



DATES AND DEADLINES:

- July 4 Independence Day, University closed.
- July 12 Deadline to register for Fall 2024 proficiency examination.
- July 15 Last day for oral defense of dissertation for August graduates. Undergraduate and graduate diplomas mailed to May 2024 graduates.
- July 22 Last day to submit final dissertation materials with the Graduate School for August graduates. Deadline to register for Fall 2024 proficiency examination.

STUDENT, FACULTY and STAFF ACTIVITIES

Presentations

Hitchcock, Shawn R. “A New Direction For an Old Reaction: The Curtius Rearrangement as a Tool for Accessing Carbonyl Compounds, Carbinolamides, and Enamines.” NOBCChE Midwest Regional Symposium 2024. Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, June 22nd – June 23rd, **2024.**

^(G)Affram, **Kweku Amaning**, **Hitchcock, Shawn R***, and ^(G)Odeh, **Joy**, “TMC-126: Convergent Asymmetric Synthesis of the HIV Drug TMC-126 Using the Crimmins’ Auxiliary in a Non-Evans Syn-Glycolate Aldol Addition Pathway.” NOBCChE Midwest Regional Symposium 2024. Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, June 22nd – June 23rd, **2024.**

^(G)Odeh, **Joy**, Witte, Jordan M., **Ferrence, Gregory M**, and **Hitchcock, Shawn R.***, “A Curtius Rearrangement Driven Dehomologation from Carboxylic Acids Bearing Alpha-Leaving Groups to Aldehydes and Ketones.” NOBCChE Midwest Regional Symposium, 2024. Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, June 22nd – June 23rd, **2024.**

Publications

Witte, Jordan M., ^(UG) Sams, Christopher J., Service, Jasmine B., ^(UG) Kant, Caitlyn C., ^(G) Ayim, Emmanuel, ^(UG) Bambalas, Lily, ^(UG) Wright, Daniel, ^(G) Carter, Austin, Moran, Kelly, ^(UG) Rohrig, Isabella G., Ferrence, Gregory M., and Hitchcock, Shawn R. *, "Diastereoselective Synthesis of the HIV Protease Inhibitor Darunavir and Related Derivatives via a Titanium Tetrachloride-Mediated Asymmetric Glycolate Aldol Addition Reaction." *J. Org. Chem.* **2024**. In Press. <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.joc.4c01057>.

AWARDS CEREMONY

The Chemistry Department's Senior Banquet and Awards Ceremony was held on May 3, 2024 in the Circus Room of the Bone Center. Below are a few pictures from that event.





Congratulations to all the graduating students and awardees!



Happy 4th of July

During the summer months, the Blue Notes will be issued midmonth only.