

The Department of

Chemistry & Biochemistry

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proudly presents the

2023

Student Awards Ceremony

May 5, 2023

3:30 p.m. in FLH 255

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

General Chemistry Awards

William Blass Cody Basquill Regan Dempsey Fiona Dininger
Connor Krassel Hannah Squier William Zak

Undergraduate Scholarships

Katherine Blood and Harold H. Hoffman Scholarship in Chemistry

Bella Backenstross James Cohan Claudia Hernandez Jackson Nolder
Sean Wilkerson

The Russell H. and Dorothy P. Johnsen Scholarship in Chemistry

Jahbari Bowen Gabriel Gallagher

The Charles A. Brautlecht and Louise I. Brautlecht Scholarship

Anna Harris Kate Lohrey August Specht

The Howard W. Smoyer Endowed Scholarship Fund in Chemistry

Jocelyn Garcia Caitlyn Stringfellow Gabriela Yurewitch

The Jack Saltiel Undergraduate Research Award

Jackson Cheplick

The Philip Schlenoff Endowment for Excellence in Undergraduate Research

Mary Kathrine Gelasco

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

Undergraduate Senior Awards

Outstanding Senior Award

Megan Medina

Service & Citizenship Award

Karl Kinner

Undergraduate Research Award

Elizabeth Bernate

Academic Excellence

Chemistry

Mason Swindal

Biochemistry

Jonathan Gomez

Phi Beta Kappa Invitees

Arin Ahmad *Leslie Alday* *Alexandria Alvarez Guerrero*
Luke Craig *Sydney Cunningham* *Jonathan Gomez*
Erika Hendrickson *Karl Kinner* *Kerl Lapaine*
Kelsey Mira *Ava Pishgar* *Mason Swindal*
Kylie Wasisco *Katelyn Wix* *Audrey Wolszczak*
Emily Zager

American Chemical Society Division Awards

Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry *Sydney Cunningham*

Undergraduate Award in Inorganic Chemistry *Carson Starnes*

Undergraduate Award in Physical Chemistry *Gregory Moller*

Graduating Summa Cum Laude

(3.9 or higher GPA)

Arin Ahmad *Alexandria Alvarez Guerrero* *Emma Cagwin* *Nicholas Carbone*
Jonathan Gomez *Karl Kinner* *Ella Missey* *Tristan Roca*

Honors in the Major Thesis

Megan Medina *Elizabeth Bernate*

Prof. Hong Li *Prof. Brian Miller*

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Steven Gross

GRADUATE AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

GRADUATE TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

General Chemistry *Jeff Procida*

Organic Chemistry *Dallas Dukes* *Kevin Little*

Department Awards

Russell H. Johnsen Dissertation Award

Zach VanOrman

Analytical Award

Tyler Croyley & Emmanuel Ogunkunle

Outstanding Inorganic Chemistry Graduate Student Award

Sandugash Yergeshbayeva

Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Organic Chemistry

Thiago Grigolo

Graduate Student Award in Physical Chemistry

Marcus Liebenthal

Joseph M. Schor Fellowship in Biochemistry

Blaine Gordon

Phillip Schlenoff Graduate Travel Awards

Isabella Bertini

Brianna Coia

Joseph Frye

Thiago Grigolo

Sonia Kiran

Erica Knorr

He Liu

Emannuel Ogunkunle

Tunde Blessed Shonde

Rmaile and Usher Award

Carl Fleischer

Cheryl and Joel Rosenfield Endowment Award

Grace McLeod

Katherine Blood Hoffman Excellence Award

Benjamin Hanks

National Awards

2023 I-APS Best Poster Award

Ashley Arcidiacono

Beauty Chabuka

Erica Knorr

Fred Scheigert Scholarship, by CCLVI

Yael Medley



Gayle M. Krause-Edwards Scholarship, FCB

Yael Medley

PEO Scholar Finalist

Ashley Arcidiacono

Arnold O. Beckman Postdoctoral Fellowship

Ashley Arcidiacono

ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry Younger Chemist Conference

Emmanuel Ogunkunle

Dept. Of Energy - Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR)

Michael Deck

Nano Chemistry Competition Honorable Mention

NanoFlorida 2023 Conference

Narjes Dridi

OTAA Nomination

Narjes Dridi

McKnight Fellowship

Charlisa Whyms

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

Leah Kuhn

DoD SMART Scholarship

Jason Kuszynski

Catherine Fabiano

University Awards

Graduate Student Research and Creativity Award

Ashley Arcidiacono

Graduate Student Leadership Nomination

Courtney Leo

Catherine Fabiano



Hooding Ceremony 2023

Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry

Neda Arabzadeh Nosratabad, Advisor: Dr. Hedi Mattoussi

Dissertation: "Monomer- and Polymer-Based N-Heterocyclic Carbene Coating of Transition Metal Core Nanocolloids"

Ashley Arcidiacono, Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Hanson

Dissertation: "Structure and Dynamics of Metal Ion Linked Multilayers on Metal Oxide Films"

Alexander Bieber, Advisor: Dr. Lea Nienhaus

Dissertation: "Bulk Perovskite Sensitized Upconversion: Optical and Structural Characterization"

Jiaqi Chen, Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Hanson

Dissertation: "Manipulating Excited State of Transition Metal Complexes Via Structure"

Tyler Cropley, Advisor: Dr. Christian Bleiholder

Dissertation: "The Structural Evolution of Native-Like Proteins in the Gas Phase Using Tandem-Trapped Ion Mobility Spectrometry / Mass Spectrometry (tTIMS/MS)"

Zachary Digby, Advisor: Dr. Joseph Schlenoff

Dissertation: "Polyelectrolyte Complexes: Salts, Solvents, Secondary Structures"

James Larson, Advisor: Dr. Susan Lattuner

Dissertation: "Flux Growth of Lanthanide Intermetallics Containing Interstitials"

Johanna Papa, Advisor: Dr. Brian Miller

Dissertation: "Evolutionary Origins of Redox Sensitivity in Glucokinases"

Austin Peach, Advisor: Dr. Robert Shurko

Dissertation: "Solid-State NMR of Quadrupolar Nuclei in Organic Solids: New Directions in Mechanochemical Synthesis and Crystal Structure Prediction"

Joshua Santiago, Advisor: Dr. Brian Miller

Dissertation: "The Evolution of Function in the Glucokinase Regulatory Protein"

Benjamin Smith, Advisor: Dr. Robert Silvers

Dissertation: "Structural Characterization of Human La-related Protein 1"

Please Join us to Celebrate the Graduates!

Please join us for a graduate celebration and reception in the Chemical Sciences Laboratory Room 1005 (CSL 1005). We will have drinks and light hors d'oeuvres.