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







2023–2024 Chemistry and Biochemistry Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy Biochemistry

Tasmia Ahmed

- 22-23 David O'Brien Graduate Fellow
- 2022 Spring Michael Cusanovich Galileo Circle Scholar
- 2022 Herbert E. Carter Award

Paola Cruz Flores

• 2022 Michael Cusanovich Galileo Circle Scholar

Michelle Lay

Devin Seka

2022 John Hostetter Scholar

Master of Science or Master of Arts - Biochemistry

Giang Pham

Megan Teramoto

Doctor of Philosophy Chemistry

Navodi Amarakoon

Ananya Chakraborti

• 2023 Galileo Circle Scholar

Addison Coen

Jacob Fussell

Arthur Gibson

Iva Habensus

• 21-22 David O'Brien Graduate Fellow

Andrea Hamilton

- 2023 Galileo Circle Scholar
- 2023 Graduate Outstanding Service
- 22-23 Kathryn K. and James D. Steele Scholar

Md Mubarak Hossain

- 22-23 Carl S. Marvel Scholar
- 2022 Galileo Circle Scholar
- 21-22 David O'Brien Graduate Fellow
- 2022 Merck Research Award for **Underrepresented Chemists of Color**

Kushani Surangika Kananka Hewage

• 2022 Galileo Circle Scholar

Hiruni S. Jayasekera

• 2023 Galileo Circle Scholar

Hannah Schmidt

Yu-Shien Sung

• 2023 Galileo Circle Scholar

Rvan Williams

 2023 CBC/COS Graduate Outstanding **Graduate Teaching**

Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts - Biochemistry

Emily Abundis Psych Sci*

Neel Ahmed MCB

Yuchen (Ella) Ai

Samira Al Zahrawi

Kevin Bai

Tressa Baker

Olivia Bertuca

• 2023 Honorable Mention, CBC Undergraduate Poster Fair

Yanely Bolaños Spanish*

- 23-24 ASUA Award
- 2022-2024 AZ Health Science Award
- 2022 Summer Med Program Scholar
- 2021-2022 National Summer Undergraduate Research Project Award
- 2020-2021 VP for Research Award

Yoneri Bueno-Diaz

Julio Camacho Armendariz +

- 2023 Summer Institute of Medical Ignorance
- 2023 Galileo Circle Scholar
- 2022-23 AZ Health Science Award
- 21-22 WASEO Student Research Award • 21-22 Salomon & Carr Morgan Scholar
- 21-23 Honors College Internship Award
- 2020 Cancer for College Scholar
- 2020 NIDDK STEP-UP Summer Research **Fellow**

Alejandra Carreon Torres +

• 2023 Ronald Gonzalez Wildcat Spirit Award

Jackie Choi

Devin Collins Finance*

Caroline Coppinger

- 2023 Charles Y. F. Hovt Scholar
- 2023 Excellence in Biochemistry
- 21-23 UA Earn to Learn Scholar
- 2022 October Student of the Month

Troy Cornell

Kyla Ditoro

Satva Dulam

 2023 AZ Society for Coatings Technology Scholar

Rei Ellsworth

• 2022 Honors College General Scholar

Marissa D. Foster

Michael Foster +

• 2023 Galileo Circle Scholar

Joshua Goldring Biology*+

- Phi Beta Kappa
- 2022 Honorable Mention, CBC Undergraduate Poster Fair

Marcus Gomez +

Elizabeth Harper +

- 22-24 National Scholar Award
- 22-24 Murphey Foundation Scholar

Veronica Hode

• 2023 Honorable Mention, CBC **Undergraduate Poster Fair**

Clare Hotze +

- 2023 1st Place Biological Sciences Advanced, CBC Undergrad Poster Fair
- 2022 Honorable Mention, CBC **Undergraduate Poster Fair**
- 21-23 Alice Van de Verde Undergraduate Research Memorial Scholar

Anna Jaison

• 2022 Charles Y.F. Hoyt Scholar

Honor Jang Comp Science

Eliza Johnson +

- 23-24 MedCat HEAP Fund Scholar
- 2021 Outstanding Biochemistry Freshman

Sai Reddy Julakanti +

David Jurkowitz +

Pulari Kartha

• 2024 January Student of the Month

Brennan Kennedy MCB

Heather Kwapiszeski Neurosci & Cogn+

- 2023 Charles Y. F. Hoyt Scholar
- 2023 Excellence in Biochemistry
- 2023 Honors College General Scholar
- 21-22 John G. Hildebrand Scholar

