

**Jordan Nelson**, a student at the University of San Francisco, has an impressive list of awards and accomplishments making him the perfect recipient of GNLD's 19th Arthur Furst Undergraduate Scholarship Award. Jordan was "very honored to be nominated and receive such recognition" and thanks GNLD for "continuing the Furst legacy." Jordan explains, "GNLD's support is so important to the University."

Two years in the Chemistry program, Jordan has received the CRC Freshman Award for the highest GPA in the full year of General Chemistry, and the ACS Polymer Award for the highest GPA in the full year of Organic Chemistry. His Professor, Claire Castro states, "often a student who excels in one, struggles with the other. It is certainly rare for an undergraduate to do so well in both."

Jordan also excels in his research. Last summer, he completed 400 hours as a full-time research assistant in a computational lab. He focused on complex all-carbon cycles known as annulenes. Prof. Castro notes that Jordan "truly embraced the inquiry-driven nature of research". For his contribution, Jordan received a co-authorship in the recent publication in the Journal of Organic Chemistry.

Professor Castro compares Jordan's "breadth of understanding and effective research skills" to her very best chemistry students that she has worked with in the past—all of whom have been Furst Scholarship recipients. Inspired by Furst's work ethic, Jordan strives to continue it.

The GNLD recognition luncheon, held at the University of San Francisco campus, was more than Jordan expected. He was surrounded by the Furst family, GNLD executives, professors and members of the university. Jordan felt "so appreciative to be recognized by his school and GNLD" in tribute to a man who was a research pioneer. ■

# Arthur Furst Scholarship Winner



Jordan Nelson—recipient of 2013 Dr. Arthur Furst Scholarship Award, with SAB Members Anjana Srivastava (left) and John Miller (right).



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