

Notable Scholarly Graduate Students

ACHIEVEMENTS

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Kansas State University's Graduate Student Council would like to recognize several graduate students who have earned notable scholarly recognition. All recommendations were made by K-State faculty who have worked with the students and feel the student should be recognized. This list is by no means inclusive of all the graduate student accomplishments across campus, but is a representative return from the faculty. The students who have been recommended have been grouped based on the type of achievement and by academic unit. The major professor or advisor of each student or the professor submitting the achievement is recognized in parentheses after each student's name and award. The Graduate Student Council acknowledges the production assistance of the K-State Division of Communications and Marketing.

EXCELLENCE AWARDEES

Several students have received outstanding student awards, achievement awards and teaching awards and are listed below. Students who have shown an exceptional leadership role are also listed below.

Animal Sciences and Industry

Kristi Wright-Burton
O'Riley

Received the Graduate Teaching Award from the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture. The award was presented June 27 in Blacksburg, Va. It is a criterion-based award and is reviewed by a committee of the organization's members. To qualify for the award, a graduate student must have been involved in classroom teaching for a minimum of one year. Criteria included in the evaluation are the graduate student's teaching philosophy, statement of support from supervising faculty, evaluations submitted by students and an administrative officer, a self-evaluation, involvement in teaching outside the classroom, and a description of the candidate's specific teaching involvement. (Dr. Teresa Douthit)

family therapy or family therapy training. The award includes recognition at the association's annual conference, a plaque, up to \$500 for travel reimbursement to the annual conference and a conference fee waiver. (Dr. Joyce Baptist)

Grain Science and Industry

Pavan Manepalli

Received the Best Student Paper Award from AACC International's Engineering and Processing Division. The award was given for his presentation "Mathematical Modeling of Flow Behavior and Cell Structure Formation During Extrusion" at the 2013 annual meeting of the AACC, which is the premier professional organization for cereal and grain scientists. (Dr. Sajid Alavi)

Family Studies and Human Services

C.J. Aducci

Received the 2013 Chickasaw Heritage Preservation Award for best doctoral dissertation, as presented by the Chickasaw Nation. The award was presented Oct. 4 in Ada, Okla. The award recognizes the quality and impact of research that furthers the cause of the Chickasaws in the U.S. Aducci's dissertation was "Trees Bend, But Don't Break: Chickasaw Family Stories of Historical Trauma and Resilience Across The Generations." (Dr. Joyce Baptist)

Landscape Architecture/ Regional & Community Planning

Cammie Christner

Received the American Society of Landscape Architects Honor Award, presented to students who are truly outstanding as measured by the landscape architecture program's long-term standards of excellence. Winners demonstrate the highest level of academic scholarship and of accomplishments in skills related to the art and technology of landscape architecture, and personal qualities and skills of: responsiveness and willingness to work with others; self-motivation and responsibility; and design abilities, including exploration, discovery, synthesis and representation of landscape architecture design. Nominees, selected by the landscape architecture faculty, present to a jury of Prairie Gateway

Aaron Norton

Earned the 2013 American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy's Thesis Award. The honor was presented July 25 in Alexandria, Va. It recognizes scholarly achievement by recent graduates whose research study related to couples and

	chapter members of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Christner also received the Outstanding Graduating Student Award, which is presented for academic performance, contributions to department, program and peers, and for helpfulness. (Professor Stephanie Rolley)		skills of: responsiveness and willingness to work with others; self-motivation and responsibility; and design abilities, including exploration, discovery, synthesis and representation of landscape architecture design. Nominees, selected by the landscape architecture faculty, present to a jury of Prairie Gateway chapter members of the American Society of Landscape Architects. (Professor Stephanie Rolley)
Rebekah Chmura	Received the New Horizon Award by the Kansas American Planning Association. The award recognizes a student or student group that pushed the boundaries of planning in creative and innovative ways. (Drs. Huston Gibson and Katherine Nesse and Professor La Barbara Wigfall)	Samantha Jarquio	Nominated for the APDesign King Medal. The landscape architecture King Medal nominee is nominated by his or her major professor and selected by a jury of faculty. The nominee's work on 'An Acoustic Education: Evaluating Soundwalks and Listening Exercises in Promoting Aural Awareness and Sensitivity in Landscape Architecture Education' represents the highest quality research completed within the program. Nominees are considered for award of the APDesign ARCC King Medal by a jury of K-State research experts. (Dr. Anne Beamish and Professor Alpa Nawre)
Kevin Cunningham	Received the Outstanding Graduate Research Award from the landscape architecture/regional & community planning department. The honor is for significance, quality and scope of thesis or report research efforts and based on nomination of faculty. He also received the American Society of Landscape Architects Honor Award, which is presented to students who are truly outstanding as measured by our program's long-term standards of excellence. These individuals demonstrate the highest level of academic scholarship and of accomplishments in skills related to the art and technology of landscape architecture, and personal qualities and skills of: responsiveness and willingness to work with others; self-motivation and responsibility; and design abilities, including exploration, discovery, synthesis and representation of landscape architecture design. Nominees, selected by the landscape architecture faculty, present to a jury of Prairie Gateway chapter members of the American Society of Landscape Architecture. (Professor Stephanie Rolley)	Glen Jarrett	Received the New Horizon Award by the Kansas American Planning Association. The award recognizes a student or student group that pushed the boundaries of planning in creative and innovative ways. (Drs. Huston Gibson and Katherine Nesse and Professor La Barbara Wigfall)
		Aaron Johnson	Received the New Horizon Award by the Kansas American Planning Association. The award recognizes a student or student group that pushed the boundaries of planning in creative and innovative ways. (Drs. Huston Gibson and Katherine Nesse and Professor La Barbara Wigfall)
Danielle DeOrsey	Awarded the New Horizon Award by the Kansas American Planning Association. The award recognizes a student or student group that pushed the boundaries of planning in creative and innovative ways. (Drs. Huston Gibson and Katherine Nesse and Professor La Barbara Wigfall)	Mitchell Koop	Received the New Horizon Award by the Kansas American Planning Association. The award recognizes a student or student group that pushed the boundaries of planning in creative and innovative ways. (Drs. Huston Gibson and Katherine Nesse and Professor La Barbara Wigfall)
Lauren Ewald	Named the K-State Landscape Architecture Foundation Olmstead Scholar for academic excellence based upon academic performance, scholarly endeavors and cumulative GPA in all courses. Ewald also received the Dr. Robert P. Ealy Award. Named for one of the founders of landscape architecture at Kansas State, this award recognizes the student judged to have made the most improvement and advancement during their course of study. (Professor Stephanie Rolley)	Wendy Lai	Received the New Horizon Award by the Kansas American Planning Association. The award recognizes a student or student group that pushed the boundaries of planning in creative and innovative ways. (Drs. Huston Gibson and Katherine Nesse and Professor La Barbara Wigfall)
		Nicolas Olson	Received the New Horizon Award by the Kansas American Planning Association. The award recognizes a student or student group that pushed the boundaries of planning in creative and innovative ways. (Drs. Huston Gibson and Katherine Nesse and Professor La Barbara Wigfall)
Anne Hundley	Received the American Society of Landscape Architects Merit Award, which is presented to students who are truly outstanding as measured by the landscape architecture program's long-term standards of excellence. These individuals demonstrate the highest level of academic scholarship and of accomplishments in skills related to the art and technology of landscape architecture, and personal qualities and	Valerie Thomas	Received the L.R. Quinlan Award, which is named for one of the founders of landscape architecture at Kansas State. The award recognizes the student judged to have made the most improvement and advancement during their course of study. (Professor Stephanie Rolley)

Eric Wencil	Received the American Institute of Certified Planners Outstanding Student Award. The award recognizes outstanding attainment in the study of planning by students graduating from Planning Accreditation Board-accredited planning programs during the academic year of the award. Each respective planning program convenes a jury to make the selection(s) and schedules the award presentation(s) at their respective school(s). (Professor Stephanie Rolley)	Surya Thapa Magar	of academic attainment in the previous year, as voted by the department's Graduate Program Advisory Committee. (Dr. David Yetter)
Mathematics			
Bryan Bischof	Was co-recipient of the Hostinsky Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant in Academics Award from the mathematics department. The honor is presented annually to the mathematics graduate teaching assistant with the most outstanding record of academic attainment in the previous year, as voted by the department's Graduate Program Advisory Committee. (Dr. David Yetter)	Vincent Pigno	Received the 2013 Stromberg Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant in Teaching Award from the mathematics department. The award is presented annually to the mathematics graduate teaching assistant with the most outstanding record in undergraduate teaching in the previous year among those not honored for their teaching with a college or university level excellence award. The selection is made by the department's Graduate Program Advisory Committee. (Dr. David Yetter)
Zheng Hao	Was co-recipient of the Hostinsky Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant in Academics Award from the mathematics department. The honor is presented annually to the mathematics graduate teaching assistant with the most outstanding record	Physics	
		Maia Magrakvelidze	Received the 2013 K-State Physics Outstanding Graduate Student Researcher Award from the physics department.

