Eight graduate students recognized for research presentations at K-State GRAD Forum

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On March 30th and 31st, 41 graduate students shared their research and scholarly work at the annual K-State Graduate Research, Arts and Discovery, or, K-GRAD, Forum .

The K-GRAD Forum provided graduate students from all disciplines an opportunity to share their work with the K-State community and gain experience presenting their work in a professional setting to a broad audience. The forum included poster and oral presentations on topics in agricultural sciences, biological sciences, engineering, math, physical sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

University faculty, staff and postdoc judges selected winning presentations from each session. The first-place presenters received a $500 scholarship, and their names will be engraved on perpetual plaques for their presentation session. The plaques will be displayed in the students' departments until next year's forum.

The following are 2022 K-State GRAD Forum winners:

Oral session:

Agricultural sciences:

- First place: Luana Simao, doctoral student in Agronomy. Their major professor isRomulo Lollato.

Biological sciences:

- First place: Libby Wilson, doctoral student in Biology. Their major professor is Michi Tobler.

Engineering, Math, and Physical sciences:

- First place: Ketan Shende, doctoral student in Biological and Agricultural Engineering. Their major professor is Ajay Sharda.

Social sciences:

- First place: Abigaile Weiser, master's student in Sociology. Their major professor is Chardie Baird.

Poster session:

Agricultural sciences:

- First place: Jack Sytsma, master's student in Biology. Their major professor is Loretta Johnson.

Biological sciences:

- First place: Andrew Horn, doctoral student in Kinesiology. Their major professor is Brad Behnke.

Engineering, Math, and Physical sciences:

- First place: Rintu Sen, master's student in Biological and Agricultural Engineering. Their major professor is Vaishali Sharda.

Social sciences:

- First place: Justin Montney, doctoral student in Kinesiology. Their major professor is Emily Mailey.

The K-GRAD Forum is sponsored by the Graduate Student Council, the Graduate School, and the Office of the President.