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# Michael J. Auerbach Award for Excellence in Student Research Mentorship

This award was created in honor of Dean Emeritus Michael J. Auerbach, Chair of the Department of Biology (1996-2000) and Dean of the School of Sciences and Mathematics (2010-2018,) who strongly believed in providing students with opportunities to conduct hands-on research projects with the ultimate goal of presenting at professional meetings and/or being published in a peer-reviewed journal.

This award shall be given to a faculty member demonstrating a sustained track record of mentoring student research over a three-year time period. The selection will be made by a committee of faculty members. Nominations should consist of a statement on behalf of the faculty mentor that includes a list of student mentees, research project titles, publications, conference proceedings, poster presentations, awards, etc.

The award, consisting of a plaque and a monetary gift pending the availability of funding, is presented to the recipient at the School's spring picnic.

Recipients include:

- 2019 [Jennifer Fox \(http://chemistry.cofc.edu/about/faculty-staff-listing/fox-jennifer.php\)](http://chemistry.cofc.edu/about/faculty-staff-listing/fox-jennifer.php),  
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
- 2019 [Sorinel Oprisan \(http://oprisans.people.cofc.edu/\)](http://oprisans.people.cofc.edu/), Department of Physics and Astronomy
- 2019 [Dinesh Sarvate \(http://math.cofc.edu/about/faculty-staff-listing/sarvate-dinesh.php\)](http://math.cofc.edu/about/faculty-staff-listing/sarvate-dinesh.php),  
Department of Mathematics
- 2020 [John Chadwick \(https://geology.cofc.edu/about-the-department/faculty-and-staff/chadwick-john.php\)](https://geology.cofc.edu/about-the-department/faculty-and-staff/chadwick-john.php), Department of Geology and Environmental Geosciences
- 2020 [Matthew Rutter \(https://biology.cofc.edu/about-the-department/faculty-staff-listing/rutter-matt.php\)](https://biology.cofc.edu/about-the-department/faculty-staff-listing/rutter-matt.php), Department of Biology