FELLOWSHIP AND GRANT AWARDEES

Significant fellowships or grants were awarded to the following students. A brief description of the award is included, if available.

Biology			
Bart Bryant	Received the National Research Service Award Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship from the National Institutes of Health. The award includes \$113,000 for two years to research mosquitos and mosquito-born diseases. (Dr. Kristin Michel)	Una Henry	Received the Doctoral Fellowship from the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy's Minority Fellowship Program.
Matthew Troia	Received a \$12,695 Dissertation Improvement Grant from the National Science Foundation for his research, "Forecasting global warming effects on developmental performance of prairie stream fishes along the river continuum." (Dr. Keith Gido)	Jonathan Kimmes	Received the Doctoral Fellowship from the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy's Minority Fellowship Program.
		Erika Smith	Received the Doctoral Fellowship from the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy's Minority Fellowship Program.
		Kristy Solosky	Received the Minority Fellows Dissertation Award from the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.
Entomology			
Shelly Wiggam-Ricketts	Received several small, competitive grants, including from the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, Chickadee Checkoff Grant, Prairie Biotic Research Inc., Kansas Wildflower Society, Mary Bancroft Memorial Research Grant and Grassland Heritage Foundation. (Drs. Greg Zolnerowich and Brian McCornack)	Geography	
		Bart Grudzinski	Earned a \$15,000 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant from the National Science Foundation to support his dissertation research on the "Influence of Watershed Grazing Treatment on Stream Geomorphology in Tallgrass Prairie Headwater Streams." (Dr. Melinda Daniels)
Family Studies and Human Services			
Maria Dominguez	Received the Doctoral Fellowship from the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy's Minority Fellowship Program.	Grain Science and Industry	
		Juhui Jeong	Presented with the Dr. C.E. Walker International Graduate Student Fellowship at the grain science and industry department's fifth annual Outstanding Student Scholarship and Awards Banquet.

Moses Khamis	Presented with the Dr. C.E. Walker International Graduate Student Fellowship at the grain science and industry department's fifth annual Outstanding Student Scholarship and Awards Banquet.	Physics	Derrek Wilson	Received a 2013 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, which recognizes outstanding students who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Wilson will receive more than \$120,000 across three years, which includes a yearly \$30,000 stipend and \$12,000 in lieu of tuition and fees. He also was the recipient of the Timothy R. Donoghue Graduate Scholarship from the Kansas State University Graduate School. (Dr. Carlos Trallero)
History				
Tony Demchak	Earned a 2013 David S. Boren Fellowship from the National Security Education Program to explore archives in St. Petersburg and Moscow, Russia, for 11 months. The fellowship provides up to \$30,000 to U.S. graduate students to enhance their graduate education through international experience in their area of study and increase language proficiency.			
Landscape Architecture/ Regional & Community Planning		Plant Pathology	Sara Thomas	Was a winner of the 2013 BREAD Ideas Challenge from the National Science Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. (Dr. Karen Garrett)
James Woods	Received the Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship, which is presented to students pursuing degrees in transportation-related disciplines. This program advances the transportation workforce by attracting the brightest minds to the field through education, research and workforce development. (Dr. Huston Gibson)			

TRAVEL GRANT AWARDEES

Travel grants were awarded to students with opportunities to advance their research, network and enhance the graduate student experience at K-State as well as the visibility of the university. Funds are distributed on a competitive basis through a formal application process.

Academic Advising		Sheng Gong	Received \$250 from the Graduate Student Council for the International Conference on Applied Science in Wuhan, China.
Chris Case	Received \$150 from the Graduate Student Council for the N4A National Convention in Jacksonville, Fla.	Ranju Karna	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the 12th International Conference on the Biogeochemistry of Trace Elements in Athens, Ga.
Starmisha Conyers Page	Received \$150 from the Graduate Student Council for the Kansas Student Affairs Conference.	George Paul	Received \$250 from the Graduate Student Council for the seventh International Conference on Irrigation and Drainage in Phoenix.
Accounting		Joy Pierzynski	Received \$250 from the Graduate Student Council for travel to Chicago, Ill.
Scott Soptick	Received \$200 from the Graduate Student Council for the CIMBA summer study abroad graduate program in Asolo, Italy.	Pavithra Pitumpe Arachchige	Received \$750 from the Graduate Student Council for the Canadian Soil Science Society annual meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and ??? for travel to Berkeley, Calif.
Agricultural Economics		Joseph Weeks	Received \$200 from the Graduate Student Council for Brownfields 2013 in Atlanta.
Sheng Gong	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for Agricultural and Applied Economics Association and Canadian Agricultural Economics Society joint annual meeting in Washington, D.C.	Animal Sciences and Industry	
Xia Shang	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for 2013 annual meeting of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association in Washington, D.C.	Soumya Bala	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 International Food Technologists Meeting and Food Expo in Chicago.
Agronomy		Minto Michael	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 International Food Technologists Meeting and Food Expo in Chicago.
Chammi Attanayake	Received \$750 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 Canadian Society of Soil Science annual meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.		
Phillip Defoe	Received \$200 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 Brownfields Conference in Atlanta.		

Stephanie Pulley	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 American Dairy Science Association and Animal Science Association joint annual meeting in Indianapolis, Ind.	Biomedical Science	Matthew McGowan	Received \$450 from the Graduate Student Council for the Antimicrobial Resistance in Animals and the Environment symposium in Ghent, Belgium.
Jessica Winkler	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 American Dairy Science Association and Animal Science Association joint annual meeting in Indianapolis, Ind.	Chemical Engineering	MD Tashfin Hossain	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the 10th International Conference on Nitride Semiconductors in Washington, D.C.
Architectural Engineering			John Stanford	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the North American Membrane Society annual meeting, Boise, Idaho.
Geoff Martin	Received \$150 from the Graduate Student Council for the National Council of Structural Engineers Association national conference in Atlanta.		Michael D. Wales	Received \$375 from the Graduate Student Council for the North American Membrane Society annual meeting, Boise, Idaho.
Architecture			Daming Wei	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the 10th International Conference on Nitride Semiconductors in Washington, D.C.
Vera Smirnova	Received \$325 from the Graduate Student Council for the Environmental Design and Research Association meeting in Providence, R.I.			
Biological and Agricultural Engineering		Chemistry	Khanh-Hoa Tran-Ba	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Chemical Society's national meeting in Indianapolis, Ind.
Ningbo Li	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers 2013 international meeting in Kansas City, Mo.		Steven Klankowski	Received \$250 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 spring meeting of MRS in San Francisco.
Vahid Rahmani	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers 2013 international meeting in Kansas City, Mo., and \$250 for the ACE13 annual conference and exposition in Denver.	Civil Engineering	Feraidon Ataie	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Concrete Institute's spring convention in Minneapolis, Minn.
Ke Zhang	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers 2013 international meeting in Kansas City, Mo.		Harshad Kulkarni	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the annual meeting and exposition of the Geological Society of America in Denver.
Biology			Mohammadreza Mirzahosseini	Received \$325 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Concrete Institute's spring convention in Minneapolis, Minn.
Kirsten Grond	Received \$750 from the Graduate Student Council for the fifth Western Hemisphere Shorebird Group meeting in Santa Marta, Colombia.		Kaley Oldani	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for Snow Survey in Boulder, Colo.
Eun Bi Kwon	Received \$750 from the Graduate Student Council for the fifth Western Hemisphere Shorebird Group meeting in Santa Marta, Colombia.		Jan Vosahlik	Received \$160 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Concrete Institute's spring convention in Minneapolis, Minn.
Alena Oliver	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Phytopathological Society and the Mycological Society of America joint meeting in Austin, Texas.	Computer Science	Surya Kallumadi	Received \$200 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 International World Wide Web Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Nicole Stanton	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the Society for Ecological Restoration 2013 World Conference on Ecological Restoration in Madison, Wis.			
Benjamin VanderWeide	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for Botany 2013 in New Orleans.	Counseling and Student Development	Grizelda MacDonald	Received \$100 from the Graduate Student Council for the AERA Conference 2013 in San Francisco.
Ziyi Wang	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for the 19th International C. elegans Meeting in Los Angeles.			

