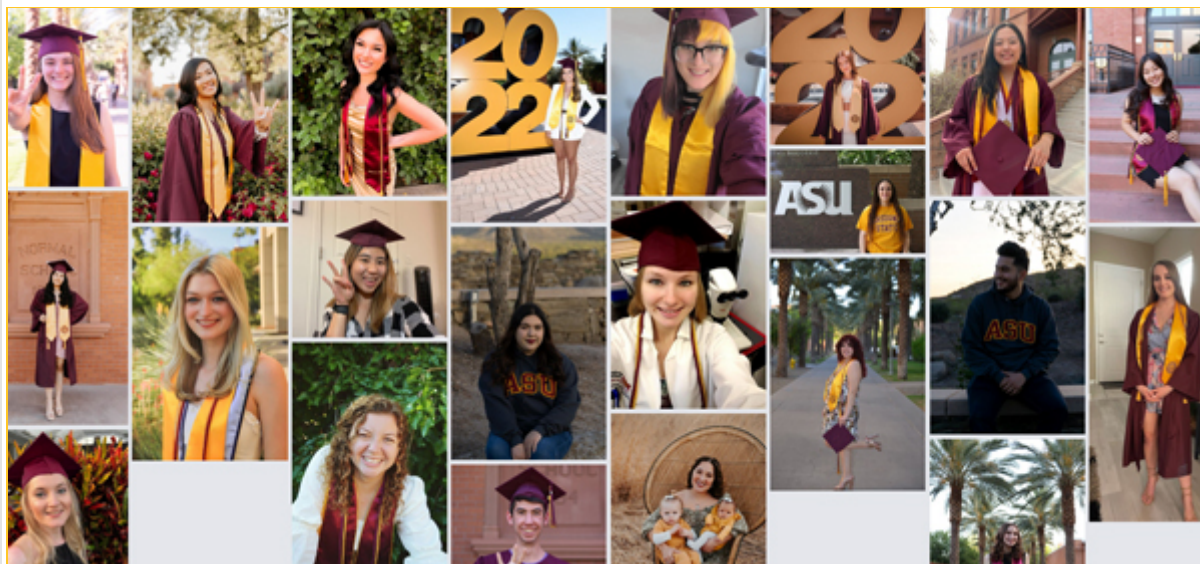


SMS Connects - May 2022



Dear SMS Community,

Congratulations to our spring 2022 graduates are in order!

The School of Molecular Sciences is very proud of its graduates, their hard work, success and their academic achievements. This spring the School of Molecular Sciences graduated a total of 220 students. Of these, 8 earned their PhD degrees, 1 earned MS degree and 211 undergraduate students were awarded Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in chemistry, biochemistry, medicinal chemistry and environmental chemistry. We are so grateful to our students for everything they do. Their work is invaluable to our mission and the continuous growth of our school.

The last couple of years were challenging, for the whole world and for our students, they had to be creative and discover entirely new ways how to learn and thrive under pandemic settings. Some of our students also faced their own challenges and financial hardships. If something is true about our students it is that they are adaptive, inventive and once again they showed us that they can seize an opportunity and find a winning solution especially under challenging circumstances!

We are also thankful to the entire SMS community that attentively guided our school. While this year the University and our school returned to full on ground operations, the uncertainty of new emergent variants made teaching and school operations challenging. Amidst these challenges, our creative faculty accommodated their teaching again to new modalities and together with our devoted staff made one more year a success.

So, congratulations to the class of 2022! Cherish all your experiences and onto your next adventure!

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Tijana Rajh
SMS Director

Meet some of our graduates



Aaron Jafar Hernandez Flores

BS Chemistry

[School of Molecular Sciences Dean's Medalist](#)



Miriam Goras

BS Biochemistry and Neuroscience

[Fulbright fellowship awardee](#)



Paul Oftedahl

BS Chemistry and Keyboard Performance

[Remarkable double major combination](#)



Michael Kinzler

BS Biochemistry

[Online student admitted to medical school](#)

SMS Graduate Student Highlight



[A story of science — and inclusion](#)

ASU Native American student Shundene Key was recently awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program grant funding her work on surface proteins in the immune system.

[ASU grad student wins Innovation Award for sustainable semiconductor coating process](#)

SMS PhD student Thu Thao Nguyen's discovery garners interest from government agencies, manufacturing corporations.



Faculty



Next-generation laboratory course developed for online chemistry students

Professor Jeff Yarger pioneers an innovative approach to a laboratory course.



ABOR funds to support Valley fever research

Pierre Herckes and Matthew Fraser to lead a newly funded study on environmental detection and modeling of Valley fever in Arizona.

SMS is Hiring...

- Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship (3 positions)
- Postdoc-Navrotsky Eyring Center for Materials of the Universe (MotU)
- Instructor-General Chemistry

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