Students win leadership, academic awards

A group of academic award recipients and sponsors gather at the Athenaeum for the annual academic awards luncheon.

-Courtesy of the Deans’ Office

DEANS’ OFFICE
Contributing Writers

The 2013 undergraduate academic awards were presented during a luncheon at the Athenaeum, on May 9 hosted by Dean D. Roderick Kiewiet.
The Dean of Undergraduate Students hosted a lunch at the Athenaeum on April 30 to honor this year’s winners of the leadership awards.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

George W. Housner Prize for Academic Excellence and Original Research: Andy Zucker, a senior majoring in Mathematics will receive this year’s Housner Prize at commencement. This award is given to a senior or seniors in the upper 20% of their class for an outstanding piece of original scientific research.

George W. and Bernice E. Green Prize: Megan Jackson, a senior in Chemistry, was presented the Green Prize. The Green Prize is awarded to an undergraduate or undergraduates in any class for original research, an original paper or essay, or other evidence of creative scholarship beyond the normal requirements of specific courses.

Jack E. Froehlich Memorial Award: The Froehlich Memorial Award is for an outstanding junior in the top 5% of the class who shows outstanding promise for a creative professional career.

Tiaxin Albert Liu, a junior in Chemical Engineering is this year’s recipient.

Arie J. Haagen-Smit Memorial Award: Sidao Stone Jiang a junior in Chemistry and Biology, Jonathan Schor a junior in Biology, and Stanford Schor, a junior in Biology are the recipients of the 2013 Haagen-Smit Memorial Award, which is given to a chemist or biologist who has shown academic promise and has made recognized contributions to Caltech.

Fredrick J. Zeigler Memorial Award: Benjamin Wu, a sophomore in Applied and Computational Mathematics and Zhaorong Jin, a sophomore in Mathematics were chosen as the joint winners of the 2013 Zeigler Memorial Award. This award recognizes students studying pure or applied mathematics in their sophomore or junior year, who have shown excellence in scholarship as demonstrated in class activities or in preparation of an original paper or essay in any subject area.

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France for gay marriage 14th country to do so in the world, France legalized gay marriage

S. Korea tests missiles 4 short-range missiles were tested off South Korea’s east coast

Tornado rages Texas 97 homes destroyed, 6 killed by 1 of at least 10 tornadoes in Texas

Commuter trains crash 70 people injured after two Connecticut commuter trains crash
Food with Mannion!

Do you like eating food?
How about free food at nice restaurants?
Ever want to tell the world exactly what you think of said food?
The Tech will be beginning a new column to chronicle the foodie experiences of new writers every other week...The Catch: They’ll be going head-to-head with Tom Mannion who will be reviewing the same restaurant. If you have ever thought you were more of a gourmand than our resident master chef, now’s your chance to prove it!
Email us for a spot on the list at tech@caltech.edu

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ASCIT Minutes

Minutes for May 13th, 2013. Taken by Allika Walvekar

Officers present: Diego Caporale, Zach Rivkin, Pushpa Neppala, Malvika Verma, Mario Zubia, Connie Huheu, Michelle Tang, Puikei Cheng, Monica Enlow, Connor Coley, Alilka Walvekar

Guests: Alexander Mouschovias, Catherine Jamshidi, Margaret Lee, Austin Mayron,

Call to Order: 10:03pm

President’s Report (Zach):
Sign up for the Honor Code Committee have been posted. They will go down on Tuesday at 11:59pm.
Counseling Center: Zach and Connor met with students regarding the Counseling Center. Feedback in the anonymous comment boxes has been mixed but very thorough.
New ASCIT Secretary: Catherine Jamshidi
ASCIT Donuts happened last Wednesday. The BoD cut and stuffed strawberries to save $400.

