

## Graduating Ambassadors

Olivia Bertuca	Clare Hotze	Grace Parekh
Yanely Bolaños	Anna Jaison	Shinhye Chloe Park
Yoneri Bueno-Diaz	Eliza Johnson	Asia Richardson
Alejandra Carreon Torres	Pulari Kartha	Kristen Roehling
Jackie Choi	Heather Kwapiszeski	Prokriti Saha
Megan Davis	Angela Mankin	Zachary Stebner
Michael Foster	Allison Mason	Lissett Torres
Marcus Gomez	Andriy Myloserdnyy	Nhat Anh Duy Tran
Elizabeth Harper	Marie Ojeh	Varalakshmi Vungutur
Veronica Hode	October Owen	



*and the Adventure Begins!!!*

# The Chemistry and Biochemistry Convocation and Awards Ceremony

Thursday • May 9, 2024 • 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
Student Union Memorial Grand Ballroom



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE TUCSON

**Chemistry  
& Biochemistry**



# 2024 CBC Convocation and Awards Ceremony

## Speaker Program

*Musicians: School of Music, Undergraduate String Quartet*

### *Welcome*

Craig Aspinwall, PhD

Professor and Department Head, Chemistry and Biochemistry (CBC)

### *Keynote*

Stephen Machatha, PhD

Chief Development Officer, Aldeyra Therapeutics

“Tenacity and Resilience in Times of Change”

### *Presentation of Galileo Circle Scholars*

Carmala Garzione, PhD

Dean, College of Science

Professor, Geosciences

### *Presentation of Undergraduate Awards*

M. Leandro Heien, PhD

Chair, Biological Chemistry Program

Associate Professor, CBC

### *Presentation of Graduate Awards*

Katrina Miranda, PhD

Associate Professor, CBC

Undergraduate Research Coordinator

### *Presentation of Chemistry and Biochemistry Graduates*

Dee Belle-Oudry, PhD

Associate Department Head, CBC

M. Leandro Heien, PhD

Katrina Miranda, PhD

### *Closing Remarks*

Adam Daly, PhD

Assistant Professor of Practice, CBC

Kristen Roehling

CBC Outstanding Senior



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# Awards and Recognition

## Galileo Circle Scholars

### Graduate Students

Anubhab Chakraborty  
Bai Hei  
Lindsey Holmen  
Ramandeep Kaur  
Christopher M. Marshall  
Joohyung Park  
Samantha Rokey  
*Michael Cusanovich*  
Annika Silverberg  
Helena Woroniecka

### Undergraduate Students

Janelle Amegatse  
Gavin Arnold  
Sean J. Chen  
Momoko T. Cronin  
Luke Fasse  
Jacob Fredman  
Isaac Kailat  
Caleb Konecek  
Ika Lin  
Jacquelyn Lo Bianco  
Ethan McNew  
Sarah Nielsen  
Natalie Rawlings  
Jake Shaw  
Ashley Wellik  
Forrest Zepezauer

## Undergraduate Awards

Chemistry & Biochemistry  
Outstanding Senior Fall 2023  
Caroline Coppinger - Biochem

Chemistry & Biochemistry  
Outstanding Senior  
Kristen Roehling - Chemistry

Biochemistry Outstanding Senior  
Shinhye Chloe Park

Biochemistry Excellence in Research  
Clare Hotze

Chemistry & Biochemistry  
Excellence in Research  
Kristen Roehling - Chemistry

Outstanding Biochemistry Junior  
Sean J. Chen

Outstanding Chemistry Junior  
Janelle Amegatse

Outstanding Biochemistry  
Sophomore  
Gavin Arnold

Outstanding Chemistry  
Sophomore  
Momoko T. Cronin

Outstanding Biochemistry  
Freshman  
Adrian De la Peña

CBC Outstanding Senior Thesis  
1st Place: Shinhye Chloe Park  
2nd Place: Rei Ellsworth  
3rd Place: Clare Hotze

