

Notable Scholarly Graduate Student

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 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 advisor 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. Students who have performed an exceptional leadership role are also listed below.

Agronomy

Dilooshi Weerasooriya

Received first place in ACS528 Diversity poster competition, third place in CO9 Biomedical, Health-beneficial & Nutritionally Enhanced Plants graduate student poster competition and selected among the top 10 presenters at the Research and the State poster competition. (Dr. Tesfaye Tesso)

Day activities. The award supports travel to a scientific meeting where the recipient's research will be presented. Constance also received a Basic Science Research Poster Award at Phi Zeta Day for her poster presentation on the same research. The award goes to the best basic science posters presented. (Dr. Philine Wangemann)

Zachary Zambreski

Received first place for outstanding graduate research at the Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas. (Dr. Xiaomao Lin)

Animal sciences and industry

Jon DeJong

Named an American Society of Animal Science Midwest Young Scholar. The Midwest meeting of the American Society of Animal Science is the premier swine research meeting in the world. The purpose of the Young Scholar award is to recognize and feature the research accomplishments of recent doctoral graduates or current doctoral students in the advanced stages of their program. (Dr. Joel DeRouchey)

Anatomy and physiology

Laura Constance

Received the Dr. Charles E. Cornelius Graduate Student Travel Award for presenting the research project "Cochlear Pendrin Contributes to Recovery of Hearing after Noise Exposure." The work was conducted with her mentor and major professor, Philine Wangemann, university distinguished professor of anatomy and physiology. Collaborators on the project were Leah Freilich, a veterinary research scholar in the anatomy and physiology department; Joel Sanneman, research associate in the anatomy and physiology department; and Tracy Miesner with K-State's Comparative Medicine Group in the College of Veterinary Medicine. The purpose of the Dr. Charles E. Cornelius Graduate Student Travel Award is to provide financial assistance to a graduate student properly enrolled in a graduate program of the College of Veterinary Medicine who demonstrates research excellence at the college's annual Phi Zeta

Josh Flohr

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Marcio Goncalves

Named a Baker Symposium invited presenter at the American Society of Animal Science's Midwest meeting, which is the premier swine research meeting in the world. (Dr. Steve Dritz)

Casey Neill

Presented the Early Career Agribusiness Award at the American Society of Animal Science's Midwest meeting. The Midwest meeting of the American Society of Animal Science is the premier swine research meeting in the world. To receive this award, the honoree must have demonstrated significant effect on the products and/or services marketed by their employer, and show evidence of the application of scientific principles and knowledge, and originality in the contributions. **(Dr. Joel DeRouchey)**

Biological and Agricultural Engineering

Kelsey McDonough

Selected to participate in the fifth annual RDG Design Residency in November 2015. This program, hosted by the Renaissance Design Group, attempts each year to bring new life to an already existing system and re-envision ways to solve old problems. The design competition annually assembles a team of the best and brightest young minds in key fields who collaborate with each other and community leaders to focus on a real-world space and opportunity to improve it. McDonough was one of 10 students from the Midwest selected for the honor. **(Dr. Stacy Hutchinson)**

Chemistry

Adam Kell

Received the University Distinguished Professors Graduate Student Award for exceptional graduate research. Kell's research focuses on excitonic structure and energy/electron transfer processes in complex biological systems. In 2015, Kell presented seven posters at various national and international conferences and gave a talk at the 12th International Conference on Hole Burning, Single Molecule and Related Spectroscopies: Science and Applications in Tartu, Estonia. During his graduate research, from 2011-2016, with university distinguished professor of chemistry Ryszard Jankowiak's group, Kell co-authored 15 publications, including seven as first author. **(Dr. Ryszard Jankowiak)**

Communication studies

Katrina Hanna

Received the top graduate student paper award from the Central State Communication Association for "Scene, Act, and Circumference: A Pentadic Analysis of the George Zimmerman Trial." The association is a regional scholarly association in communication studies. Hanna also was the winner of the Graduate Student Council Award for Graduate Student Teaching Excellence and the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools' Excellence in Teaching Award. **(Dr. Tim Steffensmeier)**

Curriculum and instruction

Betty "Bobbi" Makani

Received the College of Education Outstanding Graduate Student Award at the fall 2015 Graduate School commencement. **(Dr. Rosemary Talab)**

Diagnostic medicine and pathobiology

Loni Schumacher

Received the National Pork Board Award for Innovative Research at the American Society of Animal Science meeting for the abstract, "Utilizing feed sequencing to decrease the risk of porcine epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDV) cross-contamination during feed manufacturing." **(Dr. Steve Dritz)**

Pius Ekong

Received an award for best graduate student papers/presentations for "Bayesian estimation of true prevalence, sensitivity and specificity of three diagnostic tests for detection of E. coli O157 in cattle feces" at the 14th International Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics Symposium in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. **(Dr. Mike Sanderson)**

Family studies and human services

Bryant Miller

Selected to present his research, "What can we learn about health from Kansas teens: results of the Kansas adolescent health assessment," at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in Topeka. His selection was based on his winning presentation at the K-State Graduate School's Research Forum. **(Dr. Elaine Johannes)**

Grain science and industry

Kaliramesh Siliveru

Received the 2015 American Association of Cereal Chemists International's Best Presentation Texture Technologies Quality Research Award, which is awarded annually to authors who write and present high quality research that broadly involves instrumental texture analysis. The objective of the award is to increase awareness among professors and students of the importance of publishing impactful research in sufficient, high-quality detail that allows fellow researchers to replicate and build upon the work. Award recipients receive an engraved plaque and a \$1,000 award honorarium. Currently, Siliveru is working on particle cohesion and development of simulation models for sifting behavior of wheat flours. **(Dr. R.P. Kingsly Ambrose)**

Hospitality management

Xiaoye Li

Received the Best Paper Award from the Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Technology at its 21st annual Graduate Education and Graduate Student Research Conference in Hospitality and Tourism. The winning paper, "Investigating dining experiences at Chinese restaurants using user-generated content and topic modeling," was also written by C.W. Tao, B. Chae, H. Wen and J. Kwon. **(Dr. Junehee Kwon)**

Chen-Wei "Willie" Tao

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Psychological sciences

Chelsea Schnabelrauch Arndt

Received the Teaching Excellence in Psychological Sciences Award, which recognizes graduate students who use pedagogical strategies to promote science appreciation among undergraduate students. This includes the incorporation of research methodology in undergraduate teaching and the encouragement of critical and scientific thinking in examining psychological issues. It also includes the integration of research methods into all topical areas and the demonstration that scientific observation is a process integral to all areas of psychology. Only two individuals receive this national award each year. **(Dr. Laura Brannon)**

