



Commencement

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Message from the President



President Randy K. Avent holds a Ph.D. in biomedical mathematics and engineering from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has two master's degrees, one in electrical engineering from North Carolina State University and the other in biomedical mathematics and engineering from the University of North Carolina. His bachelor's degree is in zoology from the University of North Carolina. Avent is also a 2005 graduate of the Greater Boston Executive Program at MIT's Sloan School of Management.

On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration of Florida Polytechnic University, congratulations on everything you have accomplished during your time here. Today, we celebrate and honor you as part of the inaugural four-year graduating class at Florida Poly.

There have been many special moments in the short history of our university, and today is undoubtedly one of those. Take pride in the fact that you are now part of Florida Poly's Class of 2018. Earning a college degree is no small feat. It takes an extraordinary level of commitment, dedication and motivation to do what you have done. So much has been asked of you, even before you first stepped on campus and took a leap of faith to attend a university that had not even opened its doors.

For you, today marks the end of one journey and the beginning of another. No matter where your professional career takes you, you will always be a Phoenix. We could not be more proud of you.

Once again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Avent". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Dr. Randy K. Avent
President



Ceremony

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NATIONAL ANTHEM	CHELSEA REEVES '19
WELCOME	DR. TERRY PARKER
STUDENT ADDRESS	CHRIS DOWDY '18
CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS	MARSHALL M. CRISER III
PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS	DR. RANDY K. AVENT
AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREE	DR. RANDY K. AVENT
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	DR. JEFFREY WADSWORTH
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREE	DR. RANDY K. AVENT
CONFERRAL OF MASTER'S DEGREES	FRANK T. MARTIN
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Student Speaker



Chris Dowdy '18

Chris Dowdy '18 is graduating summa cum laude from Florida Polytechnic University with a bachelor's of science in mechanical engineering. The married father of three has made the most of his time at Florida Poly – both as a student as well as a mentor – all the while holding a full time job in his “spare” time.

Dowdy was chosen by his peers as the lead designer on a LIDAR/SONAR integration project with Michigan Aerospace. He received the Hayes Award from the Florida Academy of Sciences for his work on a research project focused on improving solar cell efficiencies. He has been a member of numerous clubs and was elected as the inaugural chair of the Presidential Ambassador program, which features students selected for their academic standing, leadership skills, citizenship and service activities. During his term, he has played a pivotal role in building the program while serving as a mentor to others. Dowdy was also the student representative on the search committee for the hiring of Florida Poly's new vice president for advancement.

Dowdy took part in two internships during his time at Florida Poly. One was with the Port Tampa Bay, and the other was with Florida Poly's XRD Characterization Lab. His next chapter will be heading to Sacramento, California, where he has accepted a position as a project engineer with the Whiting-Turner Contracting Company.

Dowdy and his wife, Carolyn, have three daughters.

Chancellor's Address



Marshall M. Criser III is chancellor of the State University System of Florida.

He is the former president of AT&T Florida and a longtime education leader in the state. He took office as chancellor in January of 2014, fully dedicating himself to his passion of higher education advocacy.

The Board of Governors of the State University System selected him unanimously for the post. Criser is in his fifth year on the Higher Education Coordinating Council, a role he began as the Florida House Speaker's appointee and business community representative and continues as chancellor.

He is a member of the Scripps Research Institute Board of Trustees in California and the Florida Council of 100, where he is a former chair.

His community service also includes terms as vice chair of the University of Florida's Board of Trustees, chair of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, and chair of Florida TaxWatch.

A Florida native, Criser graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in business administration and completed an Advanced Management Programme at INSEAD in Fountainebleau, France.

He and his wife, Kimberly, have four daughters.

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Dr. Jeffrey Wadsworth recently retired as president and CEO of Battelle Memorial Institute, the world's largest nonprofit research and development organization, executing about \$6B of work annually and employing about 22,500 people. Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Battelle counts among its successes the Xerox machine, the universal barcode, the compact disc, and numerous innovations in medical technology, telecommunications, environmental waste treatment, national security and transportation.