Economics		Pam Clary	conference in Portland, Ore. Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the Council on Social Work Education's 59th annual program meeting in Dallas.
Graciela Andrango	Received \$450 from the Graduate Student Council for the annual meeting of the Western Agricultural Economics Association in Monterey, Calif.	Kurt Schindler	Received \$150 from the Graduate Student Council for the Child and Youth Finance international regional meeting in Bogota, Colombia.
Elizabeth Canales	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for Campinas in Sao Pablo, Brazil.		
Sandra Contreras	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association annual meeting in Washington, D.C., and \$150 for the annual meeting of the Western Agricultural Economics Association in Monterey, Calif.	Fine Arts	
Krystal Drysdale	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 annual conference of the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture in Blacksburg, Va.	Kolle Kahle Riggs	Received \$200 from the Graduate Student Council for the Society of North American Goldsmith Conference in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
Huubinh Le	Received \$325 from the Graduate Student Council for the 11th annual International Industrial Organization Conference in Boston.	Food Science	
Xin Xie	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the Econometric Society meeting in Beijing, China.	Neha Maheshwari	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for travel to Udaipur, Rajasthan, India.
		Xiaoyu Su	Received \$400 from the Graduate Student Council for the Experimental Biology Conference in Boston.
		Ting Wei	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the Institute of Food Technologists Meeting and Food Expo in Chicago, Ill.
English			
Kelsey Hixson-Bowles	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the Midwest Writing Center Association meeting in Skokie, Ill.	Geography	
Melissa Hammond	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 College English Association Conference in Savannah, Ga.	Kyle Anibas	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the Association of American Geographers annual meeting in Los Angeles.
Lucia Novaes	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for 'The World We Have Imagined in Winfield, Kan.	Katie H. Costigan	Received \$200 from the Graduate Student Council for the Association of American Geographers annual meeting in Los Angeles.
		Kabita Ghimire	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the XVth International Symposium in Medical/Health Geography in East Lansing, Mich., and \$400 for the Association of American Geographers annual meeting in Los Angeles.
Electrical Engineering			
Kim R. Fowler	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the Warsaw Polytechnic Institute in Warsaw, Poland.	Bohua Ling	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for the Association of American Geographers annual meeting in Los Angeles.
		Heidi Mehl	Received \$325 from the Graduate Student Council for the Association of American Geographers annual meeting in Los Angeles.
Entomology			
Salehe Abbar	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America annual meeting in Rapid City, S.D.	David Spencer	Received \$325 from the Graduate Student Council for the Association of American Geographers annual meeting in Los Angeles.
		Gina Thornburg	Received \$375 from the Graduate Student Council for the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society meeting in East Lansing, Mich.
Environmental Design & Planning			
Calayde Davey	Received the \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the Environmental Design and Research Association meeting in Providence, R.I.	Chuyuan Wang	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the Association of American Geographers annual meeting in Los Angeles.
Mehraz Khaleghi Kerahroodi	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Planning Association national conference in Chicago.		
Family Studies and Human Services			
Patricia Barros-Gomes	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy annual		

Geology		Jeffrey C. Nelson	Received \$180 from the Graduate Student Council for the Kansas Association of Historians 2013 annual conference in Topeka.
Shovon Barua	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the annual meeting and exposition of the Geological Society of America in Denver.		
Md Kibria	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the annual meeting and exposition of the Geological Society of America in Denver.	Horticulture	
		Angela Anegon	Received \$100 from the Graduate Student Council for the third annual Urban Agriculture Conference, the Horticultural Society of New York, in New York, N.Y.
Grain Science and Industry		Hospitality Management	
Melania Arrietamartinez	Received \$250 from the Graduate Student Council for study abroad in Mozambique, South Africa.	Hyeong Jin Jeon	Received \$325 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 TTRA International Conference in Kansas City, Mo.
Elyse Buckley	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Association of Cereal Chemists international meeting in Albuquerque, N.M.	Han Wen	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 summer conference of ICHRIE in St. Louis, Mo.
Sherrill Cropper	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for EuroFoodChem XVII in Istanbul, Turkey.	Human Nutrition	
Orelia Dann	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Association of Cereal Chemists international meeting in Albuquerque, N.M.	Janavi Kumar	Received \$750 from the Graduate Student Council for the 10th Pangborn Sensory Science Symposium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Thanh Hien Vu	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the Institute of Food Technologists Meeting and Food Expo in Chicago.	Leo Lo	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 Mountain Plain Library Association Tri-Conference in Sioux Falls, S.D., and \$150 for the 10th Pangborn Sensory Science Symposium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and \$350 for the American Library Association annual conference in Chicago.
Juhui Jeong	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Association of Cereal Chemists international meeting in Albuquerque, N.M.	Kristen Noriega	Received \$150 from the Graduate Student Council for the Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo in Houston.
Michael Joseph	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the Institute of Food Technologists Meeting and Food Expo in Chicago.	Alexander Opoku-Acheampong	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the Experimental Biology Conference in Boston.
Tasnim Mohammad	Received \$150 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Association of Cereal Chemists international meeting in Albuquerque, N.M.	Kate Osei-Boadi	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the Experimental Biology Conference in Boston.
Abhay Patwa	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the ASABE's 2013 international meeting in Kansas City, Mo.	Joseph Standard	Received \$400 from the Graduate Student Council for the Experimental Biology Conference in Boston.
Kyle Probst	Received \$750 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 World Renewable Energy Congress international conference in Perth, Australia, and \$300 for the 2013 BIO World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.	Industrial Engineering	
Sichaya Sittipod	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Association of Cereal Chemists international meeting in Albuquerque, N.M.	Shih-Hsiung Chou	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 Informs annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minn.
Meng Xue	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Association of Cereal Chemists international meeting in, Albuquerque, N.M.	Mohammed Obeidat	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the proceedings of the 2013 Industrial and Systems Engineering Research Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
History		Zhenzhen Shi	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 Informs annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minn.
Daniel Gresham	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the Agricultural History Society annual meeting in Banff, Alberta, Canada.	Xiaoxu Song	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the ASME 2013 International Manufacturing Science and Engineering Conference in Madison, Wis.
		Meng Zhang	Received \$375 from the Graduate Student Council for the ASME 2013 International Manufacturing Science and Engineering Conference in Madison, Wis.

