

Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Chemistry
Amanda Turek
University of Wisconsin-Madison



Amanda Turek has a passion for synthetic methodology "because it is where chemistry is born." According to her nominator, Professor Tehshik Yoon, Amanda's ability in the synthetic laboratory and in the classroom outpaced students at the graduate level - all at a school with a top-10 graduate program in chemistry (the University of Wisconsin-Madison)! Amanda is an excellent scholar and researcher with multiple awards. She also has multi-dimensional interests; as an accomplished pianist, Amanda has developed unique and creative outreach activities, in which she performs both concerts and demonstrations and draws parallels between chemistry and music. Amanda is clearly a student who is interested and accomplished in teaching others, and she is very excited to have the opportunity to continue her own education next year at Harvard University.