2021 Spring Awards
Virtual Program

1 April 2021 | 4:00 pm
Welcome  
Michelle Baker, Interim Dean

Undergraduate Student Awards  
Greg Podgorski, Associate Dean

2020-2021 Science Senator  
Noah Braeger, Mathematics & Statistics / Physics

Scholar of the Year  
Miles Robertson, Mathematics & Statistics / Biology

Dean’s Scholars  
Joshua Barney, Computer Science  
Sierra Fox, Mathematics & Statistics  
Michael Herron, Biology  
Gerald Benjamin Jones, Mathematics & Statistics  
Alexander Lyons, Chemistry & Biochemistry  
Thomas O’Reilly, Computer Science  
Tate Shepherd, Biology  
Derek Smith, Computer Science  
Zion Steiner, Computer Science  
Jessica Tolman, General Studies  
Jenny R. Whiteley, Physics

Valedictorian  
Nicole Anderson, Biology  
Faculty Escort: Justin Julander, Animal, Dairy, & Veterinary Sciences

Undergraduate Researcher of the Year  
Noah Braeger, Mathematics & Statistics / Physics

Undergraduate Teaching Fellow of the Year  
Porter Ellis, Chemistry & Biochemistry
Legacy of Utah Nominee
Melissa Rasmussen, Computer Science / Physics

Goldwater Scholars
Ethan Ancell, Mathematics & Statistics
Manuel Santana, Mathematics & Statistics

Graduate Student Awards
Sean Johnson, Associate Dean

Master Student Researcher of the Year
Sean Lyons, Chemistry & Biochemistry

Doctoral Researcher of the Year
Spencer Hudson, Biology

Graduate Student Teacher of the Year
Will Tidwell, Mathematics & Statistics

Faculty & Staff Awards
Michelle Baker, Interim Dean

Staff Excellence
Gary Tanner, Mathematics & Statistics

Undergraduate Faculty Mentor of the Year
Shana Geffeney, Biology

Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year
Joanie Hevel, Chemistry & Biochemistry

Graduate Mentor of the Year
J.R. Dennison, Physics
Faculty Teacher of the Year
Mike Christiansen, Chemistry & Biochemistry

Faculty Researcher of the Year
Karen Kapheim, Biology

Faculty University Service Nominee
David Peak, Physics

Cazier Life Achievement Nominee
Alvan Hengge, Chemistry & Biochemistry

Recognitions

2020-21 Retirees
Minghui Jiang, Computer Science

First-Year Faculty
Jason Belnap, Mathematics & Statistics
Monica Borghi, Biology
Soukaina Filali Boubrahimi, Computer Science
Jennifer Burbank, Biology
Joseph Ditton, Computer Science
Evey Gannaway Dalton, Geosciences
Mario Harper, Computer Science
Scott Jordan, Mathematics & Statistics
Donald Penman, Geosciences
Steve Petruzza, Computer Science
Katie Potter, Geosciences
Norah Saarman, Biology
Brent Thomas, Mathematics & Statistics
Molly Womack, Biology
Kevin Young, Biology
Matt Young, Mathematics & Statistics
Years of Service

15 Years of Service
Larry Gardner
Genie Hanson
Jeong-Young Ji
ValaRee Reese
Tammy Rittenour
John Stevens

20 Years of Service
Tom Chang
Dong Chen
Eric Held
Steve Scheiner
John Shervais
Joe Shope

25 Years of Service
Mark Fels
JanaLee Johnson

30 Years of Service
Vicki Anderson
Daniel Coster
Susanne Jänecke
Thomas Lachmar
Jim Wheeler

45 Years of Service
Jon Takemoto

Closing Remarks
Michelle Baker, Interim Dean

Special Thanks to the

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Dean Mathias, Bob Brown, Tom Lachmar, & Mark Riffe

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