

Benjamin Friedman - NOAA Federal

From: Benjamin Friedman - NOAA Federal
Sent: Saturday, September 7, 2019 9:42 PM
To: Cassie Thomas
Subject: Re: Vanderbilt wants your B.S. back

While I understand your anger, as a scientist I would hope you would do your research before making such personal accusations. I am a career civil servant who was appointed by Kathy Sullivan into my current role, and she is someone I consider a friend and a mentor. I had nothing to do whatsoever with the current issues in the press. I won't respond further, just know that there are still good people in government who have dedicated their lives to the public good.

Ben

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 7, 2019, at 6:34 PM, Cassie Thomas <[REDACTED] (b)(6)> wrote:

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> 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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