NC TWS Mentoring Committee Annual Report 2020
Members: Lara Pacifici (chair), Rachael Urbanek, Aimee Rockhill, Shannon Rabby, Danny Ray, Pete Campbell

The committee paired 14 students with 12 mentors (10 NC State, 3 UNCW, 1 WCU) across the state this year. Mentor/mentee activities included deer check stations, camera trapping, lunch meetings, office shadowing, and ride alongs.

Two Lunch and Learn events were held across the state to talk to students about education, experiences, and careers. Lunch and Learn Events give students an opportunity to talk to professionals and ask questions about anything related to the wildlife management field. A Lunch and Learn was held at North Carolina State University on October 22, 2019 and was attended by 46 NC State students and 4 professionals. Professionals represented NCWRC, USDA APHIS, and NC State. Another was held on December 6, 2019 at Mt. Olive College and was attended by 22 students, 1 professor, and 4 professionals representing NCWRC and TNC.

Danny Ray coordinated efforts for 38 students (6 HCC and 32 WCU) to take part in deer check station work at 9 check stations across WRC districts 7 and 8 in 2019. Danny also facilitated 3 HCC students taking part in a 2-day deer necropsy event that studied deer herd health in September.