

Department of Chemistry

2017 Awards

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University of New Hampshire
College of Engineering and Physical Sciences

WELCOME
Professor Glen Miller, Chair
Department of Chemistry

Undergraduate Awards

BAILEY PRIZE

Recipient: Colman Wimsatt

Presenter: Prof. Glen Miller, Chair

This is the oldest prize, which has been given continuously by the University of New Hampshire. The prize was established by Dr. C.H. Bailey, N.H. 1879 and E.A. Bailey, N.H. 1885. It is given to the senior demonstrating the highest proficiency in chemistry during an undergraduate career.

DAGGETT AWARD

Recipient: Sarah Lachapelle

Presenter: Prof. Sam Pazicni

The Dr. A. Frederick Daggett Award was established in 1999 through the generosity of George Galanes, Class of 1949, to provide financial support for an outstanding undergraduate student to help cover the costs of student research projects.

FORD MEMORIAL AWARD

Recipient: Graham Beaton

Presenter: Prof. Sam Pazicni

Mr. and Mrs. William Ford established this award in memory of their son Richard M. Ford. Two annual awards are given, one from the department of Chemistry and one from the English Department. An annual cash award is given as recognition of undergraduate student excellence in chemistry and creative writing.

MR. & MRS. S. MORRIS LOCKE AWARD

Recipients: Brent Lawson, Anthony Lemieux

Presenter: Prof. Christine Caputo

Mary D. Carbee of Haverhill, NH, bequeathed a sum to the University in 1931 in memory of Mr. and Mrs. S. Morris Locke. The yearly income is awarded to a deserving CEPS junior/senior demonstrating growth in research, preferably in the field of microscopes.

LUCINDA P. & MELVIN SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Adria Kajenski, Joseph Mancinelli

Presenter: Prof. Erik Berda

Lucinda P. and Melvin Smith bequeathed a sum to the University in 1964. Melvin Smith is a former member of the Chemistry faculty at UNH and Lucinda Smith was a member of the English faculty. The annual income is awarded to an outstanding junior in Chemistry.

THE HEMAN FOGG FELLOWSHIP

Recipient: Colman Wimsatt

Presenter: Prof. Sterling Tomellini

This award was established by Mrs. Hazel C. Fogg in memory of her husband, Dr. Heman C. Fogg, B.S. 1918 and M.S. 1920, UNH. and a former member of the UNH Chemistry Faculty established this award in 1974. The award is made to a student who has earned the highest grade in Analytical Chemistry.

MERCK AWARD

Recipient: Erin Braker

Presenter: Prof. Roy Planalp

This award is given to a chemistry major that has been selected by the faculty on the basis of outstanding achievement in chemistry. The award consists of a copy of the Merck Index given by Merck & Co., Inc.

HELMUT M. HAENDLER AWARD

Recipient: Sarah Lachapelle

Presenter: Prof. Roy Planalp

Former students and colleagues of Professor Emeritus Helmut M. Haendler established this award in 1986. It is specified for recognition of the highest-ranking student in Inorganic Chemistry 574 or 774.

RAYMOND B. SEYMOUR AWARD

Recipient: Jennifer Chouinard

Presenter: Prof. Erik Berda

The late Dr. Raymond B. Seymour, Professor of Polymer Science at U. Southern Mississippi, earned a B.S. in chemical Engineering in 1933 and an M.S. in Chemistry in 1934 from the University of New Hampshire. A long-time, loyal benefactor of UNH and the Department of Chemistry, Dr. Seymour established this award several years before his death to recognize annually one undergraduate student for academic excellence.

VERNON LERCH SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Siran Cinar

Presenter: Prof. Sterling Tomellini

Vernon Lerch, who earned the M.S.T. degree in chemistry at UNH, donated the funds for this scholarship. He designated that the funds were to be used for scholarships for upperclassmen that have demonstrated scholastic achievement and potential leadership in the field of Chemistry.

ROBERT T. HART SCHOLARSHIP

Recipients: Robert Biro, Christopher LaSalle, Brent Lawson, Timothy Tetreault

Presenter: Prof. John Tsavalas

Established in 1989 by Robert T. Hart, Chemistry Class of 1938. The Hart Scholarship is given to award scholarships to deserving undergraduate students majoring in Chemistry.

ACS DIVISION OF ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY AWARD

Recipient: Brent Lawson

Presenter: Prof. Sterling Tomellini

The Analytical Chemistry Award is presented to a student who has completed the third undergraduate year and who has displayed “interest in and aptitude for a career in analytical chemistry”. The award consists of a 15-month subscription to ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY and membership in the Division of Analytical Chemistry. The Division of Analytical Chemistry of the American Chemical Society sponsors this award.

ACS DIVISION OF INORGANIC CHEMISTRY AWARD

Recipient: Graham Beaton

Presenter: Prof. Christine Caputo

To recognize achievement in the field of Inorganic Chemistry.