Andrew Marshall

Received the \$1,000 Graduate Student Research Award from the American Psychological Association to support an extension of his dissertation research. Marshall is examining risky behaviors in rats and is particularly interested in the processing of losses. Loss processing is important for gambling situations as pathological gamblers show unusual loss processing. Specifically, gamblers show what is known as "loss chasing" where they are more likely to gamble if they have received a non-zero loss. For example, if they bet \$5 but win \$1, then this would be a non-zero loss as they won something less than they bet. Marshall has developed an animal model of loss chasing and in the process has discovered some new principles that affect loss processing in rats. He is now seeking to

determine whether these principles that he discovered in rats also operate in humans. The American Psychological Association award is supporting translational research of his rat research to humans. He is currently conducting studies with human participants that directly mirror the studies he is conducting with rats as a part of his dissertation. The translational studies have the potential to uncover new insights into loss processing and loss chasing behaviors, and have the potential to inform our understanding of gambling and other risky behaviors. There are less than 30 of these awards given nationally each year across all of psychology research. Marshall is the first K-State student to win this award. **(Dr. Kim Kirkpatrick)**

Special education, counseling and student affairs

Haley Ramirez

Received the College of Education Outstanding Graduate Student Award at the fall 2015 Graduate School commencement. **(Dr. Ken Hughey)**

Kristin Wright

Named the 2015-2016 Kansas School Counselor of the Year at the 66th annual Counseling Conference in November in Emporia. **(Dr. Judy Hughey)**

Danielle Brown

Presented the Rising Star award from the Association for Continuing Higher Education at the November conference in St. Louis, Missouri. **(Dr. Judy Hughey)**

John Buckley

Recognized for excellence in student activities with the first Association of College Unions International's Region II Conference Rising Star Award. **(Dr. Christy Craft)**

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

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

Agricultural economics

Sydney Van Ravenswaay

Received the College of Agriculture Scholarship for Distance Education Students. **(Maleah Lundeen)**

Agronomy

Junjun Ou

Awarded the Elena Sanchez Memorial Scholarship for conducting research relevant to weed science. **(Dr. Mithila Jugulam)**

Anatomy and physiology

Laura Constance

Received the Dr. Horst W. and Elizabeth A. Leopold Award for her contributions toward the understanding of the role of cochlear pendrin expression in the development of hereditary hearing loss in children. She

also received the Dr. G. Roger and Irene J. Spencer Award for making good progress on her research and coursework and for being on track toward a doctoral veterinary medicine degree. **(Dr. Philine Wangemann)**

Civil engineering

Marta Miletic

Awarded the Presidential Scholarship for Australia to conduct experiments regarding the use of innovative materials for increased resilience and sustainability of civil infrastructure. She will conduct experiments at the world-class experimental facilities at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. **(Dr. Dunja Peric)**

Curriculum and instruction

Tracey Conway
Awarded the Margery A. Neely Scholarship in Curriculum and Instruction from the College of Education. (Dr. Laurie Curtis)

Jessica Bauerle
Received the College of Education Scholarship for Distance Education Students. (Maleah Lundeen)

Educational leadership

Christopher Petty
Received the College of Education Scholarship for Distance Education Students. (Maleah Lundeen)

Marie Bovee
Awarded the W.W. and Dorothy Lee Memorial Scholarship in Adult and Occupational Education from the College of Education. (Dr. Susan Yelich Biniecki)

Kristina Dean
Awarded the Robert Scott Memorial Scholarship in Adult and Occupational Education from the College of Education.

Jenny Hartsock
Received the George E. Spear Adult Education Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Royce Ann Collins)

Alicia Pecenka
Received the Alfred P. Wilson Scholarship in Educational Administration and Leadership from the College of Education. (Dr. Teresa Miller)

Murphy Pryce
Received the George E. Spear Adult Education Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Royce Ann Collins)

Family studies and human services

Kelsey Hall
Received the Maurine Allison O'Bannon Memorial Scholarship. (Maleah Lundeen)

Kevin West
Received the Maurine Allison O'Bannon Memorial Scholarship. (Maleah Lundeen)

Zenova Williams
Received the Diversity Scholarship to attend the American Family Therapy Academy's 2015 conference. (Dr. Joyce Baptist)

Austin Beck
Received the Timothy R. Donoghue Graduate Scholarship from Kansas State University. (Dr. Jared Durtschi)

Food Science Institute

Patrice Lyon
Received the College of Agriculture Scholarship for Distance Education Students. (Maleah Lundeen)

Rekha Shrestha
Received the College of Agriculture Scholarship for Distance Education Students. (Maleah Lundeen)

Psychological sciences

Rabecca Giertz
Received the College of Arts & Sciences Scholarship for Distance Students. (Maleah Lundeen)

Special education, counseling and student affairs

Ana Sanchez
Received the College of Education Scholarship for Distance Education Students. (Maleah Lundeen)

Dannell Boatman
Awarded the Robert Scott Memorial Scholarship in Adult and Occupational Education from the College of Education. (Dr. Charlie Nutt)

Monique Jones
Received the Francis and Phyllis Sanders Scholarship in School Counseling from the College of Education. (Dr. Ken Hughey)

Michaella Riche
Received the Cheryl Stoney Memorial Multicultural Education Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Ken Hughey)

Beth Elkin
Received the K-State Global Campus Scholarship for Distance Education Students. (Maleah Lundeen)

Jacqueline Wilson
Received the K-State Global Campus Scholarship for Distance Education Students. (Maleah Lundeen)

Stephen Watts
Received the K-State Global Campus Scholarship for Distance Education Students. (Maleah Lundeen)

Jenna Gannon
Received the College of Education Scholarship for Distance Education Students. (Maleah Lundeen)

Veterinary medicine

Nathaniel Kapaldo
Selected for the Jay D. Riedl Scholarship, which is given by the K-State College of Veterinary medicine for leadership and professionalism in representing college. Kapaldo also received the Dr. Paul W. and Marilyn L. Shilling Veterans Scholarship, which is for veterans currently in the College of Veterinary Medicine in good academic standing and who are a prospect for public service and working with military working dogs. In addition, he received a Conservation Research Scholarship from the Friends of Sunset Zoo in Manhattan. The scholarship is for research on blood-feeding disease vectors within a zoological environment. He presented his findings at the zoo on Earth Day. (Dr. James Carpenter)

FELLOWSHIP AND GRANT AWARDEES

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

Art

Kelly Yarbrough

Awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission's Arts Integration Program to establish an artist residency in partnership with the Center for Living Education in Matfield Green and the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve in Strong City. Yarbrough's artworks are included in two upcoming publications: the Symphony of the Flint Hills Field Journal and The Pinch Literary Journal. In addition, Yarbrough was awarded a solo exhibition at The Bank Art Space in Matfield Green. (Erin Wiersma)

Daniel Vega

Awarded a \$3,488 grant from Kansas State University Office of Sustainability's Green Action Fund for the project "Reducing Wasted Food: A sustainability initiative at JP's Sports Bar," which is being conducted with M. Alcorn, P. Paez and C. Shanklin. (Dr. Kevin Roberts)

