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For Immediate Release:

Accredited Gemologists Association congratulates Sara Kurth and Dr. Clemens Schwarzingler, recipients of the 2024 AGA Gemological Scholarship and Research Grant.

The AGA Gemological Scholarship will allow Ms. Kurth to complete GIA studies and use her knowledge to teach the public about gems and gemology as a museum educator. Ms. Kurth's unwavering dedication to educating the public about rocks, minerals, and now, gems is truly inspiring. Her academic journey began at Beloit College, where she pursued Geology with a minor in Museum Studies. With her children growing, she is eager to return to school and enhance her gemological knowledge by earning a GIA GG. For more information, [please visit our website](#).



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Dr. Schwarzingger is Associate Professor of Chemistry at Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria. He founded the Center for Scientific Gemmology at the University of Linz in 2016. His academic interests focus on the identification of gem treatments and mineral chemistry, particularly on the use of trace elements to determine garnets' origin. Dr. Schwarzingger will apply for the AGA Gemological Research Grant to further his study of determining the geographic origin of grossular garnets through luminescence. For more information, [please visit our website](#).

