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

WELCOME
GDCB Chair Yanhai Yin

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

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, BIOLA

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

*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 Hoefer, 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)  
*(Linda Westgate 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 Cytation 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