2016 Special Honoree
Professor Edward C. Taylor

Professor Edward C. Taylor, the A. Barton Hepburn Professor of Organic Chemistry Emeritus at Princeton University, and a former faculty member in our Chemistry Department, yesterday received an Honorary Doctoral Degree from the University of Illinois at the main campus commencement ceremony. Professor Taylor is one of the foremost organic chemists in the world. He is particularly known for his research on heterocycles, which are biologically active organic compounds in which carbon atoms form rings with atoms of other kinds such as nitrogen, sulfur, or oxygen. His research on a class of heterocycles known as anti-folates led to his discovery in the 1990s of an efficient synthesis of premetryed, which became the first drug ever approved for the treatment of mesothelioma, a deadly cancer arising from asbestos exposure. Over 100,000 patients have been treated with this drug since its introduction in 2004. This was a crowning achievement of an organic chemist who has shaped the field of chemistry through his many research achievements and his intellectual leadership.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the following people:

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Convocation
Sunday, May 15, 2016
1:30 p.m.
Tryon Festival Theatre
Krannert Center for the Performing Arts
Catherine J. Murphy is the Peter C. and Gretchen Miller Markunas Professor of Chemistry at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She earned two B.S. degrees, one in chemistry and one in biochemistry, from U of I in 1986. As an undergraduate, she engaged in organometallic chemistry research in the lab of Professor T. B. Rauchfuss. When she graduated in 1986, she won the Biochemistry Department’s Merck Award, and earned a spot on the University’s Bronze Tablet, under her maiden name of Catherine A. Jones. She went to the University of Wisconsin-Madison for graduate school and earned her Ph.D. in chemistry in 1990, working on the optical properties of single-crystalline semiconductors under the direction of A. B. Ellis. From 1990-1993 Murphy was a postdoctoral fellow at the California Institute of Technology, working with J. K. Barton on DNA-mediated electron transfer. She joined the faculty of chemistry at the University of South Carolina in 1993 as an assistant professor, teaching general and inorganic chemistry, and starting a research lab in the area of inorganic nanomaterials. Murphy rose through the ranks at South Carolina, winning national awards for her research and local awards for teaching. She was named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2008 while at USC. In 2009, she moved back home to Illinois to join the chemistry faculty at the U of I as the Markunas Professor of Chemistry. Her research centers on the synthesis, optical properties, surface chemistry, biological applications and environmental implications of inorganic nanocrystals. She has co-authored over 220 research publications and 4 editions of the general chemistry textbook Chemistry: The Central Science, now in its 13th edition. She has trained 21 postdoctoral fellows, 45 graduate students, 115 undergraduates and 17 high school students in her research lab since 1993. Since her return to Illinois in 2009, she won the American Chemical Society’s Inorganic Nanoscience Award; was named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry; was named a Fellow of the American Chemical Society; and is an elected member, U. S. National Academy of Sciences.

Immediately following the ceremony, please join us for a reception in the courtyard between Noyes Laboratory and Chemistry Annex, on Mathews Avenue.
Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

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Andrei H. Andrei
Morgan Kay Bailey
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Kevin Khang Dinh
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George Stephen Kocheril
Brian D. Lang
Pei-Yin Lee
Sanghyun Lee
Yujeong Lee &*
Alice J. Lin
Johnathan J. Lin
Patrick E. Mannix
Kamron Mehrayan
Priya Amit Patel
Krystian P. Pieta
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Damyne Su
Hsin-Lung Tsai
Andrew Wang
Karen Christine Watson
Ke Zhang

Bachelor of Science in the Teaching of Chemistry

Ryan W. Cordon
Wills, Jeremy I.

Master of Science in Chemistry

Ryan P. Brewster
Michelle Colombo
Christopher Michael Daly
Chelsea M. Hadsall
Lisa Jacob
Nicole Koeppen
Ji Li
Bradley A. Nakamura
Bryan Joseph Reynolds
Craig Houghton Seymour
Russell Leonard Spatney
Courtney N. Talicska
Cody F. Tripp
Jedidiah J. Veach
Neil Oliver Vernes
Woobin Yang
Zain Yousaf
Pamela Yuhna Zhang

Master of Science in the Teaching of Chemistry

Peter J. Santa Maria

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Nardine S. Abadeer
Gretchen Adams
Thomas Carlton Allen
Jon Robert Askim
Yugang Bai
Tuseeta Banerjee
Jessica M. Banks
Ambika Bhagav
Benjamin M. Brandsen
Marshall Richard Brennan
Michael Charles Brothers
Geoffrey M. Chambers
Jagadeeswaran Chandrasekar
Wan-Yi Chi
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Caitlin D. Deane
Sarah E. Dowd
Matthew Masashi Endo
Jennifer L. Esbenshade
Chantal V. Garcia De Gonzalez
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Kevin Huang
Haley Ann Klitzing
Adam Christopher Knapp
Maria Lagasse
Ivan Lenkov Lenov
Jun Li
Yang Li
Sichao Ma
Tucker Maxson
Joel Melby
Subha Mukherjee
Duc Anh Nguyen
Freddy Than-Son Nguyen
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Sarah Landy
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Ta-Hsuan Ong
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Peter Joel Sempsrott
Winnie W. Shia
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Li Huey Tan
Shilang Tam
Chun Ming Edmund Tse
Dipesh Shaurin Mehta
Camila R. Marquez
Dinesh Shahrin Mehta
Kevin R. Mendoza
Alexis M. Miles
Shannon M. Miller Δ
Aldo J. Molina
Young Jin Na
Jaden Na
Torie R. Nava
Diep Nguyen
Michael Hoang-Tuan Nguyen
Aileen C. Nolan
Jasmine N. Oliver
Michael James Pajor Δ
Christopher S. Para Δ
Jung Mi Park

