

Welcome to the 2018 Graduate School & Research Awards Banquet

MENU

Grilled Chicken with Bruschetta Topping

Balsamic Marinated Portobello Mushrooms

Mixed Greens Salad with Asparagus, Tomato and Mozzarella Cheese with Balsamic Vinaigrette or Ranch Dressing

Wild Rice

and

Fresh Green Beans

Dinner Rolls with Butter

Lemon Cake with Raspberry Drizzle

Iced Tea • Iced Water • Coffee

PROGRAM

Introductions		
Welcome		
Dinner		
Master of Ceremonies		
Remarks		
Faculty Awards		
2018 Research Colloquium Winners		
Undergraduate and Graduate Research Oral Presentation Winners Undergraduate and Graduate Research Poster Winners High School Poster Winners Dr. Jonathan Dresher Chairman, Graduate Council		
2018 Capitol Research Summit		
The James B.M. Schick Midwest Quarterly/		
Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award		
Graduate Scholarships		
Distinguished Thesis Award		
Departmental Graduate Student AwardsDr. Pawan KaholCollege of Arts and SciencesDr. Mary Carol Pomatto, DeanKelce College of BusinessDr. Paul Grimes, DeanCollege of EducationDr. Jim Truelove, DeanCollege of TechnologyDr. Tim Dawsey, Dean		
Graduate Dean Academic Honors		
Graduate Student Advisory Council Recognition Dr. Pawan Kahol		
Closing Remarks and Congratulatory Toast		

Faculty Awards

OUTSTANDING FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Nominees

Dr. Ram Gupta, Chemistry

Dr. Casie Hermansson, English

Dr. Hyejoon Park, Social Work

Dr. Connie Shum, Finance

Dr. James Whitney, Biology

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTOR

Nominees

Dr. Christine Brodsky, Biology

Dr. Ram Gupta, Chemistry

Dr. Barbara McClaskey, Nursing

Dr. Jeanne Norton, Engineering Technology

Dr. Santimukul Santra, Chemistry

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Nominees	Program
Dr. Eli Aba	M.S. Technology
Dr. Jonathan Dresner	M.A. History
Dr. Amy Hite	M.S. Nursing
Dr. Paul McCallum	M.A. English

Science and Technology

Participants	Advisors
Nawaf Albeladi, Chemistry (Graduate) A Facile Method to Synthesize Bi-Functional Nanostructured Nickel Compounds for Energy Storage and Water Splitting Applications	Dr. Ram Gupta
Ahlam Alghamdi, Chemistry (Graduate) Cobalt oxide decorated polypyrrole: A Bi-Functional Material for Energy Applications	Dr. Ram Gupta
Ghazwan Alshammari, Physics (Graduate) P-AlSbGe/n-Si (100) Photovoltaic Cells Produced by Thermal Evaporation	Dr. Serif Uran
Mohammed Alshammari, Physics (Graduate) n-AlSbCu/p-Si(111) Photovoltaic Cells Produced by Thermal Evaporation	Dr. Serif Uran
May Altammar, Chemistry (Graduate) High Performance and Durable Cobalt Sulfide for Energy Storage Applications	Dr. Ram Gupta
Michael Barnes, Biology (Graduate) Stand-Level Density and Nesting Success of Bird Species in Response to Experimental Forest Management in the Missouri Ozarks	Dr. Andrew George
Ren Bean, Shrikant Anant, Quentin Austin, Tuhina Banerjee, Laci Hadorn, and Shuguftha Naz, Polymer Chemistry (Graduate) Personalized Drug Cocktail Carrying Nanomedicine for the Treatment of Cancer	Dr. Santimukul Santra
Sanket Bhoyate, J. Chen, M. Ionescu, P. K. Kahol, and S. R. Mishra Polymer Chemistry (Graduate) Reactive Flame Retardants for Bio-derived Polyurethane Foams	Dr. Ram Gupta
Sanket Bhoyate, J. Chen, M. Ionescu, P. K. Kahol, S. R. Mishra, and D. Radojcic, Polymer Chemistry (Graduate) Novel Reactive Polyols for Bio-based Rigid Polyurethane Foams	Dr. Ram Gupta
Kimberly Byler, Nursing (Graduate) Progressive Muscle Relaxation and Simulation Anxiety in Nursing Education	Dr. Mandi Alonzo
James Daniel, Biology (Graduate) The Effects of Clipping on the Biomass Production of Native Warm Season Grasses on Reclaimed Abandoned Coal Mine Soils	Dr. Dixie Smith

