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 the university 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 adviser of each student or the professor submitting the achievement is recognized in parentheses after each student’s name and award, if available. 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.

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<td>Erica Sponberg</td>
<td>Won first place from the Kansas Association of Broadcasters in the public affairs program graduate student division for her show, “What’s Happening in Your World.” Airing on KSDB-FM, the university’s student-run radio station, the hour-long, interview format show highlights individuals in the Manhattan community and plays the music that inspires their work. It’s the third time Sponberg has placed first in this category. (Dr. Socorro Herrera)</td>
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<td>Received the Outstanding Graduate Student in Education Award from the College of Education. (Dr. Kakali Bhattacharya)</td>
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<td>Horticulture and Natural Resources</td>
<td>Mingying Xiang</td>
<td>Presented with the Chris Stiegler Turf Science Student Travel Award and Fellowship, which were created to honor Stiegler’s memory and contributions to the Turfgrass Science Division of the Crop Science Society of America. Xiang was selected based on her academic performance in the classroom, scholarly research achievements and leadership activities. Her work focuses on reducing water and other inputs in turfgrass systems through evaluating breeding lines and studying novel blends of different turfgrass species. (Drs. Jack Fry and Megan Kennelly)</td>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>Received the Karl Stromberg Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant in Teaching Award in spring 2017. The award is presented by the mathematics department to a 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 from nominations by faculty and staff as well as evaluations from students. (Dr. Virginia Naibo)</td>
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|                           | Mathematics      | Received the Friends of Mathematics Graduate Teaching Assistant Award in Research in spring 2017. The award is presented by mathematics department to a graduate teaching assistant who has excelled
in academic research in the previous year. The selection is made by the department’s Graduate Program Advisory Committee from nominations by faculty and staff. (Dr. Virginia Naibo) Special Education, Counseling and Student Affairs

Samuel “Trent” McGee
Presented the Outstanding Graduate Student in Education Award from the College of Education. (Dr. Lisa Rubin)

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**SCHOLARSHIP Awardees**

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

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<td>McKenzie Gee</td>
<td>Received the $900 College of Agriculture Scholarship for Distance Education Students at the graduate level. (Dr. Allen Featherstone)</td>
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<td><strong>Agronomy</strong></td>
<td>Joseph “Jay” Weeks</td>
<td>Presented with a 2017 Scholar Award from the International Plant Nutrition Institute. Weeks is one of 37 graduate students from 20 countries selected for the $2,000 honor. (Dr. Ganga Hettiarachchi)</td>
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<td><strong>Civil Engineering</strong></td>
<td>Arvind Damodara Kannan</td>
<td>Received the university’s Presidential Doctoral Scholarship. (Dr. Prathap Parameswaran)</td>
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<td><strong>Communications and Agricultural Education</strong></td>
<td>Katelyn Meiwes</td>
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<td>Tamesha Taylor</td>
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<td>Ryan Arnold</td>
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<td>Bradley Neuenwander</td>
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<td>Joy Rebstein</td>
<td>Received the Robert Scott Memorial Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Susan Yelich Biniecki)</td>
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Entomology

Ryan Schmid
Awarded the $3,000 Fred Clute Scholarship, presented to an outstanding master's or doctoral student with a specific interest or research project in integrated pest management. (Dr. Brian McCormack)

Shelly Wiggam
Received the $7,000 Floyd Holmes Ph.D. Scholarship, which is presented to an outstanding master's or doctoral student who is focused on applied research to address practical problems. (Dr. Greg Zolnerowich)

Yinping Li
Awarded the $1,000 Reginald H. Painter Memorial Scholarship, which is presented to an outstanding student in the entomology doctoral program. (Dr. Raymond Cloyd)

Phil Freda
Received the $1,000 Dr. Roger C. Smith Award, presented to an outstanding student who is nearing completion of the entomology doctoral program. (Dr. Yoonseong Park)

