

# 2017 K-State Graduate Student Awards and Recognition Reception

Monday, April 24 from 6-8 p.m.  
Alumni Center, Ballroom

## Networking

### Welcome

Elliott Dennis, GSC Treasurer

### Opening Remarks

Richard Myers, Kansas State University President

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## University Awards

### Greetings from Alumni Association and Recognition of Alumni Association Awards

Presented by Dan Yunk, Chair of the K-State Alumni Association Board of Directors  
Janelle Brooks, Michael Reichenberger, and Brook Cull

### Recognition of UDP Graduate Student Awards

Presented by Dr. Gary Pierzynski, Representative of the University Distinguished Professors  
Stephanie Kurti, Kirsten Grond, and Ana Claudia Sant' Anna

### Recognition of Alvin and RosaLee Sarachek Predoctoral Honors Fellowship and Travel Awards in Molecular Biology

Presented by Dr. Carol Shanklin, Graduate School Dean  
Kirsten Grond, Ananda Bandara, and Nicole Green

### NSF Graduate Student Research Fellowship Award Winners

Presented by Dr. Michael Herman, Graduate School Associate Dean  
Victoria Fitzgerald, Kent Connell, Jordann Brandner, and Samantha Sharpe

### Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering (CASE) Workshop Participants

Presented by Dr. Michael Herman, Graduate School Associate Dean  
Sam Emerson and Nicole Green

### GTA Excellence in Teaching Awards Winners

Presented by Professor Geraldine Craig, Graduate School Associate Dean  
Allyson Koziol and Amanda Martens

### Three Minute Thesis Award Winners

Presented by Professor Geraldine Craig, Graduate School Associate Dean  
Tuyen Nguyen and Anil Pant

### Golden Key Outstanding GTA and GRA Award Nominees

Presented by Donita Whitney-Bammerlin, Golden Key Advisor and Syndey Markley, Golden Key Co-President

GTAs: Rund Al-Masri, Michelle M. Berube, Jennifer Johnson, Tucker Jones, Stephanie Kurti, Holly Kuckelman, Olivia Leno, and Robert "Buddy" McKendree  
GRAs: Morgan Bialas, Brooke Cull, Aaron Entringer, Gabriel Granco, Brittany Hollerbach, Marcus Olatoye, Osler Antonio Ortez, So Lee Park, Nicholas Sevart  
Narinder Singh, Daljit Singh, Daniel Unruh, and Mingying Xiang

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## Students and Faculty Recognized by Colleges

### College of Agriculture - J. Ernest Minton, Associate Dean

Faculty: Dr. Mithila Jugulum

Students: Ananda Bandara, Ross Braun, Jordan Brungardt, Olabisi Ekong, Garrison Grundy, Kerri Neugebauer, Kelsey Phelps, and Jessica Thomson

### College of Architecture, Planning and Design- Lynn Ewanow, Associate Dean

Faculty: Huston Gibson

Students: Caleb Amundson, Alex Booth, Jonathan Knight, and Emma Rearick

### College of Arts and Sciences - Amit Chakrabarti, College of Arts and Sciences Dean

Faculty: Dr. Zongzhu Lin

Students: Ashok Aryal, Josh Brummer, Obdulia Covarrubias-Zambrano, Dan Cutter, Daniel Gresham, Claudio Innocenti,  
Miranda Klugesherz, Emily Ruder, Catherine Steele, and April Terry

**College of Business Administration - Eric Higgins, Associate Dean**

Faculty: Dr. John Morris

Students: Drew Hertel, Blair Kocher, Cheryl-Lyn Ngoh, Adam Sobba, and Adam Zerr

**College of Education - Linda Thurston, Associate Dean**

Faculty: Dr. Linda Thurston

Students: Meaghan Cochrane, Keondria McClish, Sam "Trent" McGee, Heather Moore, Alex Red Corn, and Sara Sanders

**College of Engineering - Ronaldo Maghirang, Associate Dean**

Students: Pavel Janovsky, Gabrielle Liuzza, Kelsey McDonough, Austin Pfannenstiel, Michael Reichenberger, and Songnian Zhao

**College of Human Ecology- Brownyn Fees, Associate Dean**

Faculty: Dr. David Poole

Students: Michelle Alcorn, Brooke Cull, Stephanie Kurti, Lauren Ruhlmann, Barrett Scroggs, and Joshua Smith

**College of Veterinary Medicine- Frank Blecha, Associate Dean**

Faculty: Dr. Ying Fang

Students: Luca Popescu and Izabela Ragan

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**Recognition of Research Forum Winners and Prestigious Travel Award Winner**

Derek Lawson, 2017-18 GSC President

**Research and State**

Sam Emerson, Regina Enniful, Matthew Galliard, Jack Lemmon, Ryan Schmid, Catherine Steele, Tri Tran, Joshua Weese, Md Zahidul Karim, and Zheng Zhao

**Capitol Graduate Research Summit**

Ryan Schmid and Zheng Zhao

**K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery Forum**

Nick Barts, Ross Braun, Brooke Cull, Jakki Forester, Janaka Gamekkanda Gamaethige, Gabriel Granco, Jillian Joyce, Rajesh Kumar,

Sarocho Pradawong, and Samantha Sharpe

**GSC Prestigious Travel Award Winner**

Kirsten Grond

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**Presentation of Graduate Student Council Professional Development Certificates**

Miranda Cook, GSC Professional Development Chair

Ananda Bandara, Zeinab Harandizadeh, Mu Hong, Sadish Karunaweera, Andres Leon, Bahar Modir, Mohomed Nawavi Mohomed Naleem, Izabela Ragan, Madhav Regmi, Monica Elva Vaca-Cardenas, Dilooshi Weerasooriya, Nandana Weilweriya Liyanage, and Mohammad Sadegh Yazdanparast

**Recognition of Graduate Student Leaders**

Tucker Jones, 2016-17 GSC President

**Graduate Student Council Executive Committee**

Derek Lawson, Morgan Bialas, and Elliott Dennis

**Graduate Student Council Leadership Committee**

Abigail Atchinson, Kevin Bultongez, Andrew Crowder, Miranda Cook, Sam Emerson, Aaron Entringer, Philip Freda, Gagan Ghandi, Camila Haselwood, Carolyn Jones, Vladimir Karimov, James Krotz, Heather Love, Amanda Martens, Sam "Trent" McGee, Hayden Murphey, Cody O'Brien, Hyung Hwa Oh, Kelsey Peterson, Michael Reichenberger, Matthew Hunter Stanfield, and Evelyn Stratmoen

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**Closing Remarks**

Carol Shanklin, Graduate School Dean and Elliott Dennis, GSC Treasurer