Participants	Advisors
Saloni Darji, Polymer Chemistry (Graduate) Curbing Cancer via Peptide and Neem (Azadirachta indica) Extract	Dr. Santimukul Santra
Ashleigh Elbert, Biology (Graduate) Expression of Ligand CCL19 in Dawley Rat Uterine Tissue and the Possible Action to Prepare for Implantation and Placentation in the Uterus	Dr. Virginia Rider
David Hollie, Biology (Graduate) Avian Community Response to Experimental Forest Management in the Missouri Ozarks	Dr. Andrew George
Lucy Lotspeich, Graphics Management (Graduate) Investigations of Factors that Affect Asthma Symptoms of College Students in Areas near Coalmines with a Possible Solution	Dr. Tatiana Goris
Katie McMurry, Biology (Graduate) Bird and Butterfly Species Richness Increase in Residential Yards Managed for Vegetation Complexity in Southeast Kansas	Dr. Christine Brodsky
Kevin McNay, James Beach, Petar Dvornic, Jamie Messman, and Dragana Radojcic, Polymer Chemistry (Graduate) Effects of Crosslinkers and Catalysts on Rheology and Shelf Stability of Silica-Filled Model Polysiloxanes	Dr. Jeanee Norton
Kaustubh Mhatre, Engineering Technology (Graduate) HVAC-Energy Auditing	Dr. Eli Aba
Camila Muliterno Zequine, Polymer Chemistry (Graduate) Cost Effective Ways to Fabricate Multifunctional Nanostructured Materials for Energy Applications	Dr. Ram Gupta
Eric Mullins, Physics (Graduate) Computational Studies of Copolymers Containing Ferrocene and Imidazole	Dr. Benjamin Tayo
Elena Olson, Biology (Graduate) Application of Whole Genome Sequencing and Food Safety and Food Quality Control	Dr. Anuradha Ghosh
Sneha Ramanujam, Polymer Chemistry (Graduate) Magnetic Nanosensors for the Detection of Zika Virus	Dr. Santimukul Santra

Participants	Advisors
Zachary Shaw, Tuhina Banerjee, James Beach, Richard Gross, Jyothi Kallu, and Lok Shrestha, Polymer Chemistry (Graduate) Revolutionary Treatment for Prostate Cancer: A Combination Approach Using TNF-a and Sophorolipids	Dr. Santimukul Santra
Tanuja Tummala, Momin Ansare, Tuhina Banerjee, Saloni Darji, and Kalee Woody Polymer Chemistry (Graduate) Olaparib and Doxorubicin Carrying Translational Nanotheranostics for the Treatment of Prostate Carcinomas	Dr. Santimukul Santra
Samantha Young Pryer, Biology (Graduate) Floristic Survey of Crawford and Cherokee Counties Kansas: A Report of Known Taxa, Including 49 State Records	Dr. Neil Snow
Chunyang Zhang, Sanket Bhoyate, and P.K. Kahol Polymer Chemistry (Graduate) Effect of Additive and Reactive Flame Retardants on the Physicomechanical and Flammability of Biobased Rigid Polyurethane Foams	Dr. Ram Gupta
Chunyang Zhang and P.K. Kahol, Polymer Chemistry (Graduate) Cobalt Sulfide Nanowires as an Efficient and Stable Bifunctional Electrocatalysts for Overall Water Splitting	Dr. Ram Gupta
Chen Zhao, P.K. Kahol, K. Siam, and C. Zhang, Polymer Chemistry (Graduate) A Hybrid Electrode of Cobalt Oxide@Polypyrrole Nanostructure for High-Performance Supercapacitor and Oxygen Evolution Reaction	Dr. Ram Gupta
Chen Zhao, P.K. Kahol, K. Siam, and C. Zhang, Polymer Chemistry (Graduate) Highly Efficient and Durable Electrocatalyst of Fe-Ni Sulfides for Overall Water Splitting	Dr. Ram Gupta
Wesley Brantley, Tuhina Banerjee, Ren Bean, and Tanuja Tummala, Biology (Undergraduate) Magnetic Nanosensor Platform for the Fast and Accurate Detection of Bacterial Contaminants in Platelet Concentrates	Dr. Santimukul Santra

