

2019 Annual Awards Dinner

The recipient of the **Dr. James P. Crawford Award** is the entire **Department of Biology**. This award recognizes the department for its commitment to undergraduate research, with half of majors performing individual lab research projects under the guidance of faculty mentors. Many of these result in published scientific papers with students as co-authors and public presentations at state and national scientific meetings. The department has incorporated research exercises into coursework itself and has been particularly attentive to and successful in engaging underrepresented students in this valuable form of learning, through the HHMI grant and the SEA-PHAGES program. The department has been systematic in modernizing its curriculum and recently added a quantitative biology course to their introductory sequence. Our biologists are known across campus as excellent collaborators in research, and they contribute to a variety of programs and initiatives. Consequently, they will be ideal residents of the Rockwell Sciences Center, which emphasizes innovation and integration. Congratulations, Bio.