Officer’s Reports:

V.P. of Academic Affairs (ARC Chair: Malvika):
Honor Code survey results came out. Pushpa and Malvika had a meeting with Ray and Anna and Pushpa will put together a report. Anna and Malvika want a Chi-squared analysis by house and year. SFLO occurred last Thursday and was very successful with 10 professors in attendance.
Professor Guo is the Professor of the Month
The first BARC lunch (BoC, ARC lunch with faculty) is scheduled in 2 weeks
Met with Cassandra and will be helping with the teaching handbook
- projects like FAQs about the BoC and “How to write a clear course policy”
Undergraduate Seminar Series on Thursday with Professor Alan Weinstein (Physics)

V.P. of Non-Academic Affairs (IHC Chair: Connor):
Alumni weekend was this weekend. All houses had receptions for their alumni.
Connor met the marketing team, and they want to figure out a way to know when cool events happen on campus. Connor will work with the IHC to come up with a solution.
IHC will get data on prefrosh weekend soon, and will be using it to plan for next year.
The Student Life Q&A occurred on Friday. Minutes can be found on the Alumni FB group.

Director of Operations (Connie):
Connor conducted a walk through the SAC with Mario
She is working on inventory of ASCIT items, and getting them all back from the houses. She also wants to establish a good system for lending. She created a renting document, but is looking into starting something online.
Buying new things as she sees fit

Treasurer (Monica):
Buying new things as she sees fit online.
She created a renting document, but is looking into starting something online.

Social Director (Michelle):
The Rathskeller event went well, and Michelle hopes to make it a termly event.
Upcoming Events: Movie night on Saturday May 25th, BFP on Sunday May 26th

Secretary (Allika):
Reformatted donut website pages for UCCs and RAs

If anyone has any questions or concerns about a section of the minutes please email the appropriate officer. We are happy to answer any questions.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:35
Hi everyone! This is the Caltech Y Column, designed to inform you about the Y and the opportunities we provide for you to inspire your passions, whether by participating in our programs or leading your own!

Founded by students in 1916, the Y was organized to provide extracurricular activities planned and implemented by students as an opportunity to gain leadership skills, discover their passions, and learn more about themselves. The mission of today’s Y remains the same: to provide opportunities that will prepare students to become engaged, responsible citizens of the world.

The Y seeks to broaden students’ worldviews and raise social, ethical, and cultural awareness through teamwork, community engagement, activism, and leadership.

The Caltech Y’s mission and core values stand on five key pillars: leadership, civic engagement, service, adventure, and perspective. Regardless of which pillars capture your interest, feel free to attend any of the below programs, or contact us to organize your own!

Upcoming Events:

Social Activism Speaker Series: “When I Die, They’ll Send Me Home” – A Human Rights perspective. An advocate for over 25 years, Elizabeth Calvin, an attorney and Senior Advocate for the Children’s Rights Division of Human Rights Watch, works for the rights of children in the juvenile justice and foster care systems. She investigates human rights violations, publishes findings, organizes others to support change in law, and lobbies legislators to take action.

Y Outdoors Events: Our leaders from the Y-Outdoors committee are also gearing toward the summer months! Y-Outdoors programs provide Caltech students, including novices and experienced outdoor enthusiasts, an exciting opportunity to explore with guidance.

Henningsen Flats Trip (5/26-27): Rounding out the month, plans are underway for a camping and hiking trip to Henningsen Flats for a couple of days during the Memorial Day weekend.

Explore LA Events: The Explore LA Series encourages students to join the Caltech Y on an adventure – from the mountains to the ocean – exploring museums, shows, cultural experiences, sporting events, outdoor adventures, and more. Many of the Explore LA events have been made possible with support from the Master of Student Houses (MOSH).

Caltech Student Health Fair (5/29): Members of the Caltech Y are again assisting in the fourth annual Caltech Student Health Fair under the guidance of the ExCom’s own Catherine Xie ’13 – chair of the event. Once again, a variety of health and wellbeing vendors will come to campus, along with displays and demonstrations form Caltech student groups and classes. It should be a fun and informative time once more.

Community Service Events:

Kids Reading to Succeed (6/1): Volunteers will read with children and participate in fun activities with them! This is a great way to give back to the community by helping kids with their reading skills. And the kids are super cute! For more information, please contact Phoebe Ann at pann@caltech.edu.