Participants	Advisors
Brandy Brouhard, Rachael Ashcraft, Haley Carothers, Molly Crager, John Fredrickson, Olivia Houston, Sarah Lueck, Paula Ovelar Oviedo, Katrina Poulsen, Lucas Roecker, and Jessica Wright Psychology (Undergraduate) Does the Distribution of Attention in the Visual Field Conform to a Mexican-Hat Distribution?	Dr. Bruce Warner
Harley Burch and Seth Scott, Electronic Engineering Technology (Undergraduate) Wolf's Eye, Peripheral Car Detector for Semi-Trailers	Mr. Randy Winzer
James Burlingame, Mathematics (Undergraduate) The Columbo Puzzle	Dr. Yaping Liu
Nicholas Burnett, Biology (Undergraduate) Ecology and Prevalence of Tiicks and Tick-borne Bacterial Pathogens in a Peri-urban Landscape of the Midwestern U.S.	Dr. Anuradha Ghosh
Kylie Carnahan and Emily Fry, SSRM (Undergraduate) Campus Tree Ecosystem Services: Carbon Sequestration and Student Cognition	Dr. Christine Brodsky
Andrew Chesney, Chemistry (Undergraduate) Drug Targeting of the Long Noncoding RNA XIST Found to be Involved in the Maintenance and Invasiveness of Various Cancer Cells	Dr. Irene Zegar
Avery Coronado, Seth Bohlken, Gage Fox, Thomas Prater, Eric Schlange, and Landon Stephens, Mechanical Engineering Technology (Undergraduate) Walker Team	Mr. Brock Skaggs
Lelan DeLissa , Electronic Engineering Technology (Undergraduate) Implementation of a Video Game Using a Field Programmable Gate Array	Dr. Erik Mayer
Rebekah Elliott and Dr. James McAfee, Biology (Undergraduate) Investigating Potential Anti-Cancer Drugs Targeting MALAT1, lncRNA Upregulated in Late-Stage Cancers	Dr. Irene Zegar
Robin Goodreau, Nathaneil Skinner, and Jake Wright Biology (Undergraduate) Park Visitor Perceptions of Nature in Southeast Kansas	Dr. Christine Brodsky

Participants	Advisors
Gabriela Gumucio, Katlin Dunsing, Bethanne Elliott, Tara Gire, Rebecca Henderson, Kaylin Lake, Karlie Lower, Mattson Steele, Jasmine Tindle, Kimberly Yohe, and Rae Zeller, Communication (Undergraduate) Opportunities for Departmental Strategic Planning	Dr. Alicia Mason
John Hey, Sanket Bhoyate, and Dr. Ram Gupta, Biology (Undergraduate) Screening of Polyacrylonitrile Nanofibers Infused with Silver and Other Allied Nanoparticles for Antimicrobial Applications	Dr. Anuradha Ghosh
Vedant Jain, Biology (Undergraduate) Targeted and Specific Treatment of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Using Folic Acid Conjugated Nanoceria	Dr. Santimukul Santra
Kelly Mallatt, Biology (Undergraduate) Remediation of Tar Creek: Impacts on Bird and Plant Community Diversity	Dr. Christine Brodsky
Tucker Morey, S. Bhoyate, Gautam Gupta, S. R. Mishra, Brooks Neria, Soubantika Palchoudhury, Felio Perez, Venkata Vasiraju, Z. Wang, and C. Zhang, Chemistry (Undergraduate) Hydrogen Evolution Reaction Using MoS2 Decorated Nanofibers	Dr. Ram Gupta
Tucker Morey, S. Bhoyate, Gautam Gupta, S. R. Mishra, Brooks Neria, Soubantika Palchoudhury, Felio Perez, Venkata Vasiraju, Z. Wang, and C. Zhang, Chemistry (Undergraduate) MoS2 Decorated Carbon Nanofibers as Efficient and Durable Electrocatalyst for Hydrogen Evolution Reaction	Dr. Ram Gupta
Abigail Morgan, Biology (Undergraduate) Construction of a Bacterial Biosensor for Detection of Lead in Environmental Samples	Dr. Philip Harries
Lewis Moore, Derek Hansen, Blake Hettinger, Derek Robertson, Lucas Wilson, and Yung Xie, Manufacturing Engineering (Undergraduate) Canoe Trailer	Dr. David Miller
Oleksandra Pashchenko, Biology and Chemistry (Undergraduate) Rapid Detection of Zika and Dengue with Functionalized Magnetic Nanosensors	Dr. Santimukul Santra

