



RUTGERS

School of Environmental
and Biological Sciences

2021 Awards and Scholarships

Faculty Awards

RECOGNITION OF THE BARBARA MUNSON GOFF TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD – 2021

Dr. Chloe Hawkings, Assistant Professor and Undergraduate Program Director, Department of Entomology

RECOGNITION OF THE BARBARA MUNSON GOFF TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD – 2020

Anthony Broccoli, Professor and Chair, Department of Environmental Sciences

Awards Presented to the Senior Class in 2021

BEN AND EVA ADELAJA STUDENT LEADERSHIP PRIZE

Brigitte F. Schackerman

DAVID H. AGANS MEMORIAL

State Grange of New Jersey—awarded to students planning to pursue an education and occupation in agriculture

Calvin S. Cho
Natasia J. Ortiz

Madeline Procopi
Robert A. Strickhart

TEUVO AIROLA MEMORIAL AWARD IN ENVIRONMENTAL GEOMATICS

awarded to a senior for outstanding scholastic achievement in the Environmental Geomatics Certificate and Geomatics Option Program

Swati Modhwadia

PHILLIP ALAMPI SCHOLARSHIP

awarded to students with academic and leadership qualities and community service

Ashley M. Adams
Connor E. Anderson
Ludvinna Bazile
Alyssa M. Bright
Grace Lee
Kayla A. Luis
Ravi Mohamed

Justin S. Nam
Mitu P. Patel
Timothy W. Schwanitz
Moshe Schwartz
Katherine D. Scott
Ashley N. Stoop
Akino Tomizawa

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS HONOR AND MERIT AWARDS

awarded for excellence in the study of Landscape Architecture.

Mackenzie S. Gilvey – *Honor*
Lubna F. Lakhwala – *Honor*

Benjamin M. Lazen – *Merit*
Matthew R. Lehner – *Merit*

EDGAR B. BACON AWARD

awarded to Cumberland or Hudson County residents based on academic merit

Emily N. Rivera

C. OLIN BALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

to outstanding student in food engineering courses

Nilam Kalawadia

DR. JOHN W. BARLETT SCHOLARSHIP

awarded to a student majoring in Animal Science based on academic merit

Madeline Procopi

SAMUEL W. AND BERTA THOMSON BROWN MEMORIAL

awarded to students in an environmental related major

Alexandria A. Haris
Brigitte F. Schackerman

Steven Solari

MURRAY AND HELEN BUELL SCHOLARSHIP

awarded to students in natural resource management/applied ecology based on academic merit

Brianna M. Mitrione
Estefano P. Mora-Villacres

Eva S. Popp
Tiana R. Thomas

LINDA RUDOLPH BURNS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

awarded to Middlesex County College/Middlesex County residents in environmental science based on academic merit

Mateo Gonzalez

JAMES DICKSON CARR SCHOLARS

in honor of the first African American graduate of Rutgers University, based on academic merit

Mikayla M. Byron
Blanca I. Capan
Andrew Costa
Benjiman Mendelovits
Isaiah A. Moreta

Victoria O. Oyeneke
Laryssa M. Rodriguez
Alexander K. Saber
Imara Savon

CLASS OF 1925 SCHOLARSHIP

awarded to students based on academic performance and personal character

Yahel Ben-Zvi
Ishaa Gadkari

Marissa R. Guzik
Chelsea Phuangthong

CLASS OF 1929 SCHOLARSHIP

awarded to academically outstanding students

Esther O. Lawal

Tiana R. Thomas

CLASS OF 1933/LIPMAN FAMILY

awarded to students based on academic merit

Michael A. Connelly
Lubna F. Lakhwala

Luisa Lombardo

CLASS OF 1944 AWARD

awarded to an academically outstanding student

Kaitlin A. Decker

Melissa S. Kelly

CLASS OF 1954 ALUMNI AWARD

awarded to seniors based on academic merit

Ishaa Gadkari

William J. Mack III

JEAN M. COLEMAN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Alejandra M. Aguilar

COLLEGE SCHOLARS

Rutgers University Award for academic merit

Ireland E. Lee

DR. CHARLES H. CONNORS MEMORIAL

New Jersey Garden Club—awarded in memory of Professor H. Connors by the Garden Club of New Jersey to a student majoring in landscape architecture or ornamental horticulture