Songnian Zhao	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 Informs annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minn.	Nicole Lawson	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy in Portland, Ore.
Kinesiology	<hr/>	Yolanda Mitchell	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for the International Conference on Parent Education and Parenting in Denton, Texas.
Carl Ade	Received \$325 from the Graduate Student Council for the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in Indianapolis, Ind.	Kristy Soloski	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy in Portland, Ore.
Steven Copp	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for the Experimental Biology Conference in Boston.	Jordon Weideman	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy in Portland, Ore.
Jesse Craig	Received \$400 from the Graduate Student Council for the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in Indianapolis, Ind.		
Jeremy Keen	Received \$325 from the Graduate Student Council for the Experimental Biology Conference in Boston.	Mathematics	<hr/>
Erica Levitt	Received \$450 for the Experimental Biology Conference in Boston.	Zheng Hao	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the fall 2013 Eastern Sectional meeting of the American Mathematical Society in Philadelphia, and \$300 for spring central sectional meeting of the AMS in Ames, Iowa.
Susanna Schlup	Received \$450 from the Graduate Student Council for the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in Indianapolis, Ind.	Modern Languages	
Ben Skutnik	Received \$325 from the Graduate Student Council for the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine and the World Congress on Exercise in Medicine, both in Indianapolis, Ind.	Nurulsyaida Mat Saman	Received \$150 from the Effective Second Language Acquisition meeting in Rolling Meadows, Ill.
Joshua Smith	Received \$400 from the Graduate Student Council for the meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in Indianapolis, Ind.	Mechanical Engineering	
Samuel Wilcox	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for the American College of Sports Medicine and the World Congress on Exercise is Medicine, both in Indianapolis, Ind.	Habiburrahman Ahmadi	Received \$750 from the Graduate Student Council for the 19th International Conference on Composite Materials in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
		Lejian Huang	Received \$750 from the Graduate Student Council for the 19th International Conference on Composite Materials in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
Landscape Architecture/ Regional & Community Planning	<hr/>	Music	<hr/>
Kevin Cunningham	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for the Urban Land Institute's Hines Student Urban Design Competition, Minneapolis, Minn. (Dr. Jason Brody)	James Johnson	Received \$750 from the Graduate Student Council for the Haus Marteau Brass Chamber Music Workshop in Lichtenberg, Germany.
Kylie Harper	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for the Urban Land Institute's Hines Student Urban Design Competition, Minneapolis, Minn. (Dr. Jason Brody)	Nuclear Engineering	<hr/>
Derek Hoetmer	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for the Urban Land Institute's Hines Student Urban Design Competition, Minneapolis, Minn. (Dr. Jason Brody)	Michael Reichenberger	Received \$750 from the Graduate Student Council for the ASME 2013 International Conference on Environmental Remediation and Radioactive Waste Management in Brussels, Belgium.
Deanne Petersen	Received \$180 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Planning Association national conference in Chicago.	Operations Research	<hr/>
		Elijah Ingram	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for the Industrial and Systems Engineering Research Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
Marriage and Family Therapy		Pathobiology	<hr/>
Bryan Cafferky	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy in Portland, Ore.	Raghavendra Amachawadi	Received \$200 from the Graduate Student Council for the Fifth Symposium on Antimicrobial Resistance in Animals and the Environment in Ghent, Belgium.

Daniel Frese	Received \$150 from the Graduate Student Council for the Academy of Veterinary Consultants meeting in Norman, Okla.	Sheng Yi	Received \$450 from the Graduate Student Council for the Experimental Biology Conference in Boston.
Megan Niederwerder	Received \$180 from the Graduate Student Council for the International Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome Symposium in Beijing, China.	Junli Zhang	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the joint meeting of the American Phytopathological Society and Mycological Society of America joint meeting in Austin, Texas.
Naomi Ohta	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for the annual meeting of American Association for Cancer Research in Washington, D.C.		
Physics	<hr/>	Psychological Sciences	<hr/>
William Heinson	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 American Association for Aerosol Research annual conference in Portland, Ore.	Lora Adair	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the annual Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference in Miami Beach, Fla.
Physics	<hr/>	Lynn Beer	Received \$180 from the Graduate Student Council for the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology annual meeting in Houston, Texas.
Saima Farooq	Received \$400 from the Graduate Student Council for the April 2013 meeting of the APS in Denver.	Lesly R. Krome	Received \$160 from the Graduate Student Council for the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology annual meeting in Houston, Texas.
Dehui Hu	Received \$250 from the Graduate Student Council for the National Association for Research in Science Teaching meeting in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico.	Megan Miller	Received \$155.66 from the Graduate Student Council for the Association for Psychological Science meeting in Washington, D.C.
Physiology	<hr/>	Jorge Pioduda	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for the Southwestern Psychological Association meeting in Fort Worth.
Ryan Broxterman	Received \$450 from the Graduate Student Council for the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in Indianapolis, Ind.	Manpreet Rai	Received \$500 from the 10th annual Teaching Professor Conference in New Orleans.
Scott Ferguson	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in Indianapolis, Ind.	Mathias Simmons	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology annual meeting in Houston, Texas.
Clark Holdsworth	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in Indianapolis, Ind.	John Smyers	Received \$375 from the Graduate Student Council for the Southwestern Psychological Association meeting in Fort Worth, Texas.
Xiangdong Li	Received \$250 from the Graduate Student Council for the International Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome Symposium in Beijing, China.	Michael Stetzer	Received \$180 from the Graduate Student Council for the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology annual meeting in Houston, Texas.
Lakshmi Deepthi Uppalapati	Received \$400 from the Graduate Student Council for the American Association of Cancer Research annual meeting in Washington, D.C.	Taylor Wadian	Received \$100 from the Graduate Student Council for the Society for Research on Child Development meeting in Seattle, Wash.
Plant Pathology	<hr/>	Christopher Waples	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology annual meeting in Houston, Texas.
Lorena Gomez	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the joint meeting of the American Phytopathological Society and Mycological Society of America in Austin, Texas.	Public Health	<hr/>
Nik Mohamed Nor	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the joint meeting of the American Phytopathological Society and Mycological Society of America in Austin, Texas.	Michaela Schenkelberg	Received \$350 from the Graduate Student Council for the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in Indianapolis, Ind.
Rodrigo Pedrozo	Received \$300 from the Graduate Student Council for the 30th ISTA Seed Symposium in Antalya, Turkey.	Security Studies	<hr/>
		Patricia Blocksome	Received \$375 from the Graduate Student Council for the Midwest Political Science Association annual conference in Chicago.

Jacob Mauslein	Received \$375 from the Graduate Student Council for the Midwest Political Science Association annual conference in Chicago.	Elizabeth Cardy	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the annual expo and conference of NAFSA in St. Louis, Mo.
Muhammad Nawaz	Received \$375 from the Graduate Student Council for the Midwest Political Science Association annual conference in Chicago.	Tamra Patterson	Received \$750 from the Graduate Student Council for the North American Drama Therapy Association Conference in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
Sociology		Veterinary Biomedical Science	
Sarah Beach	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society in New York City.	Lance Noll	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians/ United States Animal Health Association annual meeting in San Diego.
Sarah Donley	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the Society for the Study of Social Problems meeting in New York City.	Amy Tichy	Received \$750 from the Graduate Student Council for the North American Drama Therapy Association Conference in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
Michael Miller	Received \$325 from the Graduate Student Council for the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society meeting in East Lansing, Mich.	Veterinary Pathobiology	
Statistics		Michael Duff	Received \$500 from the Graduate Student Council for the 32nd annual meeting of the American Society of Virology in State College, Pa.
Mohammad Sahtout	Received \$750 from the Graduate Student Council for the 2013 Joint Statistical Meetings in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and \$450 for the DIA/FDA Statistics Forum 2013 in Bethesda, Md.		
Theatre			
Brittany Burr	Received \$750 from the Graduate Student Council for the North American Drama Therapy Association Conference in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.		

TRAVEL AWARDEES

An external travel grant was awarded to the students listed below. A brief description of the travel grant is included, if available.

Biology		Physics	
Egide Ishimwe	Earned a Student Travel Award from the American Society of Virology to attend the society's 2013 annual meeting in State College, Pa. The Student Travel Award recognizes graduate student achievements and helps them attend and present at an annual meeting. (Dr. Lorena Passarelli)	Jan Tross	Received a travel grant to attend the Society of Applied Spectroscopy 2013 conference in Paris, representing the society as a student ambassador and talking to attendees about the society and its benefits. The society is dedicated to the field of spectroscopy, which is connected to every major field. (Dr. Carlos Trallero)
Geography		Plant Pathology	
Heidi Mehl	Received a Travel Award from the Water Resources Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers to the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers in April 2013 in Los Angeles. (Dr. Melinda Daniels)	Ananda Bandara	Received a Student Travel Award from the American Phytopathological Society's North Central Division to attend and present at the division's meeting June 12-14, 2013, in Manhattan, Kan. Bandara also received a Travel Award from the Conference on Soilborne Plant Pathogens to attend and present at the conference, March 26-28, at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore. While there, Ananda presented resistance screening work concerning the soilborne charcoal rot and Fusarium stalk rot pathogens of sorghum and their importance in Kansas. She also received \$500 for the joint meeting of the American Phytopathological Society and Mycological Society of America in Austin, Texas. (Dr. Chris Little)
Mathematics			
Bryan Bischof	Received an Academic Excellence Award from Kansas State University to support a monthlong visit to the prestigious Max Planck Institute in Germany in July 2013. Bischof studied with Professor Geordie Williamson on problems related to his thesis research. Williamson is a world expert on representation who has recently settled some long-standing conjectures in mathematics. Bischof also received a travel award for academic excellence.		

