



# BIO BUZZ

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## Changes • Changes • Changes

### It's not goodbye, just see you later.



About 80 former students, faculty, retired faculty, and friends gathered on March 23rd to celebrate the research and teaching legacies of **Dr. Tom Schultz**. The celebration took place at Lamson Lodge. People came from far and wide to express how Tom had influenced their academic, professional, and personal lives. **Dr. Rebecca Homan** presented him with a book of memories constructed of pictures and stories submitted by current and retired faculty and former students. Emeritus faculty **Dr. Phil Stukus** started off the tribute,

followed by former student **Jenn Casey '96**, and more recent research students **Liza Haggengjos '18** and **Mo Christman '18**. **Dr. Eric Liebl** concluded the remarks by talking about how Tom taught him the real meaning of being a teacher. Wishing you and Janet all the best as you move to Colorado. We will miss you, Tom!



**Class of '90s  
stopped by**



**Jenn Casey '96 and Carin Miller '96**  
Jenn shared first visiting Denison and meeting Tom for the first time with humor.

Click here to see more from the photo album!  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/buginmyeye/albums/72157707574520875>



**Laurel Symes '07, Erin Gorsich '08, Ben Bring '07, Tom, Jon Horn '07 and Janet Schultz**  
Special t-shirts were designed for the event!

*No sentiment was spared when honoring Tom Schultz for his many years at Denison and his contributions to students and colleagues. A heartfelt message from Rebecca Homan was enjoyed by all in attendance. This chair from the Provost's office, was presented at a retirement reception in May.*



## Speaking of Chairs....



Chris Weingart will step down as Biology chair and Rebecca Homan steps up to the plate! Thanks for your service, Chris!



### Alumni News Update:

**Naomi Barker '17** was admitted into the masters in genetic counseling program at the University of South Carolina. She was selected for the LEND fellowship focusing on neurodevelopmental disorders in addition to her regular coursework.

**Jenny Zhang '18** is heading to Harvard Law School this fall.

A unique view from the roof of Talbot when we toured our HVAC system. Boy was it windy!



# BIOLOGY STUDENT AWARDS

**Kaitlyn Fouke**



Kaitlyn was also awarded best undergraduate poster presentation at the **Animal Behavior Conference** at Indiana University in March 2019 for her poster titled "Electrophysiological responses to chemosensory stimuli in cephalopod arms" which reported work from her summer and senior research with Biology faculty **Heather Rhodes**.

**Conor Loy**



Conor will be entering the doctoral program for Genetics, Genomics and Developmental Biology at Cornell University.

**All other Departmental Student Award Recipients**  
<https://denison.edu/academics/biology/wh/130232>

## 2019 Biology Senior Fellows

**Moe Madar**



Click on the link above for full Fellows bios

**Rachel Reardon**

**2019 Presidential Medalist**

In the fall, Rachel will begin her studies at Harvard Medical School.

**Amanda Walsh**







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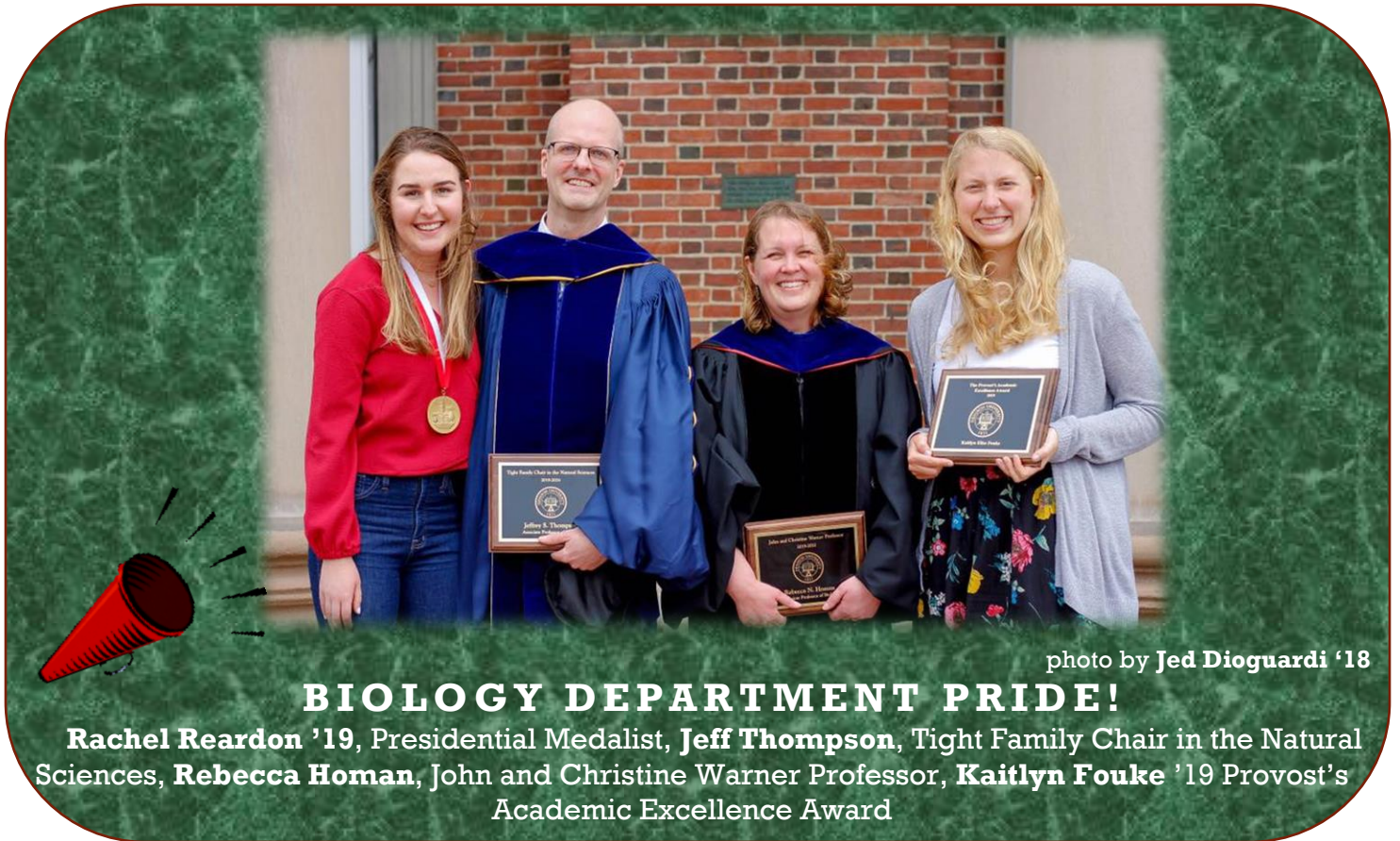


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## BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT PRIDE!

**Rachel Reardon '19**, Presidential Medalist, **Jeff Thompson**, Tight Family Chair in the Natural Sciences, **Rebecca Homan**, John and Christine Warner Professor, **Kaitlyn Fouke '19** Provost's Academic Excellence Award

And whilst we are boasting about our awesome department, **Rebecca Homan** and **Jessica Rettig** are now full professors and **Heather Rhodes** was awarded an R.C. Good for fall semester!



At the annual Haubrich Awards Banquet, **Tom Schultz** was surprised by students who asked to speak of their appreciation of knowing this awesome teacher!

Another fun surprise for Tom was a plaque from the Biology Department.

*Yep, Biology is pretty*  *at DU,*



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