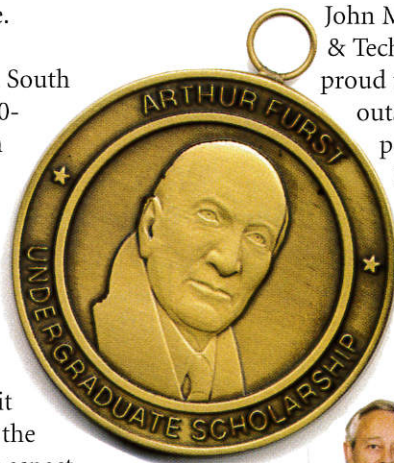# Arthur Furst Scholarship Awarded To Young Scientist

The 9th annual GNLD-Arthur Furst Undergraduate Scholarship was presented to University of San Francisco student Eliot S. Metzger for his outstanding leadership and academic achievement in the field of Environmental Science.

When USF began the Yosemite Slough and South Basin Watershed Restoration project, the 20-year-old Eliot was selected as lead Research Assistant. This unusual project spans the realm of traditional scientific fields of study to evaluate a local environment that has suffered from decades of environmental and political neglect.

The unusual aspect of this project is the inclusion of the community, which makes it a model for environmental change around the world. "It is the community empowerment aspect of the project that makes it important," proclaims Eliot. "We are working with community members to educate and empower them to make decisions and take actions that will impact their living conditions."

USF holds a special place in the heart of Dr. Arthur Furst. After receiving his Ph.D in Chemistry from Stanford University, Dr. Furst completed a Doctor of Science degree (Sc.D.) from the University of San Francisco. "It is always a pleasure and an honor to present this award at a university with enormous academic and ethical standards," beamed Dr. Furst.

John Miller, GNLD International's Vice President of Science & Technology, shared Dr. Furst's enthusiasm. "GNLD is proud to support tomorrow's research by recognizing today's outstanding academic achievement." Noting the many people in attendance at the ceremony—including Eliot's professors, fellow students, and USF administrative personnel— Mr. Miller also recognized the admiration Eliot and his work have earned.

L to R: John Miller, GNLD Vice President of Science & Technology; Peter Togni, S.J., Associate Dean of Student Academic Services; Eliot Metzger; Dr. Arthur Furst; Dr. John M. Lendvay, Assistant Professor and Chair of Environmental Science Department.