Wadsworth formerly oversaw the management or co-management of seven national laboratories of the U.S. Departments of Energy and Homeland Security. He also led the expansion of Battelle's operations into the United Kingdom, China, Japan, Korea and India. Wadsworth was educated at Sheffield University in England, where he studied metallurgy, earning a bachelor's degree in 1972, a Ph.D. in 1975, and a doctor of metallurgy degree in 1990 for his published work. In 2004 he received the highest recognition conferred by the university, an honorary doctor of engineering degree.

Wadsworth came to the United States in 1976 and has worked at Stanford University, Lockheed Missiles and Space Company and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. In 2002, he joined Battelle and served as a member of the White House Transition Planning Office for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. From 2003-07, Wadsworth was the director of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the U.S. Department of Energy's largest multipurpose science laboratory.

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Wadsworth has authored or co-authored nearly 300 scientific papers and one book, and he has been granted four U.S. patents. His many honors and awards include six honorary doctorates, two honorary professorships from Chinese universities, and election to the rank of Fellow of three technical societies. He was elected a member of the US National Academy of Engineering in 2005 and the Chinese Academy of Engineering in 2011. He serves on the boards of Carpenter Technologies and 3D Systems and is a trustee and former chair of trustees at The Ohio State University. He has also led several STEM programs in Ohio that have evolved into national education initiatives and has served on key educational boards.



Graduates

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Henry Chao
Jephte Douyon
Faezeh Haghghat Mesbahi++
Michelle Rae Powell
Joseph Bryant Prine

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

Mert Aydin
Lawrence Brindese++
Christopher Didier
Daniel Teichman+

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

Clayton Dean Adkins*
Addison Reed Armstrong++
Haley Lynn Burns**
Paul Edward Cipolla
Jeffrey Robert DuBois***
William R. Francisco
Edward Albert Gray*
Jacob Livingston**
Jack Longo
Andrew Joseph Newquist
Makala Morgan Quinn*
Riley Hunter Schill*
Megan Frances Sheeran*
Zhi Qiang Zheng*++

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

Luke Anthony Aiello
Jamie Lee Cook
Benjamin Grant Davis**+
Drew Russell Davis*+
Julian Collin Hoedtke*+
Jason Thomas Hoffner***
Jacob Majors Janota
Dylan Cory Kanhai
Robert Edwin Kelly**
Jeffrey Lynn Long**
Peter John-Paul Moran
Lindsey Jensen Schwemmin
Dalton Bryce Shost**+
James William Tuggle*
Eric Marcus Uglen



Graduates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Connor Allen*
Jesus Barrios
Dalton Pratte Birner
Yamil Ricardo Calderon
Cory Benjamin Chambers++
Slater Michael Colteryahn
Kyle Cook***
Ric Anthony Davis**
Xhino Marcel Domi*
Rhett Steven Fitchett
Forrest Harrison Fleming
Levis George***
Brandon Scott Higbee*
William J. Irwin
Justin Tyler McDonald
Kyle Martin Medeiros*
Matthew Paul Morris
Bailey Mullis++
Joseph James Panse
Nicolas Cotter Poitevin Castelo*+
Jessie K. Pullaro++
Marc-Edwin Sebastien Rigaud*
Christopher Charles Sisko++
Kyle Jason Spomer
Drew Kristofer Tallman
Dabeluchukwu Umeugwa**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

James Amodie*
Marshall Robert Bassford
Luis E. Cruz
Jordan Matthew Faison
Justin Paul Florian
Justin Ray Folden*
Richard Alan Gauvey, Jr.*
Mark Glaser
Enrique Hernandez*
Michelle Yanyn Holzemer***
Sarah Hruska
Camille Jalbert*
Ezequiel Juarez Garcia***
William James Lees IV
Paul Russell Luckey*
Riley McBride*
Alberto Andres Pinero
Damon Plyler**
Tevin Andrew Prendergast
Ethan Christopher Puerto
Kody Quick*+
Wyatt Alan Roach
Sarah Isha Ruiz-Candelario
Michael Sanchez*+
Joshua Christian Strattan**
Muneeer Tatum*+

Graduates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (CONT.)