This program contains an unofficial list of candidates for Spring 2016 and Summer 2016 graduation and a list of graduates who received degrees in Summer 2015 and Fall 2015. Due to printing deadlines, the names of some degree recipients may not appear, while the name of some degree candidates who have not completed their degree requirements may be included.

- Bronze Tablet recipient
- Phi Beta Kappa recipient
- Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
- Chemistry Merit Program for Emerging Scholars
- Dual Degree
- High Distinction
- Highest Distinction
- Chemistry Merit Program for Emerging Scholars

Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences

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Arzena Sultan Ali Δ
Paxton J. Atristain
Linxiao Bai Δ
Lindsey M. Berg
Gurpartap Singh Bhamra
Paige D. Booth
Ray M. Birtcher
Jonathan Blair Brestover
Alexander B. Burzinski Δ
Sunny K. Chan
Xuanang Chen Δ
Garret Lee Clevenger
Jessica E. Clifford
Sarah A. Collins
Zachary Donald Daniels
Shridihi Davaonde
Sonja Amit Dave Δ
Evon Jacob Dechstetter
William Del Toro
Megan Y. Desine
Alison M. Dougherty
James A. Dubina
Austin T. Duflinger Δ
Jack S. Elliott
Steven W. Entsminger Δ
Chee Hoe Foong
Melissa A. Foster & Δ
Ellisla T. Franklin
Zoe J. Frankowicz
Michel Garcia Δ
Maya S. Gattapalli & Δ
Adam Joseph Geier
Dominic John Gentile
Patrick Hayden Gerli
Zainab Ghous
Ryan Scott Grady
Jeremy C. Ha
Ben C. Hauer
Karen Angelina Herdman Δ
Mary N. Hong Δ
Jacob Cole Hoed
Yanzhao Huang Δ
Zainab Ghous
Matthew I. Huang
Tae-Hwan Huang
Akshay Jain Δ
Lisa Catherine Jareczek
Lauren Elizabeth Johnson
Taylor K. Jones
William Joo
Kasey A. Karlin Δ
Bora Kang
Jeongbin Kim
Jessica Y. Kim
Ji-Young Kim
Mi Hee Kim
Rahul Rajeev Kini Δ
Conor J. Kitt
Kjungyoon Ko Δ
Stephanie N. Konkoli Δ
Samantha Barbara Kopeck Δ
Gento K. Kozuma Δ
Michelle Natalie Kramaric Δ
Sally Shilpi Ladsaria Δ
Noelle Stepheh Leary Δ
Rahyun Lee
Seoyung Lee
Zack A. Lee
Bin Li
Junheng Li Δ
Cristina Liang
Jonas Peter Paul Lucas-Laksowski Δ
Ummala B. Mahmud
Joseph R. Malak-Ismail
Bridget Kelly Maloney
Alexander Peter Mantis Δ
Anqi Mao Δ
Camila R. Marquez
Dipesh Shahrin Mehta
Kevin R. Mendoza
Alexis M. Miles
Shannon M. Miller Δ
Aldo J. Molina
Young Jin Na
Austin J. Naal
Torie R. Nava
Diep Nguyen
Michael Hoang-Tuan Nguyen
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Jasmine N. Oliver
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Christopher S. Para Δ
Jung Mi Park
Simon Park
Anjali Patel Δ
Arpit Navin Patel
Yin Xi Phang Δ
Rishabhi Rajesh Peddar
LaDonte Joseph Prince
Elaine Quach
Teresa Ann Radosvitch Δ
Eric Shawn Ramos
Luis Manuel Real Hernandez Δ
John Woo Rhe△
Lissete A. Rivera
Nichol Johar Robinson
Jose P. Rodriguez
Anthony M. Ravisio
Finy Ruan Δ
Nicholas E. Runge
Andrew D. Sagalov
Omar V. Saldana Δ
Leslie Segovia
In Hea Sea
Julie Won Seo
Haadi M. Shaker
Justin C. Shang Δ
Katie E. Sherman
Sana Siddiqui Δ
Joshua M. Smith Δ
Andrew Page Storn Δ
Mengzi San
Cathleen Anne Suresh
Chye Yuen Tay Δ
Julie Anne Taylor
Christopher M. Villafior
Quan H. Vo
Joshua D. Warner
Dimeji O. Williams Δ
Matthew E. Wong
Melody C. Wong
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