Chemistry and Biochemistry Awards Banquet

May 7, 2013
6:00 PM

California State University, Long Beach
Chemistry and Biochemistry Awards
Reception & Dinner

Welcome and Introduction ........................Dr. Kris Slowinski, Chair
Presentation of Awards ..........................Drs. Chris Brazier & Vas Narayanaswami

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~ Subject Area Awards ~

Freshman Chemistry Award .........................................................Joshua Noel
Spyros Pathos IV Award ............................................................Hailey Lauren Sharer
Inorganic Chemistry Award .......................................................Dung Nguyen Phuong Vo
Organic Chemistry Award ..........................................................Phuc Nguyen & Joshua Noel
American Chemical Society Polymer Chemistry Award ....................Michael Varney
Biochemistry Award .................................................................Nnejiuwa Ibe & Malinda Tan
John H. Stern Award in Physical Chemistry .....................................Joseph Swabeck
Analytical Chemistry Award .........................................................Phuc La
Hypercube Award .................................................................Phuc La

~ Special Department Awards ~

American Institute of Chemists Baccalaureate Award:
  Chemistry ..............................................................................Sung Hyun Ji
  Biochemistry .......................................................................Phuc La
American Institute of Chemists Graduate Award:
  Chemistry ..............................................................................Garrett McKay
  Biochemistry .......................................................................Wendy Beck
Kenneth L. Marsi Award .........................................................Joshua Feng & Joseph Swabeck
Robert B. Henderson Memorial Scholarship ......................................Lauren Olsen & Makan Kaviani
Leslie K. Wynston Scholarship .....................................................Emilio Robles
David L. Scoggins Memorial Award ..............................................Nam Bui
Louis Perlgut Scholarship ..........................................................Elise Van Fossen
McAbee-Overstreet Award ..........................................................Shweta Kothari
Maria Erlinda Co Sarno Scholarship .............................................Sewwandi Karunachchag
Michael Monahan Memorial Summer Research Fellowship .................Malinda Tan & Phuong-Hieu Nguyen
NHK Laboratories, Inc., Scholarship .............................................Hang Mac
Outstanding Teaching Associate Award ......................................Thomas Cullen
Toni Horalek Award .................................................................Hannah Pham
~ Departmental Honors ~

Undergraduates.................................................................
.................................................................Tuyen Tran, Phuc La, Dianne Choi

Graduates.................Wendy Beck, Thomas Cullen, Garrett McKay

~ College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Awards ~

John & Elizabeth Leonard Scholarship
Undergraduate.................................................................Erik Carpio

Glenn M. Nagel Undergraduate Research Fellowship.....Malinda Tan

Frank L. Jensen Undergraduate Research Fellowship...Joseph Swabeck
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Robert D. Rhodes Award....................................................Phuc La

CNSM Outstanding Thesis Award in Chemistry & Biochemistry
.........................................................................................James Yano

Phi Beta Kappa Inductee.................................Tuyen Tran

Graduate Deans List.....................................................Wendy Beck

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Final Remarks .................................................................Dr. Kris Slowinski

The Chemistry and Biochemistry Department would like to thank all who have attended this evening in support of our outstanding students
Departmental Awards

**Maria Erlinda Co Sarno Scholarship**
Dr. Sarno came to this country as a graduate of the University of Santo Tomas, Philippines, and received her MS in Chemistry from our department in 1975. After a highly successful career as a chemist at Baxter Healthcare, she became a US Patent Attorney in private practice who focuses on serving small businesses and independent inventors. The award recognizes an international graduate student with research interests in compounds leading to therapeutics or prevention of disease.

**Michael Monahan Research Fellowship**
This award was established through a bequest of Dr. Michael Monahan, an alumnus of our department who received his BS in Chemistry in 1963. After receiving his PhD in Chemistry in 1968 he joined the Salk Institute and was subsequently a Senior Research Scientist with Beckman Instruments. Dr. Monahan was founder and President of California Medicinal Chemistry Corporation and a member of our faculty during the period 1985-1987. This competitive award is presented to an outstanding undergraduate or graduate student in chemistry or biochemistry to support summer research.

**Louis Perlgut Award**
Louis Perlgut was a biochemist in the department from 1965 to 1982. He received his BS in Chemistry from Rutgers University in 1937 and received his Masters degree there as well. Dr. Perlgut also worked for Squibb Pharmaceuticals during WWII. Upon his death in 2003, his family established this scholarship to defray the expenses of a graduate student seeking an MS in Biochemistry.

