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Bachelor of Science, *Psychology*  
Pound, Virginia

Pamela Renee Wright  
Bachelor of Science, *Business Administration*  
Bristol, Tennessee
Hunter Rice Yates
Bachelor of Science, Administration of Justice
Orange, Virginia
Keynote Speaker

John D. Simon, executive vice president and provost of the University of Virginia, will deliver the commencement address to The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Class of 2015.

Commencement 2015 is set for May 9 at 11 a.m. in the David J. Prior Convocation Center.

As provost, Simon, who is also the Robert C. Taylor Professor of Chemistry, is charged with directing the academic administration of the University’s 11 schools, its library, art museum, public service activities, numerous University centers, foreign study programs and the advancement of teaching and research.

Provost Simon served as the vice-provost for academic affairs at Duke University from 2005 to 2011. In that position, he was responsible for overseeing Duke’s strategic planning and for nurturing campus-wide academic initiatives to connect the humanities, social sciences and sciences. He chaired Duke’s chemistry department from 1999-2004.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Williams College in 1979 and his doctorate degree from the department of chemistry of Harvard University in 1983. After a postdoctoral fellowship at UCLA, Simon joined the department of chemistry and biochemistry there in 1985. He later moved to Duke University as the George B. Gellar Professor in 1998.

A fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Physical Society, Simon has earned many fellowships and awards for his scientific work, including the Presidential Young Investigator Award, Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship, Camille and Henry Dreyfus Teacher Scholar Award and the Fresenius Award
Honorary Class Speaker

Andrew J. Chapman entered UVa-Wise leaning toward studying history, but an astronomy class he took in the second semester of his freshmen year changed his plans.

“I took the astronomy class, and that opened my eyes to the universe,” the Big Stone Gap native said. “I realized the power of the scientific method, and knew immediately that there was something about science that drew me toward it.”

The Big Stone Gap native comes from a family of science majors, so taking a familiar path was never out of the question, but he had to choose which route to take. He chose biology.

“I’ve always been interested in life and the emergence of consciousness, so I knew biology was the most relevant field,” he said.

But physics was also fascinating to Chapman, so he decided to pursue a minor in that discipline. Working toward a biology major and a physics minor is not easy, and it can present a time challenge. Chapman found that taking many of his general education and liberal arts electives in summer college sessions helped him graduate on time, even while completing stringent research that examined the spectral alterations that accompany fluctuations in the brightness of a star known as R Scuti. He presented his work at several national conferences as well.

“If I had taken my general studies courses during the time I was taking classes for my primary field of study, I would not have had time to appreciate the liberal arts courses,” he said. “I was a better student because I had more time to comprehend what I was learning. I’m a science student, but I’m also a big fan of the humanities.”

Chapman, president of the Darden Society and Sigma Zeta Society, is considering the U.S. Air Force’s Officer Training School. After a six to 10 year commitment to the Air Force, Chapman plans to return to academia to study medical physics or biophysics.
In his spare time, Chapman enjoys hiking and backpacking in the region. He hopes to walk the Appalachian Trail one day as well. Chapman is the son of Dr. Andrew Chapman and Jenny Chapman of Big Stone Gap.