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Congratulations May and August 2003 Graduates With Honors

Shair Ahmed	Molecular & Cellular Biology	Melissa Davis	Finance
Jane Ahn	Molecular & Cellular Biology	Ryan Davis	Mathematics
Talha Aquil	Political Science	Chamaree de Silva	Physics
Mark Anderson	Biochemistry	Sharad Desai	Political Science
Jodie Arbesman	Entrepreneurship	Matthew Drake	Molecular & Cellular Biology
Amy Armstrong	Speech & Hearing Sciences	Kristen Drumm	Molecular & Cellular Biology
Amy Artates	Sociology	Elizabeth Dumouchel	Psychology
John Aylward	Performance, piano	Thuy Duong	Civil Engineering
Ava Badal	Finance	Michael Durando	Chemical Engineering
Jake Bailey	Geosciences	Nicole Eggers	German Studies
Stefanie Bailey	Marketing	Samira Ehteshami	Biochemistry
Christopher Baker	Liberal Arts	Laura Ennis	Architecture
Sheila Bapat	Political Science	Michael Fergen	Mechanical Engineering
Aaron Bargar	Political Science	Mark Fernandez	Molecular & Cellular Biology
Stephanie Berman	Judaic Studies	Benjamin Adam Fish	Chemistry
David Biggs	Chemical Engineering	Christena Flint	Communication
James Bradley	Anthropology	Amber Fought	Biochemistry
Lucineth Bradley	Mexican American Studies	Judy Fu	Physiological Sciences
Stephanie Bravo	Biochemistry	Charissa Fuhrmann	History
Keith Brewer	Mechanical Engineering	Amanda Gates	Accounting
Lauren Brody	Judaic Studies	Konstantina Gatzionis	English
Anne Brooksher	English	Marianne Gibson	Systems Engineering
Shannon Brown	Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Jacob Goble	Agricultural & Biosystems Eng.
Micah Burns	Molecular & Cellular Biology	Elizabeth Goodhue	English
Sarah Carlson	Political Science	Daniel Graver	International Studies
Carl Case	Political Science	Joshua Green	Physics
Leo Chao	Computer Engineering	Tara Grover	Psychology
Daniel Chase	Computer Engineering	Andrew Gulbis	Biochemistry
Valerie Cheeney	Accounting	Romeo Guzman	Music
Fletcher Chmara-Huff	Anthropology	Matthew Hammer	Biochemistry
Bryce Coughlin	Anthropology	Kimmey Hardesty	Anthropology
Colleen Cox	Public Management	Antony Hazel	Molecular & Cellular Biology
Melissa Cox	Agricultural & Biosystems Eng.	Christine Hegedus	Agricultural Education
Melissa Crago	Molecular & Cellular Biology	Zachary Heidepriem	Computer Science
Sarah Cundiff	Psychology	Jeffrey Henley	Studio Art
Annie Dahlgran	Biochemistry	Rick Hill	Performance, guitar
Lindsay Davenport	Elementary Education	Brian Hirsch	Entrepreneurship

