

CONGRATS, #2015CHEMGRAD!

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Ah, college graduation ... the much-anticipated event that marks the major achievement of earning a hard-won academic degree and often signals the dawn of a new and exciting career. To celebrate this milestone, various ACS offices and divisions teamed up to ask 2015 chemistry and chemical engineering graduates earning their A.S., B.A., B.S., M.S., or Ph.D. degrees to share their graduation photos on social media using the hashtag #2015ChemGrad.

From May 15 to June 15, 65 graduates embraced the project, and ACS randomly selected a winner, who received prizes including a \$50 gift card and tchotchkes from ACS. The recipient is Vanessa Cardona, who just earned an A.S. in chemistry from Raritan Valley Community College in North Branch, N.J. Congratulations to all!

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Ingrid Liao (left), B.S. in chemistry, and **Paulynn Carrington**, B.S. in chemistry, both from the University of California, Riverside.
Liao's next stop: Working as a semiconductor researcher at Semiconductor Research Corp. and applying to Ph.D. programs in materials science and engineering.
Carrington's immediate plans: Working for a pharmaceutical company and applying to Ph.D. programs in analytical chemistry.

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Jose Diaz (center), B.S. in biochemistry from San Francisco State University (SFSU). Standing with him are his parents.
Next step: Continuing on at SFSU for a master's degree in biochemistry.

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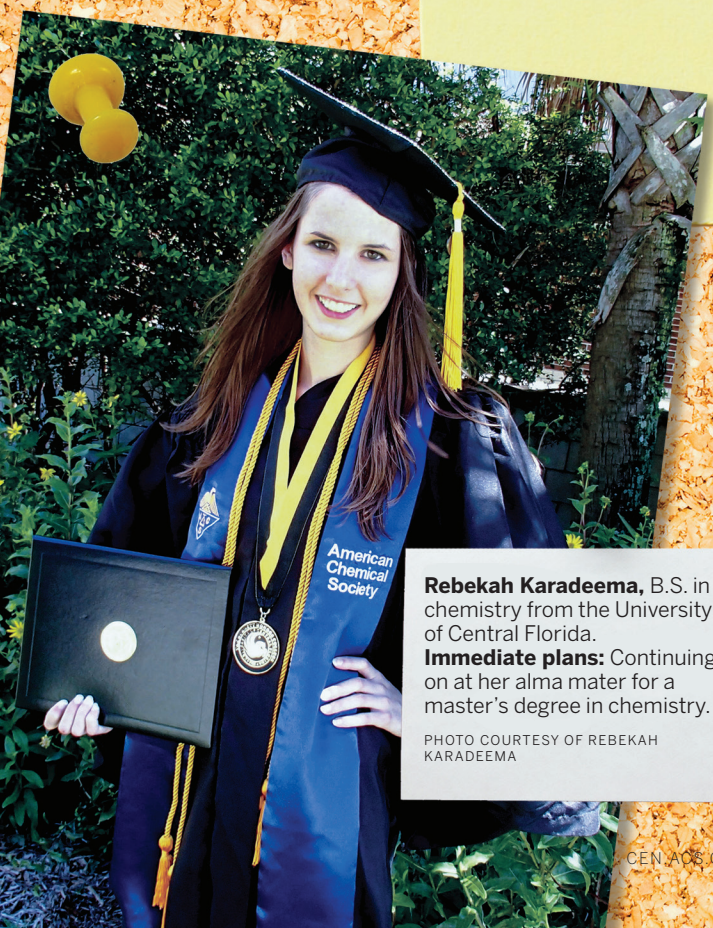
Jasmine Marckwordt (left), B.S. in chemistry, and **Casandra Sowash**, B.S. in chemistry, both from Santa Clara University in California.
Marckwordt's next stop: Working in industry for a couple of years before applying to graduate school in inorganic chemistry.
Sowash's immediate plans: Heading to UC Santa Cruz for a Ph.D. in inorganic/physical chemistry.

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Jamie Parks, B.S. in chemistry from Lander University in Greenwood, S.C.
Next step: Applying to pharmacy school at South University in Atlanta.

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Rebekah Karadeema, B.S. in chemistry from the University of Central Florida.
Immediate plans: Continuing on at her alma mater for a master's degree in chemistry.

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Muhammad Fadhli Mansor, B.Sc. in chemical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.
Immediate plans: Seeking an entry-level position as a process engineer or researcher.

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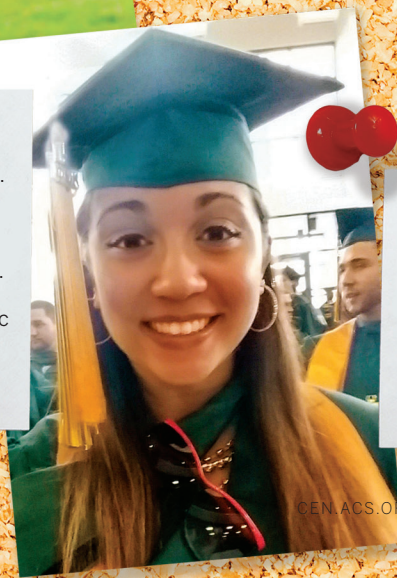


Vanessa Cardona, A.S. in chemistry from Raritan Valley Community College.
Next step: Heading to George Washington University, where she will pursue a B.S. in chemistry. Planning to earn a master's degree in forensic chemistry.

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Krishani James Raveentiran, B.S. in chemistry and environmental sciences from the University of Toronto, Scarborough.
Next step: Looking for a position in chemistry or a related field. Considering going to Europe to earn her master's degree.

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Jerrano Bowleg (right), B.S. in chemistry from Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU). He is shown with William Bynum Jr., president of the university.
Next step: Earning a master's degree in chemistry from MVSU, then pursuing a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry.

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