

SMS Connects - April 2022

2022 Award Celebration

Dear SMS Community,

One of the highlights of the spring semester is the annual SMS Student Award Ceremony, where we celebrate the successes and achievements of our brightest and most deserving undergraduate and graduate students. Normally we do this in a gathering of the students, their families, friends and the faculty. Unfortunately, we must again have only a virtual celebration this year. Nevertheless, we can still highlight each awardee, their accomplishments and show how proud we are of them all.

There are awardees in three sections, Undergraduate Awards, Graduate Awards and Teaching Awards. For each section, we have a video that introduces each student and their award, please use the appropriate links below.

I would like to thank our donors who make these awards and scholarships possible and I would like to thank the entire SMS community for their contributions to the SMS Scholarship funds on Sun Devil Giving Day. Many congratulations to everyone!

Thank you!

Tijana Rajh
SMS Director



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Undergraduate Awards

George M. Bateman Memorial Scholarship
Bailey Holmes

Therald Moeller Scholarship
Holly Hemesath

Wayne W. Luchsinger Chemistry Scholarship
Viktoriya Looper

Theodore M. Brown Memorial Chemistry Scholarship
Odino Kesse Amedjrovi

AZ Society for Coatings Technology Scholarship
Bryan Lau

John Holloway Memorial Scholarship (Undergraduate)
Ikumi Ellis

Edward B. Skjbo Memorial Scholarship
Andrew Garcia

Martin Hudson Scholarship
Riley Seminara

SMS Scholarship
Aidan McClure

SMS First Generation Scholarship
Aleaha Evans

SMS Veterans Scholarship
Michael Steiger

ACS Division of Inorganic Chemistry Undergraduate Award
Nadya Soekardono

ACS Division of Organic Chemistry Undergraduate Award
Christopher O'Connor

SAACS Organic Achievement Award
Garrett Storey

RSC Certificate of Excellence
Emil Ljunberg

Distinguished Biochemistry Merit Award
Kira DeVore

Edgar Ferrer

Distinguished Chemistry Merit Award
Paul Oftedahl

Dean's Medal
Aaron Flores

Goldwater Scholarship
Lauren Harstad

Undergraduate Awards Video

Graduate Awards

John Holloway Memorial Scholarship
Jason Miech

Leroy Eyring Memorial Fellowship
Boer Liu

John Kacoyannakis (Koko) Award
Nilojan Jehanathan

George U. Yuen Memorial Award
Edgar Reyes Cruz

SMS Innovation Award
Thu Thao Nguyen

Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant Award

- **Abesh Banerjee**
- **Anuja Sharma**
- **Nghi Nguyen**
- **Jonah Procyk**
- **Reem Nsouli**

Graduate Awards Video

Teaching Awards

Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award

- Sarah Van Dijk
- Jordan Sinclair
- Michael Hsu
- Suneet Kale
- Yu-Sheng Wang
- Stephanie Donovan
- Le Phuong Tam Nguyen
- Gaurav Galiyan
- Thu Thao Nguyen
- Nilojan Jehanathan
- Purbasha Nandi
- Alexis Ramirez

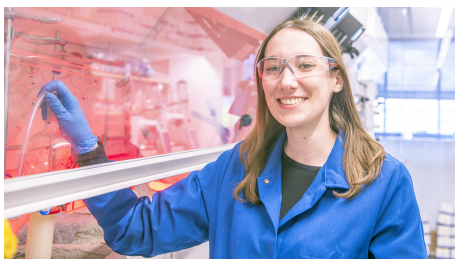
Distinguished Instructor Award

Indrajit Bandyopadhyay

Distinction of Merit and Scholastic Occupation (DMSO) Teaching Award

Laura Ackerman

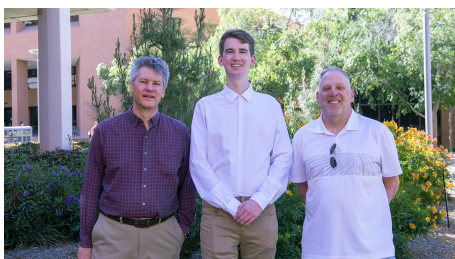
Teaching Awards Video



Lauren Harstad awarded Goldwater Scholarship

SMS student Lauren Harstad is the recipient of a 2022 Goldwater Scholarship, one of the nation's most prestigious awards for undergraduate STEM majors.

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Riley Seminara awarded inaugural Martin Hudson scholarship

Riley Seminara is the inaugural recipient of the Martin Hudson Scholarship for Carbon Capture and Sustainable Energy. [read more...](#)



Laura Ackerman receives DMSO teaching award

The 2022 Distinction of Merit and Scholastic Occupation (DMSO) teacher award was presented to Laura Ackerman-Biegasiewicz by SAACS. [read](#)

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