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Faculty Awards

OUTSTANDING FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Nominees

Dr. Andrew George

Dr. Jason Lloyd

Dr. Alicia Mason

Dr. Philip Rudd

Dr. Santimukul Santra

Dr. Kyle Thompson

Department

Biology

Psychology and Counseling

Communication

English

Chemistry

History

Winner

Dr. Andrew George, Biology

Dr. Santimukul Santra, Chemistry

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTOR

Nominees

Dr. Allison Barry

Dr. Ram Gupta

Department

Health, Human Performance and Recreation

Chemistry

Winner

Dr. Ram Gupta, Chemistry

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

Nominees

Kali Borough
Rigo Brou
Cody Mick
Maddison Webb
Brooke Wells-Lee

Department

Biology
Technology and Workforce Learning
English & Modern Languages
Mathematics
Heath, Human Performance and Recreation

Judges

Dr. Tatiana Goris
Dr. Anil Lal
Dr. Santimukul Santra
Dr. Brian Sims

Technology and Workforce Learning
Kelce Graduate School of Business
Chemistry
Teaching and Leadership

Winner

Cody Mick, English & Modern Languages

Cody Mick was nominated by Dr. Paul McCallum, Director of Composition for the Department of English and Modern Languages who wrote:

Cody is an exemplary Graduate Teaching Assistant. He understands where his students are and why they struggle, and he is creative in finding new ways to connect with them. Even when something seems to work well, he still looks for ways to improve his assignments or teaching. And perhaps most importantly, his students trust him and regularly seek his help.

Graduate Scholarships

McPherson Scholarship - \$750

Recipients

Muhammad Adeel
Brenden Finley
Marilyn "Katie" Jones
Stephanie Mason
Jake Towery

Program

M.E.T. Engineering Technology
M.S. Education Leadership
M.S. HHPR
M.A. History
M.S. Education Leadership

Clifford Long Scholarship - \$500

Recipients

Nicole Vogel

Program

Non-degree seeking

Tom and Koeta Bryant Scholarship - \$400

Recipients

Rachel Miller

Program

EdS Advanced Studies in Leadership

2020 Capitol Research Summit/Day

Undergraduate - March 4, 2020 - Topeka, Kansas • Graduate - February 26, 2020 - Topeka, Kansas

Best Undergraduate Poster

Ximena Bogarin & Caleb Durbin | **Mammal Community Composition** in *Forested Mined Land Areas in Southeast Kansas* | Biology | **Project Advisor:** Dr. Christine Brodsky

Award: \$200

Best Graduate Poster

Filipe de Souza | *Expandable Graphene as an Effective Flame-Retardant in Bio-Based Rigid Polyurethane Foams* | Chemistry | **Project Advisor:** Dr. Ram K. Gupta

Award: \$500

BioKansas School Award

Filipe de Souza | *Expandable Graphene as an Effective Flame-Retardant in Bio-Based Rigid Polyurethane Foams* | Chemistry | **Project Advisor:** Dr. Ram K. Gupta

Award: \$200 | Sponsored by Labconco

BioKansas Drug-Development Focus Award

Raghunath Narayanam | *Doxorubicin Based Prodrug and Activatable MR Nanoprobe for the Imaging and Treatment of Cancer* | Chemistry | **Project Advisor:** Dr. Santimukul Santra

Award: \$200 | Sponsored by MO Valley Pharmaceutical Development Association

Undergraduate Students

Thai Butcher, Chemistry

Caleb Durbin, Biology

Ximena Bogarin, Biology

Vedant Jain, Chemistry

Maggie Murray, Biology

Joshua Tegarden, Graphics and Imaging
Technology

Graduate Students

Sakshi Bhati, Communication

Amy Hammesfahr, Biology

Raghunath Narayanam, Chemistry

Mohan D. Perumal, Health, Human
Performance and Recreation

Filipe de Souza, Chemistry

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

Entries

Joseph Shane Adcock | *Information Panopticism: Social Media as Coercive Digital Space* | Sponsored by: Mark Arbuckle

Katherine A. Allred | *I Didn't Learn This in College! Adapting Journalism Skills from the Classroom to the Newsroom* | Sponsored by: Shirley Drew

Stephanie Mason | *Decolonization of the British Empire* | Sponsored by: Kyle Thompson

Samantha McDonald | *Into the West and Back Out Again: An Examination in Cultural Exchange in Popular Rural Activities and Organizations in Turn of the Twentieth-Century America* | Sponsored by: Chris Childers

Winner

Samantha McDonald, History

Award: \$500

Essay will be published in the January 2021 issue of The Midwest Quarterly.

All other essay entries receive the recognition of honorable mention and may have their pieces published in a future issue of the Midwest Quarterly.

