

## Benjamin Friedman - NOAA Federal

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**From:** Benjamin Friedman - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 7, 2019 9:43 PM  
**To:** stuart.levenbach@noaa.gov; timothy.gallaudet@noaa.gov  
**Subject:** Fwd: Vanderbilt wants your B.S. back

These are getting very personal.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> I was in grad school at Dalhousie University, studying Oceanography with  
> former NOAA administrator Kathryn Sullivan when she was among the first  
> six women astronauts our country has ever had, selected for NASA's  
> shuttle program. Like me, Kathy is a scientist. You may have an  
> undergraduate degree in science but apparently you think the scientific  
> method includes doing whatever carrot top tells you to do. Pathetic.  
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> I rely on NOAA-NWS to provide me with the best, science-based  
> information. That didn't happen when you instructed your public affairs  
> staff to undermine a scientifically accurate statement by your  
> Birmingham, AL office concerning Hurricane Dorian.  
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> Why don't you take your theology degree to a pulpit where you can hold  
> forth on the scientifically unverifiable existence of a deity, instead  
> of inflicting your boot-licking, pandering attitudes on the people who  
> pay your salary? All scientists in this country see right through you.  
> Grow a pair or get out. Stop taking tax money if you can't do your job.  
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> Kathryn Thomas  
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> B.S., M. Sc., M.S.L.  
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> retired from the National Park Service after 30 years -- I know what  
> responsible public service is all about  
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