



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Genetics, Development and Cell Biology

May 2, 2019
Student, Faculty and Staff
Honors and Awards Recognition Luncheon

WELCOME
GDCB Chair Yanhai Yin

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
❖ *Presenter: GDCB Professor Erik Vollbrecht*

Charles Drewes Memorial Scholarship
Kathryn Vande-Wall, BIOLA

Biology Sophomore Success Scholarship
Tristan Caffrey, BIOL
Abigail Gorden, BIOL
Sarah Hogren, BIOLA

Danielle Koester, BIOLA
Anna Kilhoffer, BIOLA
Maya Walker, BIOL

Irving W. and Natalie A. Knobloch Scholarship
Neel Solanki, HORT/BIOLA

Mary Kate Phillips Scholarship
Michaela Erickson, GEN/AGRON

Diane Marie Heimbuch Scholarship
Elke Windschitl, A ECL/BIOLA

Darlene and Melvin Larsen Scholarship
Emma Troyer, BIOLA

Behnia Rezazadeh Shirazi, BIOLA

Dr. John R. Ohlfest Memorial Scholarship
Gretchen Swift, GEN S

David Gladson Scholarship
David McHugh, BIOL

George Washington Carver Outstanding Achievement Award
Laura Pesquera-Colom, BIOL

**Summer 2018 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Dean's High Impact Award for Undergraduate Research**
Bryn Myers, GEN S/WLC

**Fall 2018 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Dean's High Impact Award for Undergraduate Research**
Laura Pesquera-Colom, BIOL
Marissa Roghair, GEN S/MICR

**Sui Tong Chan Fung Fund for the Promotion
of Study and Research in Genetics Awards**
❖ *Presenter: GDCB Associate Professor Clark Coffman*

Summer Internships 2019

Andrew Lavin, GEN S	Katelyn Maliszewski, GEN
Jackie Levey, GEN	Grant Stefanik, GEN S
Wan Teng (Sarah) Loo, GEN S	Austin Winker, GEN

Highest GPA - Spring 2018

Freshman

Megan Davis, GEN S	Stephanie Walton, GEN S
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Sophomore

Emily Franciskato, GEN	Austin Winker, GEN
Grant Nickles, GEN	

Junior

Audrey Ade, AG S	Bryn Myers, GEN S/WLC
Benjamin Dralle, NS H/GEN S	Aimee Schulz, GEN/AGRON
Scarlett Eagle, GEN	Alexandra Stainbrook,
Bailey Mooney, BIOCH/GEN S	MICR/GEN

Senior

Monica Brown, GEN/MICR	Kalyca Nardy, GEN S
Alissa Calsyn, GEN S	Jessica Parrott, GEN S
Matthew Cook, LAS S	Marissa Roghair, GEN S/MICR
Ana Corujo, GEN	Adela Saric, GEN S
Jordan Helmer, GEN S	Courtney Smith, GEN S
Raegan Hoefler, GEN	Amy Stark, GEN S
Katherine Knudtson, GEN S	Corrine Smolen, AN S/GEN
Morgan Kroymann, GEN/WLC	Sarah Zelle, BIOCH/GEN S

Learning Communities

❖ *Presenter: GDCB Associate Professor Clark Coffman*

Genetics The Secret of Life 2018-19 Peer Mentors

Nicole Huser, GEN	Grant Nickles, GEN
Katelyn Maliszewski, GEN	Razan Alsayed Omar, GEN

B.E.S.T. Learning Community 2018-19 Peer Mentors

Samantha (Sam) Anderson, BIOLA	Rachel Mehmert, BIOL
Cordell Billups, BIOL	Justin Squillo, BIOL
Madison Durflinger, BIOLA/AN S	Sydney Weldon, BIOLA
David McHugh, BIOL	Anna Zmich, BIOLA/CHEM

GRADUATE STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

❖ *Presenter: GDCB Associate Professor Maura McGrail*

GDCB Travel Award

Bhavika Patel (F18)

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

Bibechana Adhikari (S19)

Hao Jiang (S19)

Ian Braun (F18)

Weijia Su (S19)

Sui Tong Chan Fung Fund Travel Award

Kai Chang (F18)

Ting Miao (S19)

Kerui Huang (S19)

Graduate College Research Excellence Award

Zebulun Arendsee (S19)

Trevor Nolan (F18)

Najiba Mammadova (F18)

Graduate College Teaching Excellence Award

Natalia Acevedo-Luna (F18)

Bhavika Patel (S19)

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and Chris Myers, nominators)

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Ryan James Arndorfer (S19)

(Karri Haen-Whitmer, nominator)

2019 Karas Award for Outstanding Dissertation

Trevor Nolan, Postdoc Research Associate

2019 Zaffarano Prize

Trevor Nolan, Postdoc Research Associate

10th Annual Neuroscience Research Day

Bhavika Patel, second place Best Talk

David Gladson Scholarship

Allison Birnbaum

TEACHING, RESEARCH AND SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

❖ *Presenter: GDCB Professor Phil Becraft*

Regents Award for Faculty Excellence

Tom Peterson, Professor and Pioneer Chair in Maize Molecular Genetics

Morrill Professor

Don Sakaguchi, Professor

Excellence in Graduate Mentoring Award – College of LAS

Diane Bassham, Walter E. and Helen Parke Loomis Professor of Plant Physiology

Exemplary Faculty Mentor Award (2017-2018)

(Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost)

Yanhai Yin, GDCB chair and professor

Exemplary Faculty Mentor Award (2018-2019)
(Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost)
Maura McGrail, GDCB associate professor

ISU Student Government Women in STEM Initiative
Maura McGrail, Associate Professor

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) Associate Dean for Research
Jo Anne Powell-Coffman, Professor

Division of Student Affairs Thomas B. Thielen Award
Clark Coffman, Associate Professor

Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Member
❖ **Presenter: Morrill Professor Don Sakaguchi**
Steven Rodermel, Distinguished Professor

Promotion and Tenure
❖ **Presenter: Morrill Professor Don Sakaguchi**
Dior Kelley, Assistant Professor
Sayali Kukday, Senior Lecturer
Carolyn Lawrence-Dill, Professor

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Excellence in Teaching by a Lecturer
❖ **Presenter: GDCB Professor Tom Peterson**
Karri Haen Whitmer, Senior Lecturer

ISU Professional & Scientific Council Citation Award
❖ **Presenter: GDCB Professor Tom Peterson**
Diane Jepsen, Accountant

GDCB AWARDS

❖ **Presenter: GDCB Professor Tom Peterson**

2019 GDCB Award for Outstanding Achievement in Research
Hua Bai (Assistant Professor), Excellence in Research
Moe Gupta (Assistant Professor), Excellence in Research

2019 GDCB Award for Outstanding Achievement in Teaching
Hala Bastawros (Senior Lecturer), Excellence in Teaching
Geetu Tuteja (Assistant Professor), Excellence in Teaching

2019 GDCB Departmental Awards
GDCB Award for Exemplary Service to the Department
Danise Jones, Program Assistant

GDCB Award for Student Representation on GDCB Faculty Search Committees
Trevor Nolan, Postdoctoral Research Associate
Ian Braun, Graduate Student
Jordan Welker, Graduate Student

CLOSING REMARKS
GDCB Chair Yanhai Yin