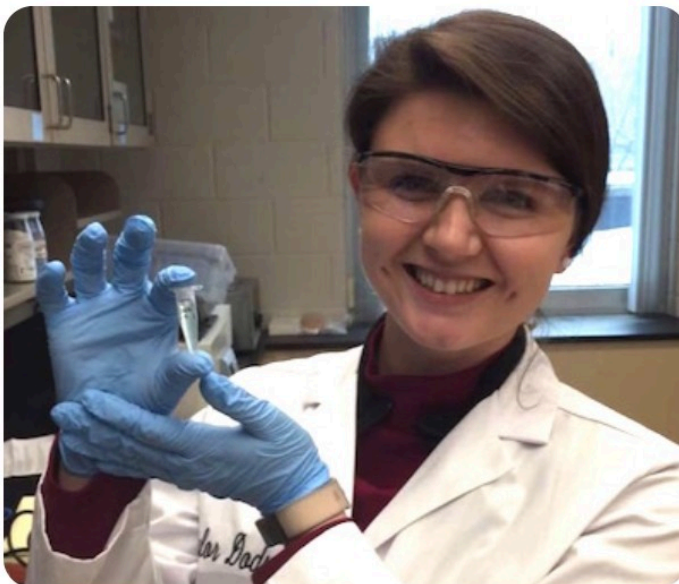


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Celebrating Alumnae: Dr. Kaylan Kelsey Jackson and Taylor Dodson

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Department of Natural Sciences Recognizes Accomplishments of Chemistry Graduates

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Recently, two chemistry alumnae shared news of their success.

Dr. Kaylan Kelsey Jackson

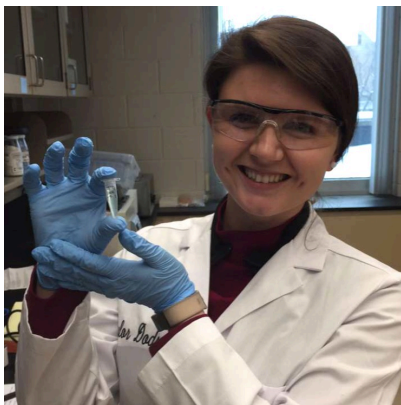
Dr. Kaylan Kelsey Jackson, '18, was awarded her Ph.D. in chemistry from Clemson (S.C.) University. She has accepted a remote position as a chemistry consultant in the Cell and Gene Therapeutic Division of Johnson & Johnson. While at Clemson, Jackson was honored with the Graduate Faculty Award and an Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education Fellowship. View a previous story on Jackson, [here](https://digitalcommons.gardner-webb.edu/gardner-webb-newscenter-archive/217/) (<https://digitalcommons.gardner-webb.edu/gardner-webb-newscenter-archive/217/>).



▲ Dr. Kaylan Kelsey Jackson

Taylor Dodson

Taylor Dodson, '17, is defending her Ph.D. in medicinal and pharmaceutical chemistry from the University of Toledo in Ohio. She has accepted a position as a visiting professor of microbiology for the fall semester at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) in Tacoma, Wash. In a recent email to her professor, Dr. Ben Brooks, Dodson wrote, “During the application process for PLU, I wrote a teaching philosophy, and I realized that everything I love about teaching came from you, Dr. (Venita) Totten, and Dr. (Stefka) Eddins. I learned so much from each of you and you’ve all shaped the way I want to teach. Thank you.” View a previous story on Dodson, [here](https://digitalcommons.gardner-webb.edu/gardner-webb-newscenter-archive/346/) (<https://digitalcommons.gardner-webb.edu/gardner-webb-newscenter-archive/346/>).



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