

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Genetics, Development and Cell Biology

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## GDCB Faculty, Students and Staff Honors and Awards Recognition Luncheon

Thursday, May 5, 2022 • Molecular Biology Atrium

### WELCOME

*GDCB Chair Yanhai Yin*

### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

❖ **Presenters:** **Carly Manz**, GDCB Assistant Chair for Teaching and Associate Teaching Professor; and **Jelena Kraft**, GDCB Assistant Teaching Professor

#### **Goldwater Scholar**

Divyesh Kumar (2020)

#### **Charles Drewes Memorial Scholarship**

Grant Hoeger (2020)

#### **Biology Sophomore Success Scholarship**

Cooper Hess (2022)

Megan Senden (2022)

Mary Rosa (2021)

Jannah Ramadan (2021)

Jocelynn Luangdetmalay (2020)

Donnie Kramer (2020)

Makenzi Iddings (2022)

Durga Sritharan (2021)

Abigail Keiser (2021)

Olivia Kruse (2021)

Alexa Muhlbauer (2020)

#### **David W. Staniforth Legacy Scholarship**

Lilyahna Kowal (2021)

#### **George Knaphus Teaching Fellowship**

Travis Hattery (2022)

Axelle Weeger (2020)

Jessica Judson (2021)

#### **Irving W. and Natalie A. Knobloch Scholarship**

Elizabeth Smith (2021)

Luke Sloterdyk (2020)

#### **Mary Kate Phillips Scholarship**

Lilyahna Kowal (2022 and 2020)

Michaela Erickson (2021)



Alejandro Hernandez (Spring 2021, Summer 2020, Summer 2019)  
Katelyn Maliszewski (Spring 2021)  
Daniela Ortiz (Spring 2021)  
Slyn Uaroon (Spring 2021)  
Kendall Haeefe (Spring 2021, Summer 2020)  
Ethan Goes (Fall 2020)  
Andrew Lavin (Summer 2020)  
Dongyeol Lee (Summer 2020)  
Connor Valentine (Summer 2020)  
Shannon Erhardt (Spring 2020, Fall 2019)  
William Crow (Spring 2019)

**Sui Tong Chan Fung Fund for the Promotion of Study and Research  
in Genetics Awards**

❖ **Presenter: Norah Warchola**, Experiential Learning Coordinator in Ecology,  
Evolution and Organismal Biology

Kiernan Adair (2022)	Connor Davison (2022)
Seth Entriiken (2022, 2021)	Caitlin Leigh Gonzales (2022)
Kierinn Mobley (2022, 2021)	Chase Coffman (2021)
Emma Miller (2021)	Anna Scott (2021)
Elysse Trost (2021)	

**Highest GPA for Spring 2022 listed by expected graduation date**

❖ **Presenter: Alison Esser**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Academic Advisor

**Spring 2022**

Cameron Albus	Haley Dostalík
Alex Dunahoo	Mark Engelken
Michaela Erickson	Elizabeth Hannan
Katherine Lucas	Alexis Miller
Kara Rueschenberg	Samantha Schepers
Lydia Stanley	Talia Sylvester

**Spring 2023**

Kiernan Adair	Beatriz Alvarez
Parker Champion	Sydney Honold
Jasper Khor	Reagan Linder
Lexie Magner	Jackson Marshall
Kyra Oberbroeckling	Sean Prell
Caitlin Walz	Daniel Wordekemper

**Spring 2024**

Inga Baldus  
Haley Curtis  
Connor Davison  
Makayla Dove  
Cooper Hess  
Olivia Johnson

**Spring 2025**

Jana Hukvari  
Mckenzie Sanden

## **Learning Communities**

❖ **Presenter: Alison Esser**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Academic Advisor

### ***Genetics The Secret of Life Peer Mentors***

Taylor Hays (2021-22) Brock Elbert (2021-22)  
Emma Miller (2021-22) Melissa Draves (2020-21)  
Emily Sarvis (2020-21) Taylor Hays (2020-21)  
Grace Schulte (2020-21)

