A spring graduation ceremony is planned for Sunday, April 30, to recognize the University of Georgia Tifton campus’ 19 graduating students. The graduation ceremony will be held in the Hunt Auditorium at the Tifton Campus Conference Center in Tifton, Georgia, from 3-5 p.m.

UGA–Tifton students receiving bachelor’s degrees:
– Emily Braswell, of Donalsonville, Georgia, in agribusiness
– Ashlyn Brooker, of Nahunta, Georgia, in agricultural education
– Christina Garner, of Taylorsville, Georgia, in agricultural education
– Alex Holman, of Auburn, Georgia, in agricultural education
– Jessica Lovell, of Patterson, Georgia, in agricultural education
– Megan Powell, of Wrightsville, Georgia, in agricultural education
– Maggie Ramsey, of Tifton, in agricultural education
– Kyle Stratton, of Leesburg, Georgia, in agriscience and environmental systems

UGA–Tifton students receiving master’s degrees in plant protection and pest management:
– Tony Barnes of Brookfield, Georgia
– Joshua Dawson of Valdosta, Georgia
– Brian Hayes of Brinson, Georgia
– Justin Shealey of Adel, Georgia
– Kenneth Smith III of Ashburn, Georgia
– Philip Torrance of Swainsboro, Georgia
– Brock Ward of Adel

Students graduating this summer will also be recognized:
– Raynor Churchwell, of Cochran, Georgia, will receive a master’s degree in plant protection and pest management.
– Stuart Cook, of Sylvester, Georgia, will receive a bachelor’s degree in agribusiness.
– Charlotte Meeks, of Abbeville, Georgia, will receive a master’s degree in plant protection and pest management.
– Michael Schwarz, of Moultrie, Georgia, will receive a bachelor’s degree in agricultural education.

Jason Peake, UGA–Tifton’s director of academic programs, said the Tifton campus’ small class sizes and internationally-recognized faculty have produced a stellar graduating class.

“I am most proud of the quality of students who are graduating. It is bittersweet to see them go,” Peake said. “The students directly engage in the research that the scientists here are conducting, and this group truly took advantage of the opportunities that were
given to them from experiential learning to service learning, internships and study-abroad opportunities. These students are incredibly well-rounded and ready for the workforce.”

According to Peake, the graduation and job placement rates for UGA–Tifton graduates are both approximately 98 percent. He credits those high rates to UGA’s attention to the quality, over quantity, of their graduates.

A reception will follow the graduation ceremony.

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