Participants	Advisors
Derek Scholes and Nathaneil Skinner, Biology (Undergraduate) Status and Population Trends of the Gray Bat Colony in Pittsburg, KS	Dr. Andrew George
Lok Shrestha, Biology (Undergraduate) One-Step Synthesis of Functional Polymer for Targeted Drug Delivery	Dr. Santimukul Santra
Nathaneil Skinner, Biology (Undergraduate) Seasonal Population Trends of the Gray Bat Colony in Pittsburg, Kansas	Dr. Andrew George
Ryan Walker, Biology (Undergraduate) Analyzing the Gut Microbiome of Human Populations in Southeast Kansas	Dr. Mandy Peak
Brian Warner, Computer Information (Undergraduate) eXpTools 3 Response Box	Dr. Bruce Warner
Primarily Business, Education, and Humanities	
Jordyn Bollinger, Professional Writing (Graduate) Needs Assessment of International English within PSU's Online Information	Dr. Jessica Jorgenson-Borchert
Chelsey Davenport, HHPR (Graduate) Mobility and Aging: The Benefits of Incorporating Yoga Amongst Seniors	Dr. Scott Gorman and Ms. Laura Covert
Lynzee Flores, Communication (Graduate) Public Opinion & U.S. Foreign Policy: Investigating the Impact of Political Television Dramas on Audience Perceptions of Current U.S. Foreign Policy Engagement and Effectiveness	Dr. Alicia Mason
Joshua Horton, Alex Battitori, Tyler Breedlove, Morgan Ebbs, Courtney Schlund, and Chanda Williams, English (Graduate) Too Many Cooks: Redesigning the English Program Website	Dr. Celia Patterson
Michaela Joines, Communication (Graduate) Corporate Sponsorship and University Campuses: Determining the Effectiveness of University Sponsorship Efforts at Pittsburg State University	Dr. Troy Comeau
Cody Lindbloom, Serena Hoffman, Emily Loethen, Joshua Schooley, and Megan VanWey, Psychology (Graduate) Gender and Ethnic Diversity Among College Students with ADHD Affect Faculty Perceptions and Willingness to Provide Accommodations	Dr. Jamie Wood

Participants	Advisors
Lucy Lotspeich, Kasey Beeman, Cody Bryant, Phillip Foust, Forest Joseph, and Andrea Kent-McConnaughey Graphics Management (Graduate) Impact of Enchroma Glasses on Color Acuity	Mr. Rion Huffman
Laura Moldazhanova, Teaching English Language (Graduate) Content Language Integrated Learning for Developing English Skills of ELLs	Ms. Roza Zhussupova
Sreerupa Sanyal, Communication (Graduate) An Analysis on News Reading and News Sharing Among Students and Staff of Pittsburg State University	Dr. Troy Comeau
MacKenzi Tims, Communication (Graduate) Political Satire: Changing the Landscape of Political Information Dissemination Among Millennial Voters	Dr. Alicia Mason
Matt Bonner, Economics (Undergraduate) Application of the Panzar-Rosse Model: An Analysis of the Brewery Industry in the U.S.	Dr. Michael Davidsson
Sirena Bruner and Madison Perez, Social Work (Undergraduate) Factors Contributing to a Teen Mother's Choice to Attend or Not Attend College	Dr. Hyejoon Park
Evan Burke, Elementary Education (Undergraduate) A Case for a Classical Education	Ms. Angela Abbott
Amanda Bustamante, Communication (Undergraduate) The Foster Care System and its Effects	Ms. Kristen Livingston
Jasmine Crame, Elementary Education (Undergraduate) Elementary Learning Progression	Ms. Amy Bartlow
Rece Dawson, Finance/Economics (Undergraduate) Anticipations with the Personal Savings Rate: An Outlook in the US Economy Today	Dr. Michael Davidsson
Max Ernst, Finance/Economics (Undergraduate) Salary Distribution in the NFL	Dr. Michael Davidsson
Max Ernst, Finance/Economics (Undergraduate) Why Modern Statistics are Better at Predicting Golfer Performance than Traditional Statistics	Dr. Anil Lal

Participants	Advisors
Tara Gire, Communication (Undergraduate) Time Spent at the Workplace and its Effects on Relationships	Dr. Alicia Mason
Thomas Hext, Economics (Undergraduate) An Inquiry into the Causes of Growth in Gross Domestic Product	Dr. Michael Davidsson
Brenna Hoppes, Josh Brown, and Jennifer Johnson, Psychology (Undergraduate) Documentation for Accommodations for College Students with ADHD: Commonly Missing Elements in Reports from Health/Mental Health Professionals	Dr. Jamie Wood
Blake Hudson, Business Management, Marketing (Undergraduate) Boulevard Brewing Company Market Analysis	Dr. Lynn Murray
Brett Miller, Finance/Economics (Undergraduate) An Analysis of Retail Sales in Micropolitan Areas in the Year 2000	Dr. Michael Davidsson
Amy Mitrisin, Social Work (Undergraduate) How Technology Effects Students' Academically	Dr. Hyejoon Park
Madeline Prachyl, Karen Boulanger, and Ashley Roberts, Social Work (Undergraduate) Success Rate for Non-Traditional Students Versus Traditional Students	Dr. Hyejoon Park
Nicholas Robinson, Economics and Marketing (Undergraduate) Which Affects GDP More: Exchange Rates or FDI	Dr. Michael Davidsson
Olivia Stiens and Ashlin Wait, Social Work (Undergraduate) The Effects of Substance Use in College Students	Dr. Hyejoon Park
Kelsey Tallent, Finance/Economics (Undergraduate) Gambling on Revenue	Dr. Michael Davidsson
Ryan Urban, Communication (Undergraduate) Linking Pokemon to Positivity	Dr. Troy Comeau
Ming Wie Khoo, Economics (Undergraduate) How Does Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Affect Environmental Pollution	Dr. Michael Davidsson
Skyler Worley, Erykah McClendon, and Avery Mielke, Psychology (Undergraduate) Blackjack Player Choice, Superstition, and Calculated Odds of Winning	Dr. Ryan Speelman