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We are looking for undergraduate students to be mentors for a middle school summer camp on campus from August 5-9th. This year, our activities include working with Lego Mindstorm Robot kits.

Interested? Shoot an email to caltech@innoworks.org!

The new Caltech opinion journal, The Hamiltonian, is looking for writers to contribute articles on topics in science, technology, politics, economics, philosophy, history, social issues, foreign policy, and local events.*

Undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and staff are all invited to participate. We are looking for writers committed to defending and exploring their views in accordance with the rigorous intellectual standards that make Caltech so unique.

For more information, contact us by e-mail at hamiltonian@caltech.edu

* Serial commas appreciated, but not required.
The Irreverent Review: Sean Carroll and The Particle at the End of the Universe

MICEALA SHOCKLEE
Columnist

In 2012, a worldwide group of hopefuls who had devoted their lives to a bet won the ultimate jackpot. The grand prize? One Higgs boson.

The vision, the struggle, the euphoria - and, as a byproduct, the science - these are the stuff of Caltech physicist Sean Carroll’s latest book, The Particle at the End of the Universe.

A report written with charming eloquence, the book is well worth a read by any Techer. However, the Tech wanted more. Recently, we met with Carroll to find out the story behind the story.

Clean-cut, crisp-spoken and charismatic, Sean Carroll admitted that his experiment in professional duality was one of the hardest aspects of the project. Carroll is a physicist by trade but a journalist only by necessity.

Despite this “crutch,” Carroll still managed to crank out the hefty paperweight of a book in mere six months.

Carroll shared that a major concern while stringing together the narrative of the Higgs boson was finding a golden median. Where to rest on the scale between grounded scientific research and a novel that had the aim of being - well, novel?

Enter: the pop science book. Part story, part sensation, part spokesmanship, the pop science book holds a great deal of potential.

Though an often-abused genre, pop sciences where the uninformed public turns most often to whet their factoidal cravings.

Besides, Carroll pointed out, outreach is what’s going to keep science going.

He stressed that today’s scientists need to remember that they live on borrowed money. It’s the public that the money funding their labs, paying for their new grad students, and covering that free lunch at that conference last month ultimately traces back to scientists are a kept people.

A kept people that may be worth their weight in gold, however.

While nearly any job is 90-percent grunge work, what other profession can say that their 10-percent - hell, that even their 90-percent is what’s advancing the sum total of human knowledge?

As The Particle at the End of the Universe teaches, those are numbers worth betting on.

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LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Frederic W. Hinrichs, Jr. Memorial Award: Avis Andrade and Diego Caporale are the joint winners of the 2013 Hinrichs Memorial Award. This award, given in memory of Frederic W. Hinrichs, Jr., who served for more than 20 years as Dean and professor at the Institute.

The award bears his name is made annually to the seniors who throughout their undergraduate years have made the greatest contributions to the student body and whose qualities of character, leadership, and responsibility have been outstanding.

Mabel Beckman Prize: Catherine Xie is the recipient of the 2013 Mabel Beckman Prize. This award is given in memory of Mrs. Beckman's many years of commitment to Caltech's educational and research programs.

This award is for academic excellence and outstanding leadership skills, a commitment to personal excellence, good character, and a strong interest in the Caltech community.

Bibi Jentoft-Nilsen Memorial Award: Sarah Wright is this year's winner of the Bibi Jentoft-Nilsen Memorial Award.

This prize is given in memory of Bibi Jentoft-Nilsen, Caltech '89, an exceptional student leader.

After her untimely death in 1998, a fund was established to recognize outstanding student leaders.

Doris Everhart Service Award: Nikita Sinha was selected as the recipient of the Doris Everhart Service Award.

This award is given annually to an undergraduate who has actively supported and willingly worked for organizations that enrich student life, and the campus or community as a whole, and who has, exhibited care and concern for the welfare of students on a personal basis.

