

*University of Rochester*



*Department of  
Biochemistry & Biophysics*

**B.S. in BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
Concentration in Biochemistry**

*Class of 2023  
Degree Ceremony*



*Saturday, May 13, 2023  
10:00 a.m.*

# 2023 GRADUATES



Hawraa Ahmed

Zachary Moore

Sarah Broas

Shalaka Natu

Kontessa Camacho

Amanda Newell

Loren Cardani

Ivy Omolo

Lucinda Fitzgibbons

Alexander Opsahl

Samantha Hawkins

Ciara Sawey

Maxwell Hughes

Anvitha Shoroff

Ellen Irving

Isabella Silvestri

Sankrit Kapoor

Caio Tabata Fukushima

Matthew McLallen

Bridget Tokiwa

Ronsard Mondesir



# *INTRODUCTION and WELCOME*

Beth Grayhack, Ph.D.



## *FACULTY ADDRESS*

Dragony Fu, Ph.D.



## *STUDENT PRESENTATION*

Photo documentary presented by the  
Class of 2023



## *STUDENT REFLECTIONS*

Loren Cardani, Shalaka Natu, Ciara Sawey,  
Anvitha Shoroff and Isabella Silvestri



## *PRESENTATION of DEGREES*

Degrees presented to the Class of 2023



## *CLOSING REMARKS*

Alexis Stein, Ph.D.



Reception immediately following the ceremony  
in the Sarah Flaum Atrium

## *Honors & Awards*

Alan & Jane Handler Scholarship: Konttessa Camacho  
All-UAA Second Team Honors: Samantha Hawkins  
Carl Whiteman Teaching Award in Chemistry: Loren Cardani  
Catherine Block Memorial Fund Prize: Sarah Broas & Bridget Tokiwa  
Certificate of Academic Achievement: Ronsard Mondesir & Ciara Sawey  
Chemistry Department Award: Loren Cardani  
CRCA Scholar Athlete Honors: Amanda Newell  
Coldwater Scholarship: Ellen Irving  
Continuing Student Scholarship: Shalaka Natu  
de Kiewiet Summer Research Fellowship: Bridget Tokiwa  
Fulbright Grant Finalist: Shalaka Natu  
Grace McCormack Memorial Fund Award: Zachary Moore & Bridget Tokiwa  
Grand Challenges Scholar: Shalaka Natu  
Greene Career Center Internship Fund: Ciara Sawey  
Janet Howell Clark Prize: Sarah Broas, Loren Cardani & Bridget Tokiwa  
Junior Scholar Award in Chemistry: Loren Cardani  
Liberty League All-Academic Team: Amanda Newell  
Lysle “Spike” Garnish Scholar Athlete: Amanda Newell  
Medallion Leadership Society: Isabella Silvestri  
National Coaches Association All-American: Alexander Opsahl  
NCAA Academic All-Region: Alexander Opsahl  
National Invitational Rowing Championship (NIRC) All-Academic Honors:  
Amanda Newell  
NSF Graduate Research Fellow: Loren Cardani & Ellen Irving  
Phi Beta Kappa: Sarah Broas, Loren Cardani, Sankrit Kapoor, Shalaka Natu,  
Isabella Silvestri, Caio Tabata Fukushima & Bridget Tokiwa  
Research and Innovation Grant: Shalaka Natu  
Rigby Wile Prize: Sarah Broas  
Rochester Early Medical Scholar (REMS): Shalaka Natu  
Schwartz Discover Grant: Lucinda Fitzgibbons & Samantha Hawkins  
Transfer Student Award: Isabella Silvestri  
UAA Fall All-Academic Honor: Samantha Hawkins  
2022 Astronaut Scholarship Foundation Award: Loren Cardani