

PORTLAND SECTION

American Chemical Society

TOM DUNNE and JAMES CURRIE CHEMISTRY AWARD

This Named Chemistry Award for the Portland Section honors key past members who made an indelible impact on the Portland Section. Professors Dunne and Currie were known for their strong support for a diverse community. This award is meant to support underrepresented students (ethnic and racial minorities; first-generation college students; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students; and students with disabilities) who are current sophomores with interests in chemistry. It helps potential chemistry or biochemistry majors finance their junior year in college. The student must be enrolled in a college or university located in the Portland Section area. Nominees should intend to pursue a career in chemistry, chemical engineering, or a chemistry-related science. Nomination of a candidate from each college or university may be by the Chemistry Faculty. Students may also apply directly. The application will consist of:

- 1) Transcript(s) (unofficial copies are acceptable) of all college work and a completed [Academic Summary Sheet](#).
- 2) A statement (no more than 2 pages, double-spaced) by the student giving their reasons for choosing a career in chemistry, their experiences to date and an outline of their future in chemistry.
- 3) A 200-word statement by the student describing a challenge that they had to overcome.
- 4) Three letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a chemistry faculty member at the applicant's institution, a second from another science faculty member (possibly but not necessarily chemistry) the third from anyone.

All items should be emailed to reingold@juniata.edu and received by Feb 22nd. The Awards Committee of the Portland Section will review the records of the nominees and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee for final selection. The award winners will be honored at a Spring meeting of the local section. The amount of the award may vary each year according to the finances of the Section. New in 2021, this will be a \$3500 cash award.