Deans’ Cup and Campus Life and Master’s Awards: These awards are presented to undergraduates whose concern for their fellow students has been demonstrated by persistent efforts to improve the quality of undergraduate life and by effective communication with members of the faculty and administration.

Misha Raffiee, Anna Ross and Chris Kolner received the 2013 Deans’ Cup.

Several students were recognized for their leadership roles and contributions to the Caltech community at the 2013 Leadership Luncheon. The winners were treated to a meal at the Athenaeum with members of the administration.

Students were nominated for this award by way of a campus-wide effort to allow students and faculty to identify those individuals most deserving of recognition for their leadership over the course of their time at Caltech.

- Courtesy of the Dean's Office

Mari Peterson Ligocki '81 Memorial Award: Vishnu Manoranjan was selected as the recipient of this year's Mari Peterson Ligocki '81 Memorial Award.

This award is made to one student who through his or her personal character, has improved the quality of student life at Caltech.

It recognizes the student who provides quiet support and kind encouragement to peers.

This fund was established by Mr. José F. Helú Jr. ’79 to honor the memory of Mari Peterson Ligocki, ’81, who possessed these qualities.

The Lucy Guernsey Service Award: Susan Liao and Eric Zhang are the recipients of this year’s Lucy Guernsey Service Award.

The Lucy Guernsey Service Award was established by the Caltech Y ExComm in honor of Lucy Guernsey, the Y’s Executive Director from 1989-1991.

The award is given annually to one or two students who have provided exceptional service to the Y and/or the community and exemplify a spirit of service.

You are invited to enjoy
Chamber Music at Noon
Hye Sung Choe, flute
Hee Jin Yoon, harp

Tuesday, May 21, 2013
(if this is Ditch Day, concert will be postponed one week)
Dabney Lounge
FREE LUNCH for the first 80 people
Music by Rossini, Massenet, Piazzolla, Saint-Saëns, Ravel, and Ibert

Korean-born flutist Hye Sung Choe, is the winner of the 2007 National Flute Association’s Young Artists Competition (USA) and the first and only recipient of the Artist’s Certificate in the woodwind department in the history of the Eastman School of Music. She received a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from the Eastman School of Music (Rochester, New York) in 2010. Dr. Choe played with San Antonio Symphony as Principal Flute for the 2008-9 season and is a Donald E. Hudson Visiting Artist at Caltech, coaching chamber music. She will be joined by harpist Hee Jin Yoon, a doctoral student at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

Sponsored by the Caltech Chamber Music Program, Student Affairs, the Donald E. Hudson Chamber Music Fund, and the Friends of Caltech Instrumental Music.
“39 Down is Conepatl; We’re Sorry”

By John Jacob

The Division of Humanities and Social Sciences is pleased to announce the following winners of its annual writing prizes. Please join our faculty and staff in congratulating these students for their outstanding work as thinkers and writers within our division.

Mary A. Earl McKinney Prize in Prose Fiction: Suna Li, “Ultrasound”

Mary A. Earl McKinney Prize in Poetry: Vivian Huang, “Untitled”

Hallett Smith Prize for the finest essay on Shakespeare: Vivian Huang, “Authority and Justice in Measure for Measure”

McClure Communications Prize for excellence in written communications skills:

English: Caroline Yu, “Through the Looking Glass; Eric Mukherjee, “The Consolation of Theseus”

History: Shayan Doroudi, “Secrecy, Science, and Shi’ism”

Philosophy: Vishnu Manoranjan, “Counterfactuals Require Careful Formulation: A Reply to Lange”

David M. Grether Prize for outstanding performance and creativity in the Social Sciences: Tong (Joy) Lu

Eleanor Searle Prize in Law, Politics, and Institutions: Rachel (Zeke) Millikan
Caltech tennis teams recognized by SCIAC for success

The Caltech tennis teams were recognized by the SCIAC for their success and sportsmanship on the courts during the 2013 season. The league coaches vote on the season ending all-conference awards.

