CHEMISTRY FACULTY AND STAFF

AWARDS
CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

Rob Reason
Copy Center Operator

Rob is being honored for going above and beyond to help the Prep Lab staff move the entire undergraduate laboratory operation to CHAS, set up laboratory rooms and assist the building deputy with initial setup. He was an outstanding asset to that project. He also consistently performs all of his other duties professionally and is always dependable, reliable, and trustworthy.
CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

Alan Springer
Shipping, Receiving, and Facilities Clerk

Alan is being honored for going beyond the call of duty to help customers ship out or retrieve packages from the dock. He always has a pleasant and positive attitude even when he has multiple trucks dropping off shipments and customers waiting to pick up their packages. He arranged the dock area so customers know exactly where to go for picking up and signing out packages. He also assisted when the Fisher Chemistry Store Room had staff issues this past year and their customers were desperate for product and made sure their pallets of inventory were brought down from the dock. Alan has been with Chemistry for many years and it’s time he receives acknowledgement for all he does, especially keeping the place going during 2020 when no one else was around.
Jordan Smith
Scientific Glassblower

Jordan is being honored for being a skilled glass blower who is always in a good mood and excited about his projects. His enthusiasm for his craft is amazing, and he is always there to help out with anything, including an emergency repair! His work is always of the highest quality.
Scott Scheurich
Refrigeration Mechanic

Scott is being honored for his invaluable service to the department. He has repaired many of our expensive instruments, which were deemed irreparable. He was been able to identify and repair issues that others were unable to diagnose. In nutshell, Scott goes much beyond his call of duty. We are very fortunate to have a person as skilled as him in our department.
Jean Chmielewski
Alice Watson Kramer Distinguished Professor

Jean is being honored for her work as the chair of the Chemistry Diversity Initiative. She has worked tirelessly to improve the recruitment of a more diverse group of graduate students to our department, and provide the mentorship needed for their success.
LEADERSHIP AWARD

Betsy Parkinson
Assistant Professor

Betsy is being recognized for the founding of the Department Committee on Mental Health, which is aimed at educating faculty, staff, and students about why taking care of your mental health is important and this is a culture-shift in our department. She has been committed to issues surrounding the mental health of our graduate students by providing information to faculty on mental health and suicide prevention workshops on campus, and is in the process of getting a CAPS Liaison for the department. This also involves bringing in speakers to address topics related to mental health.
Tong is being honored for being an excellent graduate mentor to his students. He takes the time to meet with them about their projects, mentors of soft skills, but also sensitive to the commitments of his students in their personal lives (marriages, kids, etc.). He is also an excellent mentor to female and URM scientists, with a proven track record of students that go on to high level industrial and government positions.
PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Hartmut Hedderich
Senior Instrumentation Specialist

Hartmut is being honored for working consistently to help fulfill the needs of the Research Instrumentation Center and its users during times of being short staffed. He accomplished this by maintaining instruments, training users, and teaching a new team member, all the while maintaining his characteristic smile and positive demeanor. He is appreciated for pulling extra weight when the going gets rough!
Jianguo Mei
Richard and Judith Wien
Associate Professor

Jianguo is being recognized for serving as a research mentor to over 20 undergraduate students since he began his career at Purdue. His ability to nurture their professional and personal growth is outstanding and has already been recognized at the national level, as evidenced by two Astronaut Scholar Fellowships and a Goldwater Scholar Fellowship in the past three years.
CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you to all of our honorees for your persistent efforts to create a culture of respect, inclusion, innovation and growth.

We appreciate you!