

## **URECA**

*Undergraduate Research Endeavors  
Competitive Awards*



## **2009 URECA AWARDEES**

The purpose of URECA is to provide competitive awards to outstanding undergraduates who wish to pursue a specific research project under the mentorship of a faculty member. In this way, undergraduates have the opportunity and resources to pursue independent research as well as work closely with active faculty members who are leading scholars in their fields.

The competition is structured to mirror both the application process and the execution of a program that would typically be funded by an external granting agency: students are required to submit a proposal describing a specific research project to be completed under the direction of a faculty mentor; proposals are evaluated by panels of UVM experts, and the top ranked proposals are selected for funding; awardees carry out the research, either during a semester or a summer, and submit a final report detailing the outcomes.

In many instances, results may be suitable for presentation at regional or national conferences and/or publication (funds may be requested to support such culminations). Awardees are honored at a special University event each year.

### **Two Students from the Biology Department were Honored this Year with the Prestigious URECA Awards**

**Tyler Aten** - is conducting research on Src-Family Kinase Global Substrate Analysis with Dr. Bryan Ballif

**Alice Ford** - is conducting research on Changes in Relative Clonal Abundances in malaria Infections with Dr. Joseph Schall