

The Thirteenth Annual K-INBRE Student Research Symposium (2015)

Twenty undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral students were honored for their scientific research presentations at the 13th annual Kansas Institutional Development Award Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (K-INBRE) symposium Jan. 17-18 in Topeka, Kansas. The annual symposium is part of the K-INBRE initiative to identify and recruit promising college science students into careers in biomedical research in Kansas.

Throughout the year, K-INBRE students work in laboratories alongside scientist mentors to develop research projects. These projects give students early “hands-on” experience in putting the scientific method into practice. Overall, 129 students presented their findings at the symposium. Led by KU Medical Center, K-INBRE is a collaborative network students, faculty and staff at 10 campuses in Kansas and northern Oklahoma: KU Medical Center; Emporia State University; Fort Hays State University; Haskell Indian Nations University; Kansas State University; Pittsburg State University; KU; Washburn University; Wichita State University and Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma.

The following PSU students received cash prizes for their presentations: **Blaze Heckert**, senior in biology, “Inhibitor-induced combination therapy of K-RAS driven NSCLC” – poster presentation; **Rachel Miller**, junior in biology, “Determining Public Awareness about the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus, H5N1, in the United States” – oral presentation; **Kalee Woody**, junior in biology, “PSMA-receptor targeting magnetic nanoprobes: Novel nanotheranostics for the treatment of prostate carcinomas” – poster presentation. [Click here to see our group photo.](#)

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Two PSU undergraduate students win top awards for their research at the Thirteenth Annual K-INBRE Student Research Symposium (2015).