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It gives me great pleasure to congratulate our undergraduate award winners! Our department is unique in the extent to which undergraduates participate directly in research. Each semester hundreds of students work in the laboratories of world-renowned psychological scientists, helping to move our understanding of Psychology forward. These students make important contributions to our understanding of human growth and development, the origins and treatment of behavioral dysfunction and how the brain supports healthy human behavior and the brain bases of healthy human behavior and behavioral dysfunction.

As you know, your participation in laboratory research has provided training experiences that one cannot get from a classroom. This includes a deep understanding of the complexity of the research literature and the challenges this poses to drawing simple, unambiguous conclusions. In approaching the complexity of scientific observations, you have had to utilize the experimental design, statistical analysis and critical thinking tools you learned about in your courses. This learning-by-doing is essential for strengthening your mastery of these tools. Not only have you learned how to break down complex issues into their component parts, you have gained experience in identifying the gaps in our understanding and designing a path forward for filling in these gaps. Lastly, you have refined your communication skills to share what you have learned. Collectively, these are skills that are in demand widely in our society and will serve you well, no matter which career path you choose.

Your success in the lab is a testament to your hard work, talent and dedication to psychological science. I am very pleased that we have the opportunity to celebrate your success and am thankful for the generosity of our alumni donors who make these awards possible.
Bryan’s Aspiring Psychology Student Award

About the Award

This award is intended to acknowledge students’ excellent work as a UW-Madison student and to encourage these students to take the next steps toward achieving their academic and career goals in the psychology department. Bryan’s Aspiring Psychology Students have declared the Psychology major in the past academic year, and have the top GPAs among their peers. Bryan encouraged these students, through a personal letter he wrote to the recipients, to join a department research lab, consider honors courses and our honors in the major curriculum/program. Many have taken Bryan’s advice and are thriving students with big plans for the future.

About the Donor: Bryan Hendricks

Bryan Hendricks was a beloved Lecturer in the Psychology Department who passed away in 2013 shortly after his retirement. He was always known as Bryan to his students. After receiving his PhD, Bryan taught for 31.5 years at UW-Colleges in Wausau. Subsequently he joined the Psychology department as a Lecturer at UW-Madison. He specialized in the entry level courses: Introductory Psychology, Psychological Statistics, and Experimental Psychology PSY 225 (now Research Methods). He thrived working with bright, ambitious, and energetic students. During his time at UW-Madison, Hendricks made an impact on so many Psychology undergraduates. Through his substantial gifts and the creation of an endowed fund, the Department of Psychology has granted hundreds of awards in Bryan’s honor.
Maynie Bradley

Maynie Bradley is a senior from Madison, Wisconsin, majoring in Music Performance and Psychology. On campus, Maynie is involved with the Solana Quartet.

Rosalie Cai

Rosalie Cai is from Beijing, China. She is majoring in Psychology and Computer Science. On campus, Rosalie is involved in Badger Volunteers and serves as Vice President of the Global China Connection – Madison student organization. Rosalie has worked in two different Psychology research labs and hopes to conduct a Senior Thesis in the future.

Shelby Ballweg

Shelby Ballweg is from Cross Plains, Wisconsin. Shelby is double majoring in Psychology and Biology with a Certificate in Global Health. She is involved with the American Medical Women’s Association, volunteers with the Rape Crisis Center, and works for an entomology lab on campus. Shelby plans on pursuing a career in genetic counseling.
Alison Cardella
Alison is from Ailes, Illinois. She is majoring in Psychology and Rehabilitation Psychology. In the future, Alison hopes to pursue a career in mental health counseling or occupational therapy.

Zachary Demko
Zachary Demko is a senior from Glendale, Wisconsin, majoring in Psychology and getting a certificate in French. Zachary works in the Learning and Transfer Lab with C Shawn Green and Aaron Cochrane. At UW, Zachary studied abroad in Tours, France, volunteers with Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, is a Badger Volunteer with Catholic Charities Adult Day Center, is the American Civil Liberties Union Student Alliance Interim President, is a Running Club Member, is on the Psi Chi Newsletter Committee, and is a Schools of Hope Tutor. In the future, Zachary hopes to get a PhD in Clinical Psychology.

