Awards & Recognition April 25, 2011
3:00 p.m.
Lilly Hall of Life Sciences

College of Science Alumni Awards

Distinguished Science Alumni
Dr. Chung—Fan Wu, PhD 1976

Outstanding Alumni
Dr. David L. Ayares, BS 1982
Dr. David W. Crabb, BS 1974
Dr. Chris L. Ohlemeyer, BS 1978

Faculty Awards

Promotions & Appointments
Jue Chen, Professor
Daoguo Zhou, Professor
Ruben C. Aguilar, Associate Professor

Alpha Lambda Delta & Phi Eta Sigma Honorary Member
Honorary members of this 2011 Spring class. This was due to many positive experiences his students had about him in class.
Mark Browning

American Associate for the Advancement of Science Fellow
Each year the AAAS Council elects members whose “efforts on behalf of the advancement of science or its applications are scientifically or socially distinguished” in the contributions to the field of biology, particularly for the genetic development & control of the auditory system.
Stanton B. Gelvin

J. Alfred & Martha Chiscon Undergraduate Teaching Award*
Department’s highest teaching award to recognize the importance of undergraduate teaching in the Department of Biological Sciences. This award is given to members of the department who have shown excellence in the instruction of undergraduates taking departmental courses in the 100-500 levels. Faculty members & laboratory coordinators are eligible to receive the award.
Donna Fekete
Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Teaching by an Assistant Professor
This award winner is selected by the College of Science Awards Committee & awarded $2500 in discretionary funds to be used towards research.
Edward Bartlett

Honorable Mention for Top Undergraduate Teacher
This award winner is selected by the College of Science Awards Committee
Peter Hollenbeck

Best Professor Honorable Mention, “The Exponent”
David Bos

2009 National Wildlife Research Center (USDA) Outstanding Publication Award
Esteban Fernández-Juricic

Wall of Fame of IU School of Medicine, Lafayette, 2010 Inductee
William L. Pak

Merit Awards
In recognition of exceptional merit performed by staff during the past year. Awarded on behalf of the College of Science

Leadership Award
Award recognizes excellence in faculty leadership that improves the environment for faculty, staff, & students & promotes diversity & inclusiveness in the College of Science
Donna Fekete

Undergraduate Advising Award:
Award recognizes College of Science faculty who excel in the advising & mentoring of undergraduate students.
Thomas Walter

SACNAS
“Recognition of Outstanding Service in Organizing the 2011 SACNAS Regional Meeting” March 4-5, 2011 in Chicago, IL
Dr. Morris Levy & Mrs. Maria Levy, Purdue SACNA Student Chapter Advisors & co-organizers of the event
National Conference, September 29 to October 3, 2010 in Anaheim, CA Outstanding Graduate Student Presentation
Therese Salameh

Seeds of Success Award
In recognition of the accomplishments of single investigators & teams of investigators for their efforts in obtaining a $1 million dollar or more research
- Erik S. Barton
- William A. Cramer, Jue Chen, Wen Jiang, Garth J. Simpson, Cynthia V. Stauffacher, Dinesh A. Yenool
- Peter J. Hollenbeck
- Stephen F. Konieczny
- Richard J. Kuhn
The Teaching Academy at Purdue University
The Teaching Academy at Purdue strives to bring together the best teaching faculty across campus to create a collective voice for teaching & learning on campus. Faculty are nominated & selected by their peers to join this eclectic group of faculty. Faculty in the Teaching Academy contribute in a variety of ways, but even with the myriad activities their primary focus is to increase the effectiveness of all of the faculty at Purdue University.

Clark Gedney

Learning Outcomes Assessment
Renewal of grant used to support LON-CAPA at Purdue University.