Chen-Wei "Willie" Tao

Awarded a \$5,776 grant from the Dr. Perry C. & Virginia Peine Excellence for Aging Initiative Competition for "Improving the elder's dining experience: Factors affecting older adults' dining behaviors and preference in the U.S." (Dr. Junehee Kwon)

Geography

Julie Commerford

Received a Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant from the National Science Foundation's Geography and Spatial Science Program. The \$11,267 award will support Commerford's dissertation research, "Investigating the influence of biotic and abiotic factors on grasslands in the Great Plains region (U.S.A.)," in 2016-2017. The research focuses on spatio-temporal analyses of pollen assemblages across the Great Plains region. The goal is to access climatic information through multivariate analysis and identification of rare pollen types. (Dr. Kendra McLauchlan)

Landscape Architecture and regional & community planning

Parker Ruskamp

Received an Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Small Grant from the K-State Graduate School for his travel to the University of Chicago to collaborate with the Environmental Neuroscience Lab. The trip supports his master's project and report, which aims to investigate how different characteristics of the physical environment affect stress. (Dr. Brent Chamberlain)

Jared Sickmann

Received an Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Small Grant from the K-State Graduate School for construction of his master's project, "ParkingScope: Implementing Portable Landscapes to Enhance Aggieville's Streetscape." (Howard Hahn)

Human ecology

Michelle Alcorn

Awarded a \$3,488 grant from Kansas State University Office of Sustainability's Green Action Fund for the project "Reducing Wasted Food: A sustainability initiative at JP's Sports Bar," which is being conducted with D. Vega, P. Paez and C. Shanklin. (Dr. Kevin Roberts)

Elizabeth Musoke

Received an Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Small Grant from the K-State Graduate School for her travel to Kenya to conduct interviews as a part of her doctoral research, "Understanding the Adoption of Soil and Water Conservation Practices in the Mara River Basin, Kenya." (Dr. Tim Keane)

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.

Agronomy

Regina Enninful

Selected as a Borlaug Higher Education for Agricultural Research and Development participant at the 2015 World Food Prize for having demonstrated commitment to help address challenges in agriculture and ensure global food security. Her insightful reflections on the conference were featured both on the Borlaug Higher Education for Agricultural Research and Development website and the Agronomy weekly

newsletter, Vol. 38, No. 39, Nov. 13, 2015. (Dr. Jagadish SV Krishna)

Anatomy and physiology

Laura Constance

Gave podium presentation "Cochlear Pendrin Contributes to Recovery of Hearing after Noise Exposure" at the midwinter meeting of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology. (Dr. Philine Wangemann)

Curriculum and instruction

Jessica Kerr

Presented “Discourse and the Logic of Education Reform: Crisis Narratives in Kansas” at the 2016 Critical Media Literacy Conference. The forthcoming paper will appear in a special conference proceeding related to media literacy, education and social justice. (Dr. Tom Vontz)

Jennifer Brown

Presented “Online Information Text: Balancing Your Literacy Program for Free” at the fall 2015 Kansas Reading Association state conference in Manhattan. (Dr. Lotta Larson)

Erin Meyer

Presented “Assessing the MDPT Writing Assessment” at the fall 2015 Kansas Reading Association state conference in Manhattan. (Dr. Lotta Larson)

Meaghan Cochrane

Presented “Sustaining Your Journey: Exploring Mindfulness through Arts-Based Contemplative Practice” at the Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education annual conference in Washington, D.C. Cochrane also was accepted as the first author for a presentation at the prestigious and highly competitive American Educational Research Association’s 2016 meeting. The session, “Responding Inside, Reacting Outside: Performative Sculpture Creation in the Capitol,” serves as a collaborative, contemplative arts-based performance, which uses the body as a site of knowledge and performance through creating human sculptures to represent instances of social inequities, silence through oppression, and encouragement of unity through a celebration of diversity. The audience will be invited to participate in this contemplative performance art, and also encouraged to engage in thoughtful inquiry throughout the course of the presentation. (Drs. Sally Yahnke and Kakali Bhattacharya)

Chance Lee

Presented “Using Assessment to Measure Learning Objectives in a Multicultural Leadership Course” at the International Leadership Association annual conference in Barcelona, Spain. (Dr. Tom Vontz)

Lisa Tabor

Presented “Subversive Geo-spatial Technology (GST) Education: Teaching Educators to Use GST’s in their Classrooms” at the Association of American Geographers in San Francisco, California. (Dr. Jackie Spears)

Diagnostic medicine and pathobiology

Marcio Goncalves

Presented an invited paper at the American Association of Animal Science Midwest meeting’s Baker Amino Acid Research Symposium. The topic of the invited paper was statistical methods in amino acid research. (Dr. Steven Dritz)

Educational leadership

Annie Hoekman

Presented “Deconstructing Microaggressions in Advising Relationships” at the National Academic Advising Association annual conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. (Dr. W. Franklin Spikes)

Electrical and computer engineering

S. M. Shafiul Alam

Is the primary author of the paper “Agent based Optimally Weighted Kalman Consensus Filter over a Lossy Network,” which was presented at the IEEE Global Communications Conference, GLOBECOM, 2015. The IEEE GLOBECOM is one of the flagship conferences of the IEEE Communications Society. This international conference meets once a year in North America and attracts about 2,000 leading scientists, researchers and industry practitioners from all around the world. The acceptance rate for research papers in this conference is only 30 percent. (Dr. Bala Natarajan)

English

Carly Sithem

Delivered a co-authored paper on how language in Kansas is changing across generations at the New Ways of Analyzing Variation conference. (Dr. Mary Kohn)

Family studies and human services

Erin Schwant

Submitted a proposal, which was accepted, for a conference presentation at the Kansas Division of Early Childhood. The presentation was the culmination of a previous independent study, conducted in fall 2015 with Dr. Jennifer Francois, which focused on a literature review and synthesis of material related to early social emotional development of infants. Schwant and Francois presented “Understanding the Impact of Maternal Sensitivity on Social Emotional Development in Infants” in February 2016. (Dr. Bronwyn Fees)

Allen Mallory

Had poster “Insecure Adult Attachment and Intimate Partner Violence: A Meta-Analysis” accepted as a “Cutting Edge” poster at the annual American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy annual conference. Poster co-authors include Dharnidharka, P.; Beck, A.R.; Kimmes, J.G.; and Stith, S.M. (Dr. Joyce Baptist)

Zenova Williams

Had poster, “Dyadic Latent Growth Model: Interracial Couples” accepted as a “Cutting Edge Research” poster at the annual American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy annual conference. Poster co-authors include: Williams, Z., and Durtschi, J. (Dr. Joyce Baptist)

