Linpeng (Peter) Wei has been working in the Chemistry Library since April 2013 and is a valued member of the Chemistry Library Team. The Library has grown to rely on his dependability and flexibility to cover shifts when the need arises. To quote his supervisor: “the dedication he brings to his job is refreshing!” He is very dedicated to his work and his studies. When he started working as a library student assistant, Linpeng was taking 23 credits and doing research in the field of Pharmacological Studies and maintained an outstanding GPA. Linpeng is responsible to train new student staff. He provides quality customer service to library patrons, maintains coverage of the library and performs special projects when assigned. His work is always accurate and done timely and he is always willing to take on additional tasks. Linpeng conducts his own research in the Pharmacology labs, as well as working in teams. He is always pleasant, dedicated and helpful. He is very persistent to obtain his goals. Linpeng is working on a degree in Biomedical Engineering, Linpeng plans to continue his education and obtain his PhD. in Microbiology. Congratulations Linpeng!

Amy Lin has been working in the Library Dean’s Office since Sept. 2012. She is a biology major with a concentration in genetics and is currently doing research in Alzheimer’s disease. She is also an RA and has established several programs and campus activities for her residence to get involved. They include Recyclemania, Bone Marrow Program, Red Watch Band, CPR training, Fire Safety, Conflict Resolutions, Behind Closed Doors (deals with sexuality, gender, and touch), Money Management training, Emergency Procedure training and several more. Amy has also been involved in the following fundraising efforts, “NANA House”, “Campus for Haiti Relief”, “Stony Brook Veterans Home”, Sunshine Fund for Children’s Hospital and Island Harvest. Each Oct. she fundraises through her sorority Alpha Kappa Delta Phi for breast cancer awareness through the BCA Ball and Pink Glow. Last year Amy volunteered in the Stony Brook Medicine Radiology Department and this year she’s volunteering in the Department of Nursing. She is a very active young lady and very dedicated to her studies and her community. Amy’s goal is to become a physician and work in the field of pediatrics. Amy would like to develop a program for global health care and education. This would be a program where professionals in education and health care will come together and travel aboard to provide assistance and share their knowledge in struggling areas such as Africa, and parts of China. Although she realizes this is a huge goal, she believes it’s achievable with hard work and time. Congratulations Amy!
2014 Student Employee of the Year Recipient

Diane Poon

Diane worked in the Library Dean’s Office since May 2013. She was originally hired to work for the summer sessions, due to her excellent work ethic she was asked her to stay on until her graduation in May 2014. Diane was extremely reliable and had a strong attention to detail. This allowed us to give her more intricate and detailed work. Which came with more responsibility in her assignments. Diane solely handled the reception area and was the first person to provide customer service to all who came into the Library Dean’s Office. She provided excellent service to all. She maintained conference room schedules, distribution of keys, equipment, office supplies, correspondence and whatever else we assigned her on a given day. Diane was entrusted with a special project that was extremely important. We knew this project was in good hands because of her diligence and remarkably accurate reporting. Diane had qualities any supervisor can rely upon. She had a great sense of priorities. Diane is very professional in her manner. The way she performed her work showed a maturity beyond her years. She handled many confidential records. We could be assured that Diane had the maturity and professionalism to maintain confidentiality which is vital. Diane could be counted on to cover the office without supervision. Diane is very trustworthy and this allowed us to rely on her for higher level work and freed the office staff to work on other issues that needed addressing.

Diane was President of Kappa Phil Lambda Sorority, was a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society, University Scholars, the order of Omega. She’s a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship. Diane participated in the annual banquet, "Out of Darkness" all proceeds were donated to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. She volunteered for the March of Dimes, American Lung Assoc. "Fight for Air Climb", Avon walk for Breast Cancer, Long Island Cares Food Drives, Damon Runyon 5K and more. Congratulations Diane!

ALA “STAR” Nomination - 2014

Michael Seminara

Michael from an academic library in Stony Brook, NY, Michael is a star because he is an excellent member of the support staff who can always be counted on. As an experienced and knowledgeable student staff, Michael works independently without supervision. When there are staff meetings he can be counted on to cover the library. He has an outstanding record is very dedicated and has a strong work ethic. He provides high quality services to patrons and works exceptionally well with others. He performs his job duties accurately and efficiently. Because of his thoroughness Michael’s work is of the highest standard. Michael uses public transportation to get to work and is always early for his shift. He also is very flexible with his hours and will come in early or stay after his shift if we need student coverage. Michael has opened the library during extreme weather conditions when library staff were unable to be here. When he cannot find transportation late at night he walks all the way to Port Jefferson about 6 miles to his home to provide coverage at night. Michael plans on obtaining his MLS degree and work in academic libraries in the future. His commendable job performance is above and beyond my expectations. Michael is truly deserving of this recognition.

Michael was nominated for Student Employee of the Year and received a Distinction of Excellence Recognition at the 2014 Student Staff Appreciation Day Luncheon. Congratulations Michael!
This year’s Student Staff Appreciation Pizza Party was held on April 23, 2014 in the Javits Seminar Room of the Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library. Each Year Library Staff contribute salads, baked goods, fruit and other goodies. We’d like to thank everyone who contributed to the festivities. Clips and Frisbees were presented to the students who attended. Thank You for your dedication and hard work throughout the year. The Thomas Jefferson Award, the University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Award and the ALA (American Library Association) Star were presented to the award recipients by Pamela Di Pasquale, Library Dean’s Office. The annual luncheon is a fun way to meet other Library student staff from various library departments.
University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Award:

Many thanks to the University Libraries Faculty/Staff who contribute to the University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Award throughout the years. Your support enables the award to continue.

Thomas Jefferson Award:

To the donor: The Library Faculty/Staff would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the years you have provided and supported the Thomas Jefferson Award for the University Libraries Student Staff. Each year you have touched the lives of these students in a special way. You have been a great example of “paying it forward” and we can not thank you enough!

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