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Students who were awarded notable scholarships are listed below with a brief description of the scholarship, if available.

Anatomy and Physiology

Xiangdong Li

Received the 2013 Kansas University Research Foundation Research Scholarship, which provides strategic funding for recognizing the performance of outstanding doctoral students at the university who demonstrate superior academic achievements and scholarly abilities, and whose research has the potential for disclosure of intellectual property and/or commercial application. The scholarship is supported by the university's research foundation, which has a mission to promote, encourage and aid translational research that makes a difference in intellectual development and technology transfer at the university. (Dr. Amy Beckley)

The \$1,000 scholarship will support Brien's doctoral research on vegetation productivity of coastal marshes in Louisiana. She is the first K-State student to receive this national award. (Dr. Kevin Price)

Grain Science and Industry

Sherrill Cropper

Received the Anheuser-Busch Co. Scholarship at the fifth annual grain science and industry department's Outstanding Student Scholarship and Awards Banquet on April 24, 2013.

Jonathan Wilson

Received the Rene Buhler Memorial Scholarship at the fifth annual grain science and industry department's Outstanding Student Scholarship and Awards Banquet on April 24, 2013.

Kyle Probst

Received the Cain Land and Grain Value Added Agricultural Scholarship at the fifth annual grain science and industry department's Outstanding Student Scholarship and Awards Banquet on April 24, 2013.

Computer Science

Scott Bell

Received the CyberCorps: Scholarship for Service, awarded by Kansas State University through a grant from the National Science Foundation. The \$30,000 scholarship is for high academic performance and demonstrated interest in cybersecurity-related fields.

Mathematics

Bryan Bischof

Named an I-Center Graduate Scholar in April 2013. Supported by the Brent P. Smith Memorial Endowment for Mathematics Enrichment and the Evan Stewart Endowment for the Enrichment of Mathematics, the mathematics department's I-Center awards grants to graduate students to fund research projects conducted under the supervision of faculty or postdoctoral fellows, who interact with the scholars and mentor their research. I-Center Graduate Scholars also are involved in the undergraduate research mentoring process. Bischof's project is "Equivariant Quiver Hecke Algebras," and he is a graduate student member of the research team formed Dr. Zongzhu Lin, professor of mathematics, and Joshua Ericson, an I-Center undergraduate scholar. (Drs. David Yetter and Zongzhu Lin)

Keith McVey

Received the CyberCorps: Scholarship for Service, awarded by Kansas State University through a grant from the National Science Foundation. The \$25,000 scholarship is for high academic performance and demonstrated interest in cybersecurity-related fields.

Eric Bunch

Named an I-Center Graduate Scholar in April 2013. Supported by the Brent P. Smith Memorial Endowment for Mathematics Enrichment and the Evan Stewart Endowment for the Enrichment of Mathematics, the mathematics department's I-Center awards grants to graduate students to fund research projects conducted under the supervision of faculty or postdoctoral fellows, who interact with the scholars and mentor their research. I-Center Graduate Scholars also are involved in the undergraduate research mentoring process. Bunch's project is "Integral Transforms with Exponential Kernels on Rings of Polynomials in a Single Variable," and he is a member of the research team with Dr. Zongzhu Lin, professor of mathematics,

Curriculum and Instruction

Stephanie Pearson

Received the University Distinguished Professors Graduate Student Award from Kansas State University. The \$10,000 scholarship recognizes doctoral students who have made exceptional achievements in scholarship. An interdisciplinary committee of university distinguished professors selected Pearson for the award following an application review.

Entomology

Barbara Amoah

Received the 2013 Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award from Phi Kappa Phi, an academic honor society. The award includes \$500 to support travel and studies.

Family Studies and Human Services

Melanie Mendiola

Received the Financial Planning Association's Diversity Scholarship. (Dr. Sonya Britt)

Geography

Lynn Brien

Received the prestigious Lortz Scholarship from the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

and Joshua Klarman, an I-Center undergraduate scholar. (Drs. David Yetter and Zongzhu Lin)

Jodi Herbert

Named an I-Center Graduate Scholar in April 2013. Supported by the Brent P. Smith Memorial Endowment for Mathematics Enrichment and the Evan Stewart Endowment for the Enrichment of Mathematics, the mathematics department's I-Center awards grants to graduate students to fund research projects conducted under the supervision of faculty or postdoctoral fellows, who interact with the scholars and mentor their research. I-Center Graduate Scholars also are involved in the undergraduate research mentoring process. Herbert is a technical assistant to the I-Center director. Her duties include meeting with the undergraduate research scholars to teach them the basics of LaTeX and guide them in the format of their research reports and presentations. (Dr. David Yetter)

Vincent Pigno

Named an I-Center Graduate Scholar in April 2013. Supported by the Brent P. Smith Memorial Endowment for Mathematics Enrichment and the Evan Stewart Endowment for the Enrichment of Mathematics, the mathematics department's I-Center awards grants to graduate students to fund research projects conducted under the supervision of faculty or postdoctoral fellows, who interact with the scholars and mentor their research. I-Center Graduate Scholars also are involved in the undergraduate research mentoring process. Pigno's project is "Face Recognition Techniques in Digital Image Processing," and he is a member of a research team with Dr. Virginia Naibo, professor of mathematics, and Fernando Roman, an I-Center undergraduate scholar. (Drs. David Yetter and Virginia Naibo)

Plant Pathology

Ananda Bandara

Received the Storkan-Hanes-McCaslin Foundation Award, which is named in honor of Richard C. Storkan, Gerald L. Hanes and Robert L. McCaslin. The foundation was formed to support graduate student research in the area of soilborne diseases. Awardees are granted unrestricted monetary awards and receive round-trip airfare to the annual American Phytopathological Society meeting to be recognized at a luncheon attended by previous awardees and the foundation's committee. This year's meeting will be in Austin, Texas. (Dr. Chris Little)

Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work

Iveta Kesane

Received the Konza Rotary International Student Scholarship. The scholarship is given to candidates based on financial need, benefits of the graduate or undergraduate training to the individual's country upon his/her return home, academic credentials and performance based on the completion of a minimum number of credit hours. (Dr. Laszlo Kulscar)

David Westfall

Received the Jan and Cornelia Flora International Research Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes outstanding researchers working on international projects in rural sociology. (Dr. Laszlo Kulscar)

Veterinary Medicine/ Biomedical Sciences

Aaron Schaffer

Received the \$7,500 Amstutz Scholarship from the American Association of Bovine Practitioners.

COMPETITION AWARDEES

Graduate students who received awards at conference poster competitions, oral presentation competitions, research forum presentation competitions and other similar competitions are listed below with a brief description of the entry/award, if available.

Agronomy

Megan Brown

Was among the winners of the 2013 Research and State competition and will represent K-State at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in February 2014. Winners of this award also receive a \$250 scholarship and will compete for a \$500 scholarship at the summit.

Andrew McGowan

Competed in the National Science Foundation's IGERT Video and Poster Competition, May 21-23, 2013. Graduate students from NSF-funded IGERT programs created and shared videos and posters describing their innovative, interdisciplinary research. He was also among the winners of the 2013 Research and State competition and will represent K-State at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in February 2014. Winners of this

award also receive a \$250 scholarship and will compete for a \$500 scholarship at the summit. (Dr. Mary Rezac)

Animal Sciences and Industry

Keyla Lopez

Was among the winners of the 2013 Research and State competition and will represent K-State at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in February 2014. Winners of this award also receive a \$250 scholarship and will compete for a \$500 scholarship at the summit.

Kai Yuan

Received the first-place award in the Ph.D. division of the National Milk Producers Federation Graduate Student Paper Presentation Contest, sponsored by the American Dairy Association and the National Milk Producers Federation. The award is based on quality of research,

ranking in oral presentation contest, professional work experience, scholarships and fellowships received, professional activities, and other special interests. The award includes the European Association for Animal Production and American Dairy Association Joint Student Travel Award to give an invited talk at European association's annual meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, in August 2014. (Drs. Barry Bradford and Evan Titgemeyer)

Interior Architecture & Product Design

Nichole Finke

Was among the winners of the 2013 Research and State competition and will represent K-State at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in February 2014. Winners of this award also receive a \$250 scholarship and will compete for a \$500 scholarship at the summit.