Anastasia Cooper
Received the 2017-2018 Robert Nunemacher Scholarship from the College of Agriculture. The scholarship provides $1,250 in the fall semester and again in the spring semester. Cooper also received the $1,000 Schendel-Mages Entomological Scholarship, presented to an outstanding undergraduate minor in entomology or graduate student in entomology. (Dr. Kun Yan Zhu)

Family Studies and Human Services

Jessyca Waddell
Received the $1,000 Maureen Allison O'Bannon Memorial Scholarship for students taking courses through K-State Global Campus. (Dr. Ernest Minton)

Ellen Bodine
Received the $200 Margaret Byrne Sarricks Scholarship from the Kansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association for her research. Bodine presented her poster, “Comparing Classroom Frustrations for Students with Auditory Processing Disorder vs. Their Typical Peers,” co-authored with Debra Burnett, clinical assistant professor of communication sciences and disorders, at the association’s 2017 annual conference. (Dr. Debra Burnett)

Food Science

Rachel Stevick
Received the $900 College of Agriculture Scholarship for Distance Education Students at the graduate level. (Dr. Abby Nutsch)

Genetics

Daljit Singh
Received the $1,500 Robert E. Nunemacher Graduate Scholarship from the College of Agriculture in recognition of scholarly achievements. (Dr. Jesse Poland)

Gerontology

Lisa Lange
Received the $1,000 K-State Global Campus Scholarship for Distance Education Students. (Dr. Gayle Doll)

Human Nutrition

Jillian Joyce
Received the $10,000 Commission on Dietetic Registration Doctoral Scholarship, which is awarded annually to registered dietitians who are pursuing a doctoral degree in dietetics or a dietetics-related field. This scholarship is administered in collaboration with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation, the largest provider of scholarships in the dietetics field. Joyce also received the $750 Pennsylvania Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics’ Billy June Eichelberger Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a resident of Pennsylvania who is pursuing a degree in a dietetics-related field. This scholarship also is administered in collaboration with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation. (Dr. Sara Rosenkranz)

Management

Natalie Stanley
Received the $1,000 College of Business Administration Scholarship for Distance Education Students. (Suzanne Auten)

Brett Remsberg
Received the $1,000 College of Business Administration Scholarship for Distance Education Students. (Suzanne Auten)

Carlos Flores
Received the $1,000 Allan D. Sicat Scholarship for active duty or military veterans taking courses through K-State Global Campus. (Tierra Diamond)

Modern Languages

Natacha Mally
Received the university’s Timothy R. Donoghue Graduate Scholarship. (Dr. Janice McGregor)

Plant Pathology

Elina Adhikari
Received the Christine Lee Shepherd Memorial Graduate Student Award, presented to a plant pathology graduate student with excellent academic and leadership skills. The award provides funds for research in nonconventional approaches to crop improvement. (Dr. Eduard Akhunov)

Psychological Sciences

Morgan Tashea
Received the $1,000 Maureen Allison O'Bannon Memorial Scholarship for students taking courses through K-State Global Campus. (Dr. Patrick Knight)

Victoria Fryer
Received the $1,000 College of Arts and Sciences Scholarship for Distance Education Students. (Dr. Clive Fullager)

Jessica Chase
Received the $1,000 College of Arts and Sciences Scholarship for Distance Education Students. (Dr. Patrick Knight)
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.

Curriculum and Instruction

Meaghan Cochrane

Served as chair of the sessions “Understanding the Experiences and Socialization of Teaching Assistants” and “Contemplative Approaches to Transforming Education: Engagement in Awake-Dreaming, Spiritual Activism, De/Colonial Perspectives and Mindfulness” at the American Educational Research Association’s 2017 annual meeting in San Antonio. At the same meeting, Cochrane and Kakali Bhattacharya, associate professor of educational leadership, presented “Mirrored Poetic Performative Response: The Entrapment of Opposition and the Illusion of Democracy” and “Re-experiencing Democracy through the Arts as Scholarly Work in the Public Sphere.” At the 14th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, Cochrane presented “Finding Home in Community Schools: Addressing Educational Inequity through Arts-based, Contemplative Approaches to Qualitative Inquiry.” (Dr. Kakali Bhattacharya)