Participants	Advisors
Creative Works	
Katelyn Roth, Creative Writing (Graduate) Bodyborders	Ms. Laura Lee Washburn
Mark Weaver, English (Graduate) Kablaka: Creating a Language	Ms. Lori Martin
Willie Cowley, Illustration (Undergraduate) The Brainy Bunch	Ms. Portico Bowman
Christopher Griffetts, Illustration (Undergraduate) The Brainy Bunch	Ms. Portico Bowman
Christen Ireland, Fine Art (Undergraduate) The Brainy Bunch	Ms. Portico Bowman
Kayla McCollough, English (Undergraduate) The Nature of Poetry	Ms. Lori Martin
Levi Qualls, Visual Art and Storytelling (Undergraduate) The Brainy Bunch	Ms. Portico Bowman
Topical Literature Review	
Ahlam Alghamdi, Chemistry (Graduate) Hierarchical Core-Shell NiCo ₂ O ₄ @NiMoO ₄ Nanowires Grown on Carbon Cloth as Integrated Electrode for High-Performance Supercapacitors	Dr. Ram Gupta
May Altammar, Chemistry (Graduate) Triboelectrification Induced Large Electric Power Generation from a Single Moving Droplet on Graphene/Polytetrafluoroethylene	Dr. Ram Gupta
Sanket Bhoyate, Kwadwo Mensah-Darkwa, and P.K. Kahol Polymer Chemistry (Graduate) Recent Development on Nanocomposites of Graphene for Supercapacitor Applications	Dr. Ram Gupta
Camila Muliterno Zequine, Polymer Chemistry (Graduate) High-Performance Flexible Supercapacitors Obtained via Recycled Jute: Bio-Waste to Energy Storage Approach	Dr. Ram Gupta

Participants	Advisors
Jose Parlade, Clinical Psychology (Graduate) The Effects of 3D and Action-Platform Video Games on the Hippocampus and Caudate Nucleus	Dr. Gwen Murdock
Bailee Deviney, Nursing (Undergraduate) The Influence of Music in the Operating Room	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
Emily Dickey, Nursing (Undergraduate) Long-Term Deleterious Effects of Sports-Related Concussions	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
Bailey Flora, Nursing (Undergraduate) Delayed Cord Clamping vs. Immediate Cord Clamping	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
Abby Ford, Nursing (Undergraduate) Homeless Population Affecting the Emergency Department	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
Jenna Gilstrap, Nursing (Undergraduate) The Impact of Nurse Staffing Ratios	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
Katie Jo Hull, Nursing (Undergraduate) Should Nurse Patient Ratios be Better Regulated to Improve Patient Outcomes?	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
Hannah Jones, Nursing (Undergraduate) Pediatric Pain Assessment	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
Grady Lenihan, Nursing (Undergraduate) Chest Physiotherapy and Atelectasis	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
Hannah Myers, Nursing (Undergraduate) Barriers of Intimate Partner Violence Screening	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
Leslie Nichols, Nursing (Undergraduate) Intraoperative Skin Prep Solutions	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
Zion Oppriecht, Nursing (Undergraduate) Noise in the Hospital: Is it Harmful?	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
Jillian Otter, Nursing (Undergraduate) Vaginal Birth after Cesarean	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
Paula Ovelar Oviedo, Psychology (Undergraduate) Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Review	Dr. Chris Spera