Echo Fatsis
Echo Fatsis is from Shoreview, Minnesota. She is majoring in Psychology with a certificate in Criminal Justice. Echo plans on attending Law School and pursuing a career as a defense attorney.
Ellen Hickman

Ellen Hickman is pursuing a major in Psychology as well as a major in Sociology along with a Southeast Asian Studies certificate. She is a member of the L&S Honors program. In the future, Ellen hopes to work in academia or research.

Pari Johnson

Pari Johnson is a senior majoring in Psychology. Pari Johnson is from Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. She plans on attending Medical School in the future.

Caitlin Moeller

Caitlin Moeller is junior majoring in Psychology and getting a certificate in Disability Rights and Services. Caitlin Moeller is from Port Washington, Wisconsin. She plans on a future career as an Occupational Therapist working with children.

Adlina Sofia Mohamed Muhrizan

Adlina Sofia Mohamed Muhrizan is a junior from Kemaman, Malaysia, majoring in Psychology and getting a certificate in Education and Educational Services. Adlina Sofia is currently applying for Infant Learning Lab and looks up to Ron Pomper and Jenny Saffran. On campus, Adlina Sofia is a volunteer at ArtWorking (providing help and support to artists with disabilities), volunteer for the MSA (Malaysian Student Association) Malaysian Night, and a Student Supervisor at the Union South Kiosks. In the future, Adlina Sofia plans to pursue her interest in Child Development, specifically in Language Acquisition and Speech for her post-graduate studies.
Katherine Romes

Katherine Romes is a sophomore from Green Bay, Wisconsin, majoring in Neurobiology and Psychology. Katherine works in the Embark Labs in the Psychiatry Department with Katherine Schauberg. On campus, Katherine is involved with Associate Student Justice - Student Judiciary, a Youth Program Intern at Access to Independence, an Active Member of MEDLIFE, and the Co-Founder of the Body Advocacy Movement. In the future, Katherine hopes to continue on to Medical School to pursue Psychiatry.

Luke Rutten


Lara Sak

Lara Sak is from Waukesha, Wisconsin. She is double majoring in Psychology and Neurobiology. Lara plans on pursuing a career in medicine with a goal of obtaining both her MD and PhD.

Brooke Schroeder

Brooke Schroeder is a junior from Stevens Point, Wisconsin, majoring in Biochemistry and Psychology. On campus, Brooke is an Undergraduate Research Assistant at the Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center, a Clinical Research Intern at the Carbone Cancer Center, in Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-Health National Honor Society), and a SSM Health Volunteer. In the future, Brooke hopes to go to medical school and specialize in surgery, neuropsychology, or oncology.
Sadona Thompson
Sadona Thompson is a junior from Oshkosh, Wisconsin, majoring in Human Development and Family Studies and Psychology. Sadona works in the Cognitive Development and Media Lab with Heather Kirkorian. On campus, Sadona is involved with Badger Volunteers and the National Organization for Women. In the future, Sadona wants to go to graduate school for school psychology.

Tao Wang
Tao Wang is a senior from Beijing, China, majoring in Biology and Psychology. Tao works in Jyoti Watters’ Lab in the department of comparative bioscience. On campus, Tao volunteers with UW Hospital and Capitol Lakes and is in Phi Beta Kappa honor society. In the future, Tao is planning on applying for medical school, including MD/PhD programs.

Emma Wardour
Emma is from Andover, Minnesota. She is pursuing majors in Psychology and Legal Studies with a Gender and Women’s Studies Certificate. Emma plans on pursuing either Law School or Graduate School with the intent of becoming an attorney or forensic psychologist.