Laurie Iten

21st International Conference of Genome Informations (GIW 2010) Best Paper Award
Daisuke Kihara & Sael Lee

Showalter Research Trust, Purdue University
The Ralph W. & Grace M. Showalter Trust was established in 1975 to support research in the areas of: air & water pollution research, research in the field of biochemistry, research for the control & prevention of disease, research for development of new technologies in food production, & research in medical & biophysical instrumentation, including the adaptation of the modern computer in the measurement of biological processes, in the collection, recording, analysis, & interpretation of data

Yuk Fai Leung & Daisuke Kihara

Staff Awards

Service Anniversaries
In recognition of years of service at Purdue

30 Years
Kathleen M. Weller

25 Years
Valorie D. Bowman

20 Years
Clark D. Gedney
Isidore A. Julien
Annemarie Kaufman

15 Years
Linda F. Hunley
Rodney B. McPhail

10 Years
Paul R. Chipman
Judy E. Hallet
Steven G. Hunter

Awards & Recognition April 25, 2011
Merit Award
In recognition of exceptional merit performed by staff during the past year. Awarded on behalf of the College of Science.

Customer Service Award
Award recognizes outstanding customer service within the College of Science
  Sandra Howarth
  Kimberlie Weldy

Leadership Award
Award recognizes excellence in faculty leadership that improves the environment for faculty, staff, & students & promotes diversity & inclusiveness in the College of Science
  Deborah Anderson

Professional Achievement Award
Award recognizes exceptional staff contributions to the College of Science
  Jeremy Hale

Robert W. Smith Award
Annual award in honor of Robert W. Smith for students &/or employees to recognize unusual service, dedication &/or loyalty to the Department of Biological Sciences
  Lynn Jacobs

Graduate Students

A. Lindsey Graduate Fellowship in Ecology
  (Framed Certificate)
Merit-based fellowship for graduate students conducting ecological studies in the Department of Biological Sciences
  To Be Determined

Purdue University Applied Management Principles Program for Graduate Students
AMP is a two-week non-degree "mini-MBA" program. It satisfies the heightened interest in the world of business that increasing numbers of graduate-level engineers & scientists are expressing. Program areas include:
  Managerial accounting, human resource, financial, marketing, & strategic management, & entrepreneurship.
  Kyle Hernandez (R. Howard, Res. Director)
  Sowmya Nagarajan (L. Sherman, Res. Director)

Andrews Fellowship
The Andrews Fellowships are for the recruitment of outstanding Ph.D.-track students to graduate programs at Purdue University. Each fellowship provides a four-year award package to the fellow, which includes two years of stipend support from the Graduate School & two additional years of funding support from the graduate program. The Andrews Fellowship, whether administered as a fellowship or as an assistantship, also provides tuition coverage & a medical insurance supplement.
  Kelly Ronald
Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship
The Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship provides support to outstanding Ph.D. candidates in their final year of doctoral degree completion. Bilsland Fellows are expected to devote full-time effort to the completion of all doctoral degree requirements to receive the doctoral degree at the conclusion of the fellowship tenure.
Mansoora Khaliq (R. Kuhn, Research Director)

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant
Merit-based award given to a graduate teaching assistant for excellence in undergraduate teaching based on supervisors’ & students’ evaluations & recommendation documents provided by nominators.
Jackie Doyle
Sowmya Nagarajan

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Honor Roll
Merit-based award given to a graduate teaching assistant for excellence in undergraduate teaching based on supervisors’ & students’ evaluations & recommendation documents provided by nominators.
Anju Karki
Jason Segura
Jon Snyder
Bob Stephenson
Eric Warrick
Cory Weaver

Purdue University Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Teaching Celebration of Graduate Students Teaching Assistants (Committee for the Education of Teaching Assistants)
In July 1993, Dr. Robert L. Ringel, Executive V.P. for Academic Affairs, appointed a committee of faculty, staff & students "for the purpose of developing a University-wide support program to help prepare graduate students to teach." The members of the Committee recognized that achieving that goal required input & participation by all segments of the academic community -- undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, & administrators. The Committee will develop an approach that will prepare our graduate students, those already on teaching appointments & those that will be, to enter a Purdue classroom as an instructor & more generally, to teach in institutions of higher education. The success of the Committee's efforts should improve the quality of teaching on the Purdue campus & the learning environment for all Purdue undergraduate & graduate students. The Committee adopts the following elements as a statement of its mission & goals.
Suzanne Beard
Swaathi Jayaraman

