# JMU Chemistry & Biochemistry Student Awards

# **CSM Dean's Awards**

**Chemistry Award** Recognizes an outstanding graduating senior majoring in Chemistry.

**Biophysical Chemistry Award** Recognizes an outstanding graduating senior majoring in Biophysical Chemistry.

# **Senior Awards**

**ACS VA Section Award** Recognizes an outstanding graduating senior with significant undergraduate research accomplishments and plans to attend graduate school in the chemical sciences. The awardee is also recognized at the April ACS VA section meeting, along with other outstanding senior chemistry majors from colleges and universities in the Virginia Section.

**Degesch America Award** Recognizes an outstanding graduating senior. Sponsored and supported by Degesch America, Inc., a chemical company headquartered in the Shenandoah Valley.

**J. Wilbert Chappell Award** Recognizes an outstanding graduating senior pursuing a career in medicine, health professions, or teaching. Established in 1976 after the retirement of Dr. Chappell, Department Head (1943-1975).

**American Institute of Chemists Award** Recognizes an outstanding graduating senior with a demonstrated record of ability, leadership, and professional promise.

# **Junior Awards**



Frank A. Palocsay Award in Undergraduate Research Recognizes an outstanding undergraduate research student. Established in 2009 in memory of Dr. Palocsay, Inorganic Chemistry Professor (1970-2000). Throughout his career, Dr. Palocsay mentored numerous students in undergraduate research, and he was at the forefront of the

Department's efforts to incorporate computer technology into teaching.

**J. Wilbert Chappell Award** Recognizes an outstanding junior who intends to pursue a career in the health professions or teaching. Established in the 1980's by his family in memory of Dr. Chappell, Department Head (1943-1975).



**Liberty Casali Award** Recognizes outstanding performance in Physical Chemistry I (CHEM 331). Established in 2011 by family, alumni and faculty in honor and memory of Dr. Casali, Physical Chemistry Professor (1967-1976).

**Raymond D. Cool Award** Recognizes an outstanding junior. Established after the retirement of Dr. Cool, Analytical Chemistry Professor (1946-1972).

#### **Junior/Senior Awards**

**Donna S. Amenta Award** Recognizes a junior or senior student with the qualities of leadership, citizenship, self-sacrifice, and a commitment to working with others. The recipient also demonstrates strong capabilities as a chemist and a teacher. Established in 2004 by the family of a research student in honor of Dr. Amenta, Organic Chemistry professor (1974-present) and Department Head (1999-2008, 2012-2014).



**Service Award** Recognizes a student who has provided outstanding service to the Department.

**Undergraduate Research Award** Recognizes an outstanding undergraduate researcher who is a major in the Department.

# **Divisional Awards**

Biochemistry ACS Inorganic Chemistry
ACS Analytical Chemistry ACS Organic Chemistry
ACS Environmental Chemistry ACS Physical Chemistry

Recognizes outstanding achievement in coursework and research in the specified field, and encourages further pursuits in the field.

# **First-Year Award**

**First-Year Chemistry Achievement Award** Recognizes outstanding scholastic achievement in chemistry by a first year student.