**We Would Like to Congratulate the Seniors Graduating
With Honors this May and August.**

**We Wish you the Best of Luck and Much Happiness
with Future Endeavors.**

-The Honors College Faculty and Staff

Karen Hogan Marcellene Holmes	Psychology Molecular & Cellular Biology	Craig Pansing	Optical Engineering	Heather Truschel Heather Tyler	Women's Studies Liberal Arts
Yu-Hsein Huang	Cellular Biology Physiological Sciences	Archana Patel Marissa Perry	Psychology International Studies	Keri Vartanian Jo Vork Jonathan Vroom	Biochemistry Women's Studies Chemical Engineering
David Huegerich Julie Huynh Dru Imrie	Entrepreneurship English Molecular & Cellular Biology	Hardeep Phull	Molecular & Cellular Biology Mechanical Engineering	Amary Wagner Lucas Watanabe Erin Weir	Biochemistry Entrepreneurship Psychology
Michael Inouye	Molecular & Cellular Biology	Stephen Picard	Political Science Chemistry	Rebekah Wilce Julie Williams	Creative Writing Biochemistry
Daniel Israel Ajit Itty Allison Jones Suzanne Kaasa Kerri Kalivas	Philosophy Biochemistry Accounting Psychology	Malgorzata Potega Tiffanie Powell Prakash Ramsinghani	Molecular & Cellular Biology Electrical Engineering	Laine Williams-Rich Jennifer Wipf	Communications Agriculture & Biosystems Eng. Creative Writing
Elizabeth Karasz	Molecular & Cellular Biology Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Paul Ranucci	Computer Engineering Molecular & Cellular Biology	Brooke Wonders Stephanie Woods Chia-Jung Wu Tina Wu	Psychology Liberal Studies Molecular & Cellular Biology
Michelle Kassner	Biochemistry & Chemical Engineering	Fahd Rasul	Biochemistry English Physiological Sciences	Elizabeth Zaleski Samantha Zipp	Microbiology Psychology & Entrepreneurship
Shawn Kelley Evan Korzon Robert Kremer	Anthropology Fine Arts Regional Development	Lesli Rawles	Biochemistry Biochemistry Biochemistry International Studies		
Catherine Kresge Shilpa Krishnan David Krpata Christle Layton	Theatre Arts Psychology Neuroscience Physiological Sciences	Amanda Redig Deborah Richardson Sara Riechers	Economics Anthropology International Studies		
Marcelle Leek Christina Leu Ron Lev	English Entrepreneurship Management Information Systems	Ryan Roop Darshan Roy Pooja Sadarangani Jonathan Saints	Physiological Sciences Physiological Sciences French Biochemistry		
Anna Likhacheva	Molecular & Cellular Biology	Zachary Sakas Miriam Salvay Lilach Shafrir	Accounting Biochemistry Computer Science		
Lindsey Link Nicole Lopez Russell Lum	Geosciences Biochemistry Computer Engineering	Chelsea Shih	Creative Writing Architecture Chemical Engineering		
James Lunde Robert Lurgio	Entrepreneurship Aerospace Engineering	Melanie Shon	Computer Engineering Biochemistry Physiological Sciences		
Jaqueena Manahan	Molecular & Cellular Biology	Alex Shub Stephanie Slater Lauren Sloan Thaddeus Smith Keith Snavely	Science Creative Writing Architecture Chemical Engineering		
Yvonne Martinez Elizabeth May Lauren McCabe Mark McClain	Marketing History Journalism Molecular & Cellular Biology	Rebecca Sodomsky Lukas Sokol Armin Sorooshian	Computer Engineering Biochemistry Physiological Sciences		
Nicholas McKernan Teja Muppirala Ehren Nelson	Journalism Molecular & Cellular Biology	Brian Sotak	Creative Writing Molecular & Cellular Biology		
Sharon Ng Lisa Ngo	Spanish Engineering Math Molecular & Cellular Biology	Seth Stalcup Lindsey Stefaniak	Media Arts Psychology Liberal Arts Physics		
Duong Nguyen Nanna Ogburn	English Physiological Sciences	Kathryn Sterling Daryn Stover	Biochemistry Computer Engineering Biochemistry		
Deirdre O'Neill Kristy Pagel-Stumpp	Optics East Asian Studies English International Studies	Elizabeth Stratton Summer Swanick Charlie Szymanski Shiho Takeda Leah Tatum Ross Teske	Creative Writing Molecular & Cellular Biology Media Arts Psychology Liberal Arts Physics Biochemistry Computer Engineering Biochemistry		
		Stephen Tilley Tammy Timmons	Molecular & Cellular Biology Media Arts Neuroscience		
		Peter Torpey Katrina Treadwell			



Nationally Competitive Scholarship Winners

Many UA students have applied for nationally competitive scholarships during the 2003-04 academic year. The Honors College applauds all students who put forth the time and effort to apply. The application process for these scholarships can be rigorous, time-consuming and challenging, so each applicant deserves kudos for participating in one or more of the application processes. We especially want to recognize undergraduate students who advanced in the various scholarship competitions. Scholarships, and the students who won them or were named finalists, are listed below:

Fulbright (for ten months of proposed study or research abroad after graduation)

Scholars:	Laura Baker Ali Scotten Leslie Selberg
Finalists:	John Aylward Sheila Bapat Amanda Dotseth Morgan Feather Deena Magnall Jonathan Saints Brian Shipp Helena Sokol

NSEP/Boren (for a summer, semester, or academic year of undergraduate study abroad in a non-Western country)