Genetics

Narinder Singh

Received second place in an oral presentation competition with more than 35 students from more than 19 countries at

	the International Academic Conference for Graduate Students in Nanjing, China. (Dr. Jesse Poland)	Seunghyun "Brian" Park	Presented the poster "Why are hospitality managers with multicultural involvement willing to accept expatriate assignments?" Co-author is Junghoon Lee, East Carolina University. (Dr. Rebecca Gould)
Human ecology			
Chen-Wei "Willie" Tao	Presented the paper "Customer mistreatment and service sabotage: Assessing the mediating role of job stress and the moderating role of emotional intelligence." Co-authors are Jichul Jang and Junehee Kwon, Kansas State University. (Dr. Junehee Kwon)	Journalism and mass communications	
		Zin Mar Myint	Examined how three key newspapers framed the debate of net neutrality during the heat of the argument leading up to President Barack Obama's landmark support of the issue. Both pro- and anti-net neutrality frames were identified. Results indicated that media brought this topic to the public forefront by focusing on frames and sources most supportive of a pro-net neutrality stance. (Dr. Angela Powers)
Eunhye Park	Presented the poster "Service classification for centers for children's food service management (CCFSM) in South Korea using importance-performance analysis." Co-authors includes Junehee Kwon, Kansas State University, and Meera Jang and Gangneung Wonju, National University. (Dr. Junehee Kwon)	Jingyan Zhao	Used a case study approach to explore a family-owned, rural media company that has survived for more than 100 years. While this business structure has its own sets of challenges, the purpose of the paper "Values and Sustainability of a Family-Owned Media Company" was to identify the values that lead to the survival and sustainability of a family business over time. (Dr. Angela Powers)
Woohyuk Kim	Presented an oral presentation of the paper "Students' perceived benefits of professional networking sites: An application of LinkedIn." Co-author includes Kristin Malek, Kansas State University. Kim presented an oral presentation of the paper "Effects of internationalization on financial performance in the restaurant industry: The moderating role of firm resources." Co-author is Jichul Jang, Kansas State University. Kim presented the poster "The impact of online reviews on financial performance: The moderating role of brand reputation." Co-author is K-State's Jang. (Drs. Kristin Malek and Jichul Jang)	D. Bondy Kaye	Used a case study approach to explore a family-owned, rural media company that has survived for more than 100 years. While this business structure has its own sets of challenges, the purpose of the paper "Values and Sustainability of a Family-Owned Media Company" was to identify the values that lead to the survival and sustainability of a family business over time. (Dr. Angela Powers)
Naiqing Lin	Presented an oral presentation of the paper "Predicting and explaining behavioral intention and hand sanitizer use among U.S. Army soldiers at dining facility." Co-author is Kevin Roberts, Kansas State University. (Dr. Kevin Roberts)	Ge Zhu	Submitted two papers, both of which were accepted, to the International Communication Conference. The papers were titled "Perceptions of Gender Issues in the Public Relations Field" and "Student's Perceptions about Public Relations and Diversity-Related Issues." (Dr. Nancy Muturi)
Juhyun Kang	Presented the poster "Use of smartphone applications by museum visitors: An extended technology acceptance model." Co-author is Jichul Jang, Kansas State University. (Dr. Jichul Jang)	Mathematics	
Basem Boutros	Presented the poster "Food traceability in school food service operations." Co-authors are Kevin Roberts and Kevin Sauer, Kansas State University. (Dr. Kevin Roberts)	Niles Armstrong	Participated in Institute for Mathematics and its Applications Math-to-Industry Boot Camp to prepare for professional employment at the doctoral level in industry. (Dr. Marianne Korten)
Hyunghwa Oh	Presented the poster "Exploration of food safety of sushi restaurants in California: Regular sushi restaurants vs. full-service sushi kiosks in grocery stores." Co-author is Junehee Kwon, Kansas State University. (Dr. Junehee Kwon)	Mechanical and nuclear engineering	
Hyeong Jin Jeon	Presented the poster "Perceived attributes of incentive travel: From the viewpoint of participants." Co-authors are Junehee Kwon, Kansas State University, and Chihyung Ok, Temple University. (Dr. Junehee Kwon)	Michael Reichenberger	Gave an oral presentation at the International Atomic Energy Agency International Conference on Research Reactors: Safe Management and Effective Utilization in November 2015. The presentation summarized recent advances in the development and testing of micro-pocket fission detectors. The results of in-core testing of these detectors was very well received by the more than 300 conference attendees from around the world. (Dr. Douglas McGregor)

Physics

Neda Dadashzadeh

Presented the research talk “Mode Profile of a Mid-IR Gas-filled Hollow-Core Photonic Crystal Fiber Laser.” (Dr. Kristan Corwin)

Derrek Wilson

Presented the research talk “A 260 MW light source with 7 μ m wavelength as a path to strong field science in the far infrared.” (Dr. Carlos Trallero)

Adam Summers

Presented the research talk “Long-term carrier-envelope-phase stabilization of a terawatt-class Ti:Sapphire laser.” (Dr. Carlos Trallero)

Jianxiong Li

Participated in the Kansas Physical Chemistry Symposium. (Dr. Uwe Thumm)

Gobind Basnet

Presented the poster “Fabrication of Ultralong, Unbranched Gold Nanowires Via Directed Electrochemical Nanowires Assembly” at the 2015 Kansas Symposium on Physical Chemistry. (Dr. Bret Flanders)

Krishna Panta

Presented the poster “Adhesion of D. Discoideum on Glass Substrate” at the 2015 Kansas Symposium on Physical Chemistry. (Dr. Bret Flanders)

Erfan Saydanzad

Presented the poster “Velocity-Map Imaging and Streaked Photoelectron Emission from Metallic Nanostructures” at the September 2015 EPSCOR symposium on interactions of laser light with nanoparticles in Lincoln, Nebraska. The annual event is organized by physicists in Nebraska and Kansas within a joined EPSCOR grant for collaborating supported by the National Science Foundation EPSCOR program. Saydanzad also presented the poster “Progress toward large flux high-order harmonic generation driven by two-color laser fields” at the Institute for Theoretical Atomic Molecular and Optical Physics/B2 Winter Graduate School on Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, The University of Arizona-Biosphere 2, Tucson, Arizona, Jan. 4-12. (Drs. Uwe Thumm and Itzik Ben-Itzhak)

Travis Severt

Presented the posters “Strong-field dissociation dynamics of molecular dications” and “Progress toward large flux high-order harmonic generation driven by two-color laser fields” at the 14th International Symposium on Ultrafast Intense Science in Kauai, Hawaii, Dec. 10-13, 2015. (Dr. Itzik Ben-Itzhak)

Peyman Feizollah

Presented a poster “Chirp dependence in the formation of excited neutral D fragments using strong laser field” at the Institute for Theoretical Atomic Molecular and Optical Physics/B2 Institute Winter Graduate School on AMO Physics, Tucson, Arizona, Jan. 4-12. (Dr. Itzik Ben-Itzhak)

