

The Legacy Continues: Fifteenth Presentation of the Arthur Furst Undergraduate Scholarship Award



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In a small town outside of Shanghai, a 17-year old science-wiz, Jie Sun, attended an educational fair where several colleges presented the benefits of attending their institutions. Jie courageously returned home and told her parents that she wanted to attend the University of San Francisco—even though she had never been to the United States, knew no one in San Francisco, and did not speak English. Perhaps more courageously, her parents looked at their only child, and nodded their approval.

Most college freshman face the challenges of a new environment, exceptional peers, and classes more advanced than previous experienced. Now, imagine adding to those factors not understanding the language spoken by your professors. “The first year was very difficult,” admits Jie, “I relied mostly on textbooks, but then, little, by little, with the help of my dictionary, I was able to understand the lectures and once I got into classes in my field of study (Biology), it became much easier.”

This demonstration of determination and a pioneer spirit—and her following success!—made Jie Sun a fitting recipient for the Arthur Furst Undergraduate Scholarship Award established by GNLD to honor Dr. Furst, a pioneer in the scientific community and someone who defined “determination.”

As the fifteenth recipient of this award, Jie was honored at a luncheon on the USF campus attended by representatives from the Dean’s Office, professors, and executives from GNLD. As she addressed the audience, Jie expressed her admiration for the work of Dr. Furst and her gratitude that GNLD has continued this tradition.

This award is given to an undergraduate student who shows unusual promise in the field of science. Jie, a biology major whose work with research in Human Cytomegalovirus studies has been described as “determined” and “superior,” was delighted to be selected. GNLD SAB member and Vice President of Science & Technology, John Miller, emphasized the significance of the award. “Both in the personal and the professional sense, Dr. Furst meant so much to our company. Through this scholarship, GNLD is able to convey his values and his love for this university. We are honored to recognize the young minds in the field of science and look to them to carry-on Dr. Furst’s legacy.”

Vice President of Product, Science & Technology Anjana Srivastava added, “Dr. Furst is revered in our industry. We believe that through this annual award, we are encouraging students to continue his values through their own future contributions to the scientific community.” ■



Vice President of Product, Science & Technology Anjana Srivastava and SAB member and Vice President of Science & Technology John Miller join scholarship recipient Jie Sun.