For the third straight season Rebekah Kitto was named the SCIAC first-team all-conference women’s tennis squad. The junior went 10-0 against conference foes this season while posting a 19.0 overall record in dual matches. She played 14 matches at the No. 2 singles position and five at the No. 1 singles spot where she went 9-5 while posting a 4-2 record when playing in the No. 2 singles position. The first-years 13 dual match wins are the second most in school history tying her with Kitto (2012), Natsuko Kagawa (1997) and Alexis Johnson (1996).

With Kitto and Li both earning all-conference accolades, it marks the first time the Caltech women’s team had two individuals receive all-conference honors in the same season—it has been quite the year for them.

For the sixth time the men’s team was honored by the league with the conference sportsmanship award.

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The 19th Annual Caltech All Sports Awards Show took place on Wednesday evening at the Braun Athletic Center. Over 75 percent of the student-athletes attended the Oscar style event. There were nine different award winners which were nominated by and voted on by the Caltech athletic department.

Outstanding Frosh
This award is given to a freshman male and female student athlete who has made the most outstanding contribution to intercollegiate athletics this school year.

Male Athlete – Kevin Yu (Swim/Dive)
Female Athlete – Stephanie Wong (Basketball)

Francis W. Davis Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year
This award is given to the female student athlete who has made the most outstanding contribution to intercollegiate athletics this school year. The award maybe given to a female student athlete in any class.

Team Sport – Hanna Dodd (Swim/Dive, Water Polo)
Individual Sport – Rebekah Kitto (Volleyball, Tennis)

Most Outstanding Athlete
This award is given to the senior student athlete (Male & Female) who has made the most outstanding contribution in intercollegiate athletics during their entire Caltech athletics career in terms of athletic performance and intangibles.

Male – Brice Nzeulou (Soccer, Track/Field & Collin Murphy (Basketball)
Female – Sarah Wright (Soccer, Basketball, Track/Field)

Director’s Award
This award is given to a senior student athlete (Male & Female, may be more than one of each) who has made the most outstanding contribution in intercollegiate athletics during their entire Caltech athletics career in terms of athletic performance and intangibles.

This award is given to a senior athlete who has a two-year minimum participation on an intercollegiate team.

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Most Outstanding Contribution Award
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Male – Brice Nzeulou (Soccer, Track/Field & Collin Murphy (Basketball)
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Male Athlete of the Year
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Male – Brian Penserini (Water Polo, Baseball)

Female Athlete of the Year
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Female – Sarah Wright (Soccer, Basketball, Track/Field)

Most Outstanding Female Athlete
This award is given to the student athlete (Male & Female) who has made the most outstanding contribution in intercollegiate athletics during their entire Caltech athletics career in terms of ability, loyalty, leadership and interest.

By the wish of the donor, the award shall be presented only in such years as there is a worthy outstanding athlete. More than one athlete may receive this award if they are worthy of recognition. Although it is not required, it is recommended the nominee be a senior.

Female Athlete – Stephanie Wong (Basketball)

Male Athlete – Kevin Yu (Swim/Dive)

Outstanding Student-Athlete Award
This award is given to the senior student athlete (Male & Female, may be more than one of each) who has made the most outstanding contribution in intercollegiate athletics during their entire Caltech athletics career in terms of ability, loyalty, leadership and interest.

Athlete of the Year
This award is given to the senior student athlete (Male & Female, may be more than one of each) who has made the most outstanding athletic performance and intangibles.

Individual Sport – Eric Martin (Cross Country, Track/Field)
Team Sport – Brian Penserini (Water Polo, Baseball)

Outstanding Sportsmanship Award
This award is given to a senior student athlete (Male & Female) who has a two-year minimum participation in an intercollegiate team.

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Acquired Taste

by Dr. Z

CALTECH ALUMNI WEEKEND

Young man, could you update me on the current situation in Pickett's?

Well, um... it started because of um... and then they did this thing with ah... and something about flotation... I think they don't have waiters anymore? Maybe there was a lawsuit? Some sort of excessive?

CALTECH ALUMNI WEEKEND

You have no idea, huh?

Not a clue.

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