CHEMICAL RUBBER COMPANY FRESHMAN AWARD

Recipient: Amanda Gaudreault

Presenter: Prof. Christopher Bauer

This award is given to the highest-ranking Chemistry major in the Freshman class. It consists of a copy of the new edition of the “CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics” which will be mailed to the recipient’s home address and a scroll. Sponsored by Chemical Rubber Co., Press.

THE KENNETH K. ANDERSEN AWARD

Recipient: Katelyn Wentworth

Presenter: Prof. Ken Andersen, Emeritus

This award is given to an outstanding chemistry major in the sophomore class for Excellence in Organic Chemistry. This award was sponsored by alumni mentored by Prof. Kenneth K. Andersen in recognition of his achievement in inspiring education and research.

THE DENNIS CHASTEEN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Recipient: Kassie Picard

Presenter: Prof. Denny Chasteen, Emeritus

This award was created by donations from alumni in honor of Professor N. Dennis Chasteen upon his retirement. The award is given to provide financial support to undergraduate students to pursue summer research opportunities.

THE GEORGE AND DOROTHY COSTARAKIS GALANES SCHOLARSHIP

Recipients: Natalie Howes, Matthew Currier

Presenter: Prof. Erik Berda

The purpose of the ‘George and Dorothy Costarakis Galanes Scholarship Endowment’ is to provide scholarship support to undergraduate students in the Chemistry Department of the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences at the University of New Hampshire. Recipients are New Hampshire residents and demonstrate academic achievement.

THE CRAIG WEST UNDERGRADUATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Recipients: Aaron Chung, Timothy Tetreault, Claudia Willis

Presenters: Mrs. Jean West & Dr. Jay West

Through the generosity of Jean Viola West ’66, this endowment is named for Jean’s late son Craig, who received his Ph.D. in chemistry from UNH in 1995. This award is intended to support research opportunities for exceptional undergraduate students majoring in chemistry.

THE ACS-HACH CHEMISTRY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP

Recipients: Meghan Panowicz, Katelyn Wentworth

Presenter: Prof. Christopher Bauer

The purpose of the ‘Hach Scientific Foundation Chemistry Teacher Scholarship’ is to support chemistry majors who are pursuing a career in teaching. Any student majoring in chemistry is eligible - first year through senior - who expresses a commitment to become a chemistry teacher. The student must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. Scholarship recipients must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Graduate Awards

PRATT-DINIAK FELLOWSHIP

Recipients: Elizabeth Bright, Christopher DiBona, Carter Holt, Marie-Josiane Ohoueu, Jarec Rondeau, Luke Fulton

Presenters: Dr. Sarah Joiner, Dr. Stephanie Labadie, Prof. Roy Planalp

LESTER A. PRATT FELLOWSHIP

The gift to support this award was made by Mrs. Lester A. Pratt in 1963, in honor of her husband, who completed the B.S. and M.S. degrees at New Hampshire College in 1909 and 1911, both under the tutelage of Charles James. He served on the faculty of New Hampshire College and then earned a Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh in 1913. His career in industrial chemistry included serving as the Research Director at Merrimack Chemical Works, Woburn, Massachusetts.

THE ALBERT W. DINIAK FELLOWSHIP

This gift from Mrs. Olympia S. Diniak, in memory of her husband, was established in 1965. Mr. Diniak earned undergraduate and M.S. (1950) degrees at the University of New Hampshire. Awards are to be made annually to graduate students in chemistry nominated by the faculty in recognition of their excellence in teaching.

ALVIN R. INGRAM GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Recipient: Zane Relethford

Presenter: Prof. Christine Caputo

Dr. Alvin R. Ingram received his B.S. in chemistry from UNH in 1940. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in Pittsburgh. In recognition of his successful career at Atlantic Richfield Company, he was the recipient of Richfield’s Outstanding Technical Achievement Award. He chose to donate the funds to the Department of Chemistry at the University of New Hampshire to establish this fellowship in 1982. It is designated for a graduate student on the basis of academic performance and research ability.

CRAIG A. WEST MEMORIAL AWARD

Recipient: [Jessica Henry](#)

Presenters: Mrs. Jean West and Prof. Gary Weisman, Emeritus

The Craig A. West Memorial Funds was established in December 1996 in order to honor the memory of Craig A. West, Ph.D., who was born in Dover, New Hampshire and grew up in Durham. He earned his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from UNH in December 1995, and was carrying out postdoctoral research in organic chemistry at Emory University at the time of his passing. The award recipient is a chemistry graduate student in either the Ph.D. or M.S. program, chosen on the basis of excellence in teaching and research.

THE CLARENCE L. AND HELEN M. GARLAND GRANT FELLOWSHIP

Recipient: [William Butler](#)

Presenter: Prof. Marc Boudreau

Through the generosity of Dr. Clarence and Helen Garland Grant, this fellowship was established as an expression of appreciation for the many opportunities provided through their association with UNH, coupled with their belief in the great value of graduate work in Chemistry at UNH. This fellowship is given to a graduate student who has demonstrated excellence in research and teaching.