Bethany Jochim

Presented the poster “Channel competition in strong-field dissociation of CS⁺” at the Institute for Theoretical Atomic Molecular

and Optical Physics/B2 Winter Graduate School on Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, Tucson, Arizona, Jan. 4-12. (Dr. Itzik Ben-Itzhak)

Balram Kaderiya

Presented the poster “Laser-induced dissociation dynamics and vibrational motion in Diiodomethane” at Institute for Theoretical Atomic Molecular and Optical Physics/B2 Winter Graduate School on Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics Tucson, Arizona, Jan. 4-12. He also presented this work at the K-State Graduate Research, Arts and Discovery Forum on March 30, winning second place. (Dr. Artem Rudenko)

Adam Summers

Presented the poster “Studying Ultrafast laser induced damage in Au nanowires experientially and computationally” at the Institute for Theoretical Atomic Molecular and Optical Physics/B2 Winter Graduate School on Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics Tucson, Arizona, Jan. 4-12. (Dr. Carlos Trallero)

Stefan Zigo

Presented the poster “Strong-field ionization of polar and non-polar isomeric molecules” at the Institute for Theoretical Atomic Molecular and Optical Physics/B2 Winter Graduate School on Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics Tucson, Arizona, Jan. 4-12. (Dr. Carlos Trallero)

Claudia Fracchiolla

Presented the talk “A Model for a Physics Class for Future Elementary Teachers” at the American Association of Physics Teachers winter meeting. (Dr. N. Sanjay Rebello)

Seyyed Robotjazi

Participated in the conference by the Institute for Theoretical Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics/B2 Institute Winter Graduate School on AMO Physics. (Dr. Artem Rudenko)

Yubaraj Malakar

Participated in the conference by the Institute for Theoretical Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics/B2 Institute Winter Graduate School on AMO Physics. (Dr. Artem Rudenko)

Special education, counseling and student affairs

Paul Maxfield

Presented “Outcome Research in School Counseling: A 20-Year Review” at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Dr. Doris Wright Carroll)

Brian Weber

Presented “Outcome Research in School Counseling: A 20-Year Review” at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Dr. Ken Hughey)

Desa Daniel

Presented “A Phenomenological Analysis of Invisibility Among College Students” at the American Counseling Association Convention in Montreal, Canada. (Dr. Doris Wright Carroll)

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.

Agricultural economics

Brady Rundel

Co-authored a published paper with Mykel Taylor, Bryan Schurle and Bill Wilson, "Determining Land Values Using Ordinary Least Squares Regression," that was published in the 2015 Journal of American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. (Dr. Mykel Taylor)

Anatomy and physiology

Robbie Smith

Published two papers in Stem Cells International: one as first author and the second as co-author. Smith also is an inventor on a provisional patent. (Dr. Mark Weiss)

Chemical engineering

Balabalaji Padavala

Published "Epitaxy of boron phosphide on AlN(0001)/sapphire and its properties" with C.D. Frye, X. Wang, Z. Ding, R. Chen, M. Dudley, D. Raghobhamachar, H. Schmitt, D.N. Flanders, and J.H. Edgar, in the American Chemical Society's Crystal Growth and Design. Aluminum nitride was demonstrated as a good substrate for thin films of the semiconductor cubic boron phosphide. The quality and the consistency of the boron phosphide were much improved over prior published reports that employed other substrate materials such as silicon and silicon carbide. This combination of materials will enable the practical fabrication of electronic devices from boron phosphide. Its potential applications include high power electronics and solid-state neutron detectors. (Dr. James Edgar)

Chemistry

Tuyen Nguyen

Published "Engineered biomimetic nanoabsorbent for cellular detoxification of chemotherapeutics." (Dr. Santosh Aryal)

Computing and information sciences

Sajid Rahman

Published and presented "An Exploratory Study of User Perceptions of Payment Methods in U.K. and U.S." with a collaboration of K-State and UCL researchers at the Usable Security Workshop in conjunction with NDSS in Santa Clara, California, in February 2016. Along with Rahman, the K-State co-author was his advisor, Eugene Vasserman, assistant professor of computing and information sciences. (Dr. Eugene Vasserman)

Curriculum and instruction

Sandy Soto

Co-authored "Differentiating Instruction for EFL Learners" with L.A., Borja, and T.X., Sanchez, which was published in the International Journal of Humanities and Social Science. (Dr. Socorro Herrera)

Nathan Bean

Co-authored the paper "Mind the Gap: Student Researchers Use Secondary Data to Explore Disparities in STEM Education," with A., Gnadt, N., Maupin, S., White, and L., Andersen, in the Prairie Journal of Educational Research. (Dr. Jackie Spears)

Electrical and computer engineering

Akanksha Singh

Published in the IEEE Transactions on industrial electronics, which is one of the top 10 journals in the wide area of electrical engineering journals. (Dr. Behrooz Mirafzal)

Family studies and human services

Bryant Miller

Co-authored Kansas Adolescent Health Report, finalized in January, with E. Johannes and M. Washburn Busk. Project was completed through a contract with the Bureau of Family Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Maternal and Child Health Bureau. (Dr. Joyce Baptist)

Cameron Brown

Had three publications and one article accepted for publication; one encyclopedia entry accepted; has three other manuscripts currently under review; gave six presentations at two national conferences; and gave two community presentations. Brown also received the Timothy R. Donoghue Graduate Scholarship for \$5,000, became a licensed marriage and family therapist in Kansas, and was nominated by the School of Family Studies and Human Services for the Graduate Student Council Award for Graduate Student Teaching Excellence. (Dr. Jared Durtschi)

Grain science and industry

Haijing Liu

First author of the article “Improved water resistance in undecylenic acid (UA)-modified soy protein isolate (SPI)-based adhesives,” with Cong Li and Xiuzhi “Susan” Sun, 2015, in *Industrial Crops and Products*, 74(15):577-584. Abstract: Soy protein has shown potential as a renewable and environmentally friendly adhesive because of its superior performance and affordability compared with urea formaldehyde-based adhesives, but poor water resistance has limited its application as a high-performance wood adhesive comparable to phenol formaldehyde. This work focused on developing and characterizing undecylenic acid (UA)-modified soy proteins to improve their water resistance. The reaction between amine groups from protein and carboxyl groups from UA was proposed to be the main chemical pathway for grafting, which was proven by Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) and a ninhydrin test. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) showed that UA modification led to reduced thermal stability because of protein unfolding and decreased protein-protein cross-linkages. The increased attractive force between carbon chains of UA and protein residues resulted in higher viscosity and dynamic modulus values. Atomic force microscopy (AFM) images showed changes in protein particle size and surface properties. The wet strengths of modified soy protein adhesives were significantly improved by 35-62 percent compared with the control. UA with hydrophobic carbon chains and reactive carboxyl groups is an ideal bio-based modifier for soy proteins. (Dr. X. “Susan” Sun)

