2019 AWARDS CEREMONY

May 15, 2019, 10am
The Hub Ballroom, Fairfax Campus
Doors Open
Breakfast 10:00 AM

Presentation of Awardees 11:00 AM
- Special Honors
- School of Systems Biology
- Environmental Science & Policy
- Department of Biology

2019 COS Celebration of Success 2:00 PM
- Please Proceed to Eagle Bank Arena after Awards Ceremony
Best Master's Thesis: Alexandra Ii (BIOL)
Ford Combs (BCB)

Best Doctorate of Philosophy Dissertation: Catherine DeMarino (BIOS)
Amy Smith (BCB)

School of Systems Biology Impact Award: (PhD)
Brian Carey (BIOS)
Michelle Pleet (BIOS)

School of Systems Biology Impact Award: (MS)
Victoria Callahan (BIOL)

John N. Brady Award for Excellence in Retrovirus Research:
Daniel Pinto (BIOS)

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Scholar Award:
Maria Cowen
Elias Khayat

Graduate Student Outreach Award:
Shengyuan Wang (BCB)

School of Systems Biology Innovator Award:
Catherine DeMarino (BIOS)

School Of Systems Biology Award in Data Analysis:
Pooja Khatkar (BCB)

Navachat Tongvichit Bioinformatics Memorial Fellowship:
Kiran Sewsankar (BCB)
Outstanding Undergraduate in Conservation: Jesse Wong

Outstanding Undergraduate in Ecological Science: Charity Walter

Outstanding Undergraduate in Environmental Health: Ashley Bourg

Outstanding Undergraduate in Human and Ecosystem Response to Climate Change: Heather Nortz

Outstanding Undergraduate in Marine, Estuarine, and Freshwater Ecology: Erika Minock

Best Graduate Student Teacher: Chelsea Gray
Honorable Mention: Nick Walker

Best Doctoral Dissertation: Carlos Peredo
Honorable Mention: Kim Marshall McLean


Best Faculty Advisor: Elizabeth Freeman
The Dr. Averett Tombes Award will be given to an Environmental Science and Public Policy Ph.D. student who best exemplifies the original goals of the Ph.D. program, which were to train individuals in environmental science and public policy such that they could help positively influence government actions in the environment.

This award honors Dr. Tombes who, as Chair of the Department of Biology, originally proposed the idea for this degree, which was the first science Ph.D. at George Mason University.

2019 Dr. Averett Tombes Award

Adam Carpenter
Honors in the Major: Anahita Akhavan
Lashana Ali
Soshyana Azizi
Joshua Born
Arba Cecia
Anthony Doane
Mai Hasan
Dana Ismail
Junmin Lei
Trina Nguyen
Sudaba Rahimi
Rose Sanchez
Sandra Simon
Victoria Strunk
Andrew Tran
Skyler Trautz

Faculty Award: Vanisai Katta
Brian T. Nguyen
Rebecca Beuschel

Senior Award: Michelle Devlin
Jorge Fernandez Davila
Julie Nguyen
Mariann and Bruce Johnson Award:
Andrew Tran
Tyler D'Agostino
Anthony Doane
Rose Sanchez
Mai Hasan
Jolene Young

Elaine Joyce Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Award:
Robert A Barclay
Daniel Pinto
Matthew Krcmarik

Melissa Stanley Medical Laboratory Science Award:
Vy Phan
Jaimarie Epistola

The Writing Award:
Sunny Rampuria
Dana Ismail

The Research Semester Award:
Shatha Salameh
Skyler Trautz
Allison Assur

Marion Lobstein Award:
Brieann Sobieski
Thank you for attending the Annual Awards Ceremony. From all the staff and faculty of Biology, ESP, and SSB, we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

CLASS OF 2019
IT'S TIME TO GRADUATE!