Daniel Tompkins

Received the $1,000 K-State Global Campus Scholarship for Distance Education Students. (Dr. Kenneth Hughey)

Danielle Sutter

Received the $1,000 K-State Global Campus Scholarship for Distance Education Students. (Dr. Christy Craft)

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Tonya Wineland

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Grace Carson

Received the $1,500 K-State Global Campus Scholarship for Distance Education Students at the graduate level. (Dr. Charlie Nutt)

FELLOWSHIP AND GRANT AWARDEES

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

Curriculum and Instruction

Erica Sponberg

Awarded a $927 Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Small Grant to complete her dissertation research. The grant enabled her to purchase video recording equipment to investigate teacher instructional language in world language classrooms. (Dr. Socorro Herrera)

Kinesiology

Jesse Stein

Received a K-State Global Campus Distance Learning grant to serve as co-investigator and course developer. (Dr. Katie Heinrich)

Sarah Begole

Received the $1,500 K-State Global Campus Scholarship for Distance Education Students at the graduate level. (Dr. Dan Wilcox)

Priscilla Brito

Received the $1,000 K-State Global Campus Dean’s Scholarship for students at the graduate level. (Dr. Dan Wilcox)

Cindy Harper

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Received the Dr. John W. and Nadine Demand Memorial Scholarship and the the Mark Dickerson Memorial Award from the College of Education. (Dr. James Teagarden)

Sara Devine

Received the Brenda and Gib Compton Special Education Teacher Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Elizabeth Knackendoffel)

Heather Moore

Received the Social Justice Education Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Doris Carroll)

Jennifer Brown

Received the Social Justice Education Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Susan Yelich Binniecki)

Special Education, Counseling and Student Affairs

Julie Axelson

Received the $1,000 Maureen Allison O’Bannon Memorial Scholarship for students taking courses through K-State Global Campus. (Dr. Judith Hughey)

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- **Katie Lynn Allen**
  Presented “Contemporary Kansas School Consolidation” at the American Educational Research Association annual meeting in San Antonio, April 27-May 1, 2017. Allen received a Professional Development Travel Grant to attend the event. *(Dr. Jessica Halloway-Libell)*

**Genetics**

- **Cameron Hunter**
  Presented the poster “Transition between nitrogen sufficiency and nitrogen starvation controls nuclear accumulation of the transcription factor AreA via a metabolic signal” at the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Special Symposia Series: Evolution and core processes in gene expression. The event was at the Stowers Institute for Medical Research in Kansas City, Missouri. *(Dr. Richard Todd)*

**Kinesiology**

- **Jesse Stein**
  Invited to serve on a discussion panel at the Kinesiology Student Association meeting for undergraduates interested in graduate school. Panelists answered questions about why to pursue a graduate degree, how to choose a graduate program and how to apply to graduate school. Stein also was an invited panelist for a session at the university’s Graduate Student Orientation on graduate teaching assistants. Panelists shared their experiences, provided teaching strategies and gave advice for advice for balancing coursework and teaching requirements. *(Dr. Katie Heinrich)*

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  Presented “Using Narrative Inquiry to Push Against Gender Discrimination” at the 13th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, on May 19, 2017. Olsen received a Professional Development Travel Grant to make the presentation. *(Dr. Christy Craft)*

- **Betsy Crawford**
  Presented “Rigor and Academic Trustworthiness? Legitimizing Qualitative Worth Using Creative Humanistic Educational Research” at the 13th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois on May 18, 2017. Crawford received a Professional Development Travel Grant to make the presentation. *(Dr. Katie Heinrich)*

**Music, Theatre, and Dance**

- **Garrett Fuentes**
  Co-authored the play “Breaking the Binary,” which was selected for a reading at the second International Gender and Sexuality Conference. The play is based on interviews with individuals who have nontraditional gender identifications. The reading was followed by a talk-back. *(Sally Bailey)*

