

## 2014 Iota Sigma Pi Gladys Anderson Emerson Scholarship Awardee

### Jennifer Grauberger



Ms. Jennifer Grauberger, an outstanding chemistry major at Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, has been selected to receive the 2014 Gladys Anderson Emerson Scholarship. In recognition of her excellent academic performance, in class and lab, Jenny was selected as one of Willamette's Webber scholars. As a Webber fellow, Jenny serves as a mentor and role model to elementary school students and is responsible for designing and teaching units on chemistry at the fifth-grade level at a local school. Jenny was nominated for the Gladys Anderson Emerson award by Dr. Karen Holman, who describes Jenny as "one of the most motivated, intelligent, and organized students I have had... she is sincere in her process of discovery and enjoys the intellectual endeavor as well as discussing chemistry with her collaborators." Her physical chemistry professor and advisor, Dr. Charles Williamson, describes Jenny as a serious student who is flourishing in her academic program and is interested in pursuing research at the intersection of chemistry and medicine. Jenny is an active member of the Willamette Emergency Medical Services program and has interned and volunteered at two hospitals. She also works for the Chemistry Department as a tutor. Dr. Sarah Kirk, one of Jenny's professors, writes that, "I have heard more compliments regarding Jenny's teaching this semester... She is both welcoming and knowledgeable. It is clear that Jenny is an educator." In her spare time, Jenny also volunteers as a reading coach at a local elementary school, an experience that has been transformative. She writes, "I have found a new inspiration for pursuing a career in medicine... I will be making a positive impact on a child's life at the most fundamental level." Jenny is considering a career in medical research, and Kirk agrees that she has the potential to succeed in that arena, writing that, "She is extremely driven and has worked hard to learn about the many opportunities available to her. She has both the work ethic and natural intellect to thrive in a research setting."