Alexis Kiel

Won first place in the AWFS Fresh Wood Competition, July 27, 2013, in Las Vegas. Kiel's winning entry in the production/contract section was for her wood chair project "Leaf2."

Landscape Architecture/Regional & Community Planning

Kevin Cunningham

Received first place in the Gerald D. Hines Urban Land Institute Competition as part of a joint team of graduate students representing Kansas State University, the University of Missouri, Kansas City and the University of Kansas. The team's win included a \$50,000 top prize. (Dr. Jason Brody and Professor Stephanie Rolley)

James Devault

Received honorable mention in the Environmental Protection Agency's first Campus RainWorks Challenge competition. (Professors Lee Skabelund and Jessica Canfield)

Sarah Flynn

Earned third place in the Social Sciences, Humanities and Education Poster Session at the K-State Research Forum. (Professor Stephanie Rolley)

Abigail Glastetter

Received honorable mention in the Environmental Protection Agency's first Campus RainWorks Challenge competition. (Professors Lee Skabelund and Jessica Canfield)

Kylie Harper

Received first place in the Gerald D. Hines Urban Land Institute Competition as part of a joint team of graduate students representing Kansas State University, the University of Missouri, Kansas City and the University of Kansas. The team's win included a \$50,000 top prize. (Dr. Jason Brody and Professor Stephanie Rolley)

Dereck Hotmer

Received first place in the Gerald D. Hines Urban Land Institute Competition as part of a joint team of graduate students representing Kansas State University, the University of Missouri, Kansas City and the University of Kansas. The team's win included a \$50,000 top prize. (Dr. Jason Brody and Professor Stephanie Rolley)

Cydnie Jones

Received honorable mention in the Environmental Protection Agency's first Campus RainWorks Challenge competition. (Professors Lee Skabelund and Jessica Canfield)

Architecture

Eli Logan

Won second place in the American Institute of Architects Kansas Student Competition, Sept. 11-14, 2013, in Lawrence, Kan. Logan received a \$250 prize.

Civil Engineering

Joseph Holste

Was among the winners of the 2013 Research and State competition and will represent K-State at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in February 2014. Winners of this award also receive a \$250 scholarship and will compete for a \$500 scholarship at the summit.

Mohammadreza Mirzahosseini

Was among the winners of the 2013 Research and State competition and will represent K-State at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in February 2014. Winners of this award also receive a \$250 scholarship and will compete for a \$500 scholarship at the summit

Chemical Engineering

Tim Hoffman

Was among the winners of the 2013 Research and State competition and will represent K-State at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in February 2014. Winners of this award also receive a \$250 scholarship and will compete for a \$500 scholarship at the summit. (Dr. Hayer Rasheed)

Family Students and Human Services

Aaron Norton

Was the recipient of the 2013 American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Master's Thesis Award from the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Research and Education Foundation and its Awards Committee. The award is given to recognize scholarly achievement by several recent graduates whose research study related to couples and family therapy or family therapy training. (Dr. Joyce Baptist)

Geography

Melissa Belz

Received first place among the doctoral students who presented papers in sessions sponsored by the Landscape Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers at its annual meeting in April 2013 in Los Angeles. (Dr. Jeffrey Smith)

Marriage and Family Therapy

Bryan Cafferky

Was among the winners of the 2013 Research and State competition and will represent K-State at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in February 2014. Winners of this award also receive a \$250 scholarship and will compete for a \$500 scholarship at the summit.

Mass Communications

Joseph Chapes

Was among the winners of the 2013 Research and State competition and will represent K-State at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in February 2014. Winners of this award also receive a \$250 scholarship and will compete for a \$500 scholarship at the summit.

Mathematics

Hui Chen

Participated in a conference and received support for research at the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics China at the Chinese Academy of Sciences. (Dr. Zongzhu Lin)

Plant Pathology

Ananda Bandara

Received third place for Outstanding Graduate Student Oral Presentation at the Sorghum Improvement Conference of North America, Aug. 28-30, in Lubbock, Texas. (Dr. Chris Little)

Veterinary Biomedical Science

Lance Noll

Was among the winners of the 2013 Research and State competition and will represent K-State at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in February 2014. Winners of this award also receive a \$250 scholarship and will compete for a \$500 scholarship at the summit.

CONFERENCE AND COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS

Graduate students who were selected to give oral or poster presentations at professional conferences are listed below with a brief description of the conference, if available. Students who attended a prestigious conference or had their work included in an exhibition are also listed below.

Civil Engineering

Ahmed Al-Rahmani

Presented at the spring convention of the American Concrete Institute, April 14-17, 2013, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Feraidon Ataie

Presented at the spring convention of the American Concrete Institute, April 14-17, 2013, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mohammadreza
Mirzahosseini

Presented at the spring convention of the American Concrete Institute, April 14-17, 2013, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Communication Studies

Chris Mueller

Presented "That half of the room is yours: Conflict behavior systems in university residence halls" at the Organizational Communication Mini Conference, Oct. 4-6, 2013, at the University of Illinois, Urbana.

Corey Reutlinger

Presented "Othering the disabled student in college classrooms: A mixed-methodological investigation of academic adjustments in higher education" at the Organizational Communication Mini Conference, Oct. 4-6, 2013, at the University of Illinois, Urbana.

Geography

Kyle Anibas

Presented "Land Cover/Land Use Classification in Eastern Europe" to the Association of American Geographers conference, April 9-13, 2013, in Los Angeles.

Lynn Brien

Presented "Blending Geospatial Technology and Traditional Ecological Knowledge to Enhance Restoration Decision Support Processes in Coastal Louisiana" to the Association of American Geographers conference, April 9-13, 2013, in Los Angeles.

Katie Costigan

Presented "Longitudinal Variability in Hydraulic Geometry and Substrate Characteristics of a Great Plains Sand-

Bed River" to the Association of American Geographers conference, April 9-13, 2013, in Los Angeles. (Dr. Melinda Daniels)

Kabita Ghimire

Presented "Spatial Hierarchical Modeling for Understanding Geographic Distribution of Malaria in Nepal" to the Association of American Geographers conference, April 9-13, 2013, in Los Angeles. (Dr. Douglas Goodin)

Bartosz Grudzinski

Presented "Influence of Grazing Treatments and Riparian Protection on Stream Geomorphology and Sediments Concentrations in the Flint Hills and Osage Plains" to the Association of American Geographers conference, April 9-13, 2013, in Los Angeles. (Dr. Melinda Daniels)

Brandon Haddock

Presented "Home Fires Burning: Rural Queer Lives and Modern Aspects of Community" to the Association of American Geographers conference, April 9-13, 2013, in Los Angeles.

Heidi Mehl

Presented "Fractionalized Resources: Water Resource Management on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation" and co-organized the session "Control of Water and Indigenous Societies: Setting Management Priorities in the Face of Cultural Conflict" at the Association of American Geographers conference, April 9-13, 2013, in Los Angeles. (Dr. Marcellus Caldas)

Claire Ruffing

Presented "Influence of Disturbance Legacies on Geomorphic and Riparian Dynamics in Mountain Streams" to the Association of American Geographers conference, April 9-13, 2013, in Los Angeles. (Dr. Melinda Daniels)

David Spencer

Presented "Lesser Prairie-Chicken Response to USDA Conservation Practices in Kansas" to the Association of American Geographers conference, April 9-13, 2013, in Los Angeles.