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**Technology**

- **Erica Sponberg**
  Co-presented “Collaborating with Tech Developers in Building Future Classrooms” with David Allen, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, and Emily Merritt, with Swivl, at this year’s TESOL International Convention and Learning Expo in Seattle. The presentation discussed their work with Swivl, a robotic tracking and recording device that captures student and teacher classroom experiences. Sponberg also was part of the keynote presentation, “Destination in Sight: The Continual Journey Toward an Effective Digitally-Mediated Supervision Model” for the 2017 National Field Experiences Conference with Allen, Merritt, Jill Wood and Jill Jones. They discussed their research on and practical application of new technologies used for student teacher supervision. *(Dr. Socorro Herrera)*

- **Monica Elva Vaca Cardenas**
  Presented “Experiences of K-State Faculty and Student Who Were First-Generation College Students” at the fourth annual Big 12 Teaching and Learning Conference in Lubbock, Texas, June 8-9, 2017. Vaca-Cardenas received a Professional Development Grant and College of Education Travel Grant to present at the conference. *(Dr. Kay Taylor)*

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- **Heather Moore**
  Presented “Exploring Prison Wife Stigma and Stigma by Affiliation” at the International Prisoner’s Family Conference in Dallas on May 4, 2017. Moore received a Travel Grant Award from the College of Education to make the presentation. *(Dr. Doris Carroll)*
Brian Weber  
Presented “How to Decide on a Theoretical Orientation” at the American Counseling Association conference in San Francisco in March 2017. Weber received a College of Education Travel Grant award to make the presentation. (Dr. Ken Hughey)

Nicole Wiseman  
Presented “Examining the Effects of PALS on the Oral Reading Fluency of Students with or at-risk for EBD” at the annual Council for Exceptional Children National Conference in Boston, April 19-22, 2017. Wiseman received a Professional Development Travel Grant to attend the conference. (Dr. Jim Teagarden)

Alyssa Lombardi  
Presented the poster “Evaluating a Student-Athlete Leadership Development Program” at the Association of Applied Sport Psychology conference. The poster is based on an ongoing project with her advisor, Lisa Rubin, assistant professor of special education, counseling and student affairs, and K-State Athletics. It was her first poster presentation. Lombardi participated in the K-State Athletics leadership Academy as a K-State student-athlete. She also served as an undergraduate intern for the program last year. (Dr. Lisa Rubin)

Biology

Pragyesh Dhungel  

Eun Hee Kim  
Published, with Kay Ann Taylor, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, “The Model Minority Stereotype as a prescribed guideline of Empire: Situating the Model Minority research in the postcolonial context” in the Journal of Southeast Asian American Education and Advancement. (Dr. Kay Ann Taylor)

Kinesiology

Brittany Hollerbach  
Published “Current female firefighters’ perceptions, attitudes, and experiences with injury” in a leading fire services journal. The qualitative article looks at injuries among female firefighters, identifying potential factors that contribute to those injuries. (Dr. Katie Heinrich)

Jesse Stein  
Co-authored “Test-retest reliability of jump execution variables using mechanography: a comparison of jump protocols,” an investigation that aimed to identify the test-retest reliability of jump mechanograph — a utility that may enhance screening and determining mechanistic causes underlying physical performance changes. (Dr. Katie Heinrich)

Curriculum and Instruction

Meaghan Cochrane  
Published “Assessing the Authentic Knower Through Contemplative Arts-Based Pedagogies in Qualitative Inquiry” with Kakila Bhattacharya, associate professor of educational leadership in the October 2017 issue of the Journal of Contemplative Inquiry. (Dr. Kakali Bhattacharya)

Eun Hee Kim

Kinesiology

Brittany Hollerbach

Jesse Stein

Mathematics

Joshua Brummer  
Co-authored with Virginia Naibo, professor of mathematics, “Bilinear operators with homogeneous symbols, smooth molecules, and Kato-Ponce inequalities.” This work presents a unifying approach to establish mapping properties for bilinear pseudodifferential operators with homogeneous symbols in the settings of function spaces that admit a discrete transform and molecular decompositions in the sense of Frazier and Jawerth. As an application, related Kato-Ponce inequalities are obtained. (Dr. Virginia Naibo)
Peyman Feizollah


