Welcome
GDCB Chair Yanhai Yin

2024 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 Hampton  Riley Olson
Leilani Ramirez-Velez  Reese Timmons

Charles Drewes Memorial Scholarship
Cecely Dominguez

Mary Kate Phillips Scholarship
Emma Donahey

David W. Staniforth Legacy Scholarship
Hannah Clubb  Jenna Goslin

Marny and Pete Buck Genetics Scholarship
2023-2024 recipients
Clara Brown  Alison David
Halie Decker  Brenna Halsted
Evelyn Utterback
Diane Marie Heimbuch Scholarship  
Rori Wagner

Darlene and Melvin Larsen Scholarship  
Shandra Truong      Eli Wieden  
Logan Young

Dr. John R. Ohlfest Memorial Scholarship  
Rachel Marshall-Patterson

2023-24 Legacy of Heroines scholars  
Kaija Dahlberg — Dr. Lauren S. Hughes 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 Professor

Spring 2024  
Seo Young Kim      Eric Kremer  
Michael Kumar      Elizabeth Larkin  
Bridget McGovern   Liya Mooradian  
Shandra Truong     Amanda Zumbrock

Summer 2024  
Jessica Johnson    Natalie Kaufmann

Fall 2024  
Isabelle Appel     Elizabeth Larkin  
Kyler Hegarty      Chad Martin  
Liya Mooradian    Raegan Nelson  
Emily Wermager    Amanda Zumbrock
Spring 2024 Graduating Seniors Highest GPAs

**Presenters: Alexis Atkinson** and **Alison Esser**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Academic Advisors

**Biology**
- Jillian Anderson
- Clarissa Carolan
- Haley Curtis
- Isabell Hobbs
- Seo Young Kim
- Laurynn Lovan
- Madison Temple
- Davis Verhoeven
- Lexie Balkema
- Mandy Chau
- Natalie Drake
- Maggie Jirik
- Katherine Klein
- Macy Sigwarth
- Joseph Trowbridge

**Bioinformatics**
- Makayla Dove
- Olivia Johnson

**Genetics**
- Inga Baldus
- Jack Gustafson
- Brenna Mathers
- Sean Prell
- Zachary Steinmetz
- Connor Davison
- Abigail Krull
- Laura Millage
- Catherine Steele
- Elysse Trost

**Learning Communities**

**Presenters: Alexis Atkinson** and **Alison Esser**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Academic Advisors

**B.E.S.T. Learning Community Peer Mentors**
- Thea Alex
- Emma Heaney
- Tommy King
- Drew Szalat
- Kaitlyn Christ
- Mariah Hoeger
- Dani Nagaito
- Madi Vetter

**Genetics and Bioinformatics Peer Mentors**
- Caroline Dickhausen
- Gwen Froehlich
Sui Tong Chan Fung Fund for the Promotion of Study and Research in Genetics Awards

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

Alec Gardner  Kyler Hegarty
Chad Martin    Sophia Waber

**Graduate Student Recognitions**

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

**ISU Graduate College 3MT**
Ashwini Rangaraj (2023, first place)

**David Gladson Scholarship**
Anurag Das    Nesreen Sedeek

**Dale W. Young and W.E. Loomis Fund Travel Award**
Jodi Callwood (F2023, S2024)  Haris Variz (S2024)

**Sui Tong Chan Fung Fund Travel Award**
Abesh Bera (F2023)  Jacinta Correia (S2024)
Ankur Kumar (S2024)  Peiduo Liu (S2024)
Anh Pham (S2024)    Sabrena Rutledge (S2024)
Vaishali Todi (F2023)  Brian Zebosi (S2024)