Xiangwei Zhu

Published “Physico-chemical properties of camelina protein altered by sodium bisulfite and guanidine-HCl” with Donghai Wang and Xiuzhi “Susan” Sun, 2016, in *Industrial Crops and Products*, DOI:10.1016/j.indcrop.2015.12.085. (Dr. X. “Susan” Sun)

Kaliramesh Siliveru

Published “An image analysis approach to understand the differences in flour particle surface and shape characteristics” with Jin W. Kwek, Grace M.L. Lau and R.P. Kingsly Ambrose, 2015, in *Cereal Chemistry First Look*, doi.org/10.1094/CCHEM-05-15-0108-R. (Dr. R.P. Kingsly Ambrose)

Hospitality management

Seunghyun “Brian” Park

Co-authored “Using Twitter data for cruise tourism marketing and research” with C., Ok, and B. Chae, that appeared in the *Journal of Travel & Tourism Marketing* in 2015, doi:10.1080/10548408.2015.1071688. Also in press by Park is “Intercoder reliability indices in content analysis” with K., Park, in the October 2015 *Annals of Tourism Research*. (Dr. Chihyung Ok)

Mechanical and nuclear engineering

Michael Reichenberger

Had “Electrodeposition of Uranium and Thorium Onto Small Platinum Electrodes,” a look at recent developments of an electrodeposition method for uranium and thorium onto small platinum electrodes, accepted for publication in *Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A*. The method was developed in collaboration with Takashi Ito, professor of chemistry at K-State. (Dr. Douglas McGregor)

Physics

Sachiko Toda McBride

Was contributing author on a Compact Muon Solenoid collaboration paper titled “Search for diphoton resonances in the mass range from 150 to 850 GeV in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV” that appeared in *Physics Letters B* 750, 494-519 (2015). (Dr. Yurii Maravin)

Benjamin Berry

Was contributing author on a paper titled “Molecular frame photoelectron angular distributions for core ionization of ethane, carbon tetrafluoride and 1,1-difluoroethylene” that appeared in *Journal of Physics B: Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics* 49, 5 (2016). (Dr. Itzik Ben-Itzhak)

Hui Wei

Was a contributing author on a paper titled “Strong-field approximation and its extension for high-order harmonic generation with mid-infrared lasers” that appeared in *Journal of Physics B: Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics* 49, 5 (2016). (Dr. Chii-Dong Lin)

Sociology, anthropology and social work

April Terry

Had her sole-authored article, “Sexual Behavior in Prison Populations Understood through the Framework of Rational Choice and Exchange Theory,” accepted by *Student Pulse*. (Dr. Sue Williams)

Special education, counseling and student affairs

Amanda Fairbanks

Co-authored “Advising Doctoral Students in Education Programs,” with Craft, C. M.; Augustine-Shaw, D., and Adams-Wright, G., which was published in the *NACADA Journal: The Global Community for Academic Advising*. (Dr. Linda Thurston)

Sara Sanders

Co-authored “Examining the use of deep touch pressure to improve the educational performance of students with disabilities: A meta-analysis” with M. Losinski and N. Wiseman, 2016, in *Research and Practice for Persons with Severe Disabilities*.

Nicole Wiseman

Co-authored the following publications
“Examining the use of deep touch pressure to improve the educational performance of students with disabilities: A meta-analysis” with M. Losinski, and S. Sanders, 2016, in the journal *Research and Practice for Persons with Severe Disabilities*; “Addressing the complex needs of students with attachment disorders” with M. Losinski, A. Katsiyannis, and S. White, 2016, in the journal *Intervention in School and Clinic*, 51, 184-187, DOI: 10.1177/1053451215585800; “Who is the parent? Guidance from case law on parental participation in the IEP process” with M. Losinski, A. Katsiyannis, and S. White, 2016, in the journal *Teaching Exceptional Children*, 48, 144-150, DOI: 10.1177/0040059915605800; and “A meta-analysis of video-modeling based interventions for reduction of challenging behaviors for students with EBD” with M. Losinski, S. White, and F. Balluch, 2016, in *The Journal of Special Education*, 49, 243-252, DOI: 10.1177/0022466915602493. (Dr. James Teagarden)

Felicity Balluch

Losinski, N. Wiseman, and F. Balluch, 2016, in the *Journal of Special Education*, 49, 243-252, DOI: 10.1177/0022466915602493; and “Litigation and students with disabilities: A legal overview of key issues from 2013” with M. Losinski, A. Katsiyannis, and F. Balluch, 2015, in the *Journal of Special Education Leadership*, 28 (1), 1-15. (Dr. James Teagarden)

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“A meta-analysis of video-modeling based interventions for reduction of challenging behaviors for students with EBD” with M. Losinski, N. Wiseman, and S. White, 2016, in the *Journal of Special Education*, 49, 243-252, DOI: 10.1177/0022466915602493; and “Litigation and students with disabilities: A legal overview of key issues from 2013” with M. Losinski, A. Katsiyannis and S. White, 2015, in the *Journal of Special Education Leadership*, 28 (1), 1-15. (Dr. James Teagarden)

John Buckley

Published “Making professional development accessible and impactful for new academic advisors” in *Academic Advising Today*, 39(1). Abstract: Barriers for new advisors seeking to engage in professional development include time, justification, venue, and cost. Reducing these barriers supports robust professional development of new academic advisors, enlivening staff and creating learning and mentoring connections across campus, between institutions, and within the profession. Article is available at <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Resources/Academic-Advising-Today/View-Articles/Making-Professional-Development-Accessible-and-Impactful-for-New-Academic-Advisors.aspx>. (Dr. Christy Craft)

Sherry White

Co-authored the following publications:
“Addressing the complex needs of students with attachment disorders” with Losinski, M.; Katsiyannis, A.; and Wiseman N., 2016, in the journal *Intervention in School and Clinic*, 51, 184-187, DOI: 10.1177/1053451215585800; “Who is the parent? Guidance from case law on parental participation in the IEP process” with M. Losinski, A. Katsiyannis, and N. Wiseman, 2016, in the journal *Teaching Exceptional Children*, 48, 144-150, DOI: 10.1177/0040059915605800; “A meta-analysis of video-modeling based interventions for reduction of challenging behaviors for students with EBD” with M.