P.T. Gilham Fellowship
Merit-based fellowship for graduate students in the Department of Biological Sciences
Nicole Sadler
Caleb Trujillo

Purdue Doctoral Fellowship
The Purdue Doctoral Fellowship is a Graduate School recruitment fellowship for doctoral-seeking graduate students who will enhance the diversity of the graduate student body in the College of Education through their diverse backgrounds, views, & experiences.
Juanita Losier

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant
Megan Gall
PRF Research Grants:
PRF Research Grants are one-year awards made by the Office of the Vice President for Research to assist faculty who supervise Ph.D. research in the development of new or the continuation of ongoing research projects by providing support for a half-time (0.50 FTE) PRF Research Assistantship.
   Clayton Collings (J. Anderson, Res. Director)
   Megan Gall (J. Lucas, Res. Director)
   Stacie Poston (E. Taparowsky, Res. Director)
   Li Xu (Z. Luo, Res. Director)

PRF Summer Grant:
   Jacqueline Doyle (R. Howard, Res. Director)
   Swaathi Jayaraman (C. Stauffacher, Res. Director)
   Hyun Chul Lee (A. Friedman, Res. Director)
   Sowmya Nagarajan (L. Sherman, Res. Director)
   Therese Salameh (I. Camarillo, Res. Director)

Ross Fellowships
The Ross Fellowships are for the recruitment of outstanding, Ph.D.-track students to graduate programs at Purdue University. Each fellowship provides a four-year package to the fellow, which includes one-year of support from the Graduate School & a commitment by the graduate program of three additional years of support. The additional support is usually in the form of teaching or research assistantships or a combination of both. The Ross Fellowships, whether administered as a fellowship or as an assistantship, also provides tuition coverage & a medical insurance supplement.
   Julia Luciano
   Bret Moore
   Sakshi Sakshi
   Nicholas Smith

H. E. Umbarger Outstanding Graduate Student in Research
Merit-based award in recognition of outstanding research by a graduate student; nominated by their major professors.
   Anthony Battisti

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
The Graduate Research Fellowship provides three years of support for graduate study leading to research-based masters or doctoral degrees & is intended for students who are in the early stages of their graduate study.
   Kelly Ronald

Yeunkyung Woo Achieve Excellence Travel Award
Departmental award established in memory of Yeunkyung Woo to provide financial support to graduate students who are attending scientific meetings or conferences to present the results of their research.
   Spring Award:
      Jacqueline Doyle (R. Howard, Res. Director)
      Laura Hughes
      Sowmya Nagarajan (L. Sherman, Res. Director)

   Fall Award:
      Cinthia Sanchez (R. Kuhn, Res. Director)
      Arpita Sen (C. Aguilar, Res. Director)
2010 Predoctoral Training Fellowship, Indiana Clinical & Translational Sciences Institute  
Daniel DiRenzo

2010 Young Investigator Award, American Pancreatic Association Annual Meeting  
Daniel DiRenzo

Graduate Student Retreat Winners  
Best Poster Award  
Xin Zhou “Failure of sperm production when the cell surface of developing sperm cannot expand.”

Best Oral Presentation  
David Hess “The transcription factor Xbpl mediates pancreatic acinar cell ER stress response & cell viability.”