### **B.E.S.T. Learning Community Peer Mentors**

Kassidy Adams (2020-21, 2021-22)  
Aimugina Agene (2020-21, 2021-22)  
Samantha Anderson (2019-2020)  
Cordell Billups (2019-20)  
Hailey Christoph (2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22)  
Hannah Craven (2020-21, 2021-22)  
Emily Gress (2021-22)  
David McHugh (2019-2020)  
Rachel Mehmert (2019-2020)  
Kara Rueschenberg (2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22)  
Elizabeth Siberz (2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22)  
Justin Squillo (2019-20, 2020-21)  
Durga Sritharan (2020-21, 2021-22)

## **GRADUATE STUDENT RECOGNITIONS**

❖ **Presenter: Hua Bai**, GDCB Graduate Affairs Committee Chair and GDCB Assistant Professor

### **American Society of Plant Biologists Plantae Fellow**

Ching-yi Liao (2019)

### **Iowa State University (ISU) COVID-19 Exceptional Effort Awards: Graduate Student Research Impact**

Urminder Singh, '21 (2021)

### **ISU Graduate College 3MT**

Abesh Bera (2021, runner up)

Vaishali Todi (2020, finalist)

### **Brown Fellowship**

Jacinta Correia (2022-23)

Brian Zebosi (2022-23)

Vaishali Todi (2020-21)

### **Graduate and Professional Student Senate Teaching, Research and Leadership Awards**

Ashish Jain, '20 (Research, 2020)

Emmanuel Nsamba, '21 (Leadership, 2020)

### **Dale W. Young and W.E. Loomis Fund Travel Award**

Ian Braun, '21 (Fall 2019)  
Zakayo Kazibwe (Fall 2019, Spring 2022)  
Ching-Yi Liao (Spring 2022)  
Brian Zebosi (Spring 2022)

### **Sui Tong Chan Fung Fund Travel Award**

Maira Almeida, '20 (Fall 2019)	Mark Bouska, '21
Angela Bunning (Spring 2022)	(Fall 2019, Spring 2021)
Ankur Kumar (Spring 2022)	Emmanuel Nsamba, '21
Pallavi Sinha-Roy (Fall 2020)	(Fall 2019, Fall 2020)
Vaishali Todi (Fall 2020)	

### **GDCB Travel Award**

Abesh Bera (Spring 2022) Xiaoyi (Chelsea) Cheng (Spring 2022)  
Vaishali Todi (Spring 2022)

### **Graduate College Research Excellence Award**

Kerui Huang, '20 (Spring 2020)	Ashish Jain, '20 (Fall 2019)
Ting Miao (Spring 2022)	Rebekah Starks, '20 (Spring 2020)

### **Graduate College Teaching Excellence Award**

Keting Chen (Spring 2022)	Priyanka Bhandary, '22 (Fall 2021)
Jie Tang (Fall 2021)	Mark Bouska, '21 (Spring 2021)
Hao Jiang, '20, (Spring 2021)	Yosia Mugume, '21 (Spring 2021)
Anilisa Biswas (Fall 2020)	Angela Bunning (Spring 2020)
Aric Warner (Spring 2020)	Travis Hattery (Fall 2019)
Weijia Su, '20 (Fall 2019)	

## **DEPARTMENTAL RECOGNITIONS**

❖ **Presenter: Mohan Gupta**, GDCB Associate Professor

### **Departmental Awards for staff, students and postdocs**

Melissa Draves, Outstanding undergraduate research and extraordinary contributions to GDCB Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee activities  
Abesh Bera, Outstanding contributions to GDCB DEI Committee and for advocating graduate student well-being  
Priyanka Bhandary, '22, Outstanding contributions to GDCB DEI Committee  
Zakayo Kazibwe, Outstanding contributions to GDCB DEI Committee  
Vaishali Todi, Outstanding contributions to GDCB DEI Committee and founding president of GDCB Graduate Student and Postdoc Organization  
Ping Wang, Outstanding postdoc research award