Lubna F. Lakhwala

G. H. COOK COMMUNITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The Roy DeBoer Outstanding Senior Award

Wamia Siddiqui
Sean P. Lynch

Cook Community Alumni Association Award

Raniella S. Aznar
Alejandra M. Aguilar

George H. Cook Honors Thesis

Ravi Mohamed

G.H. Cook Leadership Award

Laura E. Rademacher
Brenna M. Ilg

Mollie M. Passacantando

COOK COMMUNITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Allison P. Almeda-Ahmadi
Lily Lumkong

COOK EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Zaineb A. Aziz
Amber A. Burgos
Fiona T. Chen
Yarelis Cortes
Annaliese F. Cuneo
Nina M. Fedoryka
Laurie M. Ferreras
Frederick R. Fulper II
Sarah R. Holick
Eseosa S. Igiehon
Bhakti Jain
Thomas C. Jennerich
Andzelika Klejka
Richard Kuperus
Arthur A. Lee

Brooke P. Levens
Malcolm-Christopher Manning
Maria Martyonva
Madison E. Menkevich
Crystal Morin
Lexie J. Navarro
John W. Rose Jr
Anabel E. Rosero
Rutansh D. Sanghavi
Manal Shaybob
Lucy Skaar
Katelyn M. Spina
Melania Verzbickis
John P. Zmudsky

COOK EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

awarded to students based on academic merit

Aisha T. Busari
Andrea Cordova
Alexis N. Faulborn

Yamirka C. Gonzalez
Melissa Keresztes

COOK CAMPUS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Maria A. Guevara-Carpio

ROY H. DEBOER PRIZE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AWARD

a travel prize award to a student in the landscape architecture program

The Roy DeBoer Travel Prize

Benjamin M. Lazen

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL, FOOD, AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS

Given to seniors demonstrating outstanding leadership in environmental and business economics

Chief Frank A. Okosa Award

Nechama Lowy

Vincent J. Tremarco

Senior Leadership Award

Darrian H. Beam

Esther O. Lawal

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Clearing Corporation Charitable Foundation Agribusiness Scholars

Darrian H. Beam

Caleigh A. Holland

Rhea Bolar

Gregory A. Master

Emily M. Cohen

Stephen H. Mitchell

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Awarded to seniors in recognition of excellence in academics, research, and service to the department, college, and university

Academic and Research Award

Sierra Q. Daisey

Academic Award

Emma C. Krall

Ireland E. Lee

Academic, Service, and Research Award
Madeline Procopi

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND MICROBIOLOGY AWARDS

Theodore Chase Award

Emmanuel Encarnado
Gabriel N. Palmieri

Danielle J. Slomko

David H. Strumeyer Award
Nada E. Wahba

Selman A. Waksman Award

Kaitlin A. Decker

Katherine D. Scott

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION, AND NATURAL RESOURCES AWARD

awarded to outstanding ecology and wildlife students

James Applegate Award for Outstanding Student in Wildlife Conservation
Mary Charlotte K. Gitlin

