



Student, Faculty and Staff
Honors and Awards Recognition Luncheon
April 30, 2015

PROGRAM

Undergraduate Students

Biology & Genetics Programs

EEOB Scholarship Awards

**Biology Sophomore Success
Scholarship**

Emma Johnson

Melissa Moy

**Charles Drewes Memorial
Scholarship**

Kameron Voves

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

Marena Bartz

Jessica Mason

Mary Kate Phillips Scholarship

Jeremy Schuster

GDCB Scholarship Awards

**Darlene and Melvin Larsen
Scholarship**

Alissa Campbell

Kalyca Nardy

Selina Teh

Diane Marie Heimbuch Scholarship

Sarah Azam

Catherine Mullen

**2015 Barry Goldwater Scholars -
Accorded Honorable Mention**

Jered Stratton

**College of Agriculture & Life
Sciences Dean's Leadership Scholar
Scholarship**

Monica Brown

Daniel J. Splittstoesser

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

Highest GPA

Alissa Campbell

Jaimie Gray

Kelly Gray

Christopher O. Hernandez

Raegan Hoefler

Kathryn Hoemann

Katherine Knudtson

Margaret Lang

Sara Mayer

Kalyca Nardy

Erica Nelson

Jessica Parrott

Keaton Phillips

Kavya Puchhalapalli

Lauren Reagan

David Robbins

Courtney Smith
Garrett Smith
Jered Stratton
Selina Teh
Sanjeeva Weerasinghe
Jayne Wiarda

Summer Internship 2015

David Robbins
Lucas Roberts
Jeremy Schuster

Staff and Faculty

ISU University Award

P&S Excellence in Research Award

Dr. Renu Srivastava

Distinguished Professor

Professor Stephen Howell
Professor Steven Rodermel

Early Departmental Leadership

Professor and GDCB Department
Chair Jo Anne Powell-Coffman

University Professor

Professor Drena Dobbs

Graduate Students

GDCB Department Travel Awards

GDCB Travel Award

Rebecca Chowdhury
Lauren Laboissonniere
Carla Mann
Ellen Tisdale

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

Wimalnathan Kokulapalan
Trevor Nolan
Rahul Roy

Biology B.E.S.T. Learning Community

Peer Mentors

Quinton-Elia Bose
Alicia Manning
Eric Neill
Calie Peterson
Kameron Voves
Brandon Washington

Genetics Secret of Life Learning Community Peer Mentors

Marena Bartz
Iman Kashmola
Jered Stratton
Rachel Weber

Graduate College

Margaret Ellen White Graduate Faculty Award

Professor Steven Rodermel

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

LAS Outstanding Career

Achievement in Research

Professor and Associate Dean of LAS
Martin Spalding

LAS P&S Excellence Award

Diane Jepsen

Joshua Strable

Zhouli Xie

Xiao Chen Yang

Sui Tong Chan Fung Fund Travel Award

Si Nian Cha

Bryan Gontarek

Staci Solin

Junmarie Soto-Burgos

Tao Zuo

MBB Atrium Travel Award Poster Display

Name	Poster Title	Meeting	Travel Award
#2. Si Nian Char	CRISPR/Cas9- and TALEN-mediated mutagenesis in maize	American Society for Plant Biology 2015 Minneapolis, MN	Fung Award
#3. Bryan Gontarek	Transcriptional Regulation of Maize Aleurone Development by <i>nkd</i> Genes that Code for ID Domain Transcription Factors	2015 Maize Genetics Conference St. Charles, IL	Fung Award
#4. Wimalanathan Kokulapalan	Maize - GO Annotation Methods Evaluation and Review (Maize-GAMER)	Pacific Symposium of Biocomputing 2015 Kona, Hawaii	Loomis Award
#1. Lauren Laboissonniere	Single cell transcriptomics of defined retinal ganglion cell types	Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) Denver, CO	GDCB Travel Award
#5. Joshua Strable	The maize YABBY transcription factor <i>drooping leaf1(drl1)</i> and its enhancer <i>drl2</i> regulate midrib and carpel development	FASEB: Mechanisms in Plant Biology Saxtons River, VT	Loomis Award
#6. Tao Zuo	The formation of DNA transposon-associated tandem direct duplications and their occurrence across 21 plant species.	2015 Plant and Animal Genomics San Diego, CA	Fung Award
#7. Tao Zuo	The mechanism and impact of alternative transposition-induced DNA re-replication in maize	2015 Maize Genetics Conference St. Charles, IL	Fung Award

Fellowships & Scholarships

David Gladson Scholarship

Jillian Goetz

Lauren Laboissonniere

Anup Dutt Sharma

George Knaphus Teaching Fellowship

Jillian Goetz

Brown Graduate Fellowship

Melanie Torrie

Graduate College Awards

Teaching Excellence Award

Yunting Pu

Jenifer Saldanha

Research Excellence Award

Jillian Goetz

Tao Zuo

GDCB Departmental Awards

Graduate Students

Natalia Acevedo Luna

Zebulon Arendsee

Brice Floyd

Divita Mathur

Rahul Roy

Jenifer Saldanha

Staff

Katie Blair

Connie Garnett

Diane Jepsen

Lynette McBirnie-Sprecher

Dai Nguyen

Trish Stauble

Linda Wild

Other Department Recognition

Distinguished Iowa Scientist Award

Iowa Academy of Science

University Professor Jack Horner

Presenters

Jack Horner, University Professor
Chair of the Honors and Awards
Committee

Clark Coffman, Professor of GDCB
Biology Program Committee Member

Karin Dorman, Professor of GDCB
and STAT
BCB Graduate Program DOGE
BCBio Supervisory Chair

Dr. Lois Girton, Biology & Genetics
Academic Adviser
Genetics Major Committee Member

Carolyn Lawrence-Dill, Professor
GDCB
Member of the Honors and Awards

Committee
Member of the GDCB Scholarship
Committee

Michael Muszynski, Assistant
Professor, GDCB

Alan Myers, Professor BBMB
Chair of the Genetics Major
Committee

Barbara Pleasants, Adjunct Assistant
Professor EEOB

Jo Anne Powell-Coffman, Professor
& Chair GDCB

Jeffrey Trimarchi, Assistant
Professor, GDCB