

Department of Chemistry

36TH ANNUAL ALUMNI & SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

Solving Mysteries Through



CHEMISTRY



March 27, 2024 | Sam Gibbons Alumni Center



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Program

5:00 PM

COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS

6:00 PM

WELCOME REMARKS – DR. JAMES LEAHY, DEPARTMENT CHAIR
DINNER SERVICE BEGINS

6:30 PM

OPENING REMARKS – DR. JAMES LEAHY, DEPARTMENT CHAIR

6:35 PM

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD PRESENTATION: DR. GEORGE COBB
PRESENTED BY DR. JAMES LEAHY, DEPARTMENT CHAIR

6:40 PM

DR. JULIE HARMON UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT HONOR ROLL PRESENTATION
PRESENTED BY DANIEL CRUZ-RAMÍREZ DE ARELLANO
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL CHAIR & ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF INSTRUCTION

6:45 PM

OUTSTANDING PEER LEADING AWARDS

6:50 PM

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS PRESENTATION

Program

7:10 PM

RESEARCH AWARD WINNERS

7:15 PM

DIVISION AWARDS

7:35 PM

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

7:55 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

PRESENTED BY DR. LEAHY, DEPARTMENT CHAIR

8:00 PM

DESSERTS RECEPTION AND CELEBRATION

**WE WELCOME YOU TO STAY AND
CELEBRATE WITH ALL OF OUR AWARD WINNERS.**

2024 OUTSTANDING CHEMISTRY ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENT



PROFESSOR GEORGE P. COBB

Baylor University Waco, Texas

Dr. George P. Cobb began his journey as an environmental chemist with a BS in Chemistry from the College of Charleston, where he studied sea turtle exposures to chlorinated pesticides and metals with Dr. Frank Kinard. He was shepherded toward the University of South Florida by an alumnus, Marion Doig, who is also a CofC faculty member. At USF, Dr. Cobb worked with Dr. Robert S. Braman to earn a PhD in analytical environmental chemistry with a focus of sampling atmospheric organic chemicals. Dr. Cobb was a charter member of the Faculty of Environmental Toxicology Department at Clemson and later held a similar role at Texas Tech University. He currently serves as Chair of the Department of Environmental Science at Baylor University.

Dr. Cobb serves as an American Chemical Society Fellow, a Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry Fellow, and is a member of the Committee on Science. Previously, Dr. Cobb served as Chair of the American Chemical Society's Division of Environmental Chemistry and President of Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, North America. He now chairs the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals. His most recent work includes monitoring and evaluating paraben's chemical transformation in Texas wastewater.

AWARD WINNERS

DR. JULIE HARMON UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT HONOR ROLL

OUTSTANDING PEER LEADING AWARD

General Chemistry I – Tate McCarty

General Chemistry II – Nicholas Giunto

Organic Chemistry – Mina Iskandar and Lance Laneve

UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL AWARDS

American Institute of Chemists Award – Danielle Bondoc

Richard Bowman Scholarship – Maria Roallos

Outstanding Biomedical Science Award - Shrikar Modukuri

Calvin Maybury Department Scholarship, B.S. – Collin Greenhalgh

Dean Martin Outstanding Chemistry Major, B.A. – Daniella Garas

Dean Martin Outstanding Chemistry Major, B.S. – Aayush Singh

Graham Solomons Department Scholarship, B.A. – Isabel Carley

Phi Lambda Upsilon Award – Brianna Pecourt

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARDS

Clear Spring Land Undergraduate Research Award – Brandon Sauval

T.C. Owen Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award – Savannah Sharma

DIVISION AWARD WINNERS

ACS Analytical Chemistry Award – Haley Gartrell

Joseph Stanko Inorganic Chemistry Award – Briana Peacourt

Robert S. Braman Analytical Chemistry Award – Veronica Daoud

GENERAL CHEMISTRY DIVISION

Jesse S. Binford General Chemistry Award – Ayush Kalia

PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY DIVISION

Jeff C. Davis Physical Chemistry Award – Hannah Reuther

AWARD WINNERS

INORGANIC CHEMISTRY DIVISION

Jay Worrell Memorial Scholarship – Danya Awshah and Juana Segura

BIOCHEMISTRY DIVISION

T.C. Owen Biochemistry Award – Isabel Carley

ORGANIC CHEMISTRY DIVISION

George Wenzinger Memorial Scholarship – Damjan Vuksanovic

Jack E. Fernandez Organic Chemistry Award – Ting Chao

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Rebecca Backsman

Quy Tran

Laura Hernandez

Luke Huff

AWARD WINNERS

GRADUATE AWARDS

Theodore and Venette Askounes Ashford Doctoral Fellowship in Chemistry – Angelie Matar

Barbara B. Martin Endowed Fellowship in Chemistry – Xue Zhao

The George Bursa Award – Shelby Kell

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD WINNER

Presented by Dr. James Leahy, Department Chair



HONOR ROLL

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