M. Buell Award for Outstanding Ecology Student
Connor E. Anderson

Roger Locandro Award for Outstanding Student in Natural Resources
Eva S. Popp

Elwood B. Moore Forestry Award
Brianna M. Mitrione

Peter S. Smouse Award for Outstanding Student in Evolution
Thomas M. Giles Jr

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AWARDS

Meteorology Student of the Year
Sean J. Parker

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE AWARDS

Achieving Success Award
Yue Wu

Eastern Perishable Produce Award
Natasia J. Ortiz

Food Science Fillies Scholarship
Sarah K. Cain

Triumph Award
Leslie J. Mora

James J. Winston Memorial Award
Marc Nechmad

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN ECOLOGY AWARDS

George F. Clark Academic Excellence and Service Award

Rebecca J. Bright

Academic Excellence Award

Micah R. Gartenberg

DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES

Barbara L. Tangel Outstanding Dietetics Student Award

Gabriela R. Harrison

Nutritional Sciences Award for Outstanding Achievement

Larissa Wojtenko

Ann S. McChesney Nutrition Education Award

Aliya Ali

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BIOLOGY

Agriculture and Food Systems - Academic Excellence

Alyssa M. Bright

Daniel C. Jacobs

Agriculture and Food Systems - Academic Excellence and Community Service

Ash C. Dunlevy

Agriculture and Food Systems - Academic Excellence and Most Promising New Farmer

Rachel E. Rapach

Biotechnology - Barbara A. Zilinskas Award for Academic Excellence

Zhinian Zhou

Biotechnology - Robert M. Rauch Award for Excellence in Service and Leadership

Jonathan E. Ash

Plant Science - Academic Excellence Award

Yahel Ben-Zvi

Catherine A. Worth

New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation Scholarship

Richard Kuperus

Ralph Geiger Scholarship

Richard Kuperus

Sports Field Managers Association of NJ

Richard Kuperus

DR. RICHARD T. DEWLING AWARD

awarded to an environmental science major with an interest in water pollution

Lily F. Black

Laurel A. Elkin

KEVIN DORKO MEMORIAL

awarded to a landscape architecture major in top third of the class demonstrating academic promise

Leonela Smith

DUELL AND HANNA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION CLUB AWARD

Ethan L. Witherup

EASTERN PRODUCE COUNCIL, INC.–JERRY GRINDELL SCHOLARSHIP

Nechama Lowy

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND (EOF)/SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

presented by the New Jersey State Commission on Higher Education (OSHE)

NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education Outstanding Academic Achievement – presented to Educational Opportunity Fund students who attain a 3.5-3.99 cumulative grade point average.

Ludvinna Bazile

Carlos A. Mejia-Toro

Issam O. Eljitan

Justin Nam

Glenda G. Labbe

Jose R. Velazquez

NJ Commission on Higher Education Academic Achievement – presented to Educational Opportunity Fund students who attain a 3.2-3.49 cumulative grade point average.

Hadir S. Abdelal

Luis D. Gasca

Alejandra M. Aguilar

Mateo Gonzalez

Ihiel Alhasov

Mengyao Liu

Victoria R. Armas

Angely Melendez

Yahia Chahine

Bhumi K. Patel

Yarelis Cortes

Zaire Sanders

Jailene Figueroa

Leonela Smith

Jeffrey I. Garcia-Sanchez

NJ Commission on Higher Education Outstanding Achievement – presented to Educational Opportunity Fund students who exemplify the academic and community service goals of the program.

Steven Jeanty

DR. SAMUEL D. & ANNE E. FAUST MEMORIAL AWARD

awarded to an outstanding senior majoring in environmental science and pursuing graduate school

Luisa Lombardo

DR. MELVINS. FINSTEIN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AWARD

Benjamin A. Shulman

Rebecca M. Unz

COLONEL ARTHUR F. FORAN AWARD

granted to an agricultural major with an interest in the dairy industry

Leticia M. Perez

HILDA S. FOSTER SCHOLARSHIP/FELLOWSHIP

Gabriella J. Acoury

Olivia D. Wischmeyer

Marissa R. Guzik

REX L. GILBREATH MEMORIAL AWARD

awarded annually to a senior majoring in animal science in memory of Dr. Gilbreath, former Associate Professor of Animal Sciences, Alpha Zeta Professor of the Year, and researcher in the field of swine nutrition

Anastasia V. Ioshpa

FRANK A. GOLBEY SCHOLARSHIP

awarded to selected students residing in Cook Campus Cooperative Living

Maria A. Guevara-Carpio
Angely M. Melendez
Illeshaben M. Patel

Christopher Perez
Manal Shaybob

DR. CLAUDIA GOLENDIA ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Laura E. Rademacher

GOYETTE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Rabiya Rofina

Ali Sadeghiadl

JACOB GROENDYKE AWARD

given to a student majoring in horticulture or forestry, based on academic merit and demonstrated interest

Naomi Hiraldo

HAMO HACHNASARIAN SCHOLARSHIP

awarded to students majoring in agricultural or biological sciences, based on academic performance

