Reeder and Whittington Receive URSA Travel Support Grants

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity (URSA) has awarded two Travel Support Grants in the amount of $200 each to Zachary Reeder and Carli Whittington. Travel Support Grants are intended to support undergraduate students accepted to present research at a professional conference or gathering. These students also received $100 each to fund the development of their posters, which will be used to display their projects at these gatherings.

Reeder is a senior chemistry major in the Jones College of Science, Engineering and Technology. His presentation is entitled, “Imidazolium-Containing Polyurethanes: Deciphering the Relationship between Structure and Thermal Properties.”

Whittington is a senior biological sciences major also in the Jones College of Science, Engineering and Technology. Her presentation is entitled, “Linear and Covalently Crosslinked Polyesters Containing a Pendant Imidazolium Group: Synthesis and Thermal Properties.”

Both Reeder and Whittington plan to present their research at the 246th National Meeting and Exposition of the American Chemical Society. The conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from September 7-11, 2013. Reeder and Whittington will present their research on September 10th during the conference.

Kevin M. Miller, assistant professor of chemistry, serves as faculty mentor for Reeder and Whittington.

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