TRAVEL AWARDEES

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

Curriculum and instruction

Meaghan Cochrane

Received a Professional Development Travel Grant to present “Sustaining Your Journey: Exploring Mindfulness through Arts-Based Contemplative Practice” at the Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education annual conference in Washington, D.C. (Drs. Sally Yahnke and Kakali Bhattacharya)

Lisa Tabor

to Measure Learning Objectives in a Multicultural Leadership Course” at the International Leadership Association Annual Conference in Barcelona, Spain. (Dr. Tom Vontz)

Chance Lee

Awarded a Professional Development Travel Grant to present “Using Assessment

Received a Professional Development Travel Grant to present “Subversive GeoSpatial Technology (GST) Education: Teaching Educators to Use GSTs in their Classrooms” at the Association of American Geographers in San Francisco, California. (Dr. Jackie Spears)

Jessica Kerr	Received the \$750 Education Graduate Student Organization Travel Award to attend the 2016 Critical Media Literacy conference in Savannah, Georgia, where she delivered a talk on the state/media narratives of crisis in Kansas education reporting. (Dr. Tom Vontz)	Kaitlin Bernal	Received the 2016 MESA Design Discovery Award, which includes \$2,500 in support of field experience to explore, learn, and broaden design awareness. Applicants developed travel study proposals with personal significance to them related to their future endeavors as a designer. (Stephanie Rolley)
Educational leadership	<hr/>	Mathematics	<hr/>
Annie Hoekman	Received a Professional Development Travel Grant to present “Deconstructing Microaggressions in Advising Relationships” at the National Academic Advising Association annual conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. (Dr. W. Franklin Spikes)	Niles Armstrong	Received travel and housing support to participate in the Rivière-Fabes Symposium on Analysis and PDE. (Dr. Marianne Kortzen)
Grain science and industry	<hr/>	Special education, counseling and student affairs	<hr/>
Kaliramesh Siliveru	Received a Milling and Baking Student Travel Award to present “Effect of Particle Cohesion on the Sifting Behavior of Wheat Flour” for Milling & Baking: An International Perspective at the AACC International Milling & Baking Division Spring Technical Conference, April 20-22, in Portland, Oregon. (Dr. Praveen Vadlani)	Paul Maxfield	Received a Professional Development Travel Grant to present “Outcome Research in School Counseling: A 20-Year Review” at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Dr. Doris Wright Carroll)
Landscape architecture and regional & community planning	<hr/>	Brian Weber	Awarded a Professional Development Travel Grant to present “Outcome Research in School Counseling: A 20-Year Review” at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Dr. Ken Hughey)
Kelsey Steward	Received the 2016 MESA Design Discovery Award, which includes \$2,500 in support of field experience to explore, learn and broaden design awareness. Applicants developed travel study proposals with personal significance to them related to their future endeavors as a designer. (Stephanie Rolley)	Desa Daniel	Received a Professional Development Travel Grant to present “A Phenomenological Analysis of Invisibility Among College Students” at the American Counseling Association Convention in Montreal, Canada. (Dr. Doris Wright Carroll)

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.

Agronomy	<hr/>	Regina Enniful	Selected as one of 10 finalists for inaugural 3-Minute Thesis Competition hosted by the K-State Graduate School. (Dr. Jagadish SV Krishna)
Junjun Ou	Won first place in the student oral presentation competition at the Western Society of Weed Science annual meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This competition offers students an opportunity to improve their presentation skills and increase their visibility within the society. The top students in each division of the contest are recognized with a plaque and receive a cash award to honor their achievement. (Dr. Mithila Jugulam)	Anatomy and physiology/ Chemical engineering	<hr/>
Bailey McHenry	Received honorable mention in the C2/C4 Division Graduate Student Oral Competition at the American Society of Agronomy/Crop Science Society of America/Soil Science Society of America international annual meetings. (Dr. Ignacio Ciampitti)	Yulia Burakova	Won second place for her poster presentation, “Hydrogen peroxide inactivation of PRRS virus for vaccine preparation” from the American Association of Veterinary Immunologists, with sponsorship from the American Association of Immunologists, at the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases in December 2015. Burakova’s co-major professors are John Schlup, professor of chemical engineering and Jishu Shi, professor of anatomy and physiology. (Drs. Jishu Shi and John Schulp)

Animal sciences and industry

Annie Clark

Awarded first place in the Master of Science oral presentation category at the Midwest meeting of the American Society of Animal Science, the premier swine research meeting in the world. The criteria for evaluating the graduate oral competition papers was clearness and correctness of the abstract; knowledge of the subject area; research quality and innovation; organization of the presentation; presentation and personal attributes; and appropriate use, clarity and number of visuals. **(Dr. Joel DeRouchey)**

Kari Bigman

architecture, completed an innovative low impact design to rehabilitate Gifford Park, an area with significant flooding and water pollution problems in central Omaha. The team was advised by Trisha Moore, assistant professor, and Stacy Hutchinson, professor, both of biological and agricultural engineering, and Lee Skabelund, associate professor of landscape architecture and regional & community planning. **(Dr. Stacy Hutchinson)**

Lori Thomas

Received first place for Master of Science poster presentation at the Midwest meeting of the American Society of Animal Science, the premier swine research meeting in the world. The criteria for evaluating the graduate oral competition papers was clearness and correctness of the abstract; knowledge of the subject area; research quality and innovation; organization of the presentation; presentation and personal attributes; and appropriate use, clarity and number of visuals. **(Dr. Bob Goodband)**

Received first place as member of K-State team in the Great Plains Low Impact Development Student Design Competition at the second biennial Great Plains Low Impact Development Research and Innovation Symposium in Omaha, Nebraska. The team, which included students from biological and agricultural engineering and from landscape architecture, completed an innovative low impact design to rehabilitate Gifford Park, an area with significant flooding and water pollution problems in central Omaha. The team was advised by Trisha Moore, assistant professor, and Stacy Hutchinson, professor, both of biological and agricultural engineering, and Lee Skabelund, associate professor of landscape architecture and regional & community planning. **(Dr. Stacy Hutchinson)**

Carine Vier

Earned first place in undergraduate oral presentation at the Midwest meeting of the American Society of Animal Science, the premier swine research meeting in the world. The purpose of the undergraduate competitions are to provide an opportunity for undergraduate students to gain experience in reviewing, discovering and presenting scientific information in a scholarly manner on a topic of current importance and interest to the animal industry. **(Dr. Steve Dritz)**

Erica Schmitz

Received first place as member of K-State team in the Great Plains Low Impact Development Student Design Competition at the second biennial Great Plains Low Impact Development Research and Innovation Symposium in Omaha, Nebraska. The team, which included students from biological and agricultural engineering and from landscape architecture, completed an innovative low impact design to rehabilitate Gifford Park, an area with significant flooding and water pollution problems in central Omaha. The team was advised by Trisha Moore, assistant professor, and Stacy Hutchinson, professor, both of biological and agricultural engineering, and Lee Skabelund, associate professor of landscape architecture and regional & community planning. **(Dr. Stacy Hutchinson)**

Loni Schumacher

Named the National Pork Board Innovation Abstract winner at the Midwest meeting of the American Society of Animal Science, the premier swine research meeting in the world. The purpose of the award is to promote and reward original and innovative ideas that are scientifically based and that have relevance to the pork industry. **(Dr. Steve Dritz)**

