

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Genetics, Development and Cell Biology

GDCB Faculty, Students and Staff Honors and Awards Recognition Luncheon

Thursday, May 4, 2023 • Molecular Biology Building Atrium

Welcome

GDCB Chair Yanhai Yin

2023 Undergraduate Student Recognitions

Presenters: **Karri Haen Whitmer**, GDCB Associate Department Chair for Teaching; **Jelena Kraft**, GDCB Assistant Teaching Professor; and **Carly Manz**, GDCB Assistant Chair for Teaching

Biology Sophomore Success Scholarship

Rachel Marshall-Patterson

Shandra Truong

Rori Wagner

Irving W. and Natalie A. Knobloch Scholarship

Valentine Chenus

Mary Kate Phillips Scholarship

Ashley Kleve

Madeleine Krumins

David W. Staniforth Legacy Scholarship

Mark Gottemoller

Marny and Pete Buck Genetics Scholarship

Current GEN freshmen

Kendra Eichhorn

Emma McEvoy

Sydney Lund

2023 – incoming freshmen

Brenna Halsted

Halie Decker

Evelyn Utterback

David Gladson Scholarship

Undergraduate recipients

Rachel Currant

Natalie Drake

Graduate recipient

Kate Fonder

Dr. Neil E. Harl Opportunity Scholarship

Elliana Fahey

Diane Marie Heimbuch Scholarship

Mandy Chau

Cecely Dominguez

Darlene and Melvin Larsen Scholarship

Kelsey Creten

Elliana Fahey

Tierney Schramski

Dr. John R. Ohlfest Memorial Scholarship

Bridget McGovern

2022-23 Legacy of Heroines scholars

Nyamal Diew — *Helen Jensen Howe Legacy of Heroines Scholarship for Women in Science*

Peyton Hamel — *Elizabeth Hoffman and Brian R. Binger Legacy of Heroines Scholarship*

Yen Nguyen — *Jane Greimann Legacy of Heroines Scholarship*

Hope Ung — *Helen Jensen Howe Legacy of Heroines Scholarship for Women in Science*

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) Dean's High Impact Award for Undergraduate Research

Presenter: Geetu Tuteja, GDCB Associate Professor

Fall 2022

Caitlin Gonzales
Jackson Marshall

Abigail Krull
Kierinn Mobley

Summer 2023

Hyunho Choi
Hamelynn Harzman
Eric Kremer
Elizabeth Larkin
Shandra Truong

Jordan Hansen
Seo Young Kim
Michael Kumar
Catherine Steele

Highest GPA

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

Kiernan Adair
Emma Bock
Kelsey Creten
Makayla Dove
Jack Gustafson
Sydney Honold
Katherine Klein
Lexie Magner
Chad Martin
Laura Millage
Simran Patel
Elizabeth Semmann
Madison Temple

Inga Baldus
Mandy Chau
Connor Davison
Kendra Eichhorn
Evan Hilton
Dylan Khor
Abigail Krull
Jackson Marshall
Brenna Mathers
Emma Miller
Mckenzie Sanden
Zachary Steinmetz
Caitlin Walz

Learning Communities

Presenter: Sarah Wehner, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Academic Advisor

Genetics The Secret of Life Peer Mentors

Brock Elbert
Emma Miller

Gabi Fitzjarrell

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

Aimugina Agene
Emily Gress
Mariah Hoeger
Durga Sritharan

Kaitlyn Christ
Emma Heaney
Tommy King
Madison Vetter

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 (EEOB)

Alexis Ball
Manik Singhal
Brenna Mathers

Connor Davison
Zachary Steinmetz

2023 GDCB Summer Undergraduate Research Internship

Presenter: Norah Warchola, Experiential Learning Coordinator in EEOB

Inga Baldus
Hyunho Choi
Jordan Hansen
Seo Young Kim
Michael Kumar
Jonathan Praseutsack
Catherine Steele
Shandra Truong

Darcy Bonds
Connor Davison
Hamelynn Harzman
Eric Kremer
Wren Murzyn
Manik Singhal
Zachary Steinmetz
Madison Vetter

Graduate Student Recognitions

Presenter: Hua Bai, GDCB Graduate Affairs Committee Chair and GDCB Associate Professor

ISU Graduate College 3MT
Abesh Bera (2022, runner up)

George Knaphus College Teaching Fellowship
Brian Zebosi (2023)

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

Panchali Chakraborty (Spring 2023) Craig Cowling (Spring 2023)
Lander Geadelmann (Spring 2023)