Samantha Zeid
Samantha Zeid is a junior from Clayton, Missouri, majoring in French and Sociology. Samantha works in the Prejudice & Intergroup Relations Lab and the Social Kids Lab with Tory Ash, Katherine Scott, and Megan Bruun. On campus, Samantha is involved with the Hillel Foundation for Jewish Student Life, an officer in French Ambassadors, a French tutor for GUTS, and a UW campus Tour Guide. In the future, Samantha wants to attend grad school and conduct sociological research, likely in France.
Arlene Davenport Award

About the Award

The purpose of the Arlene R. Davenport Fund is to annually support a Psychology student who has demonstrated a career interest in psychological research. Funds are to be used to help defray research and career development costs. This award is funded by Professor Emeritus Charles Snowdon & Ann Lindsey and Friends and Family of Arlene Davenport.

About the Donor: Arlene Davenport

The fund was initiated by the Department Chair at that time, Professor Charles Snowdon, on the occasion of Arlene Davenport’s retirement after 37 years of service to the Department of Psychology. Arlene made many important contributions to the department through her advising (she was the only advisor and today we have four) and also by initiating many important programs:

- The development and nurturing of Psi Chi, the International Honor Society of Psychology
- An annual state-wide Undergraduate Research Symposium that continued for 25 years
- The successful development and shepherding of the Psychology Research Experience Program, a highly successful NSF-funded program for minority and low-income, first-generation students to develop research skills

It was felt that Arlene’s service was best honored through an annual scholarship for research-oriented UW psychology students.
Isabella Annan

Isabella Annan is a senior from Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, majoring in Psychology. Isabella works in the Gernsbacher Lab with Morton Ann Gernsbacher. On campus, Isabella is involved with the African Students Association, the Peer Learning Association, and the TriO CeO. In the future, Isabella is attending graduate school at UW-Madison to receive a Phd in counseling psychology.

Annika Hendrickson

Annika Hendrickson is a senior from Webster, Wisconsin, majoring in Psychology and getting a certificate in Art History. Annika works in the Infant Learning Lab with Jenny Saffran. On campus, Annika is the president of Psi Chi this year, Newsletter Chair of Psi Chi the last two years and the Powers-Knapp Scholar. In the future, Annika wants to work in research for a couple of years and then attend graduate school for Developmental Psychology.

Lauren Schilling

Lauren Schilling is a senior from Minocqua, Wisconsin, majoring in Education Studies and Psychology. Lauren works in the Language and Cognitive Neuroscience Lab with Mark Seidenberg and Matthew Cooper-Borkenhagen. On campus, Lauren is a volunteer for Schools of Hope Project at James C. Wright Middle School, volunteer for Achieving Collaborative Treatment RACE Group, member of Wisconsin Track Club, member of Badgers Reach Out and Read, and editor for the Journal of Undergraduate International Studies. Lauren is most passionate about enhancing curricular language environments to support children from socioeconomically diverse backgrounds. She hopes to complete a PhD program in Psychology, develop novel literacy interventions, and explore cognitive mechanisms that predict individual differences in reading.
“Who must do the hard things? Those who can. Who must do the impossible things? Those who care.”

Carolyn Robertson Payton
Department of Psychology Class of 1948
Outstanding Undergraduate Research Scholar Award

About the Award

This award is given to students who were nominated by a Psychology faculty member and have been outstanding and exceptional research assistants and scholars. When Bryan Hendricks initially donated the funds for this award, he wished to remain anonymous. Today, when students are nominated and awarded the Outstanding Undergraduate Research Scholars Award, they are told about Bryan and his generous contribution to recognize undergraduates’ hard work and dedication to the innovation and discovery happening at UW-Madison.

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Benjamin Barmore

Benjamin Barmore is a senior from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, majoring in Psychology and Human Development and Family Studies. Benjamin works in the Cognitive Development and Communication Lab with Martha Alibali and Andrea Marquardt-Donovan. In the future, Benjamin wants to continue working as a preschool teacher at Creative Learning Preschool here in Madison.

Derek Corica

Derek Corica is majoring in Psychology and plans to attend Medical School. He has worked for several semesters with Berbridge in the Neural Bases of Behavior Lab.