Architecture

Zachary Manual

Won the Industrial Design Society of America Student Merit Award competition for Kansas State University. He will compete at a regional competition in April and could advance to the national event in August. **(David Richter-O'Connell)**

Diagnostic medicine and pathobiology/Animal sciences and industry

Jordan Gebhardt

Awarded first place for best research poster in the doctoral student category for "Effects of grinding corn through a 2-, 3-, or 4-high roller mill on milling characteristics, and finishing pig growth performance and carcass characteristics" at the 2016 American Society of Animal Science Midwestern Section/American Dairy Science Midwest Branch Meeting. Gebhardt is a concurrent Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and pathobiology doctoral candidate. **(Drs. Steve Dritz and Joel DeRouchey)**

Biological and agricultural engineering

Kelsey McDonough

Received first place as member of K-State team in the Great Plains Low Impact Development Student Design Competition at the second biennial Great Plains Low Impact Development Research and Innovation Symposium in Omaha, Nebraska. The team, which included students from biological and agricultural engineering and from landscape

English

Rebecca Rowe

Won best Master of Arts-level essay for “But Mother, I’m a Man Now’: Adapting Childhood in the Musical and Film Versions of ‘Into the Woods’” in the 2016 Children’s Literature Association competition. Rowe has been invited to present her essay at the 2016 Children’s Literature Association Conference in Columbus, Ohio. This is the first time that a student from K-State has won the award. **(Dr. Anne Phillips)**

Entomology

Ryan Schmid

Won the inaugural 3-Minute Thesis Competition at K-State. **(Dr. Brian McCornack)**

Jessica Thomson

Selected as one of 10 finalists for inaugural 3-Minute Thesis Competition hosted by the K-State Graduate School. Thomson is co-advised by adjunct entomology faculty member Dana Nayduch, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Research Service. **(Dr. Ludek Zurek)**

Family studies and human services

Keondria McClish

Received the Wesley Burr Graduate Student Scholarship Award, which encourages and recognizes the scholarly activity of students who are members of National Council on Family Relations and its Advancing Family Science Section. This competition is open to students who serve as first authors of a poster or paper accepted for presentation at the annual conference by the Advancing Family Science Section. **(Dr. Kimmerly Newsom)**

Bryant Miller

Named a winner at K-State Research and the State for the poster presentation “What Can We Learn About Health From Kansas Teens: Results of the Kansas Adolescent Health Needs Assessment.” Along with Miller, the research team included Elaine Johannes and Michelle Busk. **(Dr. Joyce Baptist)**

Genetics

Narinder Singh

Received the Don C. Warren Genetic Fund Scholarship, which provides \$1,500 for tuition scholarship. The scholarship is given to a graduate student in K-State’s College of Agriculture who is conducting research that furthers the understanding of genetics. **(Dr. Jesse Poland)**

Interior architecture & product design

Caleb Amundson

Awarded top honors in the NEXT Student Design Competition. Amundson won the \$2,500 award and another \$2,500 for the College of Architecture, Planning & Design. He also won a custom-made Think Chair from the competition’s sponsor, Steelcase Design Alliances. **(Chris Manzo)**

Landscape architecture and regional & community planning

Conner Bruns

Received first place as a member of K-State’s team in the Great Plains Low Impact Development Student Design Competition at the second biennial Great Plains Low Impact Development Research and Innovation Symposium in Omaha, Nebraska. The team, which included students from biological and agricultural engineering and from landscape architecture, completed an innovative low impact design to rehabilitate Gifford Park, an area with significant flooding and water pollution problems in central Omaha. The team was advised by Trisha Moore, assistant professor, and Stacy Hutchinson, professor, both of biological and agricultural engineering, and Lee Skabelund, associate professor of landscape architecture and regional & community planning. **(Lee Skabelund)**

Jonathan Knight

Received first place as a member of K-State’s team in the Great Plains Low Impact Development Student Design Competition at the second biennial Great Plains Low Impact Development Research and Innovation Symposium in Omaha, Nebraska. The team, which included students from biological and agricultural engineering and from landscape architecture, completed an innovative low impact design to rehabilitate Gifford Park, an area with significant flooding and water pollution problems in central Omaha. The team was advised by Trisha Moore, assistant professor, and Stacy Hutchinson, professor, both of biological and agricultural engineering, and Lee Skabelund, associate professor of landscape architecture and regional & community planning. Knight also earned the \$100 first-place award for his entry, “Solitude/Sand: Pillsbury Crossing,” in the landscape category of the College of Architecture, Planning & Design’s Thomas A. Tyler/Answers Inc. Architectural & Environmental Photography Competition, sponsored by Thomas A. Tyler, a 1974 K-State architecture graduate, and his firm, Answers Inc., St. Louis, Missouri. **(Lee Skabelund and Stephanie Rolley)**

Special education, counseling and student affairs

Katie Cook

Received the Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders Stipend Award for \$500 in February at the 2016 conference in Kansas City, Missouri. This award is provided to students pursuing a doctoral or master’s degree in special education with a program emphasis in behavior disorders. **(Dr. Ann Knackendoffel)**

NOTABLE JOB PLACEMENTS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

Family studies and human services

Jonathan Kimmes

Hired for tenure-track position in marriage family therapy at Florida State University. He will start work in August. Kimmes has received two fellowships, currently has eight publications and presented dozens of projects at national conferences. (Dr. Jared Durtschi)

Hospitality management

Seunghyun "Brian" Park

Awarded the position of assistant professor in the department of management at the University of Central Missouri. (Dr. Chihyung Ok)

Juwon Choi

Awarded the position of instructor of economic development, tourism and sports management at the University of Southern Mississippi. (Dr. Chihyung Ok)

Horticulture, forestry and recreation services

Ashley Stiffarm

Awarded the position of district forester by the Kansas Forest Service.

Han Wen

Awarded the position of visiting assistant professor in the School of Hotel and Tourism Management at Hong Kong Polytechnic University. (Dr. Junehee Kwon)

ADDITIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS

The most recent awards/nominations/initiates from the spring 2016 semester are listed below.

Veterinary medicine/ Public health

Nathaniel Kapaldo

Nathaniel Kapaldo was one of 33 veterinary students nationally to receive the Dr. Jack Walther Leadership Award, presented to a veterinary student from each North American veterinary college for having leadership qualities and great potential for contributing to the field of veterinary medicine. He received a \$1,000 award and was given complimentary registration, flight and lodging to the Western Veterinary Conference, March 6-9, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Kapaldo also participated in the American Veterinary Medical Association's Legislative Fly-In program, Feb. 28-March 1, in Washington, D.C. This program teaches veterinary students about policy and how the legislative system affects veterinary medicine. Kapaldo, in summer 2015, planned and completed a commissioning ceremony for four veterinary students who will serve as military veterinarians, beginning at the rank of second lieutenants upon their graduation. (Dr. James Carpenter)

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