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Jack Patterson and Jill Fischer, Psychology (Undergraduate) Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Review	Dr. Julie Allison
Paige Peppard, Justice Studies (Undergraduate) Vipassana: Mindfulness in the Prison System	Dr. Roy Janisch
Joao Poli, Chemistry (Undergraduate) High Performance and Flexible Supercapacitors Based on Carbonized Bamboo Fibers for Wide Temperature Applications	Dr. Ram Gupta
Kohl Slaughter, Nursing (Undergraduate) Evidence-Based Management of Concussions	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
Jodi Stuhlsatz, Nursing (Undergraduate) Literature Review of Kangaroo Care	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
Theresa Umscheid, Nursing (Undergraduate) The Zinc Link to Cancer	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
Emma Vogel, Nursing (Undergraduate) Placentophagia: Is it Nutritious?	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
Long Xiao, Political Science (Undergraduate) Looking to the Past, For Future: Implications and Connections Between Confucianism, Constructivism and the Rise of China	Dr. Kayce Mobley
Mariah Zerr, Nursing (Undergraduate) Mirror Therapy in Stroke Patients	Dr. Barbara McClaskey
High School	
Laura Anderson, Joplin High School (High School) Effects of Soil Nitrogen Levels on Action Potential Duration of Dionaea Muscipula	Ms. Karisa Boyer
Ashley Blumenthal, Park Hill High School (High School) The Role of Bereavement on Short-term and Long-term Subjective Well-Being	Ms. Sara Capra
Keaton Campbell, Joplin High School (High School) The Impact of Shared Characteristics on Empathy Towards Perpetrators	Ms. Karisa Boyer

Participants	Advisors
Cassandra Chandler, Joplin High School (High School) Effect of Organic and Processed Foods on Coenobita Clypeatus	Ms. Karisa Boyer
Jackson Elder, Park Hill High School (High School) Learning and Loot	Ms. Sara Capra
Riley Fitzmorris, Park Hill High School (High School) The Fourth Wave of Feminism	Ms. Sara Capra
Lauren Fogarty, Joplin High School (High School) Effect of Olive Leaf and Grapefruit Seed Extracts on Four Species of Beneficial Intestinal Bacteria	Ms. Karisa Boyer
Casie Geddry, Joplin High School (High School) Examining Antibacterial Effect of Instant Coffee vs Medium Ground Coffee on Escherichia Coli	Ms. Karisa Boyer
Noah Harris, Park Hill High School (High School) Lowering the Minimum Legal Drinking Age	Ms. Sara Capra
Savannah Huff, Joplin High School (High School) Neutralizing Free Radical Peroxynitrite Using Antioxidants	Ms. Karisa Boyer
Megan Hyatt, Sanket Bhoyate, Madhav Ghimire, P.K. Kahol, Sanjay Mishra, Tucker Morey, Charith Ranaweera, and Chunyang Zhang, Labette County High School (High School) Eco-Friendly and High Performance Supercapacitors for Elevated Temperature Applications Using Recycled Tea Leaves	Dr. Ram Gupta
Mollie Judd, Prairie View High School (High School) Improving the Criteria for Judging Various Breeds of Rabbits Improves the Quality of Breeds	Ms. Christy Nickelson
Rebecca Kerr, Prairie View High School (High School) Teaching Kids that Science is Fun with Constellations	Ms. Christy Nickelson
Silvester Lorencik, Prairie View High School (High School) The Importance of Foreign Languages and the Lack of Language Focus in the United States	Ms. Christy Nickelson
Amber Manning, Prairie View High School (High School) The Connection Between Religion and Happiness	Ms. Christy Nickelson

Participants	Advisors
Amanda Nelson, Prairie View High School (High School) Social Media and Business Workplace: No Longer Separated	Ms. Christy Nickelson
Brooks Neria, Sanket Bhoyate, M. Ghimire, M. Hyatt, P. K. Kahol, S.R. Mishra, Felio Perez, and C. Zhang, Carl Junction High School (High School) Nitrogen-Doped Flexible Carbon Cloth for Durable Metal Free Electrocatalyst for Overall Water Splitting	Dr. Ram Gupta
Samuel Peterson, Joplin High School (High School) The Effect of Diet on Murine Vaginal Microbiota	Ms. Karisa Boyer
Josie Philips, Joplin High School (High School) The Environmental Effect on Cognitive Ability in Cichlasoma Synspilum X Cichlasoma Citrinellum	Ms. Karisa Boyer
Veda Reinhardt, Prairie View High School (High School) United States vs The World: Gun Control	Ms. Christy Nickelson
Johnathan Reynolds and Dalton Sylva, Prairie View High School (High School) The Superior Linux Desktop Environment for New Users	Ms. Christy Nickelson
Alexandria Ried, Prairie View High School (High School) How Wireless Technology Can Cause Autism and Other Health Risks	Ms. Christy Nickelson
Jona Roberts, Park Hill High School (High School) Family Life and Gender Identity	Ms. Sara Capra
Hannah Scott, Park Hill High School (High School) Sexualization in Advertising	Ms. Sara Capra
Carly Short, Joplin High School (High School) The Effects of Ammonium Nitrate on Brassica Rapa Growth in Stem and Roots	Ms. Karisa Boyer
Savana Quinn Smith, Joplin High School (High School) The Effect of Different Antibiotic Treatments on Urinary Tract Infections Linked to Escherichia Coli	Ms. Karisa Boyer

