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UM-Dearborn honors Wyandotte resident for outstanding academic achievement

DEARBORN---Wyandotte resident Alecia Kupser received the Chancellor's Medallion for outstanding academic achievement at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's commencement exercises last month.

Graduating with high distinction, Kupser earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and a minor in psychology. During her time at UM-Dearborn, Kupser received university honors in April 2004, December 2004 and April 2005, and was a James B. Angell Scholar in 2006. She was on the Dean's List in the College of Engineering and Computer Science for Fall 2003 and the Dean's List for the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters six times between Fall 2004 and Winter 2007. In 2007, she received the American Chemical Society Undergraduate Analytical Chemistry Award. At the campus's recent Honors Convocation, she was the biochemistry honors student. Kupser is the recipient of the Chancellor's Scholarship, the Michigan Merit Scholarship and various private scholarships.

Kupser has spent two terms conducting laboratory research with Prof. Ali Bazzi, which will lead to a submission of an article for publication in the *Journal of Chemical Education*. Kupser has been active in the Biochemistry Club and the Key Club, and has done extensive community service. Currently, she mentors prospective students in an outreach program at her former high school in Wyandotte. While at UM-Dearborn, she was enrolled in the college-wide Women in Learning and Leadership program. In addition, she has been employed as a student laboratory assistant in UM-Dearborn's chemistry labs for a number of years. Her high-caliber work as a lab assistant has allowed her the opportunity to lead assistants for all of the chemistry labs. Kupser will pursue a career in medicine, having been accepted at a number of prestigious medical schools including the U-M Ann Arbor and The Ohio State University.

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