

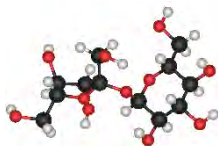


**KENNESAW STATE
UNIVERSITY**

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

2025

Awards Day



April 24, 2025

Hosted by Dr. Daniela Tapu



A Welcome from the Department Chair

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Chemistry and Biochemistry Awards Day Ceremony!

The students who receive awards during this ceremony have been judged by the faculty of the Department to represent the finest of the many outstanding Chemistry and Biochemistry students.

Many of the awardees are seniors who will graduate and go on to graduate school, professional school, or some other scientific endeavor. Other awardees, from freshmen to graduate students, have distinguished themselves in a course or in some other aspect of Departmental performance so as to be recognized as among the best of the students in our programs.

All the students who are presented here today are truly worthy of recognition. We thank you for attending this ceremony and ask you to join us as we congratulate these remarkable students on their achievements.

Marina Koether

Dr. Marina Koether, Interim Chair
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Kennesaw State University



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Monday, March 4, 2025
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Kennesaw State University
Join us for a new departmental seminar tomorrow! ... See more

Chemistry and Biochemistry Departmental Seminar Series
Gary Guillet, Ph.D.

"Extended Metal Atom Chains of Fe - [FeFeFe]¹⁴⁺ & [FeFeFe]¹⁷⁺"

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Chemistry Building (S1)
Room 12.100
https://bit.ly/CSH_ChemSeminars

Tuesday, March 4, 2025



Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
2025 Awards Day

ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry Undergraduate Award

Shayla Kelley

Presented by Dr. Wei Zhou

ACS Undergraduate Achievement in Biochemistry

Grace Kurniawan

Presented by Dr. Mohammad Halim

ACS Division of Organic Chemistry Undergraduate Award

Ira Menich

Presented by Dr. Daniela Tapu

ACS Undergraduate Award in Physical Chemistry

Eli Briggs

Presented by Dr. Mark Mitchell

CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award

Alex Provost

Presented by Dr. Chris Sumner

Merck Index Award

Michael Evans

Presented by Dr. Daniela Tapu

Departmental Award in Forensic Chemistry

Mary Smith

Presented by Dr. Marina Koether

Departmental Award in Pharmaceutical Chemistry

Ngoc Diep Dong

Presented by Dr. Marina Koether

Undergraduate Research Award in Biochemistry

Matthew Frias

Presented by Dr. Thomas C. Leeper

Undergraduate Research Award in Inorganic Chemistry

Noam Lewit

Presented by Dr. Mohammad Halim

Undergraduate Research Award in Organic Chemistry

Lilliana Kocai

Presented by Dr. Carl Saint-Louis

Undergraduate Research Award in Physical Chemistry

Anthony London

Presented by Dr. Mark Mitchell





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Freshman Undergraduate Research Award