Andrew Leung Neurosci & Cogn*+

- Phi Beta Kappa
- 2023 Galileo Circle Scholar

Alexandria Lyon

Angela Mankin

Hannah Martin

Allison Mason

- Phi Beta Kappa
- 21-24 Anthony & Jane Zelenka Scholar

Eleanor McBride

Gal Melman

• 2023 Outstanding Biochemistry Junior

Abby Mignanelli MCB, PSIO*

2023–2024 Chemistry and Biochemistry Graduates

Lisett Montaño Spanish*+

- 20-21, 22-23 Summer University Grant
- 20-22, 22-23 Honors College Grant
- 2021 Honors College General Scholar

Andriy Myloserdnyy +

• 21-24 Honors College Grant Award

Margaret Nardo

- 2021-2023 Phi Theta Kappa Scholar
- 2021-2023 UA Earn to Learn Scholar • 21-22 Honors College Grant Award
- Marie Ojeh

Scholar

Grace Parekh +

- 2022-2023 Honors College Scholar
- 2021-2023 Honors College Award
- 2021-2023 Asian American Scholar • 2020-2021 Alumni Association General

Shinhye Chloe Park

- 2023 Galileo Circle Scholar
- 20-24 ASEMS Scholar
- 21-22 Lee & Vera Jones Scholar
- 20-21 AZ Health Science Award • 20-21 VP for Research Award

Nguyen Pham PSIO & Med Sciences*

Niko Racciato +

Asia Richardson +

• 2023 September Student of the Month

- Caleb Seekins + 20-21, 22-23 Honors College Grant Award
- 22-23 MedCat HEAP Fund Scholar
- · 2023 Honors General Scholar

Brendon Sera

Brian Shaw +

• 22-23 Honors College Grant Award

Skyler Tilden

Lisandra Torres

Nhat Anh Duy Tran Pharmaceutical Sci +

Kalei Verdugo

Varalakshmi Vungutur+

• 2023 & 2022 Galileo Circle Scholar

Michelle Wei Math +

- 2023 Michael Cusanovich Galileo Circle Scholar
- 2023 Honors College Award • 22-23 MedCat HEAP Fund Scholar
- Ashley Wellington • 22-23 UA Bridge Scholar

Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts - Chemistry

Abdallah Alazhari

Carissa Bond

 2021 AZ Society for Coatings Technology Scholar

Yuming Chen

Megan Davis

- 2023, 21-22 Dr. Thomas M. & Candace C. **Grogan Scholar**
- 21-23 Hach Scholar

Satya Dulam

 2023 AZ Society for Coatings Technology Scholar

Samuel Durfee

Connor Fang

Bonnie Galiga 2023 ACS Undergraduate Award in **Analytical Chemistry**

Jennifer Huynh

Hannah Ly Chem Eng*

October Owen +

- Phi Beta Kappa
- 2023 & 2022 Galileo Circle Scholar • 2023 Patrick M. Hefferan Memorial
- Scholar • 2022 ACS Undergraduate Award in
- **Analytical Chemistry** 2022 Outstanding Chemistry Junior

- Mason Owens
- 21-23 Engineering Get Started Scholar 20-23 Air Force Aid Society Scholar

Kristen Roehling Math +

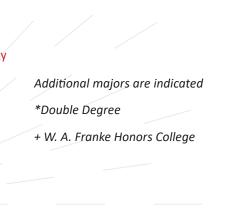
- 2023 Ronald Gonzalez Wildcat Spirit Award
- 2022 ACS Undergraduate Award in **Physical Chemistry**
- 2022 Spring Galileo Circle Scholar • 2021 CBC Outstanding Chemistry
- Freshman • 2021 Graesser Scholar - Mathematics
- 2021 September Student of the Month

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Prokriti Saha

Emily Salazar

Award

Zachary Stebner

Samuel Stuart

Carl Wallace

Daniel Ventrone

2023 Hach Scholar

2023 Ronald Gonzalez Wildcat Spirit

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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



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

Jaden Todd-Nelson

Excellence Award in Biochemistry Michaela Ryan Erin Schuette

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 Lauta

Carl S. Marvel Scholars Lilia Koelemay Nicholas Lauta

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