### **GDCB Research Award**

Raquel Espin Palazon, GDCB Early-Career Research Award (2022)  
Dior Kelley, GDCB Early-Career Research Award (2022)  
Maura McGrail, GDCB Award for Outstanding Achievement in Research (2022)  
Geetu Tuteja, GDCB Award for Outstanding Achievement in Research (2022)

### **GDCB Teaching Award**

Geetu Tuteja, GDCB Award for Outstanding Achievement in Teaching (2022)

Jelena Kraft, GDCB Early-Career Teaching Award (2022)

Sayali Kukday, GDCB Award for Outstanding Achievement in Teaching (2022)

## **COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND SERVICE RECOGNITIONS**

❖ **Presenter: Tom Peterson**, GDCB Professor and Pioneer Chair in Maize Molecular Genetics

### **ISU Distinguished Professor (2022)**

Diane Bassham

### **ISU VPP Exemplary Faculty Mentor Award**

Jeff Essner (2020)

Maura McGrail (2019)

### **ISU Office of the Vice President for Research, Research Collaboration Catalysts**

Geetu Tuteja (2020-21)

Carolyn Lawrence-Dill (2020-21)

### **Women Impacting ISU Calendar Award**

Geetu Tuteja (2021)

### **Food Systems Leadership Institute**

Carolyn Lawrence-Dill, Fellow (2019)

### **YWCA Women of Achievement Award**

Carolyn Lawrence-Dill (2020)

### **LAS Award for Early Achievement in Research**

Geetu Tuteja (2019)

Hua Bai (2021)

### **LAS Award for Mid-Career Achievement in Research**

Mohan Gupta (2021)

### **LAS Award for Inclusive Excellence**

Karin Dorman (2020)

### **CALS Innovation and Entrepreneurship Faculty Fellows**

Karri Haen Whitmer, 2021

### **Learning Communities Scholarship Award**

Clark Coffman and Stacey Barnes (2020)

### **Learning Communities Service Award**

Clark Coffman, 5 years (2020)

### **Learning Communities Early Achievement in Learning Community Coordination award**

Sarah Wehner (2021)

### **ISU Professional & Scientific Council Cytation**

Danise Jones (2022)

# COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY TEACHING RECOGNITIONS

❖ **Presenter:** Karri Haen Whitmer, GDCB Associate Chair for Teaching and Teaching Professor

## **ISU Early Achievement in Teaching Award and CALS Early Achievement in Teaching Award**

Marna Yandea-Nelson (2020)

## **ISU Senior Vice President Provost (ISU SVPP) Teaching Innovation Award**

Jelena Kraft (2020)

Carly Manz (2020)

## **LAS Award for Early Achievement in Teaching**

Carly Manz (2020)

## **ISU Martin Luther King Jr. Advancing One Community Award**

Clark Coffman and ISU Aspire Alliance IChange Network Team

# FACULTY PROMOTIONS

❖ **Presenter:** Diane Bassham, GDCB Distinguished Professor and Walter E. and Helen Parke Loomis Professor of Plant Physiology

Hua Bai, associate professor (effective fall 2022)

Hala Bastawros, teaching professor (2021)

Michelle Guo, assistant professor (2022)

Mohan Gupta, associate professor (2020)

Karri Haen Whitmer, teaching professor (2021)

Dior Kelley, assistant professor (2019)

Carly Manz, associate teaching professor (2021)

Geetu Tuteja, associate professor (2020)

Marna Yandea-Nelson, associate professor (2020)

# NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS, ALUMNI REWARDS AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

❖ **Presenter:** Yanhai Yin, GDCB Chair

## **American Society of Plant Biologists Fellow Award (2020) and American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellow (2022)**

Diane Bassham

## **PEW Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences**

Geetu Tuteja (2019)

## **National Science Foundation CAREER Awards**

Hua Bai (2021)

Mohan Gupta (2020)

## **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award**

Jeffrey Sander, '08 (2019)

David Morrison, '10 (2021)