Distinguished Thesis

Thesis By

Category A - Primarily Science and Technology

David Hollie, Biology | *Effects of Experimental Forest Management on Avian Communities in the Missouri Ozarks*

Sneha Ramanujam, Chemistry | *Synthesis and Characterization of Corn Oil Based Polyol and it's Application for Rigid Flame Retardant Polyurethane Foams*

Zachary Shaw, Chemistry | *Synthesis of New Aliphatic Pseudo-Branched Polyester Co-Polymers for Biomedical Applications*

Category B - Primarily Business, Education, and Humanities

Kathrine Allred, Communication | *From Classroom to Real-World: Preparing Students for the Newsroom*

Samantha McDonald, History | *Into the West and Back Out Again: An Examination of Cultural and Social Exchange in the Gilded Age United States*

Winners

Category A - Zachary Shaw, Chemistry

Category B - Samantha McDonald, History

Outstanding DNP Scholarly Project

Nominees

Heather Burns, BSN-DNP | *Preventing Childhood Obesity with Increased Education on Responsive Feeding Practices in Parents of Newborns in a Community Health Center*

Amy Butler, MSN-DNP | *Step it up Macks Creek, MO: A Community Walking Program*

Matt Derfelt, MSN-DNP | *Effect of Education About Pediatric Immunization Schedule and Vaccine Administration on Family Medicine Clinic Providers and Clinical Staff Knowledge and Confidence*

Myranda Prather, BSN-DNP | *Understanding the Knowledge, Perceptions, and Advocacy of Family Presence During Resuscitation by Emergency Department Registered Nurses*

Winner

Myranda Prather, BSN-DNP

2020 Distinguished Thesis Judges

Dr. Chase Dearing, English
Dr. Michelle Hudiburg, Teaching and Leadership
Dr. Ananda Jayawardhana, Mathematics
Dr. Pawan Kahol, Graduate and Continuing Studies
Dr. Brian Sims, Teaching and Leadership
Dr. Serif Uran, Physics

2020 DNP Scholarly Project Judges

Dr. Kim Byler, Nursing
Dr. Stormy Carter, Nursing
Dr. Jeffery Waddell, Nursing

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Excellence in Professional Service

Amy Hammesfahr, *Biology*
Reid Williams, *Communication*
Grace Hendrickson, *English*
Reagan Greenwood, *English*
Kayla McCollough, *English*

Aladeen Stoll, *English*
Stephanie Mason, *History*
Hannah Harris, *History*
Straus Scantlin, *History*
Brenda Thenikl, *Mathematics*

Young Eub Jeong, *Music*
Kelly Mishmash, *Nursing*
Sung Woo Hong, *Materials Science*
Nilamben Panchal, *Polymer Chemistry*
Rutul Patel, *Polymer Chemistry*

Excellence in Research

Kali Boroughs, *Biology*
Leah Cuthill, *Biology*
Amy Hammesfahr, *Biology*
Wang Lin, *Chemistry*
Sakshi Bhati, *Communication*
Dakota Bastings, *English*

Kayla McCollough, *English*
Samantha McDonald, *History*
Jordan Bailey, *Mathematics*
Whitley Chesney, *Music*
Cooper Neil, *Music*
Heather Burns, *Nursing*

Myranda Prather, *Nursing*
Sneha Patel, *Physics*
Jonghyun Choi, *Materials Science*
Shane Mann, *Polymer Chemistry*
Raghunath Narayanam, *Polymer Chemistry*

Excellence in Scholarship

Kali Boroughs, *Biology*
Amy Hammesfahr, *Biology*
Himanshu Polara, *Chemistry*
Jesse Comeau, *Communication*
Anna Barr, *English*
Dakota Bastings, *English*
Shelly Greninger, *English*
Cody Mick, *English*

Victoria Robertson, *English*
Mark Weaver, *English*
Brandon Nelson, *History*
Robbie Custer, *Mathematics*
Davis Erickson, *Music*
Christian Brooks, *Nursing*
Lynieta Leisure, *Nursing*
Heather Burns, *Nursing*

Myranda Prather, *Nursing*
Brice Saunders, *Nursing*
Kelly Mishmash, *Nursing*
Matt Derfelt, *Nursing*
Amy Butler, *Nursing*
Tenzin Ingsel, *Materials Science*
Niloofer Arasteh, *Polymer Chemistry*
Rizwan Sulaman, *Polymer Chemistry*

Excellence in Teaching

Kali Boroughs, *Biology*
Abigail Morgan, *Biology*
Devapriya Segaran, *Biology*
Niyati Arora, *Chemistry*
Kate Allred, *Communication*

Cody Mick, *English*
Darren Morgan, *History*
Maddison Webb, *Mathematics*
Matthew Reimer, *Music*
Taylor Cedeno, *Nursing*

