C. Brizes  
Jacob Brown

James Curtis Brown  
Clara Louisa Cabaniss  
Reece Caldwell  
Spencer G. Carr  
Herberth Alfonso Cerna  
Michael Allen Cieslak  
Julianne Lynn Cinoman  
Matthew Phillip Conti  
George Frederick Curtis  
Garrison Leigh Dallas  
Thomas Howard Dalanzo-Baker Jr.  
Yessel Patricia Davis  
Autumn Rorrer Dean  
Beret Dickson  
Annie Lassiter Drennen  
Jessica Kruh Dulkis  
Christopher Eberly Jr.  
Thomas Falkenburger  
Luke William Feldenzer  
Heidi Lynn Fox  
Laura Ann Fuller  
Samuel Louis Furna  
Justin Gray  
Michael Ryan Gregory  
Astha Gupta  
Logan Williford Hallas  
Kylie William Herst  
Ankit Jasani  
Abigail Jane Jensen  
Dori Ann Jensen  
Benjamin Scott Jones  
Srinivas Sri Ramabhadra Kasina  
Suman Kasoji  
Lauren Cowin Keech  
Shohjakhon Khasanboev  
Sara Knowlson  
Arjun Kuttala  
Brooke Carroll Labashousky  
Katelyn Lane  
Sophia Marion Lindem  
Ross Lipic  
Samantha Malecki

Cory Alan Martin  
 Madelyn Matthews  
 Charne' Alissa Meintjes  
 Paul James Merry  
 Justin Mikles  
 April Elizabeth Mitchell Surratt  
 Brendan Walter Montgomery  
 Jake Ryan Mueller  
 Michael O'Connell  
 Harshkumar Maheshkumar Patel  
 Jennifer Patterson  
 Aubrey Paige Perkinson  
 Thomas Ryan Puckett  
 James Garnet Ramsbottom  
 William Ross Richards  
 Tanner Roseborough  
 Naeem Ahmed Sahi  
 Edward Ignacio Sazo  
 Christian Mckeithen Fox Schaede  
 Melanie Kimbrell Shadoan PhD  
 Ishwar Sharma  
 William Hill Sigmon III  
 Robert Sinclair  
 Steven Anthony Spinelli Jr.  
 Meghan Adair Springmeyer  
 Nicholas Daniel Stewart  
 Kevin M. Sullivan  
 Sedrick O'Neal Sweat Jr.  
 Katherine Wilson Taylor  
 Alisha Teresko  
 Niraj M. Thacker  
 Hardik Thakkar  
 Elizabeth Torrie Zwaryczuk  
 Ganesh Venkataraman  
 Michael Anthony Watkins

Joseph Michael Whitehurst  
 Benjamin Whitehurst  
 Anna Kathryn Wood  
 Lee Shaffer Woody  
 Katherine Marie Wurtz  
 Anya Elizabeth Fernandez Yencho  
 Frederick Dewayne Young  
 Raazia Zia  
 Jeremy Zidek

**Master of Management,  
 Marketing Analytics**

Faith Boody  
 William Ridgely Hopkins  
 Vivian May O'Brien  
 Jennifer Rasic  
 Olivia Marie Rojas

**Master of Management,  
 Risk and Analytics**

Tyler Bailey  
 George Earhart  
 Tiffany Nichole Fragoso  
 Jennifer Gunter  
 Kristian Leighton Maybin  
 Emily J. Morford  
 Georgianna M. Sow

**Jenkins Graduate Programs  
 Special Recognitions**

**McLauchlan Leadership Fellows**

Emily Agaba	Olivia Marie Rojas
Clara Louisa Cabaniss	Edward Ignacio Sazo
Matthew Phillip Conti	Ishwar Sharma
Annie Lassiter Drennen	Sedrick O'Neal Sweat Jr.
Astha Gupta	Elizabeth Torrie Zwaryczuk
Madelyn Matthews	

**John T. Caldwell Scholars+**

Logan Lee Taylor

**Graduate Student Advisory Board**

Laura Ann Fuller  
 Harshkumar Maheshkumar Patel  
 Georgianna Musshafen Sow  
 Sedrick O'Neal Sweat Jr.  
 Magali Kate Turner

**Jenkins Graduate Programs  
 National and International Academic  
 Honor Societies**

**Beta Gamma Sigma\***

David Walter Afeke	Eugene Learn
Emily Agaba	Ross Lipic
Samuel Bandel	Cory Alan Martin
Jered Michael Ferguson	Vivian May O'Brien
Benjamin Scott Jones	Elizabeth Grace Paszt

**Phi Kappa Phi\***

Niraj M. Thacker

+Students who were inducted during their Poole College of Management graduate studies.