Ihiel Alhasov
Nadia M. Fedoryka
Rajsinh Y. Gohil

Julia E. Moya
Victoria A. Stiritz
Zaid B. Zia

HELYAR HOUSE ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

awarded to selected students residing in Cook Campus Cooperative Living

Maria A. Guevara-Carpio
Angely M. Melendez
Illeshaben M. Patel

Christopher Perez
Manal Shaybob

HERBERT ESTATE/KELLY SCHOLARSHIP

Yahia Chahine
Mary Charlotte K. Gitlin
Zena M. Gomaa

Mengyao Liu
Dwiti M. Patel
Melissa Santana

HERBERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jonathan E. Ash
Jasmine R. Davis
Gabriela R. Harrison
Nikita K. Patel

Ali Sadeghiadl
Wamia Siddiqui
Avraham M. Tsvik

CHARLES E. HESS SCHOLARSHIP

in honor of Charles E. Hess, first Dean of Cook College, awarded to outstanding students based on academic merit

Larissa Wojtenko

W. R. HUTCHINSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Shyanna R. Thomason

MILLICENT MERCER JOHNSON SUMMER INTERN SCHOLARSHIP

Rachel E. Rapach

JOYCE FAMILY ENDOWED UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

LaRaven C. Gordon
Kerowyn M. Lush

Robert A. Strickhart
Tiana R. Thomas

KINGS SUPER MARKET/BILDNER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

award based on academic performance in agriculture marketing, horticulture, food science, or horticulture engineering

Marc Nechmad

FRANCIS G. KINGSLANDSMITH SCHOLARSHIP

awarded to students based on academic merit

Phong T. Dang

MICHAEL KUSER SCHOLARSHIP

awarded to an outstanding student in natural resource management/applied ecology, based on merit and leadership

Brianna M. Mitrione

Eva S. Popp

RAYMOND M. MANGANELLI AWARD

awarded to students based on academic performance

Rebecca J. Bright

Issam O. Eljitan

ELIZABETH AND KARL EHRICKE/MAPLEWOOD GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Sarah F. Dillon

RICHARD WALTER/MAPLEWOOD GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Leonela Smith

WILLIAM H. MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP

Alexis M. Brunetto
Kayla M. Gantz

Maninder Kaur
Leslie Mora

PHILIP E. MARUCCI SCHOLARSHIP

awarded annually to outstanding students alternating yearly between an agriculture related major or a student pursuing medical school

Kayla M. Webb

Ben W. Wu

RICHARD H. MERRITT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Maria A. Guevara-Carpio
Angely M. Melendez
Illeshaben M. Patel

Christopher Perez
Manal Shaybob

CHARLES MESSER ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

awarded to an outstanding senior participating in the George H. Cook Scholars program

Gabriela Harrison

METROPOLITAN NY FOOD SERVICE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Grace Lee

CHARLES MILLER AWARD

award based on character, academic merit, and financial need

Victoria O. Oyeneye

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Taylor P. Andrews
Andrew Costa

Wamia Siddiqui

NATIONAL OLMSTED SCHOLAR

Ravi Mohamed

NELLIS MEMORIAL

awarded to community college transfers, majoring in agriculture and environmental science and nutritional science

Jailene Figueroa
Kristina M. Gonzales

Nechama Lowy
Abigail R. Reed

NJ STARS SCHOLARSHIP

Gabriella A. Cancemi
Victoria R. Diguilmi
Kimberly N. Ferrara
Meaghan J. Fogarty

Brenda P. Haycock
Emily N. Rivera
Ali Sadeghiadl

ALLEN AND SCOTT OFF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Ash C. Dunlevy

WINSTON E. PARKER SCHOLARSHIP

Lubna F. Lakhwala

Leonela Smith

PESHINE SCHOLARSHIP

Anne C. Andre

SALLY H. PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP

Jenna L. Flanders
Rebecca A. McGrath

Daniel J. Scalia

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

Kayla Aksan
Raniella S. Aznar
Victoria R. Diguilmi
Kimberly N. Ferrara

Thomas C. Jennerich
Mitu P. Patel
Kayla M. Webb

POSSENRIEDE SCHOLARSHIP

Darrian H. Beam

Isabella Betancourt Salcedo

SAMUEL F. REIBEL MEMORIAL

Gabriel N. Palmieri

**ELIZABETH AND ARTHUR REICH MINORITY/URBAN ACCESS PROJECT
SCHOLARSHIP**

*awarded to students majoring in environmental sciences or related studies with demonstrated academic performance and interest
in related activities and graduate study*