Zachary Demko

Zachary Demko is a senior from Glendale, Wisconsin, majoring in Psychology and getting a certificate in French. Zachary works in the Learning and Transfer Lab with C Shawn Green and Aaron Cochrane. At UW, Zachary studied abroad in Tours, France, volunteers with Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, is a Badger Volunteer with Catholic Charities Adult Day Center, is the American Civil Liberties Union Student Alliance Interim President, is a Running Club Member, is on the Psi Chi Newsletter Committee, and is a Schools of Hope Tutor. In the future, Zachary hopes to get a PhD in Clinical Psychology.
Kelly Doty

Kelly Doty is a senior from Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin, majoring in Psychology and Social Welfare. Kelly works in the Hill Goldsmith Lab - Wisconsin Twin Project and Richard Davidson Lab - Center for Healthy Minds with Sasha Sommerfeldt (Davidson); Ian Carroll (Goldsmith). On campus, Kelly is a program facilitator for Sex Out Loud, volunteered freshman and sophomore year as a crisis counselor on the Dane County Rape Crisis Help Line and volunteered with the Hospital Elder Life Program. Kelly has taken a post graduate research position in the Program for Obesity, Weight and Eating Research (POWER) at Yale School of Medicine. Kelly will work for 1-2 years in this lab and then pursue her doctoral studies in clinical psychology focusing on eating behaviors and disorders.

Selin Gok

Selin is majoring in Psychology with Honors in the Major and is also earning a Global Health Certificate. She works in the Child Emotion Lab and Center for Healthy Minds. Selin plans on becoming a clinical psychologist specializing in sustainable, preventative health interventions for youth with mood disorders.

Claire Girod

Claire Girod is from Stevens Point, Wisconsin. She is double majoring in Psychology and Anthropology. She has worked with both Miyamoto in the Culture and Cognition Lab and Lupyan in the Lupyan Lab. Claire is completing her Senior Thesis with Miyamoto and plans on attaining her PhD in Clinical Psychology.
Hannah Goldbaum

Hannah Goldbaum is majoring in Psychology and Anthropology. She has been participating in research with a focus on mindfulness and plans on pursuing a PhD in Clinical Psychology.

Yuzhe Gu

Yuzhe is majoring in Psychology and Computer Science. He plans on attending graduate school to continue his research focused on cognitive neuroscience.

Melanie Helvick

Melanie Helvick is a senior from Richfield, Wisconsin, majoring in Psychology, Legal Studies, and getting a certificate in Criminal Justice. Melanie works in the Cox Stereotyping and Bias Research Lab. On campus, Melanie is involved with Wisconsin Singers. In the future, Melanie hopes to have a career as a clinical forensic psychologist.
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Ian Henion
Ian is from Boston, Massachusetts. He is double majoring in Psychology and Biochemistry. Ian hopes to combine his interests of molecular biology and psychology to study the underlying causes of mental disease.

Madeline Henkel
Madeline Henkel is a senior from Hartland, Wisconsin, majoring in Psychology and getting a certificate in Studio Art and Education and Educational Services. Madeline works in the Social Kids Lab, Prejudice and Intergroup Relations Lab with Patricia Devine, Kristin Shutts, Katharine Scott, and Megan Bruun. On campus, Madeline is involved with Ask.Listen.Save. as the publicity coordinator, and Badger Spill as a student supporter. In the future, Madeline is starting lab manager position in the Social Kids Lab this summer, and hopes to attend graduate school for counseling psychology or school psychology.
“The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change.”

Carl Rogers
Department of Psychology Faculty Member
1957-1963
Outstanding Undergraduate Research Scholar Award Recipients

Emily Johnson
Emily Johnson is a senior from Green Bay, Wisconsin, majoring in Neurobiology and Psychology. Emily works in the Saalmann Lab with Yuri Saalmann and Jessica Phillips. On campus, Emily is involved with Alpha Omega Epsilon, Society of Undergraduate Researchers, UW Conflict & Culture (Study Abroad Program in Croatia), DIS - Study Abroad in Scandinavia (Study Abroad Program in Denmark), and a STEM Immersion Leader for the STEM Immersion Program. In the future, Emily wants to continue with research.

