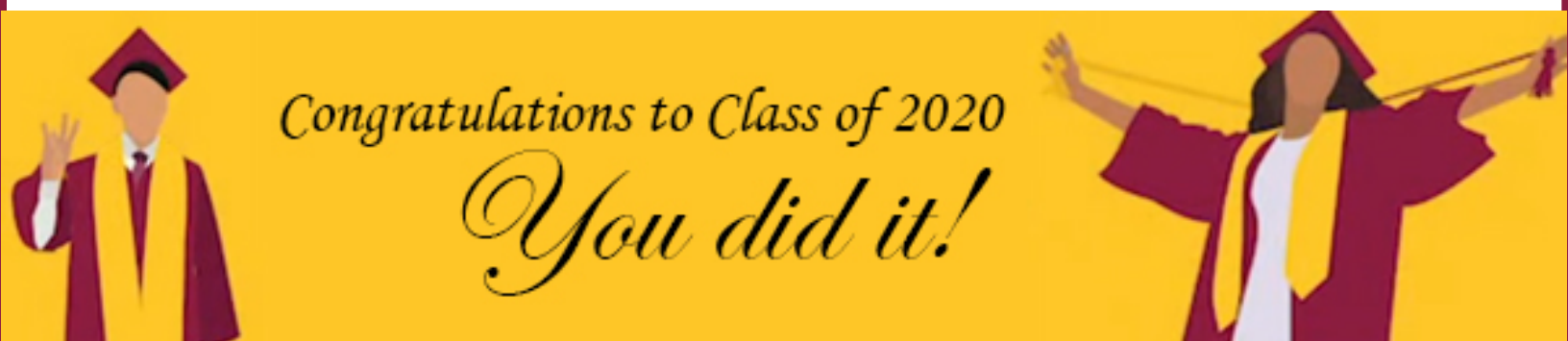


SMS Connects - December 2020

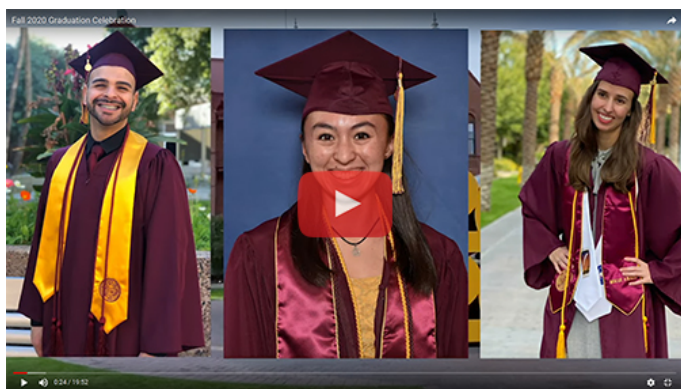


The School of Molecular Sciences would like to congratulate its fall 2020 graduates for their hard-earned academic achievements! This fall, the School of Molecular Sciences graduated a total of 108 students. Of these, 9 earned PhD degrees, 4 earned Master's degrees, and 95 undergraduate students were awarded Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in chemistry, biochemistry, medicinal chemistry and environmental chemistry. We are happy to share in the excitement of their graduation day, and so very proud of them, too. We look forward to hearing about their continued successes in the future!

[Click here to go to our Fall 2020 graduation celebration page.](#)

Watch our Virtual Graduation Celebrations

Undergraduate



Join us in celebrating the amazing Chemistry & Biochemistry Class of 2020!

Graduate



Join us in recognition of MS and PhD graduates in Chemistry & Biochemistry!

Meet Some of Our Graduates

Stacee Tallman



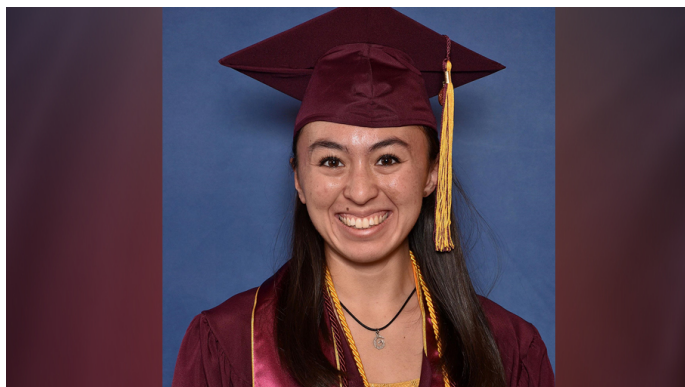
Major: Biochemistry
Aid to Navajo Nation is aim of talented biochemistry graduate

Kristofer Gonzalez



Major: Biochemistry
ASU Online student graduates while in the military

Sabrina Mango



Major: Biochemistry
School of Molecular Sciences graduate receives Moeur Award

Awed Alenezi



Major: Chemistry
ASU School of Molecular Sciences graduate shares inspirations

The End of 2020

Dear SMS Community,

2020 is coming to an end, a year that was like no other. I am grateful to the entire SMS community for their tireless efforts to keep the School running, and for successfully bringing the fall semester to a close.

In the face of a major pandemic, we taught more students than ever before, we published more papers than ever before, and we had the highest research expenditures in many years.

The faculty took on the challenge to teach our students in completely new ways, without sacrificing academic rigor, and with an even greater level of empathy and compassion. The students put their faith in our ability to provide as meaningful a learning experience as possible under the circumstances. They adapted their learning style and in the end, their grades reflected their hard work and resilience. And our staff did a magnificent job in restructuring our building and operations to provide a safe environment for everybody. I am so proud of our SMS community.

The recent exciting news on vaccine development suggests we may now be seeing some light at the end of the tunnel, but it will not come soon enough for next semester, when we will see many of the same challenges as this past one. But we have learned and grown, and I am confident that we will do even better next year.

So, congratulations to all of our graduates, they will have a story to tell their children. And thank you everyone at SMS for a job well done.

I wish everyone Happy Holidays, and most importantly, a safe winter break!

Ian Gould
SMS Interim Director

Video - SMS in 2020



<https://youtu.be/wXUFEOirqy0>

2020 has been a challenge, but SMS students, faculty, and staff worked hard to make it work! Special thanks to our Interim Director, President's Professor Ian Gould! Goodbye 2020 and good luck to all in 2021!

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