Sui Tong Chan Fung Fund Travel Award

Abesh Bera (Fall 2022)	Angela Bunning (Fall 2022)
Jacinta Correia (Fall 2022)	Ankur Kumar (Spring 2023)
Sahiba Siddiqui (Fall 2022, Spring 2023)	Michelle Thayer (Fall 2022)
Vaishali Todi (Fall 2022)	Ha Vu (Spring 2023)

Graduate College Research Excellence Award

Linkan Dash (Spring 2023)	Ha Vu (Spring 2023)
Ching Yi-Liao '22 (Fall 2022)	Chang Yong Oh (Fall 2022)

Graduate College Teaching Excellence Award

Abesh Bera (Fall 2022)	Trevor Buhr (Spring 2023)
Jodi Callwood (Spring 2023)	Zakayo Kazibwe (Spring 2023)
Sahiba Siddiqui (Fall 2022)	

Department of Defense Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship

Jodi Callwood

Interdepartmental Genetics and Genomics Fung Award

Sean McLaughlin (2021-22)	Zakayo Kazibwe (2021-22)
Brian Zebosi (2021-22)	

2023 GDCB Research Day Poster Award

Radwa Barakat, 1st place	Linkan Dash, 2nd place
Panchali Chakraborty, co-3rd place	Ankur Kumar, co-3rd place

2023 Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences Symposium

Sahiba Siddiqui, 1st place poster	Anurag Das, 3rd place poster
Ha Vu, 3rd place Oral Talk	

Departmental Recognitions

Presenter: Mohan Gupta, GDCB Associate Professor

Departmental Awards for faculty, staff, postdocs and students

Radwa Barakat, *outstanding contributions to research together with your strong leadership contributions to the GSPO/GDCB and community outreach*

Xiaoyi (Chelsea) Cheng, *outstanding leadership and additional contributions to the GDCB and graduate student communities*

Stephanie Klein, *outstanding contributions and leadership roles in multiple committees, organizations and events*

Erica Unger-Wallace, *outstanding contributions to the success of the educational mission of GDCB, and to the development and support of the Biology 313 lab program*

Carly Manz and Karri Haen Whitmer, *exceptional and dedicated efforts in developing the new Integrated Health Sciences major at ISU*

GDCB Teaching Awards

Raquel Espin Palazon, *outstanding contributions to the educational mission of GDCB and to the success of our students*

Dior Kelley, *outstanding contributions to the educational mission of GDCB and to the success of our students*

College and University

Teaching, Research and Service Recognitions

Presenters: Yanhai Yin, GDCB Chair, and Maura McGrail, GDCB Associate Chair for Research

ISU Award for Impact on Student Success

Morrill Professor Don Sakaguchi

LAS Dean's Emerging Faculty Leaders Award

Hua Bai

LAS Award for Mid-Career Achievement in Research

Geetu Tuteja

2023 Rossmann-Manatt Faculty Development Award

Maran Yaneau-Nelson

CALS Outstanding Achievement in Research Award

Maura McGrail

E. Wendell Miller Faculty Fellowship Award (Promoting student well-being and self-efficacy through peer support networks)

Team: Clark Coffman, Mohan Gupta and Hua Bai (other members: Corinna Most and John Pleasants, ecology, evolution and organismal biology; Mollie Appelgate, School of Education; and Tom Neppl, landscape architecture)

ISU Office of the Vice President for Research, Research Collaboration Catalysts (2022-2023)

Dior Kelley

Marna Yandean-Nelson

ISU Award for Early Achievement in Academic Advising

Sarah Wehner, academic advisor

LAS Award for Excellence in Graduate Mentoring

Karin Dorman

Faculty Promotions and Retirements

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

Promotions

Ping Kang, adjunct assistant professor (effective spring 2023)

Sayali Kukday, teaching professor (effective fall 2023)

Erica Unger-Wallace, adjunct assistant professor (effective Jan. 1, 2023)

Retirements

Thomas Peterson

Steve Rodermel

Eve Wurtele

National Recognitions and Concluding Remarks

Presenter: Yanhai Yin, GDCB Chair

American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow, 2022
Yanhai Yin

**2023 Maize Genetics Cooperator Award (Maize Genetics
Cooperation, Inc.)**
Carolyn Lawrence-Dill

2023 M. Rhodes Early Career Award (Maize Genetics Cooperation)
Marna Yandea-Nelson

Thank you for attending!