JAMES D. MORRISON CHEMISTRY DISSERTATION YEAR FELLOWSHIP

Recipient: [Sharon Song](#)

Presenter: Prof. Art Greenberg

The James D. Morrison fund was created by generous donations of his students to honor him. This award is to be given as a dissertation year fellowship to a Chemistry Graduate student who is near the completion of his/her degree.

MARY ZOUKIS PAPASTAVROS '60 CHEMISTRY FUND

Recipients: [René Buell](#), [Sharon Song](#)

Presenter: Prof. Glen Miller

The Mary Zoukis Papastavros '60 Chemistry Fund is established at the University of New Hampshire Foundation, Inc., through the generosity of Mary Zoukis Papastavros, a member of the Class of 1960, and her husband Theodore G. Papastavros. This award is given to a deserving student(s) to facilitate research presentation and participation at professional conferences.

LaMATTINA FAMILY GRADUATE ORGANIC CHEMISTRY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Recipients: [Justin Cole](#), [Marie-Josiane Ohoueu](#)

Presenters: Prof. Erik Berda, Prof. Marc Boudreau

The purpose of the 'LaMattina Family Graduate Organic Chemistry Research Fellowship' is to provide fellowships to chemistry graduate students to support their summer research activities. Preference will be given to students majoring in organic chemistry who are intellectually curious and have excellent laboratory skills.

THE GAIL J. LAMBERT-EDWARDS PHD MEMORIAL CHEMISTRY FELLOWSHIP

Recipient: [René Buell](#)

Presenter: Prof. Sam Pazicni

In honor of his wife, Dr. Gail J. Lambert-Edwards, Fran Edwards created this memorial fellowship. Dr. Gail J. Lambert Edwards earned his PHD in Chemistry in 1973 here at the University of New Hampshire. The purpose of the Gail J. Lambert-Edwards, Ph.D. Memorial Chemistry Fellowship is to provide support fellowships for graduate students. This award is given in recognition of excellence academically and in research.

THE GEORGE E. AND JEANETTE L. LAMBERT CHEMISTRY FELLOWSHIP

Recipient: [Jillian Morang](#)

Presenter: Prof. John Tsavalas

Dr. Gail J. Lambert-Edwards established the George E. and Jeanette L. Lambert Chemistry Fellowship Fund in honor of her parents. This fellowship is to support fellowships for graduate students in the Department of Chemistry at the University of New Hampshire. This award is given in recognition of excellence academically and in research.

THE DENNIS CHASTEEN GRADUATE SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Recipient: [Rongfang Yang](#)

Presenter: Prof. Dennis Chasteen, Emeritus

Established in 2016 by an anonymous donor, the Dennis Chasteen Graduate fellowship was created to provide summer research fellowships for graduate students in Chemistry. Recipients must be M.S. or Ph.D. students and have demonstrated excellence in both teaching and research.

THE HERBERT A SCRUTON SCHOLARSHIP

Recipients: [Elizabeth Bright](#), [Carter Holt](#), [Brian Patenaude](#), [Zane Relethford](#)

Presenter: Prof. Glen Miller

Mrs. Velma W. Scruton of Springfield, N.H., established a fund in memory of her husband, Herbert A. Scruton, '17, in 1973. This award is given to deserving students who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and research. The Department of Chemistry has allocated this award in recognition of graduate student achievement in receiving a Graduate School Teaching Assistant Summer Fellowship (STAF), which also recognizes their excellence in teaching and research.

THE SKLIUTAS FAMILY ENDOWMENT

Recipient: [Gordon Hunter](#)

Presenter: Prof. Sam Pazicni

The Skliutas Family Endowment was created to provide support to the Department of Chemistry here at the University of New Hampshire. The Department has chosen to allocate this endowment to deserving graduate students to facilitate professional development by enabling a student(s) to present her/his research at a conference.

EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

Recipients: Ruiwen Chen, Ethan Jarvis, Sharon Song

Presenters: Prof. Erik Berda, Prof. Christine Caputo, Prof. Art Greenberg

This Chemistry Department award serves to recognize excellence in research as demonstrated by a graduate student.

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UNSUNG HEROES AWARD

Recipients: Doug Fitzgerald, Jimmy Horne

Presenter: Prof. Glen Miller

The Unsung Heroes Award is a Chemistry Department Award given to recognize an individual's efforts to go above and beyond in providing assistance to the Chemistry Department.

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THE GLORIA AND ROBERT LYLE PROFESSORSHIP

Recipient: Associate Professor Erik Berda

Presenter: Prof. Glen Miller

The Dr. Gloria G. and Dr. Robert E. Lyle Professorship Fund is established at the University of New Hampshire Foundation with gifts from Dr. Gloria G. and Dr. Robert E. Lyle. The purpose of the fund is to provide recognition to faculty members within the Department of Chemistry through designation as a Professorship recipient.

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Thank you for your attendance and support of the Chemistry Department!