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*2019 Departmental
Awards in Chemistry*

Friday, June 14, 2019

4:00PM

Introductions and Undergraduate Awards

Dr. Matthew Augustine, Vice-Chair for Undergraduate Affairs



Scholarship for Outstanding Performance in the Undergraduate Major

Freshman: Yifan Ding, Shiming Tan, and Catherine Tran

Sophomore: Ye Chen, Vivian Kellner, Keyan Li, Jonas Mendoza, and Cliff Moran

Junior: Courtney Craig, Dylan Folkner, Christopher Lowe, Rebecca Rafique, and Rachele Stowell

Senior: Henry Agnew, Brett Hodges, Lauren Reynolds, and Emma Tribble



Departmental Research Highest Honors

Sally Burke

Brooke McMahon

Jesse Erdmann

Minh Nguyen

Rachel Franklin

Taruna Neelakantan

Virginia Johnson

Ashley Takeshita

Niklas Kraemer

Karina Targos

Yiyun Liu

Victoria Yee



Departmental Research High Honors

Adon Kwong



Royal Society of Chemistry Certificate of Excellence

Minh Nguyen

Taruna Neelakantan

Karina Targos

Raymond M. Keefer Fellowship

Wanqing Li



Susan M. Kauzlarich Graduate Fellowship in Inorganic Chemistry

Kasey Devlin



Campus Award Acknowledgements

UCD Graduate Studies Award for Excellence in Postdoctoral Research

Shunda Chen (Donadio Group)

Chancellor's Award, Excellence in Mentoring Undergraduate Research

Jackson Zhu (Kurth Group)

Environmental Health Sciences Center (Graduate Research Scholarship)

Daniel Speer (Gervay-Hague Group)

UC Davis Grad Slam Finalist

Fatima Hussein (Velazquez Group)

Richard and Joy Dorf Engineering Fellowship

Kabian Ritter (Velazquez Group)

ACS-DIC Travel Award

Kasey Devlin (Kauzlarich Group)

Funded Trainees of the Chemical Biology Program

Erin Doherty (Beal Group)

Robert "RJ" Tombari (Olson Group)

Graduate Awards

Dr. Andrew J. Fisher, Vice-Chair for Graduate Affairs



Outstanding Dissertation Award in Chemistry

Jie Sheng (Jackson) Zhu



Outstanding Student Teaching Award (Graduate Studies)

Sophia Fricke



David and Ruth Volman Graduate Fellowship in Chemistry

Wanqing Li

Qinhong Yu



Edmund and Wilma Fink Memorial Award

Zach Buchanan

Sophia Fricke



Peter A. Rock Graduate Fellowship

Sophia Fricke



R. Bryan Miller Graduate Summer Fellowship

Wanqing Li

Citation for Outstanding Graduating Seniors

Sally Burke

Taruna Neelakantan

Virginia Johnson

Minh Nguyen

Anthony Lam

Ngoc Nguyen

Yifan (Klay) Liu

Jenna Pregent

Yiyun Liu

Brian Roehrich

Spivey McLane

Alexander Staat

Alexandra Milkey

Karina Targos

Paige Morgan

Victoria Yee



Richard Larock Undergraduate Research Award

Best Presentation in Chemical Biology

Henry Agnew (Larsen)

Jayashri Viswanathan (Olson)

Rebecca Rafique (Murray)

Best Presentation in Organic/Inorganic Chemistry

Lauren McNamara (Balch)

Mira Milic (Franz)

Best Presentation in Physical/Analytical Chemistry

Yiyun Liu (Lebrilla)

Brian Yuen (Wang)

Nathan Soland (Osterloh)



Susan M. Kauzlarich Undergraduate Inorganic Research Award

Lauren McNamara



Outstanding Graduating Senior Award

Minh Nguyen (LCPH)

Karina Targos (LCHE)

Taruna Neelakantan (LPMC)

Francesca Miller Undergraduate Fellowship Award

Madeline Bright (David Lab)



R. Bryan Miller Undergraduate Best Poster Award

Alex Pell (Olson Lab)



Maureen Bellettini Undergraduate Research Award

Lauren Reynolds



Maureen Bellettini Memorial Book Award

Michelle Luo



ACS Undergraduate Award Nominee—Analytical

Yiyun Liu



ACS Undergraduate Award Nominee—Inorganic

Lauren McNamara



ACS Undergraduate Award Nominee—Physical

Nathan Soland



ACS Undergraduate Award Nominee—Organic

Niklas Kraemer

Award for Contribution to the Undergraduate Class

Jonathan Do

Lauren McNamara

Michael Gex

Samantha Teshima

Steven Mok



Chemical Science Poster Book Award, Royal Society of Chemistry

Jayashri Viswanathan (Olson Lab)



ACS Hach Land Grant Undergraduate Scholarship

Sally Burke

Julia Weidner



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Hanson Family Undergraduate Research Publication Award

Niklas Kraemer (Kurth Lab)

**Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research
(Honorable Mention)**

Virginia Johnson (Koski Lab)

Karina Targos (Franz Lab)

ACS Scholars Fellowship

Kimberly Maldonado (Fisher Lab)