Vanderbilt celebrated two commencement ceremonies this month: the Class of 2020 (May 1-2) and the Class of 2021 (May 15-16). We congratulate these intrepid students for successfully completing their degrees during a global pandemic. Please join us in welcoming them to the A&S alumni family!

Class of 2021: Soccer star builds future on the field and in medicine

Swimmer Brooke Ellis becomes first CSET student to achieve highest honors

Art professor Magda Campos-Pons and EADJ project win major art awards

A&S astronomer Stephen Taylor helps lead preparation for supermassive black hole analysis

The Washington Post: Tips to make laundry day more gentle on the environment (Jonathan Gilligan, associate professor of earth and environmental sciences, quoted)

Health: What Is Agoraphobia? Netflix’s ‘The Woman in the Window’ Sheds Light on the Anxiety Disorder (Bunmi Olatunji, Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of Psychology, quoted)

FiveThirtyEight: Why Militias Are So Hard To Stop (Amy Cooter, senior lecturer in sociology, quoted)

National Geographic: Did the Amazon rainforest contribute to the ‘Little Ice Age’ of the 1600s? (Tiffiny Tung, associate professor of anthropology, quoted)

Bloomberg: A Baby Boom Would Be Bad (Amanda Little, writer-in-residence in English and communication of science and technology, authored)

The Guardian: ‘Their stories need to be told’: the true story behind The Underground Railroad (Richard Blackett, professor of history, emeritus, quoted)

Thank You!
What a year it has been. We’d like to send our heartfelt gratitude to the entire Arts & Science community—alumni, parents, faculty, students, staff, donors, and friends—for your support throughout the past year. We encountered unexpected challenges and learned a tremendous amount, but could not have done it without all of you. Thank you, and have a healthy and safe summer!

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