Participants	Advisors
Phoebe Watson, Joplin High School (High School) Effect of Herbal Treatments on Staphylococcus aureus subsp. aureus, Staphylococcus epidermidis, and Malassezia globosa in Atopic Dermatitis	Ms. Karisa Boyer
Sofonyas Woldekidan, Park Hill High School (High School) Fully Reusable Launch System	Ms. Sara Capra
Taylor Yuhas , Joplin High School (High School) Effect of Artificial Sweeteners on Daphnia magna Survival Rate and Heart Rate	Ms. Karisa Boyer

2018 Research Colloquium Judges

Dr. Theresa Presley, ACIS

Dr. Wei Sha, ACIS

Dr. Anuradha Ghosh, Biology

Dr. Virginia Rider, Biology

Dr. Neil Snow, Biology

Dr. Ram Gupta, Chemistry

Dr. Jody Neef, Chemistry

Dr. Santimukul Santra, Chemistry

Dr. Irene Zegar, Chemistry

Mr. Leonard Hudson, Communication

Ms. Kristen Livingston, Communication

Dr. Shirley Drew Triplett, Communication

Dr. Jessica Jorgenson Borchert, EML

Dr. Chase Dearinger, EML

Ms. Lori Martin, EML

Ms. Laura Lee Washburn, EML

Dr. David Miller, Engineering Technology

Brian Peery, Graduate & Continuing Studies

B.B. Stotts, Graduate & Continuing Studies

Mr. Rion Huffman, GIT

Dr. Rick Hardy, HHPR

Dr. Cole Shewmake, HHPR

Dr. John Daley, HPSS

Dr. Marjorie Donovan, HPSS

Dr. Sang-Heui Lee, Management and Marketing

Dr. Bienvenido Cortes, MBA

Ms. Gena Coomes, Nursing

Dr. Jennifer Harris, Nursing

Dr. Amy Hite, Nursing

Dr. Karen Johnson, Nursing

Dr. Trina Larery, Nursing

Dr. Barbara McClaskey, Nursing

Dr. Ben Tayo, Physics

Dr. Serif Uran, Physics

Dr. Ryan Speelman, Psychology

Dr. Brian Sims, TCHL

Dr. Eli Aba, TWL

Dr. Tatiana Goris, TWL

Dr. MeLisa Rogers, TWL

Dr. Judy Smetana, TWL

2018 Capitol Research Summit

Undergraduate - February 14, 2018 Topeka, Kansas • Graduate - March 27, 2018 Topeka, Kansas

Best Undergraduate Poster	John Hey
Title: Screening of Polyacrylonitrile Nanofibers Infused with Silver and other	Biology
Allied Nanoparticles for Antimicrobial Applications	
Award: \$200	
Best Graduate Poster	Ren Bean
Title: Personalized Drug-Cocktail Nanomedicine for the Treatment of Prostate Cancer	Chemistry
Award: \$500	
Kansas Bioscience Best Poster Award	Sanket Bhoyate
Title: Industrially Producible High-Performance Corn-Oil Based	Polymer Chemistry
Flame Retardant Rigid Polyurethane Foams	
Award: \$500	
Missouri Valley Parental Drug Association	Ren Bean
Title: Personalized Drug-Cocktail Nanomedicine for the Treatment of Prostate Cancer	Chemistry
Award: \$500	

Undergraduate Students

Wesley Brantley, Chemistry

John Hey, Biology

Mallory Gibson, Biology

Kelly Mallatt, Biology

Tucker Morey, Chemistry

Graduate Students

Ahlam Alghamdi, Chemistry

Ren Bean, Chemistry

Sanket Bhoyate, Chemistry

Hannah Martin, MBA Business Administration

Sreerupa Sanyal, Communication

The James B.M. Schick Midwest Quarterly/ **Graduate Studies Best Essay**

Winner: Judges:

