



Molecular & Cellular Biosciences

Award of Distinction

Gabrielle Krouse

Gabrielle Krouse completed the Translational Biomedical Sciences (TBS) program and major, with a Chemistry minor. In addition to maintaining an outstanding academic record in biomedical sciences, Gabby developed an enthusiasm for viruses while carrying out research in the laboratory of Dr. Claude Krummenacher, where she worked on identifying and characterizing new drug candidates against infections by herpesviruses and coronaviruses. Gabby is continuing her promising scientific career as a Ph.D. student in Fall 2023 at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Houston Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.



Maria Tahamont Medallion Award

Rosalind Moore

Rosalind Moore transferred to the Glassboro campus from the Rowan College at Burlington County and the Rowan College of South Jersey. She graduated with a B.S. in Biological Sciences after successfully navigating coursework, independent research, working full time in a veterinary ER/ICU, and being a single parent. Her independent research with Drs. Grove and Richmond in the BBS Department focused on the connections among environmental conditions, harmful algal blooms, and zooplankton abundance and diversity in South Jersey reservoirs. She has presented several research posters at Rowan and professional society meetings, and she is currently working towards her Ph.D. in Rowan's Complex Biological Systems graduate program under the mentorship of Dr. Matthew Farber.



Excellence in Biological Sciences

Medallion Award

Alyssa Ochetto

Alyssa Ochetto is a passionate scientist and an Honors student, who graduated with a B.S. in Biological Sciences. Alyssa discovered scientific research while working on viruses that infect bacteria at the Rowan College of South Jersey before transferring to Rowan in a cohort of meritorious students supported by an NIH Program. Her passion for research and scientific discoveries flourished in the laboratory of Dr. Claude Krummenacher, where she worked on identifying new protein markers at the surface of various human breast cancer cells. Alyssa also spent a summer working on control of bacterial growth on biocompatible materials at the Penn State College of Medicine, which she joins as a Ph.D. candidate for the next step of her promising scientific career.



Robert N. Renlund Preprofessional Award in the Allied Health Field

Ashton Paladino

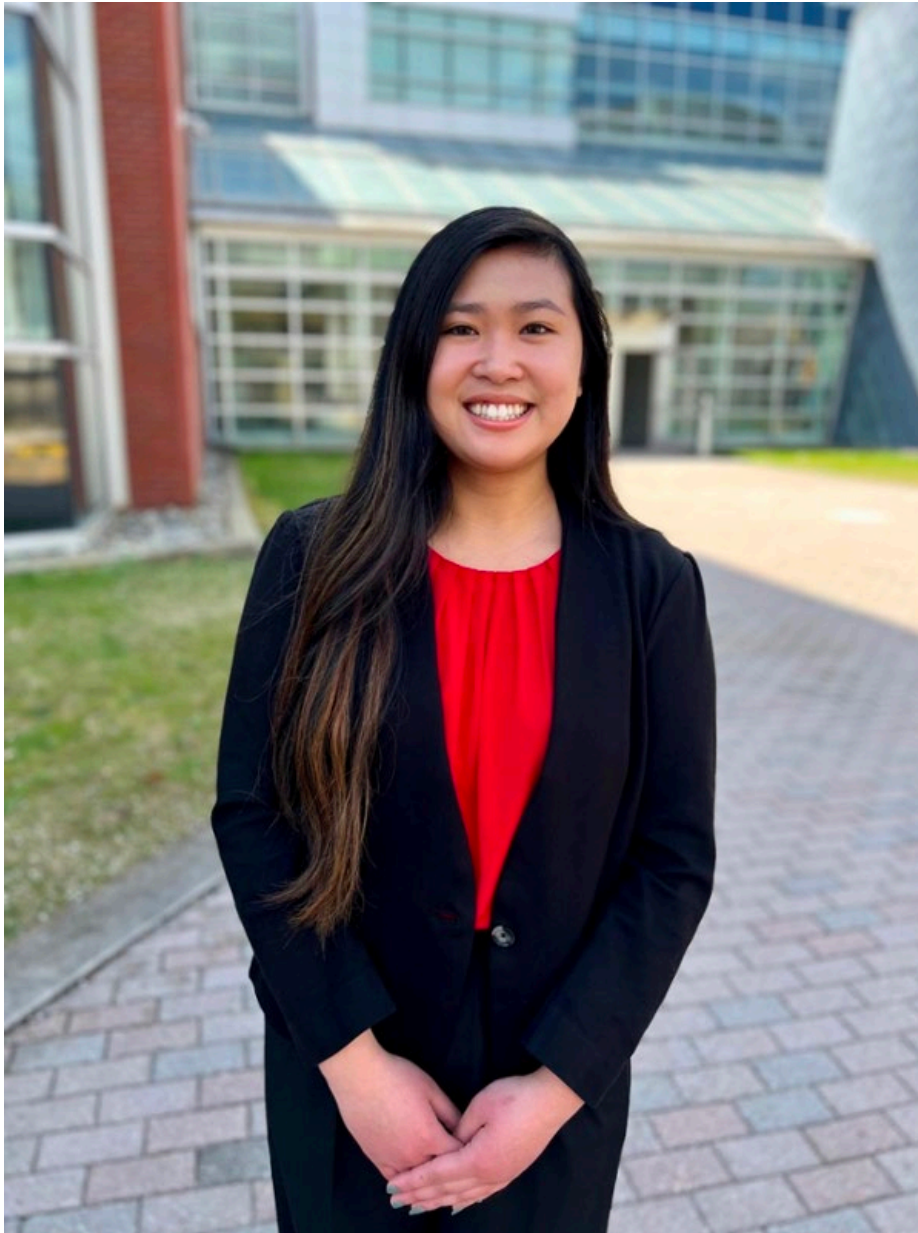
Ashton Paladino completed the Equine Science Program at RCSJ-Gloucester and, upon transferring to Rowan, immediately became active in Pre-Vet Club where she served as Treasurer and as Co-President. Ashton earned a B.S. in Biology, graduated summa cum laude, completed the Bantivoglio Honors program, performed research on animal behavior, and obtained summer funding for her research. She has extensive experience in vet practices, working at the Delaware Valley Vet Hospital and the Gypsy Rose Animal Clinic. She also completed a vet tech internship at the Gloucester Co. Animal Shelter and an Equine Science Internship at the DREAM Park in Logan, NJ. Ashton loves heavy metal music, is an avid collector of star wars memorabilia, is a huge fan of J.R.R. Tolkien, and loves going to Disney World where she got engaged in front of Cinderella's castle. Ashton is pursuing her DVM at The University of Florida in Gainesville.



