Paul W. and Marie K. Baumann Scholarship

Esmeralda Martinez (shown with Rebecca Lave) is this year’s recipient of the Paul W. and Marie K. Baumann Scholarship.

Esmeralda notes that “Geography has offered me an overwhelming amount of knowledge regarding the environment’s role in current societies.” The Baumann Award will allow her to focus on her studies and maximize her potential as a student.

Robert N. Johnson Scholarship

Kathleen Lich is (shown with Dan Knudsen and Robert Johnson) is this year’s recipient of the Robert N. Johnson Scholarship.

“Kathleen likes how Geography allows her to combine her interests in the environment and social justice within a single degree. As an Alaskan, she looks forward to putting her skills to work there in the near future.

Congratulations, Kathleen, as you continue your degree at Indiana University!
Addison Lively Awarded William R. Black Leadership Memorial Scholarship

Addison Lively is the recipient of the William R. Black Leadership Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship honors the late W.R. (Bill) Black who was internationally renowned for his research on sustainable transportation. He also served twice as chairperson of the Department of Geography and was instrumental in founding Bloomington Transit, the Indiana Department of Transportation, and Conrail.

Addison is an excellent student as well and she has been an active member of the Real Food Challenge Club. The group monitors food purchases by the university to assess the percentage of food purchased that qualifies as local, sustainable, humane and freely traded. It also assess levels of so-called "disqualifies" which are food additives. This summer, Addison took up the position of intern to the Food Working Group of the IU Office of Sustainability. Well done, Addison!

William R. Black Leadership Memorial Fellowship Given to Megan Betz

This year’s recipient of the William R. Black Leadership Memorial Fellowship is graduate student Megan Betz. Her research documents the spread of the community orchard movement in the United States. Megan has, in addition to being an excellent student, been instrumental in starting the food and agriculture curriculum in the department. Her course "Community Orchards and Gardens" has now officially been renamed "Alternative Urban Agriculture." Megan was a founding member of the Bloomington Community Orchard and serves on the Bloomington Food Council. She has recently taken a position with the Office of Service Learning on campus as she finishes up her Ph.D. Congratulations, Megan!

Undergraduates Presented with Thomas F. Barton Awards

G107 Physical Geography
Yaorong Xie
G110 Human Geography
Joseph Raucci
G314 Urban Geography
Taylor Thomas
Other Awards Night Recipients

Stephen S. Visher Award
G109 Weather and Climate
Awarded to Jackson Avgerinos

Stephen S. Visher Outstanding Paper in Climatology
Awarded to Ben Lockwood

Outstanding Senior Award
Awarded to Kassandra Leuthart

Stephen S. Visher Outstanding Paper on Indiana
Awarded to Anna Groover

Alumni AI Teaching Award
Awarded to Allison Solomon

Graduate Fellowship
Awarded to Allison Solomon

Graduate Fellowship
Awarded to Julie Wasserman

Robert C. Kingsbury Award
G237 Mapping Our World
Awarded to Olivia Pope Pfingston

Chair’s Graduate Student Recognition Awards

Abdul Aijaz
Jordan Blekking
Edgar Espinoza
Marika Lapham
Zawadi Rowe
Brandon Strange

Tom Au
Josh Bregy
Jessica Fan
Ben Lockwood
Leonard Satterlee
Michelle VanCompernolle

Megan Betz
Beth Ciaravolo
Dan Johnston
Mitchell Owens
Allison Solomon
Julie Wasserman
Friends,

Ah, summer! Like many other places, life is a little slower and a little quieter on the Bloomington campus during the summer. Much of the faculty is away doing research. We have faculty and graduate students in the field throughout the U.S. and Canada, and in Eurasia, Africa and South America. We hope each of you will be able to get a little time away to rejuvenate as well.

This summer issue of the newsletter is focused on our awards banquet. Each spring, we distribute a number of awards to students for academic achievement and for outstanding research. The number and size of awards has grown steadily in my time in the department and I think I can speak for both faculty and students when I say that we feel very fortunate to have so many incredible alumni who have made these awards possible. We thank you very, very much.

Soon, another school year will begin. The quiet of campus will be shattered by the arrival of nearly 50,000 students. And, of course, for a few weeks we will have to look both ways before crossing one of the many one-way streets Bloomington is so notorious for. Our pulse quickens and our heart pumps a little faster just as it does at the beginning of every school year. We will have another exciting year ahead of us—my last as chair.

Dan
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