Katelyn Roth, English Dr. John Daley

History, Philosophy and Social Sciences Ryan Urban, Communication

Dr. Casie Hermansson

English and Modern Languages

Dr. Don Viney

History, Philosophy and Social Sciences

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant

Nominees Department

Michael Barnes Biology

Kayla Bartelsmeyer Human Resource Development

Stormy Carter Nursing

Nayan Chavda Technology and Workforce Learning

Xavier Martinez Chemistry Katie McMurry **Biology** Samuel L. Miller **Biology**

Chelsey Powell-Davenport Health, Human Performance and Recreation

Katelyn Roth **English**

Melissa Stebbins Technology and Workforce Learning

Graduate Scholarships

McPherson Scholarship - \$750

Program Winner

Lauren Ienkins M.S. Psychology

Susan Leichter M.S. Human Resource Development Shana Warren M.S. Human Resource Development

Elaine Zych M.A. Teaching - Special Education

Clifford Long Scholarship - \$500

Winner Program

Mary Caudill Non Degree Seeking

Distinguished Thesis

Thesis By Advisors Dr. Michael Thompson Jason Belcher, History Gladstonian Liberalism: A Catalyst for Social Representation and Democratic Reform in Victorian Sanket Bhoyate, Chemistry Dr. Ram Gupta A Detailed Study of Novel High-Performance Bromine and Phosphorus Based Reactive Flame Retardents in Hi-Quality Bio-Polymer Based Rigid Polyurthane Foams Ms. Laura Lee Washburn Melissa Fite Johnson, English If You'd Lived It Ms. Laura Lee Washburn Jess Macy, English Relief Eric Mullins, Physics Dr. Ben Tayo Characterization of Polymers Containing Ferrocene and Imidazole Ms. Lori Martin Katelyn Roth, English Bodyborders Natalia Agostini Schneider, Biology Dr. Neil Snow Herpetological Collections at Pittsburg State University: Assessing Collecting Patterns and Analysis of Spatial and Temporal Origin of Specimens Ms. Laura Lee Washburn Hannah Claire Walker, English Bone Dollars Chunyang Zhang, Chemistry Dr. Ram Gupta Highly Flame Retardent and Bio-Based Polyurethane Foams Derived From Orange Peel Oil

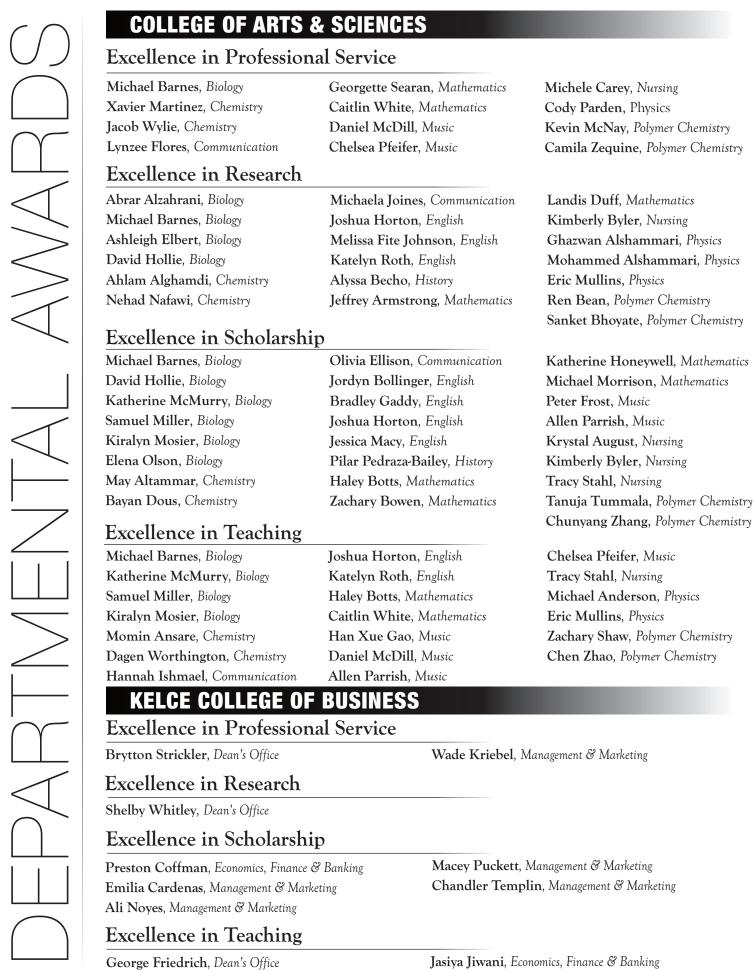
2018 Distinguished Thesis Judges

Dr. Andrew George, Biology

Dr. Casie Hermansson, English

Dr. William Shirley, Chemistry

Dr. Scott Thuong, Mathematics



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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HHPR - Health, Human Performance and Recreation

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