

ACS Student Awards Report - April 6 (Dr. Sara Narayan)

The student awards ceremony was a success, with 80 attendees. Registration began at 11:30 AM, although some early birds were present as early as 10:30 AM in the Fourier Hall Library of Notre Dame University of Maryland. A total of 23 institutions were represented, and 22 out of the 23 responded positively. We extend our gratitude to all the chairs for recommending their outstanding chemistry students.

All the students received gifts (laptop backpacks) delivered by Amazon directly to their home addresses prior to the event.

Dr. Jason Labonte excelled in organizing the event as a host, assisted by Brittney, his wife, who helped extensively with arrangements, including coordination with the MJC caterer. BTW for those of you who are interested in Jason/Brittney's website of their guitar and band, Visit their website. Britney's musical act is called Róisín. (It's Irish for "Rose".) Here are some links to her pages:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3OptduQHBI&list=OLAK5uy_l8OnOBAbok8Q7yY5bOBwmQ_zuJldzo_GY
- <https://roisin1.bandcamp.com/>
- <https://www.patreon.com/RoisinMusic>

Ms. Beatrice Salazar, Chair of the Local Section of ACS, welcomed the audience at noon. She spoke about the Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society and detailed its events from K-12 through various awards programs. She also introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Mario Livio, an eminent astrophysicist, and author of eight books.

Following the welcome address by Ms. Salazar, Dr. Sara Narayan, Chair and Program Coordinator of the Student Awards Program, commenced the award ceremony by welcoming the awardees and their guests. She presented awards to all students in alphabetical order by first name. Students were notified by email

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prior to the event about the order of the event. Upon receiving their certificates, students shared their future goals. Four students were unable to attend due to illness, and their certificates were mailed to their home addresses.

Dr. Mario Livio, an eminent astrophysicist and author of eight books, addressed students on the topic "IS EARTH EXCEPTIONAL? The Quest for Cosmic Life." His speech was well received and followed by several Q&A sessions.

Tamar Singman from Stevenson University actively engaged with the speaker by asking numerous questions along with several other students and the audience. She also presented a poster at the event.

Here are some pictures sent by the courtesy of Ms. Beatrice Salazar.

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Thanks to Ms. Beatrice Salazar for making the Maryland News prior to our awards ceremony (see attached). It was exceedingly kind of Dr Louise to make copies of the flyer to distribute to the attendees on the day of the event.

I want to thank both Ms. Beatrice Salazar and Dr. Louise Hellwig for helping me out at the event.

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Pictures sent by Dr.Louise Hellwig. Ann Nicole Bryant is receiving the award.

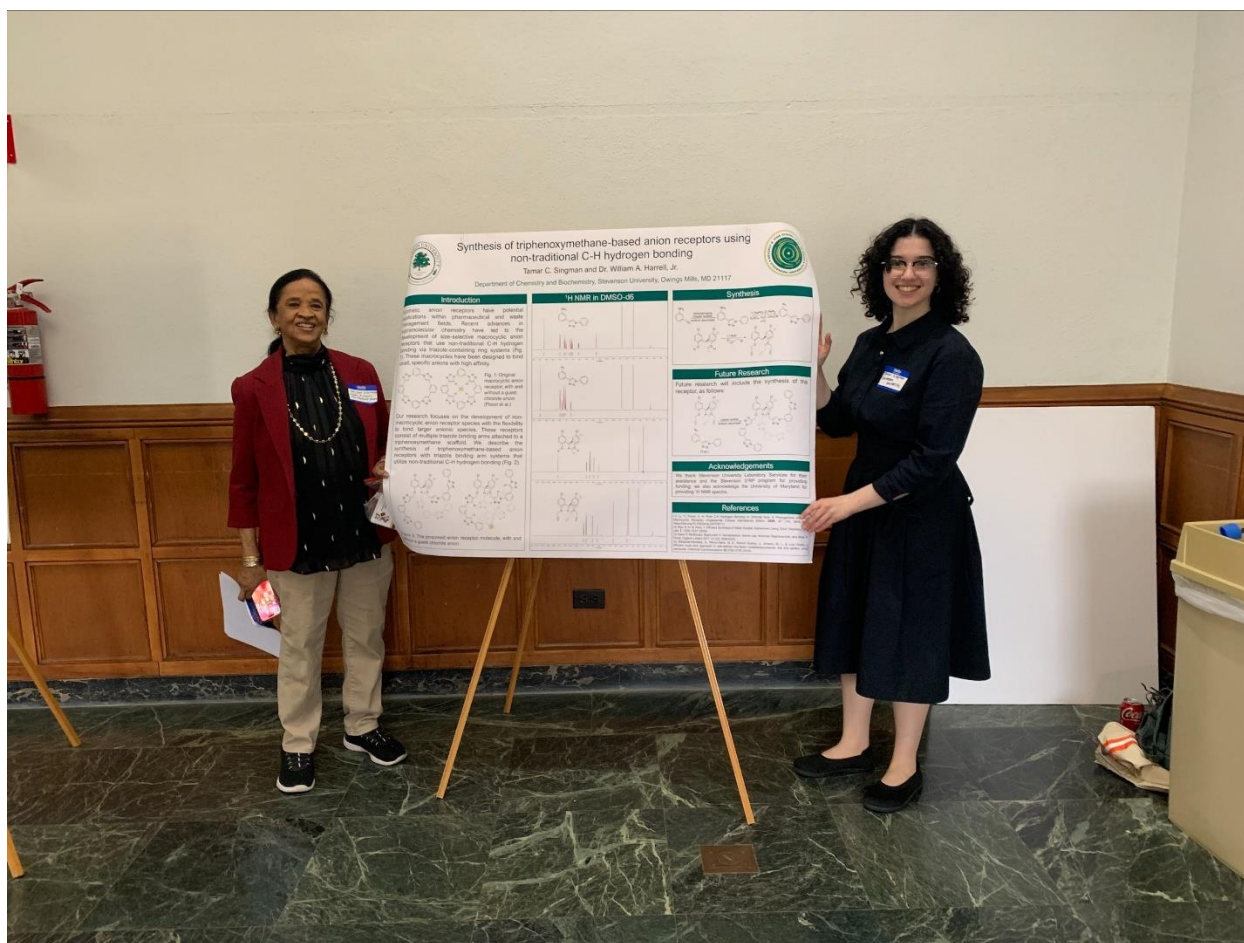




Four students were awarded the ACS travel award for presenting their posters. However, Alex Potter was unable to attend. Below are the titles and affiliations of the awarded students:

- Alex Potter, Towson University - No show
- Colin Flanagan, Hood College - Title of poster presentation: "Investigating Polymer Ink Wettability via High Throughput Experimentation and Machine Learning."
- Lexi Wise, UMBC - Title of poster presentation: "Understanding the Degradation of Verdigris & Developing Strategies for its Conservation in Artwork."

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Tamar Singman from Stevenson University actively engaged with the speaker by asking numerous questions, in addition to other students and audience members. She also presented a poster at the event titled "Synthesis of Triphenoxymethane-based Anion Receptors using Non-traditional C-H Bonding."

I have included pictures of other awardees.

Participants appreciated the posters.