Orli Jona
Orli Jona is a senior from Wilmette, Illinois, majoring in Biology, Psychology, and getting a certificate in Gender and Women's Studies and Global Health. Orli works in the Gernsbacher Lab with Morton Ann Gernsbacher. On campus, Orli is an Undergraduate Research Assistant in the Handelsman Lab (Dept. of Plant Pathology), Research Intern for Tiny Earth Chemistry Hub, and a Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Unit Volunteer at American Family Children's Hospital. In the future, Orli hopes to go to medical school to become an OB/GYN and an advocate for women's health.

Emma Lai
Emma Lai is a senior from Rockford, Illinois, majoring in Economics, Psychology, and Religious Studies. Emma works in the Brauer Group Lab with Markus Brauer and Naomi Isenberg. On campus, Emma is a Professional Outreach Chair, High School Outreach Chair, Vice President of Women in Economics, and the Interfaith Fellow and Digital Coordinator at the Center for Religion and Global Citizenry. In the future, Emma wants to understand and quantify the motivations and consequences of human behavior.
Andrew Langbehn
Andrew Langbehn is a senior from Portage, Michigan, majoring in Psychology and getting a certificate in Criminal Justice. Andrew works in the Niedenthal Emotions Lab with Paula Niedenthal PhD, Olivia Zhao, and Ethan Harrod. On campus, Andrew is involved with Koenigs Lab and Student Veterans of America. Andrew has accepted an offer to study at the University of Tennessee in an Experimental Psychology PhD. Program beginning in the fall.

Alexander Latham
Alexander Latham is a senior majoring in Psychology. Alexander works in the Harackiewicz Motivation Lab with Judy Harackiewicz and Cameron Hecht. On campus, Alexander is involved with Psi Chi and Wisconsin Admissions Volunteers. In the future, Alexander will be attending a PhD. program in School Psychology here at UW.

Anna Li
Anna Li is a senior from Muskego, Wisconsin, majoring in Neurobiology and Psychology. Anna works in the Social Kids Lab with Kristin Shutts and Nathan Vasquez. On campus, Anna is a volunteer with BASES and the Boys and Girls Club. Anna will be attending the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities for her PhD in School Psychology in the fall.

Not Pictured: Makayla Liebeck
Makayla Liebeck is a senior majoring in Psychology and Social Work.
Craig Lundeen
Craig is from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is majoring in Psychology and earning a Business Certificate. He plans on applying to graduate programs in Industrial and Organizational Psychology.

Vanesa Meneses
Vanesa Meneses is from Middleton, Wisconsin. Vanesa works in the Cognitive Development and Communication Lab with Martha Alibali and Anna Bartel. On campus, Vanesa is involved with Mercille J. Lee Scholar, Badger Volunteer, tutoring through Escalera, Psi Chi, and Badger Spill. Vanesa is eager to being applying to Ph.D. programs in developmental psychology in fall 2021. Between then and now, Vanesa will be preparing for the GRE, as well as volunteering and working in fields related to potential research interests such as academic achievement, resilience, or broader cognitive psychology topics.

Rachel Posener
Rachel is from Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania. She is earning Honors in the Major for Psychology. Rachel plans on pursuing a PhD in Clinical Psychology.

Victoria Potter
Victoria Potter is a senior from Osseo, Wisconsin, majoring in Psychology and getting a certificate in Gender and Women’s Studies and Criminal Justice. Victoria works in the Harlow Primate Lab with Chris Coe. On campus, Victoria is involved with Intramural volleyball, volunteering through 4-H, and an internship at Dane County Sheriff’s Office. In the future, Victoria wants to pursue a master’s degree in social work with an emphasis on mental health then gain employment in a correctional facility.
Outstanding Undergraduate Research Scholar Award Recipients

Jazmine Ramos

Jazmine is from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is pursuing majors in Psychology and Neurobiology and certificates in Environmental Studies and Global Health. On campus, she’s participated in clubs such as Community Health Volunteers of Madison. Jazmine plans on attending Medical School in the future.