ACS Hach Scholar  
Benjamin Augustine

Undergraduate Award in  
Analytical Chemistry  
Madeleine Tibayan

Undergraduate Award in Physical  
Chemistry  
Jackie Choi

Charles Y. F. Hoyt Scholars  
JosiAnna Hewitt  
Madeleine Tibayan

Excellence Award in Biochemistry  
Michaela Ryan  
Erin Schuette  
Jaden Todd-Nelson

Michael A. Wells Research in  
Biological Sciences Scholars  
Clare Hotze  
Sean J. Chen

AZ Society for Coatings  
Technology Scholars  
Cole Bellomo  
Joseph Jung

Patrick M. Hefferan Memorial  
Scholar  
Christian Viramontes

Dr. Thomas M. and Candace C.  
Grogan Scholar  
Audrey Winkle

Royal Society of Chemistry  
Certificate of Undergraduate  
Excellence Recipients  
Janelle Amegatse  
Ashley Wellik

CBC Outstanding Peer Mentors  
Sam Ellis  
Madison Grams  
Angela Mankin

Ronald Gonzalez Wildcat Spirit  
Awardees  
Yanely Bolaños  
Michael Foster  
Megan Hahn  
Allison Mason

## Graduate Awards

Outstanding Graduate Students  
*Outstanding Scholarship*  
Lilia Koelemay

*Outstanding Service*  
Megan Laham

*Outstanding Teaching*  
Nicholas Lauts

Carl S. Marvel Scholars  
Lilia Koelemay  
Nicholas Lauts

David O'Brien Graduate Fellow  
Lindsey Holmen

Victor P. Thalacker Chemistry  
Graduate Fellows  
Katie Martin  
Samantha Rokey

Kathryn K. & James D. Steele  
Scholar  
Clara Frost

Herbert E. Carter Awardee  
Megan Laham

Dr. Wayne Cody Scholar in  
Medicinal Biological Chemistry  
Samantha Rokey

Matthew & Jan Parker Krause  
Scholar  
Kimber Focke

Howard P. Klein Early Career  
Excellence in Graduate Research  
Christopher M. Marshall  
Annika Silverberg

John Hostetter Scholar  
Oluwaseun Fapohunda

## Special Recognition

ARCS Foundation Scholar 24-25  
Megan Laham

2024 Graduate Mensch Prize in  
Astrobiology  
Lilia Koelemay

2024 UA Dean of Students Robie  
Gold Medal Award  
Shinhye Chloe Park

Mathematics Outstanding Senior  
Michelle Wei

Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Outstanding Senior  
Nhat Anh Duy Tran

Fall 2023 Honors College  
Outstanding Senior  
Caleb A. Seekins

2024-2025 Barry Goldwater Scholar  
Bryce Wilson

2023 - 2024 Arnold & Mabel  
Beckman Scholar  
Douglas Swango

2023-2024 Hispanic Alumni Council  
Scholar  
Yoneri Bueno-Diaz

2023-2024 UA Bridge Scholar  
Ashley Wellington

2023-2024 Miriam H. Klaiman  
Memorial Scholar  
October Owen

2023 - 2024 Spiro & Mary Lee Cakos  
Scholar  
October Owen

2023-2024 Science Opportunity  
Scholar  
October Owen

2024 Joseph M. Schachner Scholar  
David Jurkowitz

Vaughan Honors Leadership Scholar  
Alejandra Carreon Torres

23-24 Dr. John Lee Compton Scholar  
Nhat Anh Duy Tran

2024 Fearless Inquiries Abroad  
Scholar  
Lisett Montaño

23-24 Anne E. Betty Atwater Scholar  
Nguyen Pham

CBC Undergraduate Poster Fair  
*Senior Thesis*  
1st: Eleanor McBride  
2nd: Michael Foster

*Biological Sciences Advanced*  
1st: Sean J. Chen  
2nd: Madison Grams

*Biological Sciences Emerging*  
1st: Ika Lin  
2nd: Jaden Todd-Nelson

*Physical Sciences Advanced*  
1st: Madeleine Tibayan  
2nd: Megan Hahn

*Physical Sciences Emerging*  
1st: Jake Shaw  
2nd: Luke Fasse