

***Sorrell Chesin '58
Research Award***

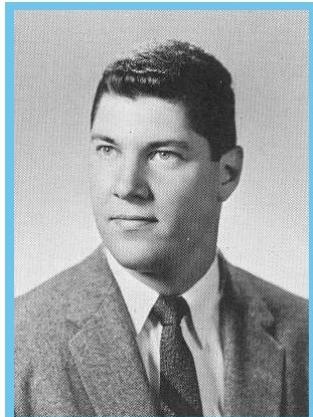
GENESEO



"I wasn't sure I made the right decision to transfer to Geneseo. From the Bronx to a small town would be a major adjustment. More people lived on my street than lived in the town. Talk about an adjustment! At least there was a movie theater, open on weekends and a bowling alley in town. How's that for entertainment?"

As I walked on the street, people wished me "good morning." Faculty focused on the students as they lectured. The campus environment was engaging and welcoming. I joined clubs, met students from different places, looked forward to each day and sought to do my best. I thought about Psychology Professor Richard Bloomer, who allowed me to participate on a research project he was undertaking. It was an extraordinary experience for me. I was thinking about all this when my name was called and, dressed in an academic robe, I walked across the stage and received my degree. Where did the time go? In retrospect, those college years were a transformative experience and set the foundation for my professional career in higher education. I owed something!"

The reason I established this fund was based on that experience. To my surprise, the research article was published in The Journal of Educational Research in 1960 and he included my name as his co-author."



Sorrell Chesin began his undergraduate education at NYU but completed it with a B.S. from the SUNY College at Geneseo. His M.A. is from Syracuse University and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University, where he served as a Head Resident Advisor.

He dedicated his career to the advancement of higher education. He held an administrative and part-time faculty position at the University of Bridgeport (CT) prior to being appointed Associate Dean of Students at SUNY Albany in 1965. He held several senior administrative positions over the course of his tenure, including service as Executive Director of the University at Albany Foundation, and retired in 2013 as Associate Vice President for University Development. Upon retirement, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the UAlbany Emeritus Center, an association of retired faculty, administrators and professional personnel and served as its Vice President and then President.

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The purpose of the endowed fund is to provide financial support to establish undergraduate student research awards designed to recognize those students who have successfully undertaken a research experience in the natural sciences and related disciplines under the direction or mentorship of a faculty member in the field of study and to promote this research experience.

Guidelines

- Student nominees must be full-time juniors or seniors.
- Students must have conducted research with a faculty member for the fall semester of the current year and must plan to continue the research into the spring semester.
- Funds must be utilized for a research project overseen by a faculty mentor or may be used to augment an Undergraduate Travel Grant for a conference presentation.
- These funds may be in addition to other grants, fellowships and assistantships students have received for their projects.
- Awards will range from \$250 to \$500, and its equivalent amount in the future.

Process

- Department(s) reflective of the donor's designation will be determined each fall by the Office of Sponsored Research.
- A nomination form will be made available to faculty in selected department(s) by October 1.
- Each department chair or program director asked to issue a call for nominations to their faculty members.
- Nominations will be due by on the first Monday of December each year.
- Recipients will be selected by the beginning of the spring semester by the Office of Sponsored Research staff, in conjunction with appropriate department chairs/program directors.
- The Office of Sponsored Research will generate award letters and will provide students with instructions on how to access their award.

2022 Award Recipients

up to \$500 awards

Faculty Sponsor: Stephen Padalino, Physics and Astronomy

Kayla Andersen

Solar Collector for SUNY Geneseo eGarden Greenhouse

Faculty Sponsor: Mackenzie Gerringer, Biology

Ryan Bohen

Stomach Contents of Conesus Lake Fishes

Faculty Sponsor: Varuni Jamburuthugoda, Biology

Hima Chakka

Identifying a Potential DNA Binding Domain within the Highly Conserved HRKK Sequence of R2 Protein

Faculty Sponsor: Varuni Jamburuthugoda, Biology

Andrew Kareeparampil

Optimization of Wild Type and Double Mutant R2 Protein Expression and Purification

Faculty Sponsor: Jennifer Apple, Biology

Cassidy Mills

Genetic Diversity of a Non-native Ant-mimicking Spider in its Invaded Range

Faculty Sponsor: Stephen Padalino, Physics and Astronomy

Emma Parker

Solar Collector for SUNY Geneseo eGarden Greenhouse

Faculty Sponsor: Jani Lewis, Biology

Vincent Scalcione

Establishing Quiescence in Vulvar Cancer Cells using the Fluorescent Fusion Protein mVenus-p27K-

Faculty Sponsor: Mackenzie Gerringer, Biology

Samantha Shepard

Description of New Species of Deep-sea Snailfish using Morphology and Genetics

Faculty Sponsor: Savitri Iyer, Physics and Astronomy

Robert Sinesi

Bending of Light near a Black Hole

Faculty Sponsor: Elizabeth Hutchison, Biology

Hannah Smith

*Overexpression of the *Neurospora crassa* Transcription Factor *fsd-1* Inhibits Mating*

Faculty Sponsor: Mackenzie Gerringer, Biology

Chryssanthi Tzetzis

Feeding Morphology of Deep-sea Fishes