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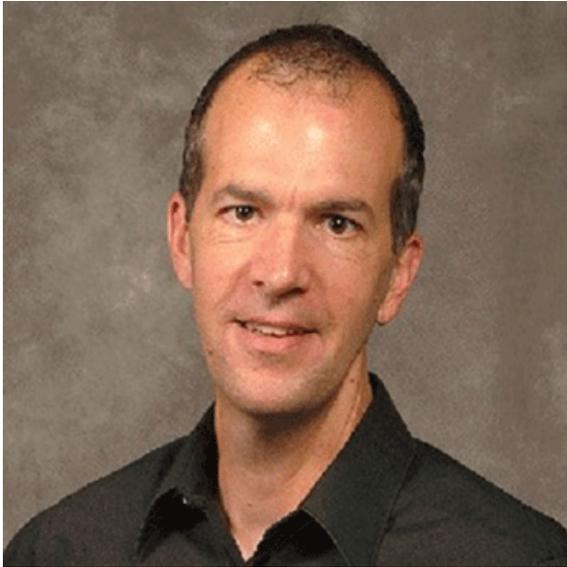


2020 Wilson Award Winner: ChrisTina Okolo

Congratulations to ChrisTina Okolo on her selection as the recipient of the [2020 R.E. Lee Wilson Award](#), Arkansas State University's highest honor for a graduating student. A December 2019 graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the College of Sciences and Mathematics, Okolo's career goal is to become a physician.

The recipient of numerous scholarships on her way to a near-perfect grade-point average, her name was on the Chancellor's List or Dean's List every semester.

Extensively involved in undergraduate research, her work has been published in prestigious scientific journals. Okolo also is [one of six recipients of the Distinguished Service Award](#), which recognizes exceptional qualities of leadership, involvement and scholarship during the student's time at Arkansas State.



CoSM News

New Chair in Biological Sciences

Welcome to Dr. Stephen J. Mullin who [becomes chair, Biological Sciences](#), effective July 1. Mullin completed his undergraduate degree at the University of California, his master's at the University of South Florida, and his Ph.D. at the University of Memphis.

CoSM Faculty News

Medina-Bolivar's Lab Research Published

An article co-authored by Dr. Fabricio Medina-Bolivar, professor of plant metabolic engineering, was published in [Molecules](#). Authorship is shared by his research assistant Lingling Fang and former MBS student Dr. Tianhong Yang.





CoSM Spotlight

Congrats to Porsha McGregor

Congratulations to Porsha McGregor, academic coordinator, one of the recipients for the 2020 Arkansas Council For Women In Higher Education Scholarship. McGregor is completing her master's program in psychological studies from A-State and the department thanks her for her leadership.

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Sikkel Studies Storms' Impact on Marine Life

Dr. Paul Sikkel, associate professor of aquatic biology, is co-author of a paper in [Scientific Reports](#) documenting changes in population genetic structure of a marine parasite after back-to-back hurricanes.





CoSM Faculty Spotlight

Congrats to Dr. Mohamed Milad

Dr. Mohamed Milad's proposal, *Testing Differentially Methylated Regions through Logistic Regression Analysis*, has been selected by the Faculty Research Awards Committee as an awardee for the Spring 2020 Faculty Research Fund.



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