

**2010 Iota Sigma Pi Undergraduate Award for Excellence In Chemistry  
Jenna Luek**



Jenna Luek, a senior at Chatham University, has demonstrated excellence in chemistry through course work, awards and research. She writes: "I began college as a Chemistry major and French minor, but after an introductory Environmental course, I quickly changed to a Chemistry major and Environmental minor. Once I finish my PhD in Environmental Chemistry, my ideal career is to become a Chemistry professor at a small college where I can spend time both teaching and doing research." Her nominator, Dr. Renee L. Falconer, writes about her research in chemical pollutant analyses of Antarctic samples done with Dr. Rebecca Dickhut at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science: "She did such a great job (the summer of 2008) that Dr. Dickhut asked if she could continue the work at Chatham over the school year. Jenna set up a special lab space and continued the sample workup. She then went back tot VIMS this past summer and finished the analysis of the samples. ... She is currently working on a publication that will be submitted in the next coupe of months. ... Jenna is definitely a top notch student researcher already and will do great things in graduate school – she is planning on attending VIMS and has already written proposals to both EPA and NSF for funding for her research while there. ... She will make a great environmental chemistry researcher someday and I hope to continue our collaboration for years to come."