

# 2020 Research & Engagement Award Winners

Thank you for celebrating the scholarship and work of our faculty, community partners, and students over the course of the 2019-2020 academic year!

You can find a full list of the 2020 Award Winners below.

## Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award Winners

***Courtney Carmack***

*Biology Research Fellowship*

*Dr. Joseph Milanovich*

*Courtney in each lab project has focused on examining the water quality, water chemistry and biodiversity on golf course ecosystems, and examining the influence of nutrient and pesticide additions on aquatic ecosystems in a mesocosm setting.*

***Peter Fiorica***

*Carbon Research Fellowship, Mulcahy Scholars Program and BIOL 296*

*Dr. Heather Wheeler*

*Peter's project is titled "Optimizing Imputation Performance for the Genetics of Neuropsychiatric Traits in African American Cohorts."*

***Genevieve Johnson***

*Mulcahy Scholars Program*

*Dr. Catherine Putonti*

*In collaboration with a bioinformatics programmer, Genevieve conducted in depth analysis of two Pseudomonas genomes of isolates from the female urogenital tract.*

***Spencer Johnson***

*Computer Science Independent Research Study*

*Dr. Eric Chan-Tin*

*Spencer's research was to investigate the relationship between password security beliefs and behaviors with personality and demographic variables.*

**Madeline Jurcev**

*Psychology 370: Honors Research and Mulcahy Scholars Program*

*Dr. Elizabeth Wakefield*

*Madeline worked in Psychology lab conducting research on eye-tracking methodologies to investigate how adults and children learn novel words through actions and gestures.*

**Jackson West**

*CS 310: Introduction to Operating Systems*

*Dr. Neil Klingensmith*

*Jack's work focuses on connectivity for the Internet of Things (IoT), particularly for large city-scale networks of sensors like red light cameras, CCTV systems, air quality sensors, and other environmental and transportation measurement networks that are spread out over large areas.*

**Mary Therese Langerbeck Award for Undergraduate Research Mentoring**

***Dr. Elizabeth Wakefield***

*Assistant Professor, Psychology Department*

***Dr. Michael Dentato***

*Associate Professor, School of Social Work*

**Community Engagement Award for Social Justice**

***Chelsea Moore***

*Psychology 390: Internship in Psychology, Dr. Maryse Richards*

*Resilience Rape Crisis Center*

***Marissa Gibson***

*Psychology 390: Internship in Psychology, Dr. Maryse Richards*

*Kristine Schanbacher for Congress*

**Community Engagement Award for Impact**

***Stephanie Rodriguez***

*Computer Science 391: Internship, Dr. Robert Yacobellis*

*Kemper Corporation*

***Danielle Soukup***

*EXPL390: Organizational Change and Community Leadership, Dr. Cynthia Stewart  
Make-a-Wish Foundation*

**Community Engagement Award for Innovation in Sustainability**

***Carly Fournier, Mackenzie Roof, and Alicia Vrabec***

*ENVS/BIOL 369: Field Ornithology, Rev. Stephen Mitten, S.J.  
Field Museum, St. Ignatius Jesuit Community, Loyola University Chicago, and Chicago Bird  
Collision Monitors*

***Thurman Simpson-Medley***

*CPST 397: Capstone, Jim Coughlin  
Living Word Christian Center*

**Community Partner Award for Co-Education**

***Girlforward***

*A community of support dedicated to creating and enhancing opportunities for girls who have  
been displaced by conflict and persecution*

***Rogers Park Business Alliance***

*Cultivating and sustaining a thriving economic environment in Rogers Park, serving businesses  
and residents.*

**Learning Portfolio Award for Creativity and Innovation**

***Tiana Thompson***

<https://tianasthompson.wixsite.com/eportfolio>

*Senior Capstone in Dance*

**Learning Portfolio Award for Critical Reflection**

***Alexandra Ditoro***

<https://alexandradanceportfolio.weebly.com/>

*Senior Capstone in Dance*

**Learning Portfolio Award for Social Justice**

***Lydia Jekot***

*Senior Capstone in Dance*