

**35TH ANNUAL
DEPARTMENT OF
CHEMISTRY
ALUMNI &
SCHOLARSHIP
BANQUET**

THE SWEETER SIDE OF CHEMISTRY

MARCH 22, 2023

5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Sam and Martha Gibbons Alumni Center
Traditions Hall



UNIVERSITY of
SOUTH FLORIDA
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Chair's Welcome

Welcome, and thank you for joining us at the 35th Annual Department of Chemistry Alumni & Scholarship Banquet!

This celebration was started by then-chair Stewart Schneller as a way to honor the achievements of the department's outstanding students as they head out to start their future endeavors and build on the foundations they acquired here to change the world.

Previous alumni honorees have gone on to make impactful discoveries in areas such as drug discovery, renewable energy, artificial intelligence, materials and environmental science, and had careers from CEOs to physicians to lawyers to faculty members around the world.

The future for this year's honorees is exciting and limitless, and we look forward to seeing how it all unfolds.

Tonight, we honor their achievements to date and prepare to see them spread their wings and learn to fly.

Dr. James Leahy
Professor and Chair
Department of Chemistry

Program

5:00 PM Cocktails & Conversations

5:45 PM Opening Remarks
Dr. James Leahy,
Department Chair

6:00 PM Dinner Service Begins

6:40 PM Program Begins

Outstanding Alumni Award
Dr. Emily Mevers
Presented by
Dr. Bill Baker, Professor

7:00 PM Dr. Julie Harmon Undergraduate
Student Honor Roll &
Undergraduate Student Awards
Presented by
Dr. Daniel Cruz-Ramírez de
Arellano
Undergraduate Council Chair &
Associate Professor of
Instruction

7:05 PM Undergraduate Student Division
Awards

Program

7:30 PM

Graduate Student Awards

7:40 PM

Outstanding Undergraduate
Teaching Award &
Closing Remarks
Presented by Dr. Leahy,
Department Chair

7:45 PM

Desserts Reception and Celebration

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

Award Winners

2023 Outstanding Chemistry Alumni Award Recipient

DR. EMILY MEVERS



Class of 2009

Dr. Emily Mevers received her B.Sc. in Chemistry at the University of South Florida in 2009 then obtained her Ph.D. in 2014 at the University of California San Diego under the mentorship of Prof. Bill Gerwick. Upon completion of her Ph.D. she joined Prof. Jon Clardy's laboratory as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Harvard Medical School. She is now an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry at Virginia Tech and her group is broadly interested in working to understand the ecological role of small molecules produced by microbes in complex symbioses and leveraging this information for drug development.

Award Winners

The following Award Winners are
receiving additional recognition for the

Dr. Julie Harmon Undergraduate Student
Honor Roll

KERRY DARELUS

ANDREA WEITOSCHOVA

CHLOE STARKEY

JENNA MISHEFSKE

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Award Winners

Undergraduate Council Awards

American Institute of Chemists Award

MICHAEL YOUSSEF

Calvin Maybury Department Scholarship, B.S.

ANDREA WEITOSCHOVA

Dean Martin Outstanding Chemistry Major, B.A.

JENNA MISHEFSKE

Dean Martin Outstanding Chemistry Major, B.S.

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Outstanding Biomedical Science Award

JOAO VICTOR SILVA CORREIA

Phi Lambda Upsilon Award

CHLOE STARKEY

Graham Solomons Department Scholarship, B.A.

ALVIN UPPGARD

Award Winners

Undergraduate Research Awards

Clear Spring Land Undergraduate Research Award

NIA MARTIN

T.C. Owen Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award

CHRISTIAN K SABBAGH

Analytical Division

ACS Analytical Chemistry Award

KERRY DARELUS

Robert S. Braman Analytical Chemistry Award

DANYA AWSHAH

Biochemistry Division

T.C. Owen Biochemistry Award

ANESHEA CASON

Award Winners

General Chemistry Division

Jesse S. Binford General Chemistry Award

CAMILO GARCIA GONZALEZ

Inorganic Chemistry Division

Joseph Stanko Inorganic Chemistry Award

KERRY DARELUS & ANDREA WEITOSCHOVA

Jay Worrell Memorial Scholarship

CHLOE STARKEY & AMANDA REYES

Organic Chemistry Division

George Wenzinger Memorial Scholarship

MICHAEL GONZALEZ RAMIREZ

Jack E. Fernandez Organic Chemistry Award

SCHEDNAH LARAQUE

Physical Chemistry Division

Jeff C. Davis Physical Chemistry Award

HANG NGUYEN

Award Winners

Sally Everett Memorial Scholarship

BRIANNA BAUGHNS

KATIE LEE

DAN NGUYEN

MAI RICHARDSON

PAOLA TORRES ROBLES

ROBERT WILEY

The Kevin L. McKeown Memorial Scholarship

BRITNEY SALIMA

Outstanding Peer Leading Award

General Chemistry I Peer Leader Award

MIHIR KULKARNI

General Chemistry II Peer Leader Award

BREANNA KARL

Organic Peer Leader Award

ANASTASIA KELARAKOS

Award Winners

Graduate Awards

Theodore and Venette Askounes Ashford Doctoral
Fellowship in Chemistry

AYESHA FARHEEN & QI TANG

Barbara B. Martin Endowed Fellowship in Chemistry

SHELBY KELL

Alexiou Award in Environmental Chemistry

MENGJIA LIU

The George Bursa Award

GUY DAYHOFF

Martin Travel Award

**GUY DAYHOFF, AYESHA FARHEEN, STEPHANIE FROST,
& J.D. YOUNG**

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