Finalists: Erin Baize
Melissa Crago
Rayna Farnsworth
Michelle Hertzfeld
Jeffrey Hiner
Brian Sorensen
Eric Wu

Rhodes (multi-year postgraduate study at Oxford University)

Finalist: Tina Wu

Marshall (multi-year post-graduate study at a British institution)

Finalist: Tina Wu

Udall (funding for undergraduate study in environmentally-oriented areas, or funding for Native American scholars interested in tribal health care or public policy)

Scholars: Bijibaa' Garrison
Jessica Jensen

Honorable Mention:

Reysenia James
Jessica Lee

Truman (multi-year funding for leaders who intend to pursue government work or public service)

Scholar: Jonathan Gandomi
Finalists: Rachel Wellhausen
Michelle Yang

Goldwater (funding to support promising undergraduates in math, science, or engineering who intend to pursue research-oriented careers)

Scholars: Benjamin Armbruster
David Brown
UA nominees: Xuemei Cai
Clay Condon

To determine if you should apply for one of these nationally competitive scholarships in the coming academic year, check out the Honors website (http://www.honors.arizona.edu/schol_exchange/scholindex.htm), which provides information about each of the scholarships administered in The Honors College. Contact Dr. Karna Walter, Assistant Director of International Studies and Scholarships, to discuss whether and how to apply for one or more of these scholarships. You can reach her at 621-6546, or karna@u.arizona.edu.



Honors College 2003 Outstanding Senior

The Outstanding Senior in the Honors College is Amada Redig. Growing up, Mandy learned to seek out new experiences and adapt to changing environments. These characteristics have enabled her to meet new challenges, explore new fields, and delve deeply into personal relationships with faculty and her peers. Mandy is a biochemistry major. Her intense curiosity is an excellent resource in her chosen field: research medicine. As she says, "I want to be a physician who sees with the eyes of a scientist and a scientist who works with the soul of a physician so that I can be truly involved with translational medicine and the crossover between the breakthroughs in the lab and the patients who need them."

Mandy's accomplishments demonstrate the breadth of her talents and the depth of her commitments. In science, she has worked at University Animal Care and the UA Cancer Research Center, had a summer internship at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, and studied at University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Her study abroad experience sparked an interest in policy and politics that encouraged her to establish Books for Hope, a UA organization dedicated to rebuilding libraries in Afghanistan and to teach English in Poland. Her love of the humanities lead her to minor in Creative Writing, to work with *Persona*, the UA undergraduate literary magazine, and to explore medical ethics in patient-physician relationships with an Undergraduate Research Grant. Developing both her body and her mind, Mandy is a member of the UA triathlon team. Multi-talented, dedicated, humane, and personable—Mandy exemplifies these characteristics.



Giué Family Scholarship Winners

The Giué Family scholarship is an award presented annually to women who are finishing their senior theses and intending to continue on to graduate school. This generous scholarship honors the value of education that Grace Giué learned from her parents, Frank and Celia Giué.

This year's Giué scholarship recipients are:

Michelle Kassner is interested in biochemical applications of chemical engineering. Her thesis research involved modified liposomes and their application as a means to deliver chemicals such as drugs or diagnostic agents. After earning a Ph.D. at Princeton, she hopes to engage in research and development, possibly working for a biotechnology company.

Samira Ehteshami plans to complete her M.D. and proceed to help those in need by becoming a physician in a rural area. This will also allow her to continue to work with disadvantaged youth and encourage them to pursue higher education. Her thesis research involved characterizing the cellular composition of the placenta to better understand the regulation of infant immune response.

Christle Layton also plans to assist disadvantaged populations after completing medical school. Because she feels that cultural awareness and communication are important in health care, she studied in Spain to improve her Spanish. For her thesis she studied responsiveness of protein synthesis and glucose transport in muscle to human insulin and its analogs.

2003 Hearst Undergraduate Poetry Winners

The winners of the Hearst Undergraduate Poetry Awards were announced at a ceremony held on March 25. Congratulations to Andrew Emmott and Sheila Juergens on receiving awards in the populist poetry category.

Summer Computer Lab Hours

For those of you taking classes this summer, we would like to remind you that the computer lab at Slonaker House will be open Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm. Have a great summer!