Undergraduate Students

Will & Hellen Carpenter Scholarship  
Given to a junior or senior student who has demonstrated significant & increasing success in one of the biology curricula  
Ja (Jae) Claywell  
Donita Roettcher

Professor & Mrs. Edward H. Simon Scholarship  
Jessica Wedow  
Brittany Croy

Rod & Cele Flanary Pre-Med Scholarship  
Stephanie Karozos

Cable-Silkman Fellowship  
Merit-based scholarship/fellowship presented to a junior or senior biological sciences major or graduate student with an emphasis in parasitology or related field.  
Anna G. McCullough (D. Minchella, Res. Director)

Howard Hughes Medical Institute Exceptional Research Opportunities Program (EXROP)  
Ariel Garcia

Howard Hughes Medical Institute for Undergraduate Research Experience Summer Internship  
Roxanne Croxall  
Andrew Golden  
James Hamilton  
Isaac Ratcliffe  
Steven Rice
College of Science Outstanding Seniors
Outstanding academic achievement & outstanding co-curricular involvement, such as leadership, community service, & undergraduate research
Alexander Kuzma

College of Science Outstanding Juniors
Outstanding academic achievement & outstanding co-curricular involvement, such as leadership, community service, & undergraduate research
Ashley Zerr

College of Science Outstanding Sophomores
Outstanding academic achievement & outstanding co-curricular involvement, such as leadership, community service, & undergraduate research
Abraham Korman

College of Science Outstanding Freshmen
Outstanding academic achievement & outstanding co-curricular involvement, such as leadership, community service, & undergraduate research
Corinne Soutar

2010 Singleton Award
Awarded for the best Honors’ Thesis of the 2010-2011 undergraduate class.
Michael Grannan

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Interns
Merit-based award given to a undergraduate teaching assistant for excellence in undergraduate teaching based on supervisors’ & students’ evaluations & recommendation documents provided by nominators.
Samantha Hawkins

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Honor Roll
Merit-based award given to teaching assistants for excellence in undergraduate teaching based on supervisors’ & students’ evaluations & recommendation documents provided by nominators.
Katie Effinger
Angie Hettinger
Steve Rice
Donita Roettacher
Alex Tuttle

Sanford Ostroy Undergraduate Research Internship
Supports full-time research for one to two biological sciences undergraduates during the summer.
To Be Determined

Dr. Eric Dwayne Miller Scholarship Fund
Scholarship awarded in memory of Dr. Eric Dwayne Miller to students who are Indiana residents from a non-metropolitan area & attended a high school with less than 800 students in the upper four grade levels.
Rachelle Buuck
Tyler Johnston
Aurora Shands
Kimble Slonaker
Irwin & Ethel Tessman Scholarship Fund
  Abraham Korman
  Brandt Lydon

Donald N. Jessup Memorial Scholarship
Merit based scholarships awarded to Indiana residents in the Department of Biological Sciences in memory of
  Donald N. Jessup (BS 1974)
  Anna R. Coots
  Corinne P. Soutar

Dr. William H. Phillips Undergraduate Research Internship
  To Be Determined

Dr. G. Wesley Hatfield & Dr. Suzanne B. Sandmeyer
  Undergraduate Research Internship
Supports full-time research for one biological sciences undergraduate during the summer.
  To Be Determined

Merck Research Laboratories Research Experience for Undergraduates
Provides support for a biological sciences undergraduate student conducting research during the school year.
  To Be Determined

Purdue Oncological Sciences Center, Cancer Prevention & Control Poster Competition
  Erika Weil

National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship
  Madeleine Valle

Departmental Undergraduate Research Day Poster Award
  Christian Berrios

Department of Biological Sciences Ambassadors
  Justin Gardner
  Tyshia Gwin
  Stephanie Karozos
  Alex Kuzma
  Kirsten Luethy
  Jessica Mahoney
  Anna McCullough
  Katlin Walls
Department of Biological Sciences Undergraduate Advisory Group (UGAG)

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Department of Biological Sciences Undergraduate Club

Members

- Kaitlyn Gilland, President
- Jake Saunders, Vice President
- Rafid Mustafa, Treasurer
- Molly Kroskie & Mary Mengel, Public Relations
- Jon Gritzer, Service Chair
- Sarah Griffith, Fundraising Chair
- Jen Bourn, Photographer
- Ryan Cross, Alex Didier, Brittany Croy, Melanie Johnston, Laruen Damerell, David Heffner & Adam Bultemeier, Committee Members