

# The Eleventh Annual K-INBRE Student Research Symposium (2013)

The eleventh annual K-INBRE Symposium was held at the new Hilton Garden Inn & Conference Center in Manhattan, KS from January 19-20, 2013. Attendees included nine faculty (Drs. Peter Chung, David Gordon, Phil Harries, Mandy Peak, James McAfee, Virginia Rider, Xiaolu Wu, Daniel Zurek, Irene Zegar); Dr. Karl Kunkel, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, and twenty-eight students: **Boya Abudu, Whitney Baldrige (graduate student), Colten Caldwell, Sarah Base, Kaleb Nickell (graduate student), Michael Noble, Christopher Ward, Emily Rausch, Josh Wormington, Austin Price, Samantha Young, Sierra Foster, Kurt Herron, Miles Crowley, Lauren Renner, Sara Verga, Joshua Yoemans, Ryan Woodruff, Zarna Marfatia, Kristopher Parker, Johnna Foster, Ryan Wier, Megan Kramer (graduate student), Kelsey Knisley, Bradley Aubin, Margaret Cook and Trevor Harris.** What a tremendous turnout. [Click here for our group photo.](#)

There were many excellent plenary talks. **Phil Harries**, Assistant Professor of Biology at PittState, gave an excellent plenary talk titled "Virus movement and the host cell cytoskeleton: hijacking cellular pathways to enable virus spread". **John Pijanowski**, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership at the University of Arkansas, gave a talk titled "Building a bridge between moral reasoning and moral action". Students entering biomedical research are expected to perform as leaders and incorporate ethical standards in research. Part of the K-INBRE mentoring experience is to expose undergraduate students to various venues allowing them to develop leadership talents and acquire a strong sense of ethical behavior in research.

We gorillas all agreed that the food was delicious and the Hilton Garden Inn was a great venue for the Annual K-INBRE Symposium. Most importantly, the annual meeting is an opportunity for students to present their research and for students and faculty to network with other scientists across the State. At the end of the meeting, two professors from K-STATE agreed to travel to Pittsburg in the spring and present research seminars. Taken together, the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual K-INBRE Symposium was an all-around success.

**Samantha Young**, a K-INBRE Scholar with Dr. Dave Gordon, received a grant award from the Medical, Urban, and Veterinary Entomology (MUVE) section of the Entomological Society of America. This was a national award and Sam was one of only eight recipients. The money is to support her research project. Way to go Sam!