Robert Nicholas Tito++

Collin Stewart Trimarche

Isaac Leonardo Vargas

Eric Preston Vickers***+

Kyle Weeks**++

Jason Timothy Williams

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Ross Jonathan Albin*

James Noah Anderson*

William Lester Bell++

Kristina Benedum*++

Ian C. Bishop*+

Brendan Burke

Michelle Anne Culbert

Justin James Cushing-Dyment

Javier De Jesus Dominguez*

Lucas Roy Doty

Tanner Jacob Douglas

Christopher James Dube

Jonathan Robert Ethier

Ben James Gilbert+

Barry Lawton Glass*

Brett Anthony Glendenning++

Elijah Jorge Gonzales*+

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CONT.)

Andre Ricardo Goode*

Quentin Andrew Goss++

Jason Manuel Gutierrez-Pinho+

Robert Heinbach++

Nathan Edward Holechek*

Rylin Thomas Judge+

Courtney Kasonic

Austin Joseph Kempa*

Alex Ferencz Kiss

Inna Kravchunovska***+

Nathan Laatsch

Kalil Lamont

Stephen Paul Langenkamp***+

Daniel Adam Lightbourn*+

Pete Andrew Lozano*

Karla Citlalli Martinez Moctezuma*

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Hannah Joy Onorato+

Miguel Antonio Perez

Brandon Matthew Popp

David Philip Rentos

Karim Ihab Rezk

Carl-Edwin S. Rigaud***

Caleb J. Riggs**

Juan Enrique Rodriguez

Graduates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CONT.)

Erik Sebastian Ronstrom*+
Christopher Flynn Ross
John Augustus Ryde
Adam Richard SeEVERS+
Brandon Shavers
Caleb Tanner Shirley++
Juwana Simmons
Austin Martin Stevens
Nicholas Scott Strosnider
Christopher Taylor*++
Nicholas William Veith**
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Jacob Britton Wrigley+++

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Zane Thomas Aleck
Ryan Neal Anderson
Henrique Ignacio Bolivar
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Trevor Keith Hillsgrove***
Gabriel Seth Hutchison***

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE (CONT.)

Andre Mercier
Jerried Clifford Ramon**
Robert Carlos Rogers
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Robert Holden Russell*
Jacob Ashton Stanish++
Nicholas Suppe
Samuel Uribe*
Derek Scott Williams*++
Broderick Harrison Wolff++

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL & INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

Mishelin Biryukova
Frank Javier Calas
Matthew Anthony Giallourakis***
James Robert Nance*+
Jeffrey Thorpe

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Austin Kyle Alvis**
Kristyn Diane Ardrey++
Ethan M. Balestracci**
Yassir Olarenwadjou Bello**
Jamie Alexandra Blanco*
Chase Andrew Burns





Graduates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (CONT.)

Kristen Briana Card**	Mitchell Harrison Mefford
Dennis George Carroll	Logan Edward Micher**
Logan Warren Chambers**	Michaela Rose Mills
Sean David Cloud***	Luke James Nichols
Joseph L. Connors	Holly Michelle Pafford
Matthew Joseph DeFazio++	Ron Rajendra Parasram*
Odrigue Deis	Veronica Aracely Perez Herrera
Jonathan Detty*	Jordan David Ponce
Chris Alan Dowdy, Jr.***	Eric William Rippe
Alex Enrico Durante***	Ashley Rose Rogers
Aubury Jordan Erickson*	Carl Rogers
Jaron Austin Ewell***	Alex Nicholas Ross
Matthew Guy Fari**	Danya Rubio
Noah Philip Gadelrab	Isha Esther Ruiz-Candelario++
Maria Paula Gomez++	Shelby Lynn Sims*
Noah Trever Griffin	Kevin Corey Stephens
Shane Henderson	Travis Joseph Swann***
Evan Jay Hersh*	Samuel Stewart Trappen
Alexander Michael Hiebing	Anthony Glenn Vozza
Christopher Hufstedler*	Joshua David Watkins
Calvin Hamilton Ingram*	Laura Brooks Wemple**
Bryce R. Jaskulski++	Christopher Thomas Westphalen
Christopher Taylor Krenek*	Kylee Debra White++
Aaron Joseph Lemos	Austin Richard Wrigley***++
Brendon Doulton Lord	
William Alexander McFee***	



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