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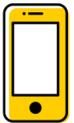
1stGen@IOWA AWARDS & RECOGNITION CEREMONY

5TH ANNUAL FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE CELEBRATION

THANK YOU!

On behalf of the UI First-Generation Task Force, thank you for attending this year's 1stGen@Iowa Awards and Recognition Ceremony. Additionally, thank you for supporting first-generation students at the University of Iowa.

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4th Annual 1stGen@Iowa Awards & Recognition Ceremony
Thursday, November 10, 2022
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
2nd Floor Ballroom, Iowa Memorial Union

1stGen@IOWA AWARDS & RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Opening

Danielle Martinez, Director, Student Retention, Academic Support and Retention

Welcome

Dr. Tanya Uden-Holman, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of the University College

Keynote Address

Dr. James Ankrum, Associate Professor, Biomedical Engineering

Presentation of 2022 1stGen@Iowa Awards

First-Generation Student Achievement Award
Award for Outstanding First-Generation Student Advocacy

Closing Remarks

Dr. Barbara J. Wilson, President

FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Selveyah Gamblin is a fourth-year undergraduate student from Peosta, IA. She is majoring in Political Science with minors in Public Policy and Theatre Arts. Originally from Chicago, IL, Selveyah struggled to find her footing as a Black woman in a new environment, so she fought to be academically active and an advocate for other marginalized communities. At the University of Iowa, Selveyah became involved in leadership through Undergraduate Student Government where she advocated on behalf of diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives on campus. After finding her passion for advocacy and promoting inclusive initiatives, she found herself participating in many advisory roles and committees for the Dean of Students, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the UI Honors Program. In the spring of 2022, Selveyah was awarded the 2022 Wynonna G. Hubbard Scholarship through the Celebration of Excellence and Achievement Among Women. She has been awarded several Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates (ICRU) Fellowships from 2021-22. Upon graduation, Selveyah hopes to pursue her passion for political and legal advocacy and continue to provide representation to marginalized voices. She is grateful for the sacrifices her friends and family have made to ensure she is the first of her family to graduate from college and hopes to continue uplifting students after her to succeed.



Isaac Sarinana is a second-year law student at the University of Iowa College of Law. He grew up in Nichols, Iowa and graduated high school in West Liberty, Iowa. Isaac enlisted in the United States Army Guard at the age of seventeen in hopes of attending college with tuition assistance. Isaac decided to pursue law school after retaining an immigration attorney in Iowa City to sponsor a family member for permanent residency in 2016. After this experience, he enrolled in the University of Iowa on a pre-law track, earning a BA in Criminology, Law, and Justice Degree in 2021. He is a first-generation high school graduate, university graduate, and law student. Isaac spent his first summer internship exploring Iowa and Illinois workers compensation law, medical malpractice litigation, and employment discrimination law. Isaac looks forward to exploring other areas of law at Shuttlesworth & Ingersoll next summer. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his wife, weightlifting, and practicing wrestling and basketball drills with his two sons.

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT ADVOCACY



Julie Claus is an avid reader who studied English Literature at the University of Iowa. She graduated with honors in 1984 and earned an MA in 1986. When Julie was reading her way through college, skeptics asked, "What do you plan to do with that degree?" She landed her dream job at the Academic Advising Center. For 33 years she has spent her workdays in conversation with Iowa undergraduates inspiring them to create their ideal life story. One of those students, Nick Williams, a brilliant University of Iowa senior who identifies as first-gen, nominated her for the 2022 Award for Outstanding First-Generation Student Advocacy. Julie is deeply honored by this. Julie is grateful to celebrate this award with her students, colleagues, friends, and family especially her son, Sam, who earned his civil engineering degree from the University of Iowa, and his wife, Jillna, a first-generation college student, who earned her MBA with distinction at the University of Iowa as well. 2022 has been an exciting year in Julie's life because she has been spending it creating storybook worlds with her imaginative one-year old grandson, Wyatt.



Jan Wessel grew up in a small town in the rural countryside near Germany's border with the Netherlands. In 2008, he became the first in his family to graduate from college when he received a Psychology degree from Germany's largest university, the University of Cologne. He then went on to earn a Ph.D. in Cognitive Neurology from the Max Planck Institute for Neurological Research, followed by a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of California, San Diego. In 2015, he established his own NIH-funded lab at the University of Iowa, where him and his colleagues study the human brain's ability to control thoughts and actions. In 2018, Jan received a CAREER award from the National Science Foundation. He used part of the funds included with this award to establish a First-Generation Brain Research Workshop at the University of Iowa. This free multi-day workshop allows first-generation students with interest in neuroscience to explore the methods of human brain research and to gain insights into the world of academic science. In his free time, Jan enjoys camping, woodworking, sports, and playing with his dog.



Joseph W. Yockey is the David H. Vernon Professor of Law at the University of Iowa College of Law. He joined the faculty in 2010. He teaches and writes in the areas of corporate law, securities regulation, and higher education. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Illinois College of Law, and he practiced at the law firm of Sidley Austin before moving to academia. He is the faculty advisor to the Iowa Law Review, and, in 2019, he co-founded the First-Generation Lawyers @ Iowa Law student organization. He also served as President of the UI Faculty Senate from 2020-21.



Lorie Schweer was the first in her immediate and extended family to graduate college. She obtained an accounting degree from the University of Northern Iowa in 1984, and a law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2003. She has enjoyed teaching at the College of Law as a Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research since 2008.