

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that Christina (Tina) Senft will receive the William P. Lund Jr. Scholarship in Marine Sciences for 2010. The tentative title of paper she is preparing for publication is, "Distinct phenotypes of copepod ingestion rates when fed a toxic alga".

The Lund Scholarship is awarded based on the recommendation of the Admissions and Awards Committee to the head of Marine Sciences. This year, applications for the Lund Award were evaluated by Profs. Whitney and Vlahos (Profs. Lin and Dam recused themselves from the evaluation process because some of their students had been nominated). All of the students who applied were considered by the reviewers to be worthy of recognition, and they commented that, "it is exciting to see so many ready to publish their research". In reviewing the applications, the particular criteria used to select the awardee were: 1) a nominating statement that enthusiastically endorsed the research and clearly articulated the impact of the research and 2) a well-written abstract that described compelling research and clearly stated the main research findings.

The reviewers remarked that Christina Senft's abstract was well written and described her research that developed a new non-lethal method to identify copepod phenotypes and applied this method to studying feeding on toxic and non-toxic diets. Her abstract and Prof. Avery's nomination statement emphasized the importance of this research in understanding grazer resistance to toxic algae, a critical environmental issue.