Robert N. Renlund Preprofessional Award in the Allied Health Field

Mursalin Singh

Mursalin Singh graduated with a B.S. in Biological Sciences, along with three minors in Neuroscience, Chemistry, and Psychology. From February 2021 until her graduation, Mursalin conducted research with Dr. Chun Wu and Dr. Xiaoyang Mou researching Computer Aided Drug Design and cell-based assays for testing chemotherapeutic drug candidates. She contributed to two scientific publications and has an upcoming co-first-author manuscript. Mursalin's Certificate in CCMA, leadership roles in the Muslim Student Association and Biology Club, as well as her volunteer work with the Red Cross and teaching Arabic to elementary school students demonstrate her commitment to serving her community. Mursalin has enrolled in Rowan-Virtua SOM to continue her services to the community as a future doctor of osteopathic medicine.



Dean's Outstanding Senior Award

Candice Bui-Linh

Candice Bui-Linh, a first-generation Chinese-Vietnamese student, earned a B.S. in Biological Sciences, with minors in Pre-Health, Chemistry, Psychology, and Neuroscience at Rowan University. Her academic achievements and passion for research were evident throughout her undergraduate career, including her active role in Dr. Chun Wu's Computer-Aided Drug Design (C.A.D.D) lab and Dr. Xiaoyang Mou's cancer-cell culture lab, where she contributed to several drug discovery and development projects, co-authored several manuscripts, and presented her research at multiple oral and poster presentations. Additionally, Candice was a founding member of the Bioinformatics Club, an active member of several other student professional clubs, and served as a psychology learning assistant for Dr. Brittany Martinez. Candice will continue on to medical school to pursue a career in oncology.



Dean's Outstanding Senior Award

Jaden Johnson

Jaden Johnson earned a B.S. in Biological Sciences with an honors concentration, as well as minors in Chemistry and Psychology. During her time at Rowan, Jaden was active in multiple community service and leadership efforts on campus and in the wider community. She was a co-founder of the Defining Diversity Honors BiPOC group at the Bantivoglio Honors College, served as a tutor for genetics, organic chemistry and biochemistry courses, and she was a mentor and tutor to underrepresented STEM students through the PULSE and Cumberland Bridge to Rowan programs. She has matriculated to medical school and will focus her career on psychiatry or become an obstetrician-gynecologist specializing in understudied endocrine disorders affecting females.



Dean's Outstanding Senior Award

Alexandra (Ally) Reagle

Alexandra (Ally) Reagle earned a B.S. in Biological Sciences and a minor in Environmental Science. Ally has a passion for wildlife conservation. While completing her degree at Rowan, Ally volunteered at Woodford Cedar Run (>880 hours) and the Marine Mammal Stranding Center. In these roles, she helped rehabilitate New Jersey's wildlife, performed database entry for the NOAA, engaged in educational outreach, and trained other volunteers as a shift leader. She also worked with the Woodford Cedar Run chapter of Cornell's Lab of Ornithology, including the NestWatch program for bluebirds, and she assisted with multiple necropsies of beached whales. After graduation, Ally will continue working in non-profit rehabilitation and education while she attends graduate school for Wildlife Conservation. Ultimately, she hopes to work as a Conservation Officer with NJ Fish & Wildlife and become licensed NJ wildlife rehabilitator.