**David L. Scoggins Award**
This award memorializes David L. Scoggins, a graduate student in the Department of Chemistry at the time of his death in 1969. This award recognizes outstanding scholarship and promise by a chemistry or biochemistry student who intends to pursue a career in one of the health-related professions.

**John H. Stern Award**
Dr. Stern was a member of our faculty from 1958-1984 and a distinguished teacher of physical and general chemistry. He was internationally known for his work in solution thermodynamics and as an author of many publications in that field. Several of his research students have become college and university professors through his influence and example. The Stern award recognizes outstanding scholarship in the field of physical chemistry.
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Leslie K. Wynston Scholarship
Dr. Wynston was a biochemistry professor in our department from 1965-1998. He served as Chair of the Pre-Professions Health Advisory Committee for many years and was active in both the Western and National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions. The award recognizes an outstanding junior BS Biochemistry major who is planning to enter a health-related professional school the following year.

Robert B. Henderson Award
Dr. Henderson was one of the founding faculty of our department. He was a distinguished scientist and a teacher of organic and general chemistry (1955-1982). Dr. Henderson also served as Chairman of Physical Science and as Associate Dean of the College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics (CNSM). This award is given to a student best exemplifying Dr. Henderson’s scholarship and commitment to the profession of chemistry and who plans to enter a Ph.D. program.

NHK Laboratories, Inc. Biochemistry & Organic Chemistry Award
NHK Laboratories, Inc. is a family-owned company involved in the discovery, development, manufacture, distribution and sale of vitamins, minerals, herbs, nutritional supplements and other health products. The award recognizes an outstanding student in our department. In addition to a scholarship, the recipient also has the opportunity to complete a course-credit internship at NHK’s Santa Fe Springs laboratory.

Kenneth L. Marsi Award
This scholarship began in 1996 when Dr. Marsi retired as chair of the department after 21 years of service. A teacher-scholar, Dr. Marsi published his research work in organophosphorous chemistry and twice earned the Mayfield Outstanding Professor Award by vote of the students of the college. He was the CSULB Outstanding Professor in 1984 and the CSU System Outstanding Professor in 1985.

McAbee-Overstreet Award
The McAbee-Overstreet Graduate Research Scholarship was established in 2008 from an endowment made to the department by Dr. Cathie Overstreet, a former MS Biochemistry student with Dr. Douglas McAbee from 2000-2003. The scholarship recognizes a graduate student in the MS Chemistry or MS Biochemistry program for excellence in scholarship and strong commitment to research in chemistry or biochemistry.
Spyros Pathos Award
Spyros Pathos was an undergraduate chemistry major in our department at the time of his death in 1993. The award was established by members of the Greek Folk Dance community of which he was a member. This award is presented to a student excelling in the second semester of General Chemistry, Chemistry 111B.

Toni Horalek Award
Toni Horalek should perhaps be described as the “Founding Secretary” of our department. Faculty members who joined the department in the sixties remember her as the gentle authority who seemingly knew all the rules and regulations and communicated them to the newcomers in a manner that left no doubt that these rules were to be observed. The award recognizes a student with an outstanding record of service to the department.

John & Elizabeth Leonard Scholarship
The John & Elizabeth Leonard Scholarships are awarded to students who have been contributing to their own education costs through part or full-time work. John Leonard, Ph.D., is an alumnus with a B.S. in Chemistry (1969) & M.S. in Biochemistry (1972) who gives back because his education at CSULB made it possible for him to get to where he is today-Sr. Vice President for Development at Vaccinex, Inc.

James L. Jensen Research Fellowship
The James L. Jensen Undergraduate Research Fellowship is awarded in honor of Dr. James L. Jensen, Dean of the CNSM (1993-1995) to a declared undergraduate major in the CNSM to engage in undergraduate research with a CNSM faculty. As a young faculty member, Dr. Jensen was known for his excellence in teaching & mentoring students engaged in research.

Glenn M. Nagel Research Fellowship
The Glenn M. Nagel Undergraduate Research Fellowship is awarded in honor of Dr. Glenn M. Nagel, Dean of the CNSM (1996-2003). Dr. Nagel was an outstanding scientist and during his time as a faculty of Cal State Fullerton, was honored as an Outstanding Professor who mentored large numbers of undergraduate and graduate students. At CSULB he oversaw the development of the Molecular & Life Sciences Center and vigorously promoted undergraduate research. The Nagel Fellowship recognizes and supports an outstanding undergraduate student engaged in research during the summer or fall semester with a CNSM faculty.