

# Current Scholars Update

## *Degree completions*



[Kristina Jiles](#) (IMSD 7) successfully defended her PhD in HNFE, making her our 28 IMSD alumni to receive a PhD. Her advisor was [Dr. Carlin Rafie](#). Congrats to Dr. Jiles, who was recruited to VT from Hampton University through a partnership with HNFE's then Graduate Program Director, Dr. [Brenda](#)