



College of Sciences & Mathematics Newsletter
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CoSM Faculty Spotlight
**Marsico is First
Recipient of
Chancellor's Medal**

The [inaugural recipient](#) of the Chancellor's Medal for Research and Creative Activities is **Dr. Travis Marsico**, professor of botany and associate department chair. This is now the highest honor that A-State faculty may receive. Nominators noted Marsico was extraordinarily productive with six peer-reviewed manuscripts and research presentations at four national and international conferences, while serving as a principal investigator for five external research grants.

CoSM Student Spotlight **McAlexander, Hall Named DSA Winners**

Bailey McAlexander (left) graduated with honors this month with a degree in biological sciences pre-professional and a 4.0 grade point average. **Sarah Hall** (right), with a double major, graduated magna cum laude in honors with distinction and received her Bachelor of Science degrees in psychology and biological sciences in December 2020. Both were named as recipients of the [2021 Distinguished Service Award](#).



CoSM Student Spotlight **May Wins Goldwater Scholarship**

Congratulations to **Nathan May**, biotechnology major, who was recently [named as a recipient](#) of the very competitive and prestigious Goldwater Scholar Award.

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Lorence Earns Recognition

Dr. Argelia Lorence, professor of metabolic engineering and holder of the James and Wanda Lee Vaughn Professorship, is one of two recipients for the 2021 Excellence in Diversity award, which was presented during Convocation of Scholars. [Details are online.](#)



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Izadyar's USDA Grant Proposal Approved

Dr. Anahita Izadyar, associate professor of chemistry, has received a U.S. Department of Agriculture – National Institute of Food and Agriculture grant totaling \$149,318. [Her project](#) is titled “Development of a Nano-Biosensor to Detect Glucose for Diabetics using Recombinant Manganese Peroxidase from Corn Grain.” She will be principal investigator (PI) and **Dr. Elizabeth Hood**, Lipscomb Distinguished Professor, will be co-PI.



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