Anantha Rao

Anantha Rao is a senior from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, majoring in Psychology and Statistics, and getting a certificate in Computer Science. Anantha works in the Austerweil Lab with Xian Shi Liew. On campus, Anantha is involved with the Madhatters acappella group and is an IT assistant for the School for Human Ecology. In the future, Anantha wants to work as a data scientist before eventually applying to graduate school. Eventually, Anantha wants to get some kind of advanced degree in Cognitive Science or Statistics, do research, and teach as a professor.

Peter Reinke

Peter Reinke is a senior from Sheboygan, Wisconsin, majoring in Psychology. Peter works in the Brauer Group Lab with Professor Markus Brauer. On campus, Peter is involved with the Student Leadership Program and the Wisconsin Experience Seminar. In the future, Peter is attending graduate school at Minnesota for a PhD in School Psychology.
“Change requires courage, but the failure to change does not signify the lack of it.”

Harriet Goldhor Lerner
Department of Psychology Class of 1966
Lauren Schilling

Lauren Schilling is a senior from Minocqua, Wisconsin, majoring in Psychology and Education Studies. Lauren works in the Language and Cognitive Neuroscience Lab with Mark Seidenberg and Matthew Cooper-Borkenhagen. On campus, Lauren is a volunteer for Schools of Hope Project at James C. Wright Middle School, volunteer for Achieving Collaborative Treatment RACE Group, member of Wisconsin Track Club, member of Badgers Reach Out and Read, and editor for the Journal of Undergraduate International Studies. Lauren is most passionate about enhancing curricular language environments to support children from socioeconomically diverse backgrounds. She hopes to complete a PhD program in Psychology, develop novel literacy interventions, and explore cognitive mechanisms that predict individual differences in reading.

Amy So

Amy So is a senior from East Brunswick, New Jersey, majoring in Psychology. Amy works in the Gooding PATHS Lab with Diane C. Gooding. On campus, Amy is involved with the Badger Volunteers at the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery, Psi Chi, Psychology Club, Best Buddies Organization, Delta Delta Delta Fraternity, Order of Omega, and Panhellenic Association. In the future, Amy plans to pursue a PhD. in clinical psychology. Her research interests encompass developmental psychopathology in pediatric populations.

Louisa Solarz

Louisa Solarz is majoring in Psychology. She has worked in the Marler Lab for several semesters. Louisa plans on working in the non-profit sector after graduation.
Sheyenne Tung

Sheyenne is majoring in both Psychology and Neurobiology. She has worked as a research assistant at the Waisman Center for several semesters. Sheyenne plans on attending Medical School and working in Pediatrics.

Autumn Wickman

Autumn Wickman is a senior from Athens, Wisconsin, majoring in Neurobiology and Psychology. Autumn works in the Schloss Visual Reasoning Lab with Karen Schloss. On campus, Autumn is involved with Wisconsin Track Club, Music Therapy Association-Community Outreach, Music and Memory-Volunteer Coordinator, Undergraduate Neuroscience Society, and is the student supervisor for Wisconsin Union Catering. In the future, Autumn is working in Minneapolis for a year then applying to graduate school.

Not Pictured: Zengbo Xie

Zengbo Xie is a senior from Madison, Wisconsin, majoring in Neurobiology and Psychology. Zengbo works in the Postle Lab with Brad Postle and Quan Wan.
Serendipity Award

About the Award

This award recognizes an undergraduate student who has been nominated by a faculty member in whose lab they work. The award is designed to give a student who is committed to a career in Psychology an unexpected “boost,” just as the donor himself once received such a boost that set him on a wonderful career trajectory.

