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# Chemistry

Graduation Celebration  
& Awards Ceremony

Friday, May 1, 2026 | 11:00am  
Jacobs Science Building, Room 321

## WELCOME

Dr. Stephen Testa, Associate Chair

## DEAN'S ADDRESS

Dr. Ana Franco-Watkins, Dean,  
College of Arts & Sciences

## STUDENT ADDRESS

Peyton McCubbin

## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Dr. Samuel Awuah

## RECOGNITION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Dr. Beth Guiton, Director of  
Undergraduate Studies

# 2025-2026 Graduates

### Doctor of Philosophy

Alison Costello  
Jovita O. Daraezinwa  
Kehinde Fagbohunbe  
Udara Munugoda Hewage  
Oluwatosin Obisesan  
Victor Okuo  
Owamagbe Orobator  
Kevin Pedersen  
Md Tawabur Rahman  
Sashen Ruhunage  
Prakhar Sharma  
Christina Thompson

### Master of Science

Eve Aldridge  
Ryan Chafin  
April Collins  
Ethan Pollett  
Jenna Rector  
Stephanie Wilson

### Bachelor of Science

Nathan Bearden\*  
Sydney Cobb\*  
Matthew Corbett\*  
William Dulin  
Lauren Gravatte\*  
Julia Hensler  
Walter Kunnmann\*  
Peyton McCubbin\*  
Carlee O'Neal\*  
Ian Phares\*  
Carter Pryor\*  
Daniel Raygoza  
Aden Runyon  
Cristian Samano Garcia  
Natasha Schalk\*  
Paige Tryon  
Isaac Walton

\* denotes graduate  
with honors

### Bachelor of Arts

Deya Andreev  
Gray Helmuth  
Andrew Katsikas  
Alyssa Nocero  
Dylan Payne

### Minor

Kiara Baker  
Sarah Buckner  
Parker Coop  
Elizabeth Elliott  
Jack Hirtle  
Grace Ison  
Andrew Moses  
Rianna Mueller

## Graduate Student Awards

**100% Plus Award** | Alyson Ackerman  
**C.H.H. Griffith Outstanding General Chemistry TA Award** | Lateefat Jimoh & Sashen Ruhunage  
**Fast Start Award** | Tiffany Odita & Claire Ray  
**Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award** | Barron Cox & Joy Jerome  
**Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award** | Sahar Bayat & Justin Holmes  
**William D. Ehmman Graduate Award Fund in Chemistry** | Megan Brown  
**College of Arts & Sciences Certificate for Outstanding Teaching** | Motunrayo Oladele

## Undergraduate Student Awards

**100% Plus Award** | Anmol Nayak  
**First-Year Chemistry Major Award** | Kate Wells  
**General Chemistry Excellence Award (Spring 2025)** | Harsh Patel & Lilly Reece  
**General Chemistry Excellence Award (Fall 2025)** | Ashley Billiter & Nathan Ice  
**Hammond Undergraduate Service Award** | Noah Cunningham-O'Donnell, Lauren Gravatte, Walter Kunnmann, Ian Phares, & Paige Tryon  
**Hammond Leadership Award** | Peyton McCubbin  
**Nancy J. Stafford Award** | Callista Huber  
**Willard R. Meredith Memorial Award** | Cami Sergent  
**Royal Society of Chemistry Certificate of Undergraduate Excellence** | Walter Kunnmann & Peyton McCubbin

## Undergraduate Scholarships

**ACS-Hach Land Grant Undergraduate Scholarship** | Callista Huber & Natasha Schalk  
**Charles W. Hammond Scholarship** | Eli Hamm  
**David W. and Eloise C. Young Scholarship** | Nikhil Kumar  
**Dr. Hume and Ellen Towle Bedford Scholarship** | Jermaine Calhoun  
**Paul G. Sears Scholarship** | Adam Hassoun & Kate Wells  
**Paul L. Corio Scholarship** | Adrian Shepherd  
**Robert M. Boyer Memorial Scholarship** | Noah Cunningham-O'Donnell  
**Robert Singleton Hart 1907 Scholarship** | Mahmood Ateyeh, Rumi Chang, Cami Sergent, & Isabella Soon  
**Thomas B. Nantz Scholarship** | Sophia Wielawski  
**Wilbur L. Price Scholarship** | Hunter Kirk