

Dr. Furst Remembered Through 17th Undergraduate Scholarship Award



SAB members Vice President of Science & Technology John Miller and Vice President of Product, Science & Technology Anjana Srivastava join scholarship recipient Ben Rayikanti.

When University of San Francisco student Ben Rayikanti received the message that he had been awarded GNLD's 17th Arthur Furst Undergraduate Scholarship Award, he was, "Ecstatic. This is a very prestigious award that I have been thinking about for the past two years. I couldn't wait to tell my professors that I had been selected."

Ben was surprised and even more pleased when he arrived at the GNLD recognition luncheon on the campus of the University of San Francisco. Surrounded as he was by GNLD executives, members of the Furst family, and professors and members of the university, Ben was awed by the attention. "The luncheon was much more than I expected. It was a pleasure to be able to directly address both

GNLD and the Furst family to share my admiration for the work that Dr. Furst accomplished."

A biology major, Ben's passion for research makes him a perfect choice to become the 17th recipient of an award that pays tribute to a man who was a research pioneer. GNLD's founding SAB member, Dr. Arthur Furst held USF in high regard and was honored when GNLD established in his name an award specifically for undergraduate science students. GNLD's Vice President of Science and Technology John Miller encapsulated the significance of this scholarship. "At GNLD, we recognize the work of Dr. Furst and its impact on the scientific community. Through this award, we honor his contributions while encouraging young minds to continue



ARTHUR FURST (1914-2005)
Founding Member Emeritus
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Toxicologist, Pharmacologist

striving for excellence in the field of science."

Ben's research project focuses on the enhancement of photosynthesis through partnering plants with nitrogen-fixing bacteria. The practical side required collecting and growing plants to study their response to a gradient of nutrient concentrations. His independent research and dedication to this project has thoroughly impressed his professors, including Dr. Karentz who notes, "Ben is a great example of the kind of student that GNLD intended to honor when they established the Arthur Furst Undergraduate Scholarship."

Also in attendance, GNLD's Vice President of Product, Science & Technology and SAB member Anjana Srivastava was particularly impressed with the number of members from Dr. Furst's family. "The legacy of Dr. Furst cannot be understated. At GNLD we maintain his fundamental philosophy of driving product innovation through scientific discovery. The presentation of this award affirms our dedication to that philosophy while encouraging young scientific minds to continue his work. We were very pleased to share the celebration with members of the Furst family."