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James R. Duggan 1st Department Chair 1886-88
Christa Colyer 1st Female Department Chair 2006-14

William G. Simmons 1st Tenured Professor 1855-88

First Female Members of the Wake Forest Chapter of Gamma Sigma Epsilon, 1947

Charles E. Brewer 1st Alumni to obtain Ph.D. Class of 1886
Harolyn (King) Perkins 1st Female Alumni to obtain Ph.D. Class of 1957
Frances H. Perry 1st Female Bachelor's Degree Class of 1949
Lawrence D. Hopkins 1st Black Bachelor's Degree Class of 1972
Mohamed A. Hori 1st Black Bachelor's Degree Class of 1972
James C. Blalock 1st Master's Degree Class of 1936
Irene (Noell) Turner 1st Female Master's Degree Class of 1963
Frank FunYuee Lu 1st Ph.D. Degree Class of 1985
Lan Miao 1st Female Ph.D. Degree Class of 1992
Darin Bell 1st Black Ph.D. Degree Class of 1994

Firsts

Firsts are the first of their kind, whether it's the first female, the first minority, or the first of any kind. They set the stage for others to follow in their footsteps.