Lisa Tabor	Served as a panelist for the “Enhancing Departments and Graduate Education in Geography (EDGE) Grants for Outreach and Professional Development” session at the Association of American Geographers conference, April 9-13, 2013, in Los Angeles.		featured invited lectures given by experts in algebra and representation theory and presentations by graduate students. (Dr. David Yetter)
Gina Thornburg	Presented “Uneven Geography, Embeddedness, and Economic Instrumentalism in Oklahoma’s Farm-to-School Program” to the Association of American Geographers conference, April 9-13, 2013, in Los Angeles. Thornburg also served as an organizer and field trip leader and organizer and introducer for a session at conference, “Ag in the City: Farmland and Ranches in the West San Fernando Valley” and “Community Food Security and Anti-Hunger Approaches in Los Angeles: Voices from the Front Lines.”	Eric Bunch	Presented the student talk “Cohomology Theories” as part of the Math Sciences Graduate Research Institute Graduate Summer School on Algebraic Topology at Kansas State University, June 17- 28, 2013. Bunch also served as co-chair of the organizing committee for the third Graduate Research Conference in Algebra and Representation Theory, supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation and the mathematics department at Kansas State University. The conference, in April 2013, featured invited lectures given by experts in algebra and representation theory and presentations by graduate students. (Dr. David Yetter)
Chuyuan “Carter” Wang	Presented “Fragmentation Patterns in Land Reform Settlements: A Case Study in the State of Pará, Brazil” to the Association of American Geographers conference, April 9-13, 2013, in Los Angeles. (Dr. Marcellus Caldas)	Hui Chen	Received the Graduate Student Conference Participation Award to attend the International Conference on Representation Theory in Zhangjiajie, China. The conference is conducted once every three years and only internationally renowned researchers are to give talks at the weeklong event. Chen also was awarded the research participation support award from the Kavli Institute of Theoretic Physics China to participate in the seven-week summer research program. Only very promising graduate students are awarded support to participate. Hui received local housing support through the institute. (Drs. Zongzhu Linn and David Yetter)
Bill Wetherholt	Presented “Trending Toward Oblivion: Endangered Towns and Their Demographic Landscape on the Great Plains” to the Association of American Geographers conference, April 9-13, 2013, in Los Angeles.		
Landscape Architecture/ Regional & Community Planning			
Taylor Cox	Presented recommendations for economic development enhancements to the residents of Union, Neb. (Dr. Huston Gibson)	Zheng Hao	Gave the talk “The regularity of the free boundary for the elliptic obstacle problem in divergence form” at the National Science Foundation-supported Prairie Analysis Seminar, an international mathematical research conference held in alternate years at Kansas State University and the University of Kansas. (Dr. David Yetter)
Anne Hundley	Presented her poster, “Restorative Memorials: Healing, Loss and Reducing Stress Through Landscape Architecture,” at the EDRA 44 conference, May 29-June 1, in Providence, R.I. (Dr. Anne Beamish)	Jie Ren	Served as a member of the organizing committee for the third Graduate Research Conference in Algebra and Representation Theory, supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation and the mathematics department at Kansas State University. The conference, in April 2013, featured invited lectures given by experts in algebra and representation theory and presentations by graduate students. (Dr. David Yetter)
Stephanie Kisler	Presented recommendations for economic development enhancements to the residents of Union, Neb. (Dr. Huston Gibson)		
Mathematics			
Niles Armstrong	Served on the organizing committee for the third Graduate Research Conference in Algebra and Representation Theory, supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation and the mathematics department at Kansas State University. The conference, in April 2013, featured invited lectures given by experts in algebra and representation theory and presentations by graduate students. (Dr. David Yetter)	Janu Verma	Served as a member of the organizing committee for the third Graduate Research Conference in Algebra and Representation Theory, supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation and the mathematics department at Kansas State University. The conference, in April 2013, featured invited lectures given by experts in algebra and representation theory and presentations by graduate students. (Dr. David Yetter)
Bryan Bischof	Served as co-chair of the organizing committee for the third Graduate Research Conference in Algebra and Representation Theory, supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation and the mathematics department at Kansas State University. The conference, in April 2013,		

Xinli Xiao	Served as a member of the organizing committee for the third Graduate Research Conference in Algebra and Representation Theory, supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation and the mathematics department at Kansas State University. The conference, in April 2013, featured invited lectures given by experts in algebra and representation theory and presentations by graduate students. (Dr. David Yetter)	Laura Williamson	Was a member of a panel on nonfiction playwrighting, “Ethnodrama and Ethnotheatre: Process and Product,” at the annual conference of the North American Drama Therapy Association in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in September 2013. Williamson and the panelists read a scene from her play “Hoping for Harvard,” which is about parents of children who have autism. (Dr. Sally Bailey)
Music, Theatre, and Dance		Tamra Patterson	Was a member of a panel on nonfiction playwrighting, “Ethnodrama and Ethnotheatre: Process and Product,” at the annual conference of the North American Drama Therapy Association in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in September 2013. A scene from Patterson’s play “Legacy” was read as part of the panel. (Dr. Sally Bailey)
Britt Burr	Served on a panel of nonfiction playwrights from Kansas State University, “Ethnodrama and Ethnotheatre: Process and Product,” at the annual conference of the North American Drama Therapy Association in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in September. She was also involved in the “How to Find A Job” workshop at the conference’s student symposium. The first scene of Burr’s play “Sex Ed: What They Didn’t Tell Us” was read on the panel. The play in its entirety will be produced at K-State in the Purple Masque Theatre in November 2013 and again on Dec. 1 for World AIDS Day. (Dr. Sally Bailey)	Britt Burr, Tamra Patterson, Barrett Scroggs, Amy Tichy and Laura Williamson	Presented their nonfiction plays to the preconference and led workshops at the annual conference of the North American Drama Therapy Association in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in September 2013. (Dr. Sally Bailey)
Barrett Scroggs	Participated on the “Ethnodrama and Ethnotheatre: Process and Product” panel at the North American Drama Therapy Association annual conference in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in September. Scroggs was one of the K-State student representatives to the association’s student committee that helped plan the student forums and student symposium at the conference. (Dr. Sally Bailey)	Physics Elizabeth Ploetz	Participated at the 63rd Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting, Jun 30-July 5, in Lindau, Germany. Since 1951, Nobel laureates in chemistry, physics and physiology/medicine have annually convened in Lindau to meet with and inspire young researchers. Students must be selected to attend. (Dr. Paul E. Smith)
Amy Tichy	Presented on the “Ethnodrama and Ethnotheatre: The Process and Product” panel at the annual conference of the North American Drama Therapy Association in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in September 2013. She also presented at the “Finding a Job” workshop at the association’s student symposium. At the conference’s community meeting, Tichy was acknowledged by Nisha Sajnani, association president, for her work on the student newsletter and as a student representative to the association. (Dr. Sally Bailey)	Psychological Sciences Tammy L. Sonnentag	Presented “Role of fault attributions and other factors in children’s anticipated responses to two peers with undesirable characteristics” and “Factors associated with early adolescents’ anticipated emotional and behavioral responses to ambiguous teases on Facebook” at the Society for Research in Child Development conference, April 18-20, in Seattle, Wash. (Dr. Mark A. Barnett)
		Taylor Wadian	Presented “Role of fault attributions and other factors in children’s anticipated responses to two peers with undesirable characteristics” and “Factors associated with early adolescents’ anticipated emotional and behavioral responses to ambiguous teases on Facebook” at the Society for Research in Child Development conference, April 18-20, in Seattle, Wash. (Dr. Mark A. Barnett)

NOTABLE JOB PLACEMENTS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The following students have received notable job placements, were asked to serve on prestigious committee/councils or participated in internships. A brief description of the job placement, committee assignment or internship, if available, is included for each student.

Human Nutrition	Svetlana Cotelea	Became the deputy minister for the Ministry of Health and chief medical officer of the Republic of Moldova in July 2013. As the first woman to hold the position of chief state sanitary doctor in	Moldova and only the second female deputy minister of health in her country, Cotelea oversees the Moldovan public health sector and prioritize policies and interventions related to disease control. She also directs efforts to address risk factors such as
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tobacco, alcohol consumption, unhealthy nutrition and physical inactivity. In her new position, Cotelea continues to strengthen the leadership role of women in Moldovan public administration and policy-making at all levels. Cotelea attended Kansas State University from 2009-2011 and received her Master of Public Health, with an emphasis

in public health nutrition, in 2011. She attended K-State through the Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program. She was the first Muskie graduate fellow to study public health, and was also the first physician in the university's Master of Public Health program. (Dr. Mary Meck Higgins)

NOTABLE PUBLISHED WORKS

The following students have published notable works. A brief description of the written work and journal, if available, is included for each student.

