

Two Cherokee High School Alumnae Named GCSU Valedictorians

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Cherokee High School alumnae Kali Holierhoek and Elisa Mirabella are among the 12 valedictorians in the Georgia College and State University Class of 2025.

GCSU valedictorians are students who complete their academic career with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Holierhoek earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology, concentrating in marine sciences. Holierhoek is a member of both Eta Sigma Alpha and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies and vice president of the GCSU women's club soccer team.

Holierhoek was active in mentored undergraduate research at GCSU and presented at conferences including the Association of Southeastern Biologists, Georgia Academy of Science and GCSU Research Day.

Mirabella also earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology, concentrating in marine sciences. Last summer, she participated in a GCSU study abroad program studying coral reef biology in Okinawa, Japan, which Mirabella calls a once-in-a-lifetime experience. During her time at Georgia College, Mirabella also volunteered with Shelter Buddies animal rescue.

Holierhoek and Mirabella graduated from Cherokee High School in 2022.

A total of 1,425 students from four academic colleges graduated from Georgia College commencement ceremonies this weekend, GCSU announced. The Class of 2025 included students earning bachelor's, master's, specialist and doctoral degrees. Members of the class hail from 16 different states, as well as several countries internationally.

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