CHEMISTRY FACULTY AND STAFF

AWARDS
CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

Donna Bertram
Senior Administrative Assistant

Donna is the Inorganic and NMR assistant. She is super helpful, stays on top of things, and has great ideas to help us run our seminar program and inorganic division. She is always positive and very responsive to requests for help!
CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

Shawn Eversole
Mechanician

Shawn has been in charge of the renovations within a research laboratory and has done a fantastic job. Not only is his work of the highest caliber, so is his character. He is timely and trustworthy, hard-working, motivated, resilient, and always seeks input to maintain open communication. He comes up with incredibly creative solutions for problem-solving - his creativity is enviable amongst graduate students, who interact with Shawn daily. Almost everyone knows how wonderfully supportive Shawn is and that he embodies all the qualities that make the department a truly wonderful place to work.
LEADERSHIP AWARD

Ned Gangwer
Building Deputy/Manager of Maintenance Shop

Ned goes above and beyond in everything that he does. He strives to promote a welcoming and positive environment for all faculty, staff, students, and visitors within the department. He encourages and motivates every person that he talks to and works to promote his staff on to bigger and better things! He’s the perfect example of a great leader and deserves to be recognized!
Within the span of only nine months, Na has developed significant skills and knowledge regarding the practice of mass spectrometry, after initially having limited experience with this technique. These capabilities, that Na has developed largely thanks to her own determination, have enabled us to provide high-quality and uninterrupted ICP-MS and high resolution MS services throughout the year. Dr. Gou always has a professional attitude when we have analysis requirement. She always communicated timely and positively!
Chris has been a transformative leader for the department for the past five years. She is always looking to move the department forward and actively looks to fix problems. She has a clear vision for what she wants the department to be, and is fearless in doing everything she can to make it happen. With her leadership, Chemistry has made great advances in faculty hiring, space management, grad student equity, and overall departmental function. The department is stronger because of Chris’s leadership.
PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Doug Lantrip
Chemical Technician

Doug is being honored with the Professional Achievement Award for consistently providing excellent performance as a Chemist in the Prep Lab. He consistently exceeds the expectations of his position by contributing to development of general chemistry laboratory experiments, and refining the current experiments in the curriculum. This year he collaborated with another individual to modify a Vernier voltage probe. As a result, we can continue to provide an electrochemistry experiment in the CHM 11600 and 12600 schedule.
Christina Li
Assistant Professor

Christina is an awesome research mentor! She really cares about the educational experience graduate students receive in her group, and is super supportive of them during their time in graduate school. Her students go on to do great things!
Shalini Low-Nam has been involved in efforts to augment and promote DEI at multiple levels, from mentoring students, serving on the seminar organization committee to bring in external speakers, and now on the CDI committee, among others.
Marybeth Miller
Senior Instructional Specialist

Marybeth does an amazing job running the general chemistry program. She is always on top of things, is super friendly and helpful, but also firm when she needs to be. She has great ideas for our general chemistry program, and keeps the faculty on track, which is no easy task!
Ross Miller
Storekeeper/Inventory Control Clerk

Ross has consistently provided excellent customer service to the students, TAs, staff and faculty. He strives to have the laboratories well stocked and ready for students. He is congenial and treats everyone with respect. We can count on Ross to communicate problems in the labs and to take appropriate action to solve them. He shows his respect for the students and TAs by being helpful and easy to approach. He is particularly helpful to the students who have lost items in CHAS by having developed a system for labeling returned items and notifying individuals that they have been found.
ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Paul Smith
Lecture Demonstration Director

Because of his leadership and expertise, Paul Smith has elevated the visibility of our department with his article in The Conversation (and video demos for the Purdue/Associated Press feed) about the science behind pyrotechnics which was carried nationwide by media outlets during the Fourth of July holiday. Through his engagement, Paul also developed dozens of online chemistry demos for General Chemistry instructors and our Chemistry Outreach team (Superheroes of Science) as they pivoted their instructional delivery during (and after) the pandemic.
Ryan is a chemist working in the Prep Lab, supporting general chemistry and other courses, and is a valued team member in CHM 11500 this semester. He maintains close contact with the head TAs to communicate about the lab and help resolve issues that occur throughout the week. He helps us cover labs when TAs are absent. He performs the experiment with one or more of the head TAs. They work together to edit and improve the procedure. Ryan attends and contributes to all of our staff meetings. He cares deeply about the students and the TAs and strives to support their learning and safety.
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!