

## **The Eighteenth Annual K-INBRE Student Research Symposium (2020)**

The 18th Annual K-INBRE Symposium was held at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, Kansas. The meeting took place January 18-19, 2020. This year, a large number of students and faculty from Biology and Chemistry attended the symposium. Pitt State was well-represented by 10 faculty and 16 students. Dr. Mary Carol Pomatto, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences and Dr. Bobby Winters, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, represented the administration. The meeting began with a talk about building a career from Dr. Sonia Hall, President and CEO of BioKanas. There were 160 poster presentations. Vedant Jain, an undergraduate student working with Dr. Santra, won second place for his oral presentation titled “Nanozyme: A Developing Nanotechnology for the Detection of Food-Borne Pathogens.” The meeting closed with an interesting talk from Dr. Balthazor from Fort Hays State University titled “Probing the Unfolded Protein Response: mRNA knockdown in *Acyrtosiphon pisum*”. Thanks to all of the K-INBRE students for presenting their research and to the faculty mentors who supervised their research and attended the meeting. As always, good science, fellowship and excellent food. We all look forward to the 19th Annual Symposium in January of 2020.