Five Star Faculty Award

Professor Dennis T. Ray is the winner of the Five Star Faculty Award. This coveted teaching award, established in 1983, is the only

university-wide teaching award bestowed by students. The selection process is quite rigorous. Undergraduates nominate faculty from across the university. Honors students on the Five Star committee collect comments from students, observe classroom teaching, and interview the finalists. The committee looks at teaching philosophy, enthusiasm, teaching style, student-faculty interaction, and pedagogical innovation.

Professor Ray, from the Department of Plant Sciences, is well known for his commitment to undergraduate education. A faculty leader, Professor Ray serves on the committee that approves and reviews the General Education curriculum. His commitment to General Education extends to his teaching of NATS 104, in addition to undergraduate and graduate courses in Plant Sciences. His research on genetic diversity of new or under-utilized crops was featured last year at an Honors Forum lunch.

Professor Ray is dedicated to undergraduate teaching. In the classroom, he is careful and persistent so that students understand basic scientific principles. His high academic standards are matched by a wonderful sense of humor, a passionate interest in baseball, and a deep appreciation of chocolate, which was the cake served to him and his students upon winning this award!



Honors Pre-Commencement Ceremony and Reception

This year the Honors College pre-commencement ceremony will be held on Dead Day, May 8th from 4pm to 5:30pm in Harvill room 150. All seniors graduating with Honors should attend this ceremony to receive their gold medallions they will wear at Commencement on May 17th. Many other faculty, staff and student awards will also be given at this time. If you have not already done so, and you have been invited to the ceremony, please RSVP to 621-6901 as soon as possible. Congratulations and hope to see you there!

Undergraduate Research Grant Recipients

We would like to congratulate this year's recipients of the Undergraduate Research Grant award. We eagerly await the final projects, which will be shown in February 2004.

B. Steven Angersbach
Marisol Badilla
Thomas A. Barta
Rosaria Cabrera
Chris Collins
Sheila Contapay-Tabalin
Catharyn C. Crane
Casey Elizabeth Culler
Jessica Dooley
Erik R. Flesch
Erin Gleeson
Renee Goodwin
Melissa Gray
Heather Haley
Christina Hayhurst
Sarah Ann Johnson
Abdulreza Khajeh
Juan Jesus Lopez
Noreen Lyell
Kate Magargal
Patrick E. McGuire
Angela Merley
Kimberly Moody-Chappelle
Rosetta Mui
Thom Neary
Danielle M. Nevarez
Michael Pham
Kirsten Sellheim
Jessica Suarez
Jeremy Tor
Joshua Tor
Ashley Maria Gonzalez Tucker
Daniel Tuttle
Kathleen Van Vlack
Heather Watson
Sunny Yoshitomi
Corryn Young

Important Dates

May 7th

Last Day of Class

May 8th

Dead Day- Honors College
Pre-Commencement Ceremony
Harvill 150, 4:00pm-5:30pm

May 9th

Finals Begin

May 16th

Finals End

May 17th

Graduation and

Residence Hall closure

May 19- June 7th

Summer Pre-Session

May 26th

Memorial Day- No Classes

June 9th- July 10th

Summer Session I

July 14th- Aug. 13th

Summer Session II

Marissa Perry Awarded Dean's Award for Excellence

Marissa Perry is an extraordinary student driven by her desire to improve the lives of those in developing countries. Two words describe her: challenge and passion. She entered the university looking for academic challenges. Arriving at the UA from Boulder, Colorado, her first challenge was to find a place for herself academically and socially. She discovered the IDS major in international studies and her academic and career paths took shape. Marissa spent a semester in Chile facing culture shock, isolation, and depression. She immersed herself in developing relationships with her host family, taking challenging courses at two universities, playing soccer on a university team and teaching English to children and adults at an alternative school. Back in the US, she applied her insights and sought more hands-on learning with the Ambos Nogales Revegetation Project. As president of the International Studies Student Association, Marissa does not seek the limelight nor take credit for the group successes. Rather she is motivated to connect members with humanitarian efforts. Seeking her next challenge, she intends to work internationally and apply her passion for development. Graduate school will be a necessary step along her way to understanding and developing solutions to poverty. Her long-term goal is to be a change agent, living responsibly within a global system and empowering others to adopt a viewpoint of global responsibility. Marissa, you are on your way!



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