Daniel Farris

Presented by Dr. Marina Koether

Sophomore Undergraduate Research Award

Julia Franz

Presented by Dr. Mohammad Halim

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Award

Peter Brooks

*Presented by Dr. Glen Meades and
Dr. Hally Shaffer*

Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

Aleksandra Hilliard

Presented by Dr. Hally Shaffer

Presentation of ACS Certified Degree Graduation Cords



**Outstanding Graduate,
Bachelor of Science in Chemistry**

Matthew Moore

Presented by Dr. Michael Stollenz

**Outstanding Graduate,
Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry**

Joshua Blackburn

Presented by Dr. Glen Meades

**Outstanding Graduate,
Master of Science in Chemical Sciences**

Abdul Hannan

Presented by Dr. Mohammad Halim





Congratulations to Our Graduates

SUMMER 2024

Chemistry

Joshua Harrell



FALL 2024

Chemistry

Emmanuel Ademisoje

Angel Arnold

Chloe Asante

Nicole Barkley

Mikail Barzev

Ciara Bell

Sherilyn Bernal Montes

Martyna Birutyte

Brennan Burstein

Alexander Cope

Chad Foy

Benjamin Gibbs

Isabelle Grogan

Jose Gutierrez-Cardenas

Seth Jones

Olivia Laflamme

Yessenia Mendoza

Matthew Mineo

Matthew Moore

Sara Rahimpour

Nathaniel St. Germain

Kyle Whitaker

Biochemistry

Christina Ambat

Trinity Bell-Atkinson

Grace Kurniawan

Kayla Maeger

Ridham Raval

M.S. in Chemical Sciences

Samuel Moore





GRADUATE PETITIONS FOR SPRING 2025

Chemistry

Daiman Banta	Evan Jackson	Emily Plank
Matthew Berg	Angel Jaimes-Flores	Gabriel Raber*
Logan Boraks	Ila Langelotti	Alex Rivas Rodriguez
Autumn Brashear	Noam Lewit	Alexis Sanders
Henry Chu	Anthony London*	Mary Smith*
Nicholas Courtney	Ira Menich	Elijah Taylor
Ngoc Diep Dong	Alysa Miles*	Khalil Thompson
Leah Galvin	Gabrielle Mills	Lexie Thrasher
Jackson Gentry	Alanna Najour	Alexander Watkins
Ashley Gibson	Indira Nathoo	Alexis Whiteside
Benjamin Jackson	Christina Nguyen	Briggs Williamson
	Eric Pashkovets	

Biochemistry

Layth Al-Sibai*	Matthew Frias*	Hifza Rana
Joshua Blackburn	Sloan Kearns	Matthew Sortie
Nathaniel Davis	Lyriq Lawyer	

M.S. in Chemical Sciences

Airin Akhter	Gillyan Jewett
James Cargile	Kaniz Fatama Khan
Lyric Gordon	Rupali Mangotra
Abdul Hannan	Md Taimuzzaman Sharif
Aleksandra Hilliard	

**ACS Certified Degrees*



2024-2025 Symposium of Student Scholars

Presenters



Nellie Abdul-Rahman
Imani Adenuga
Funsho Afolabi
Airin Akhter
Iona Alatar
Rhianna Allen
Abigail Almond
Ariadna Alpizar
Layth Al-Sibai
Christina Ambat
Audrey Anggraeni
Angel Arnold
Lily Baghrmian
Natalie Barahona
Ciara Bell
Trinity Bell-Atkinson
Matthew Berg
Rohan Bhatia
Lauren Black
Joshua Blackburn
Noah Blair
Eli Briggs
Josh Britton
Oliver Buckley
Juniper Bullock
Jabren Cannida
Imran Dabdoub
Ngoc Diep Dong
Brian Dodson
Vincent Dupard
Sanaa Edole
Jacob Erasmus

Michael Evans
Taylor Evans
Daniel Farris
Kaniz Fatama Khan
Ieza Fatima
Adrian Felix
Chad Foy
Julia Franz
Matthew Frias
Kira Galloway
Ishani Ganorkar
Aidan Gerdis
Lyric Gordon
Abdul Hannan
Hamida Hassan
Mason Hipp
Francis Illori
Anna James
Gillyan Jewett
Bailey Johnson
Andres Jones
Rosia Jones
Sloan Kearns
Lilianna Kocai
Vahreena Kong
Journey Lark
Lyriq Lawyer
Cecilia Le
Anthony London
Marlayna Macking
Kayla Maeger
Rupali Mangotra

Nya Malone
Kortney Martin
Lara Martins de Oliveira
Michelle Mba
Walter McReady
Rhys Medhurst
Farah Milford
Maryam Najeeb
Teddy Nersesian
Krish Patel
Shubh Patel
Gabe Raber
Miriam Raggs
Hifza Rana
Ridham Raval
Sophia Rodriguez
Lily Schwartz
Skylor Seetaram
Md Taimuzzaman Sharif
MD Tanjil Islam Shovon
Portia Simpson
Mary Smith
Matthew Sortie
Evan Stackpole
Kaylee Stone
Alexandru Tapu
Khang Tran
Matias Van Huffel
Aaron Walker
Alaina Westee
Blaise Williams
Bee Williamson
Heidi Woods