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
Rori Wagner
Shandra Truong

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
Sydney Lund

2023 – incoming freshmen
Brenna Halsted
Evelyn Utterback

David Gladson Scholarship

Undergraduate recipients
Rachel Currant

Graduate recipient
Kate Fonder

Dr. Neil E. Harl Opportunity Scholarship
Elliana Fahey

Diane Marie Heimbuch Scholarship
Mandy Chau

Darlene and Melvin Larsen Scholarship
Kelsey Creten
Tierney Schramski

Dr. John R. Ohlfest Memorial Scholarship
Bridget McGovern

2022-23 Legacy of Heroines scholars
Nyah 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

Summer 2023
Hyunho Choi
Hamelynn Harzman
Eric Kremer
Elizabeth Larkin
Shandra Truong

Abigail Krull
Kierinn Mobley
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 Kaitlyn Christ
Emily Gress Emma Heaney
Mariah Hoeger Tommy King
Durga Sritharan 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 Connor Davison
Manik Singhal Zachary Steinmetz
Brenna Mathers

2023 GDCB Summer Undergraduate Research Internship
Presenter: Norah Warchola, Experiential Learning Coordinator in EEOB
Inga Baldus Darcy Bonds
Hyunho Choi Connor Davison
Jordan Hansen Hamelynn Harzman
Seo Young Kim Eric Kremer
Michael Kumar Wren Murzyn
Jonathan Praseutsack Manik Singhal
Catherine Steele Zachary Steinmetz
Shandra Truong 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)
Landor 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

F. 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 Pleasant, 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 Yandeau-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 Yandaue-Nelson

Thank you for attending!