(PhD Candidate)

Ben Berry


(PhD Candidate)

Travis Severt


(PhD Candidate)

Catherine Hill

Published her first-year project, “Diet-induced impulsivity,” in PLOS ONE in July 2017. Hill created a new model for studying the effects of Western diet on impulsive choice behavior. Her results shed light on the well-established correlation between the Western diet, obesity and impulsivity in humans, and indicate that the diet is a causal factor in impulsivity. One reason why this is so important is that impulsive decisions (e.g., eating fast foods, etc.) create challenges...
for the behavioral adjustments that are needed to promote a healthy lifestyle. Thus, Hill's work suggests that the Western diet may be creating self-control challenges that would increase individual's risk of developing more severe diet-related health issues such as diet-induced obesity and type 2 diabetes. She is currently investigating how the diets may be disrupting insulin signaling, which may then be altering dopamine system functioning. She received a National Science Foundation fellowship to support her work and has replicated these initial findings in her master's thesis. (Dr. Kim Kirkpatrick)

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<td>Received a competitive $500 Meeting Travel Award from the American Society for Virology to attend the society's annual meeting. (Dr. Zhilong Yan)</td>
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<td>So Lee Park</td>
<td>Received an American Society for Virology Student Travel Award to support research presentation and attendance at the 2017 American Society for Virology 36th annual meeting at the Monona Terrace Convention Center, Madison, Wisconsin. (Dr. Dana Vanlandingham)</td>
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<td>Selected as a recipient of a travel award to attend and give an oral presentation at the Livestock Insect Workers Conference, June 25-28, 2017, in Savannah, Georgia. The travel award was sponsored by Bayer Corp. (Dr. Ludek Zurek)</td>
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<td>Ryan Schmid</td>
<td>Received a student travel award to attend the training course Maximizing Opportunities for Biological Control in Asia's Changing Agro-Landsca</td>
<td>(Dr. Brian McCormack)</td>
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TRAVEL GRANT Awardees

A travel grant was awarded to the students listed below. A description of the travel grant is included, if available.
## COMPETITION AWARDS

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.

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<th>Agronomy</th>
<th>Robert Ewing</th>
<th>Won $100 in a three-minute thesis competition. (Dr. Jeff Whitworth)</th>
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<td>Junjun Ou</td>
<td>Family Studies and Human Services</td>
<td>Hilary Dalton</td>
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<td>Biology</td>
<td>Emily Koochel</td>
<td>Received the 2017 Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education’s Outstanding Symposium Poster Award for her proposal “Financial Transparency Scale Development.” The award comes with $500. (Dr. Mindy Markham)</td>
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<td>Mark Herse</td>
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Economics

Tennecia Dacass

Accepted to Howard University’s Center for Race and Wealth and University of Wisconsin, Madison’s Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Dissertation Proposal Writing Workshop. This was a cross-disciplinary workshop that was open to students researching topics related to poverty and inequality across the United States. Dacass was one of 12 students accepted to the program. The program paid for her trip to Howard University to meet with other promising students and top poverty and inequality scholars. (Dr. Amanda Gaulke)

Family Studies and Human Services

Ellen Bodine

Received the $400 Dixie Heinrich Servant Leadership Award from the Kansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Heinrich served as the executive director of the association and upon her retirement, established this award to support and recognize student leaders in the field of speech-language pathology and audiology. One recipient is selected annually from a pool of applicants from all four universities in Kansas with communication sciences disorders programs. Bodine is currently completing a master’s degree in communication sciences and disorders and serves as a graduate teaching assistant for the conflict and analysis trauma studies minor. (Dr. Debra Burnett)

Human Nutrition

Jillian Joyce

Invited to attend the annual item writing workshop for the registration examination for registered dietitian nutritionists. The workshop, hosted by the Commission on Dietetic Registration in Chicago, trains dietetic educators and practitioners on the fundamentals of credentialing examination item development. Joyce represented educators and developed items for food service systems and the management of food and nutrition programs. (Dr. Sara Rosenkranz)

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