Alejandra M. Aguilar
Nancy R. McKeon

Anabel E. Rosero
Amber E. Saravia

AMELIA L. RUGGLES SCHOLARSHIP

Gabriella J. Acoury
Allison P. Almeda-Ahmadi
Connor E. Anderson
Therese R. Apuzzo
Jonathan E. Ash
Michael A. Connelly
Sierra Q. Daisey
Ash C. Dunlevy
Parker D. Herrera
Sowmya Kodali
Kayla A. Luis

Kerowyn M. Lush
Gregory A. Master
Nancy R. McKeon
Gabriel N. Palmieri
Timothy W. Schwanitz
Moshe Schwartz
Jonryx T. Tongson
Nada E. Wahba
Catherine A. Worth
Ben W. Wu
Kevin Zhang

RUTGERS NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Ireland E. Lee

RUTGERS PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Tyler D. Dey

Rebecca M. Unz

RUTGERS SCARLET SCHOLARSHIP

Timothy W. Schwanitz

Nada E. Wahba

HENRY RUTGERS SCHOLARSHIP

Taylor P. Andrews
Nadia M. Fedoryka
Mary C. Gitlin
Gabriela R. Harrison
Kiera A. Nealon

Wamia Siddiqui
Victoria A. Stiritz
Megan J. Wang
Gagana Yaskhi

RUTGERS TRUSTEE SCHOLARS

Robert Adamiecki
Taylor P. Andrews
Justin R. Arleo
Kaitlin A. Decker
Nadia M. Fedoryka
Mary C. Gitlin
Gabriela R. Harrison
Lubna F. Lakhwala

William J. Mack III
Kiera A. Nealon
Katherine D. Scott
Wamia Siddiqui
Victoria A. Stiritz
Megan J. Wang
Gagana Yakshi

SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES ENDOWMENT

awarded to students based on academic merit

Lily Black
Maximilian E. Clark
Laurel A. Elkin

Nidal A. Makin
Maureen C. Mirza
Kevin Zhang

SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES MERIT EXCELLENCE AWARD

Gabriella J. Acoury
Ash C. Dunlevy

Erica M. Einhorn
Gregory A. Master

WILLIAM C. SKELLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Evelyn Acevedo
Gianna M. Ancello
Timia Baez

Viviana Londono
Letticia M. Perez
Sydney B. Teitelbaum

MYRON AND RONA SOLBERG SCHOLARSHIP

awarded to a student who has demonstrated an interest in the sciences as well as in the fine and performing arts

Rebecca M. Unz

ELIZABETH F. STIER SCHOLARSHIP

in memory of Elizabeth F. Stier, Food Science faculty member. Awarded annually to a food science undergraduate woman who has demonstrated proficiency in academics while also being active in extracurricular activities, particularly local Institute of Food Technologists organization(s)

Akino Tomizawa

DANIEL STOBIE SCHOLARSHIP

Ireland E. Lee
Ava Pucilla

Imara L. Savon
Shyanna R. Thomason

WILLARD C. THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP

awarded to a student majoring in agriculture, based on leadership capabilities

Dwiti Patel

VEGETABLE GROWERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Alyssa M. Bright

GARRETT SCOTT VOORHEES, SR., AWARD

Maria A. Guevara-Carpio

JOHN H. WEBER, JR., MEMORIAL

awarded to a student majoring in environmental science, based on academic merit and interest in the environment

Mateo Gonzalez

Christina A. Gonzalve

ELIZABETH WEHR SCHOLARSHIP

Jasmine R. Davis

THEODORE WESTON MEMORIAL

awarded to deserving student majoring in plant science

Alexander J. Barrett

WIDZENAS MEMORIAL AWARD

awarded to a student, preferably a resident of Burlington County, based on academic merit

Sierra Q. Daisey

WINDELER FAMILY AWARD

awarded to an outstanding senior enrolled in the Nutritional Science Program

Larissa Wojtenko

WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

awarded annually to students who have contributed volunteer service to the University and/or community, based on academic excellence and service

Maria A. Guevara-Carpio

Issam O. Eljitan

YAQUINTO SCHOLARSHIP

Ravi Mohamed