Description:
An award administered by the Chemistry Club to a Junior (3rd year post-High School) Chemistry Major recognizing outstanding work in various academic, co- & extra-curricular areas. The award carries a $50 Barnes and Noble gift certificate prize along with a certificate acknowledging the award. The Outstanding Junior will also be recognized on the Division’s website in a list with the past winners. The prize is awarded every academic year and is announced at the Division’s end of the semester party during the spring semester.

Criteria:
The categories below are the criteria for the award. Individual judges should apply their own ranking systems and rubrics. Additional criteria may apply at the judges’ discretion.

- GPA
- Extra-curricular activities
- Co-curricular activities
- Service to Alfred University
- Service to Chemistry Division
- Quality of Cover Letter
- Strength of Letters of Recommendation

Nomination and selection process:
By the fourth meeting of the Club in the spring semester, the members of the club will choose and rank 6 persons outside of the Division of Chemistry at Alfred University to serve as the judges for the award. The Faculty Advisor will then contact the top three and continue down the list until three judges are confirmed.

Candidates wishing to be considered can send a copy of their resumé, unofficial transcript, and cover letter to the Faculty Advisor of the Club justifying why he or she should be the Outstanding Junior. Candidates should also arrange to have no less than 2, but no more than 5 letters, of recommendation sent to the Faculty Advisor on his/her behalf.

The Faculty Advisor will then send all of the application materials to the judges who will independently select a winner, based upon their interpretation of the criteria established and agreed upon by the club. The judges will be asked to score the candidates on a 1-10 scale (10 highest) and the candidate receiving the highest combined score will be identified as the Outstanding Junior. Judges will be encouraged to make every effort to not make the scores entirely relative to one another though it is understood that to differentiate candidates, this may be unavoidable.

Exceptions
- In cases where no candidate receives a combined score higher than 22, no award will be given.
  a. This includes cases where there is only one candidate
- In cases of a tie, the application packages will be sent to an additional judge that is not associated with Alfred University and is chosen by the Faculty Advisor, to break the tie.
- In cases where no award is given, the award funds will not be rolled into the next semester’s award or any other award.

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