**GDCB Travel Award**
Chelsea Cheng (S2024)  Anurag Das (F2023, S2024)
Peiduo Liu (F2023)    James Preston (S2024)

**Graduate College Research Excellence Award**
Brian Zebosi (S2024)

**Graduate College Teaching Excellence Award**
*Fall 2023*  *Spring 2024*
Basanta Bista  Panchali Chakraborty
Abbigail McCune  Anthony Sillman
Anh Pham    Nicholas Topping
            Matthew Wendt
Interdepartmental Genetics and Genomics Fung Award
Ankur Kumar

2024 Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences Symposium
Matthew Wendt — 1st place poster competition
Xiaoyi (Chelsea) Cheng — 2nd place oral competition
Sabrena Rutledge — People’s Choice Award (oral presentation)

2nd Annual Lauter Award for Graduate Student Creativity and Research Excellence
Brian Zebosi

Departmental Recognitions

Presenter: Mohan Gupta, GDCB Associate Professor

Departmental Awards for faculty, staff, postdocs and students

Inga Baldus, dedication to Espin Palazon Lab for going above and beyond what is expected from an undergraduate in caring for laboratory animals during extreme weather and institutional closures

Panchali Chakraborty, for exceptional dedication to Biology 313L and performing above and beyond the normal responsibilities of a graduate teaching assistant

Carla Harris, for excellence in supporting four programs that greatly impact GDCB, a leading role in establishing the Interdisciplinary Biological Symposium, and performing above and beyond expectations during external review

Ping Kang, for excellent dedication to education activities and outstanding contributions to research progress

Jinoh Kim, for exceptional contributions to the research mission of GDCB and ISU and with additional contributions within and outside of ISU communities

Ankur Kumar, for going above and beyond in contributions to multiple departmental service and student organizations

Fang Liu, for exceptional contributions to the research mission of GDCB and ISU
Aron Nakama, for exceptional dedication to Biology 255/256 labs and exceeding expectations in mentoring graduates and undergraduates

Undergraduate Support Team (Lauren Ramos, Alexis Atkinson, Zack Bonner, Alison Esser, Em Kapler, Allison Manz, and Norah Warchola), for continued excellence in serving undergraduate majors in biology and genetics during the transition to Workday Student

GDCB Research Award
Jeff Essner, for pioneering and landmark achievements in genome editing and zebrafish development, and innovations that advance the research programs of investigators around the world and have strong impacts on students

GDCB Teaching Award
Renu Srivastava, for positively impacting thousands of students each year and continued dedication to building an outstanding teaching and learning community at ISU

Faculty Promotions/Advancements

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

Clyde Campbell, assistant professor (effective Jan. 1, 2024)
Jelena Kraft, associate teaching professor (effective fall 2024)
Carly Manz, teaching professor (effective fall 2024)
Maura McGrail, professor (effective fall 2024)
Geetu Tuteja, professor (effective fall 2024)

College and University Teaching, Research and Service Recognitions, and Alumni Award

Presenter: Yanhai Yin, GDCB Chair

Research Faculty Fellow — Office of the Vice President for Research
Geetu Tuteja

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) Dean’s Professorship
Geetu Tuteja
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) Faculty Early Achievement in Research Award
Raquel Espin Palazon

CALS Innovation & Entrepreneurship Faculty Fellows (2024 cohort)
Dior Kelley
Jelena Kraft

LAS Frontier Science Fund
Mohan Gupta

Center for Learning Excellence in Learning and Teach (CELT) annual Miller Fellowship

**Principal investigators:** Clark Coffman (GDCB); E.J. Bahng (School of Education); Stephen Gilbert (industrial and manufacturing systems engineering); and Mack Shelley (political science)

**Collaborating faculty:** Clyde Campbell and Jelena Kraft (GDCB); and Robert Wallace (ecology, evolution and organismal biology)

Iowa State University Professional & Scientific Council CYtation (2023) —
Carla Harris
Chris Myers

LAS Outstanding Alumni Award — 2023
Shannon Harris, M.D.

**Concluding Remarks**

**Presenter:** Yanhai Yin, GDCB Chair
Congratulations!