Entomology

Alan Burke

Published "Six new species of Cymatodera from Mexico and Central America and the retention of Cymatodera obliquefasciata as a valid name (Cleridae, Tillinae)" in ZooKeys. (Dr. Greg Zolnerowich)

Janu Verma

Presented an invited seminar talk on his recent research results in moduli spaces related to mathematical physics. His presentation was "Moduli space of multi-centered black holes and quiver representations," <http://www.math.ku.edu/research/seminars/2013/spring/20130506.html>. (Drs. Yan Soibelman and Zhongzhu Lin)

Landscape Architecture

Samantha Jarquio

Published the paper "Sound in Landscape Architecture: Practice and Education," co-authored by Professor Alpa Nawra, in the International Federation of Landscape Architect's World Congress proceedings in April 2013. (Professors Alpa Nawara and Stephanie Rolley)

Xinli Xiao

Presented an invited seminar talk at the mathematics department at the University of Kansas on his recent research, "Cohomological Hall algebra and one type of its representations," <http://www.math.ku.edu/research/seminars/2013/spring/20130429.html> (Dr. Yan Soibelman)

Mathematics

Eric Bunch

Presented an invited seminar talk on his recent research to the mathematics department at the University of Kansas. His presentation was "A categorical invariant of right exact categories with relations to K-theory," <http://www.math.ku.edu/research/seminars/2013/spring/20130506.html>. (Dr. Zongzhu Lin)

Security Studies

Rabia Akhtar

Published "India, Pakistan and the Nuclear Race" with the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, a think tank in New Delhi, India.

Jodi Herbert

Will publish "Bilinear Pseudo-differential operators with symbols in Besov spaces" in the Journal of Pseudo-Differential Operators and Applications. (Dr. David Yetter)

Patricia Blocksome

Published an interagency study for the Arthur D. Simons Center for Interagency Cooperation at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Her study, "Internal Security Forces: Their Capability, Legitimacy and Effect on Internal Violence," is available for download at <http://thesimonscenter.org/ias-002-april-2013/>.

ADDITIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS

The most recent awards/nominations/initiates from the Spring 2013 semester are listed below.

Agronomy

Stuart Watts

Received the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Graduate Student Teaching Award at the organization's annual meeting in June 2013 in Blacksburg, Va. (Dr. Charles Rice)

Civil Engineering

Ahmed Al-Rahmani

Received first place and a \$1,000 award from the International Highway Exchange Program for his paper, "An artificial intelligence approach to objective health monitoring and damage detection in concrete bridge girders."

Art

Jarred Pfeiffer

Received the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Excellence in Teaching Award, which was presented at the Midwestern Association of Graduate Students Conference.

Curriculum and Instruction

Shawn Hornung

Created the Honor Area Veterans through Student Service project with the National Honor Flight Network. He organized a trip to Washington, D.C., with high school students in May 2013 to let area veterans visit national war memorials in the nation's capital.

Biology

Emily Archer Slone

Was named the 2013 outstanding graduate teaching assistant of the year by Golden Key International.

Lisa Tabor	Received a geographic information systems internship at the Environmental Systems Research Institute, also known as ESRI, in Redlands, Calif. As an intern, Tabor had the opportunity to work on desktop support, internal training, technical writing, curriculum development, participate in ESRI workshops and conferences, and assist the business support team.	William Wetherholt	Selected as a student director for 2013-2015 of the Rural Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers at the association's annual meeting in April 2013 in Los Angeles.
Economics		Grain Science and Industry	
Huubinh B. Le	Won the Robert F. Lanzillotti Prize for Best Paper in Antitrust Economics from the International Industrial Foundation at the 11th annual International Industrial Organization Conference in May 2013 in Boston, Mass. The winning paper was "Measuring Merger Cost Effects: Evidence from a Dynamic Structural Econometric Model." (Dr. Philip G. Gayle)	Akinbode Adedeji	Received the 2013 Dr. Evangelina Villegas Excellence in Postdoctoral Research Award from the grain science and industry department at Kansas State University, (Dr. Sajid Alavi)
		Elyse Buckley	Was presented the Ingredient Outstanding Graduate Students Award on April 24, 2013, at the grain science and industry department's fifth annual Outstanding Student Scholarship and Awards Banquet.
		Yadhu Guragain	Won first place in the K-State Bioenergy Symposium Poster Competition and was recognized at the grain science and industry department's fifth annual Outstanding Graduate Student Scholarship and Awards Banquet on April 24, 2013.
Entomology			
Salehe Abbar	Earned second place in the doctoral student poster competition for the plant-insect ecosystem section of the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America. Her poster was "Evaluation of low-risk compounds as methyl bromide alternatives to manage ham mite, <i>Tyrophagus putrescentiae</i> ." (Dr. Tom Phillips)	Sarah Gutowski	Was a bronze award winner in the entrepreneurial competition The Next Big Thing, sponsored by Kansas State University's College of Business Administration. Gutowski was recognized at the grain science and industry department's fifth annual Outstanding Student Scholarship and Awards Banquet on April 24, 2013.
Barbara Amoah	Earned third place in the doctoral poster competition for the physiology, biochemistry, and toxicology, medical, urban veterinary entomology sections of the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America. Her poster was "Toward IPM of the mold mite, <i>Tyrophagus putrescentiae</i> ." (Dr. Tom Phillips)	Kyle Probst	Was a bronze award winner in the entrepreneurial competition The Next Big Thing, sponsored by Kansas State University's College of Business Administration. Probst was recognized at the grain science and industry department's fifth annual Outstanding Student Scholarship and Awards Banquet on April 24, 2013.
Alice Harris	Won third place in the doctoral student oral competition for the plant-insect ecosystems section of the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America. Her paper was "Reduced insecticide use in soybean fields: a look into the development of site-specific strategies to manage <i>Dectes texanus</i> ." (Dr. Brian McCornack)	Meng Xue	Was presented the Ingredient Outstanding Graduate Students Award and the Min Long Liao and Paul Seib Achievement Award at the grain science and industry department's fifth annual Outstanding Student Scholarship and Awards Banquet on April 24, 2013.
Ximena Cibils Stewart	Received the 2013 outstanding graduate research assistant of the year from Golden Key International Honor Society.	Yixing Zhang	Received the Majel MacMasters Memorial Award grain science and industry department's fifth annual Outstanding Student Scholarship and Awards Banquet on April 24, 2013.
Geography		Plant Pathology	
Melissa Belz	Received first place in the doctoral student paper competitions for both the Asia Specialty Group and Landscape Specialty Group at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers in April 2013 in Los Angeles.	Ananda Bandara	Earned the Storkan-Hanes-McCaslin Foundation Award from the Storkan-Hanes-McCaslin Foundation. This unrestricted monetary award includes round-trip airfare to the 2013 American Phytopathological Society annual meeting in Austin, Texas. Bandara also received third place for Outstanding Graduate Student Oral Presentation at the Sorghum Improvement Conference of North America, Aug. 28-30, in Lubbock, Texas (Dr. Chris Little)
Heidi Mehl	Received the Water Resources Specialty Group Travel Award from the Association of American Geographers at the association's annual meeting in April 2013 in Los Angeles. At the meeting, Mehl also was selected as a student director for 2013-2015 of the association's Water Resources Specialty Group.		

Psychological Sciences

Tammy Sonnentag

Was the recipient of the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Excellence in Teaching Award, which was presented at the Midwestern Association of Graduate Students Conference

Viviane Gomes

in an Appaloosa Mare.”The poster also will be featured on an upcoming issue of Horse magazine.

Received first place in the oral session of the student case competition at the Society for Theriogenologists and American College of Theriogenologists meeting in Louisville, Ky., for her presentation “Satisfactory semen quality after testicular rupture and hemicastration in a bull.”

Veterinary Biomedical Science

Aaron Schaffer

Received second place in the Research Summaries Graduate Student Awards from the American Association of Bovine Practitioners.

Sara McReynolds

Received third place in the Research Summaries Graduate Student Awards from the American Association of Bovine Practitioners.

Veterinary Medicine

Jessica Klabnik-Bradford

Received first place in the student case competition at the Society for Theriogenologists and American College of Theriogenologists meeting in Louisville, Ky., for her poster, “Marble-Induced Pyometra

Tera Rooney Barnhardt

Received the \$5,000 American Association of Bovine Practitioners Foundation-Zoetis Veterinary Student Scholarship.

Contact

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