About the Donor: Aris Alexander

Aris Alexander graduated in 1957 with a BS in psychology and went on to earn his MS and PhD in psychology, all from the University of Wisconsin—Madison. A retired professor of psychiatry, Aris is erudite, insightful, and kind, and speaks honestly about life, priorities, and happenstance. A Milwaukee native, Aris first began his collegiate studies as an Architecture major at the University of Illinois. He then transferred to UW-Madison to pursue engineering, only to change to a Psychology major in his third year. His desire to change majors, and the opportune support Aris received from one particular College administrator during that time, gave him the serendipitous push he needed to pursue a career in the field of Psychology. Through Alexander’s donation to the Psychology Department, he established a Serendipity Award for undergraduates and graduate students pursuing Psychology.

Serendipity Award Recipient

Isaac Siegel

Isaac Siegel is a senior from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, majoring in Psychology. Isaac works in the Brauer Group Lab with Mitchell Campbell and Markus Brauer. On campus, Isaac is involved with GUTS Conversational English Tutoring and Capitol Lakes Music & Memory Program. In the future, Isaac wants to go into counseling psychology.
“Education is learning to grow, learning what to grow toward, learning what is good and bad, learning what is desirable and undesirable, learning what to choose and what not to choose.”

Abraham Maslow

Department of Psychology Class of 1931
Thesis and Travel Awards

About the Awards

Undergraduates may receive these awards to support research and thesis projects supervised by a Psychology faculty mentor or to cover travel expenses to present research at a professional conference.

About the Donor: Joyce Rosevear

Joyce Rosevear received her PhD in 1974 in animal behavior working with Harry Harlow. She spent several years as a graduate teaching assistant and instructor at the University of Wisconsin Center campus. Joyce recognized through her experiences with Harlow, the importance of research and supporting students’ pursuits in research, particularly undergraduates. She established the Undergraduate Thesis and Travel Awards through her generous, yearly donations. Rosevear has been an active member of the Department of Psychology’s Board of Visitors. In 2018, along with her husband Fred, the Rosevears received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the Psychology Department for their longstanding support of the Department.
Maryann Rehani

Maryann Rehani is a senior from Madison, Wisconsin, majoring in Neurobiology and Psychology. Maryann works in the Gernsbacher Lab with Morton Ann Gernsbacher. On campus, Maryann is involved with the Sigma Alpha Omega Sorority, Blackhawk College Age Ministry (CAM), Nacewicz Neurochem Lab, volunteering at her church, and is an ABA therapist for kiddos with autism. In the future, Maryann is doing a master’s at Loyola University Chicago in Child Law and Policy and her long term goal is to become a developmental pediatrician. Her thesis is titled “ASD Literature Functioning Labels: “High Functioning” Discrepancies.”

Ann Richey

Ann Richey is from Appleton, Wisconsin. She is majoring in Psychology and Legal Studies and pursuing a certificate in Criminal Justice. Ann has worked in Ryan Herringa’s BRAVE Youth lab for two years. She intends to earn her PhD in Psychology and work on projects related to child psychology and public policy. Her thesis is titled “Meta-Analysis of Resiliency and Vulnerability to Childhood Trauma: Structural MRI.”

Madeline Wabiszewski

Madeline Wabiszewski is double majoring in Psychology and Human Development and Family Studies. She plans on pursuing a Masters degree in Social Work with a focus on clinical child welfare. She has worked with Gernsbacher for several semesters, and her thesis is titled “The Functioning Labels Project – Low Functioning.”
Ian Henion

Ian is from Boston, Massachusetts. He is double majoring in Psychology and Biochemistry. Ian hopes to combine his interests of molecular biology and psychology to study the underlying causes of mental disease.

Rubiarbriana Jamison

Rubiarbriana Jamison has worked in the Language Cognitive Neuroscience Lab for several semesters. She plans on pursuing a career in Clinical or Counseling Psychology. Rubiarbriana plans on attending the Society for Scientific Study of Reading Conference this summer.

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The Department of Psychology Faculty and Staff
The Department of Psychology is pleased to be hosting its first virtual undergraduate Student Thesis and Research Showcase (STaRS). This online showcase will provide an opportunity for current students to present their research to peers, faculty, staff, alumni, family, and friends.

Check out our Psychology STaRS at: sites.google.com/view/uw-psych-stars-2020