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# The Poole College of Management Story

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At the Poole College of Management, we instill an entrepreneurial mindset in all our students, so that each of them will bring creative and innovative thinking to bear on business problems. We build analytical skills into every program, so graduates leave here ready to lead — whether in a two-person tech startup or a Fortune 500 boardroom. We're also deeply rooted in NC State's history as a university that excels at science, technology, engineering and math. The result: a dynamic research and learning environment for our students and our partners in business and industry.

The Poole College of Management was founded in 1992 as NC State's first College of Management. The college is fully accredited by the AACSB. The strength and relevance of the college's programs have led to three landmark gifts: Jenkins Graduate Programs 2007 (Benjamin P. Jenkins III); Poole College of Management 2010 (Lonnie C. Poole Jr.); Zelnak Dean's Chair 2014 (Stephen P. Zelnak Jr.).

## Essential Facts and Figures

- › 100+ full-time faculty members engaged in purposeful research that generates knowledge and drives economic development
- › 4,400+ total undergraduate and graduate students
- › 35,000+ alumni
- › Bachelor's degrees in accounting, business administration, economics
- › Master's degrees in accounting, business administration, economics, management
- › Doctoral degree in economics
- › 15+ focus areas, ranging from business analytics and supply chain management to entrepreneurship and marketing
- › Hundreds of mutually beneficial relationships with corporate partners
- › Major initiatives fostering research, learning and corporate engagement: Business Analytics Initiative, Business Sustainability Collaborative, Enterprise Risk Management Initiative, Entrepreneurship Clinic, Supply Chain Resource Cooperative
- › Executive education through online and face-to-face learning and development programs



# Mission and Values

## Mission

The Poole College of Management develops innovative leaders, creates world-class research and engages with our community to make our world a better place to live and work.

## Vision

The Poole College of Management will be the preeminent Think and Do business school, recognized for its teaching, research and service.

## We Value

- › Excellence in all that we do
- › The success of our students and alumni
- › The impact of our research and scholarship
- › A culture that champions belonging and wellbeing
- › Ethical awareness, decisions and behaviors
- › Innovative approaches to problem-solving
- › Positive contributions to our society and the world

## Ranked Among the Best

- › **No. 1** in North Carolina, **No. 10** among U.S. public universities and **No. 22** among all national universities for undergraduate business analytics programs — *US News & World Report, 2025*
- › **No. 65** in the U.S. (up 25 spots since 2020) and **No. 42** among public universities for undergraduate business programs — *U.S. News & World Report, 2025*
- › **No. 4** in the Southeast for undergraduate entrepreneurship (university-wide) — *The Princeton Review, 2024*
- › **No. 4** online MBA in employability and **No. 18** globally — *QS World University Rankings, 2024*
- › **No. 6** best online master's in accounting programs in the U.S. — *Fortune, 2024*
- › **No. 8** online business analytics MBA program in the U.S. — *US News & World Report, 2025*
- › **No. 11** online MBA program in the U.S. — *The Princeton Review, 2025*
- › **No. 20** best undergraduate accounting program among U.S. public universities — *US News & World Report, 2024*
- › **No. 29** overall and **No. 7** for academic experience for Online MBA program — *Poets & Quants, 2025*

## Poole College Alumni

Dedicated alumni are vital to the future success and growth of the Poole College of Management. We look to our alumni to help us achieve our mission of providing transformative opportunities for our students and faculty. Poole College alumni provide support through their time, talent, network, and financial resources. From funding to hiring, alumni play a vital role in shaping the future of Poole College.

Today, the class of 2025 entered this ceremony as students, and you will exit wearing your pins, as Poole College Alumni.

### Poole College Alumni Commitment

As a graduate of Poole College, I commit to embodying the values of our community.

I will honor my education and experiences by striving to create impact through my career and my community.

With pride and purpose, I will carry the Poole Pack forward.

Please share your accomplishments with us as you grow in your life and career. Visit [poole.ncsu.edu/alumni](http://poole.ncsu.edu/alumni) to keep in touch. You can also stay connected through social media: @NCStatePoole

### **Congratulations and GO PACK!**

## North Carolina State University Alma Mater

*Words by: Alvin M. Fountain, Class of 1923*

*Music by: Bonnie F. Norris Jr., Class of 1923*

Where the Southern winds softly blow  
O'er the fields of Caroline,

There stands ever cherished NC State,  
As thy honored shrine.

So lift your voices; Loudly sing  
From hill to oceanside!

Our hearts ever hold you, NC State  
In the folds  
Of our love and pride.

## Congratulations, Graduates!

All May 2025 graduates are considered candidates for graduation until final graduation clearance is completed on June 2, 2025. Diplomas and diploma covers will be mailed to graduates by the NC State Office of Registration and Records during the last week of June 2025.

In accordance with The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, names of students with a full privacy block have been withheld from this publication. This program is prepared for informational purposes only. The appearance of an individual's name does not constitute the university's acknowledgment, certification, or representation that the individual has fulfilled the requirements for a degree.

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