Brendan Schmitz, *Physics*
Merab Basilaia, *Physics*
Felipe DeSouza, *Polymer Chemistry*
Salehin Mahbub, *Polymer Chemistry*

KELCE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Excellence in Professional Service

KGSB - Kelce Graduate School of Business

Courtney J. Brandel, KGSB
Kacy M. Gardiner, KGSB
Molly M. Menefee, KGSB

Neeraj Duhan, KGSB
Ryan J. Dodd, KGSB

Excellence in Research

Nicholas D. Hoyt, KGSB
Kacy M. Gardiner, KGSB
Haydn N. Dawson, KGSB

Cameron M. Brown, KGSB
Ryan J. Dodd, KGSB

Excellence in Scholarship

Neeraj Duhan, KGSB
Cameron M. Brown, KGSB

Ryan J. Dodd, KGSB
Katherine E. Seitz, KGSB

Excellence in Teaching

Layla K. Taylor, KGSB

Bailey A. Kleinschmit, KGSB

MD Saimul I. Chowdhury, KGSB

Ryan J. Dodd, KGSB

Guilherme Hansen, KGSB

Leonardo Borghi Monterio, KGSB

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

HHPR - Health, Human Performance and Recreation

Excellence in Professional Service

Kori Dodson, HHPR

Jose Speer, HHPR

Kristy Bohan, *Psychology and Counseling*

Andrea Gaddy, *Psychology and Counseling*

Kelly Walters, *Teaching and Leadership*

Jennifer Murray, *Teaching and Leadership*

Excellence in Research

Mohan Perumal, HHPR

Tiffany Eldridge, *Psychology and Counseling*

Lorie Stonebarger, *Teaching and Leadership*

Vandana Yadav, *Teaching and Leadership*

Anna Frame, *Teaching and Leadership*

Christi Whitter, *Teaching and Leadership*

Krista Gosch, *Teaching and Leadership*

Melissa Criqui, *Teaching and Leadership*

Melissa Bates, *Teaching and Leadership*

Excellence in Scholarship

Josh Hudiburg, HHPR

Lorie Stonebarger, HHPR

Andrea Gaddy, *Psychology and Counseling*

Amanda Welch, *Psychology and Counseling*

Katherine Wilson, *Psychology and Counseling*

Holli Oberheu, *Teaching & Leadership*

Suzanne Kirbey, *Teaching and Leadership*

Tiffany Layton, *Teaching and Leadership*

Amanda Bachand, *Teaching and Leadership*

Darsha Enns, *Teaching and Leadership*

Jared Zamouski, *Teaching and Leadership*

Jory Murry, *Teaching and Leadership*

Excellence in Teaching

Abbey Sommerauer, HHPR

Brooke Wells-Lee, HHPR

Tiffany Eldridge, *Psychology and Counseling*

Derek Brown, *Teaching and Leadership*

Kevin McCollam, *Teaching and Leadership*

Jessica Wilson, *Teaching and Leadership*

Robert Shelburne, *Teaching and Leadership*

Calvin Nathan Johnson, *Teaching and Leadership*

Nicole Warfield, *Teaching and Leadership*

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

TWL - Technology & Workforce Learning

Excellence in Professional Service

Huzaifa Hasan, *Construction Management*

Cathy Caylor, TWL

Michael Wichtendahl, TWL

Rohan Dutta, TWL

Abhishek Singh, TWL

Amber Hames, TWL

Excellence in Research

Kevin Stalsberg, TWL

Ankita Kotangale, TWL

Jacob Messer, TWL

Excellence in Scholarship

Charles Randazzo, TWL

Paulina Scholes, TWL

Ashley Stalford, TWL

Excellence in Teaching

Michael McCullough, TWL

Sarah Randall, TWL

Madison Wooldridge, TWL

Rigo Brou, TWL

Graduate Dean Academic Honors

Graduate Dean Academic Honors graduates are designated by a double gold cord worn around the neck at Commencement.

These graduates have earned a 4.0 GPA in their graduate candidacy.

Yassin Izzaddin Abdulla	Blake D. Cochran	Amber N. Haymaker*	Ian Matthew Messier
Hailey Lauren Adams**	Jason Edward Coke	Cheyenne Jean-Marie	Bhavesh J. Mestry**
Tammy L. Aggus*	Lindsey Jean Conway	Hernandez**	Kayla Metzger*
Sofia Alfieri**	Jerell Sullivan Cotton	W. Kathleen Hess	Rachel M. Miller*
Cynthia Bates Alford*	Melissa D. Criqui	Cheyenne M. Hill	Kelly L. Mishmash
Katherine Anne Allred	Chance C. Curran	Megan D. Hilton	Haley Alexandra Mona
Angela D. Anderson**	Robert N. Custer, Jr.**	Allyson N. Hobbs*	Skyler Ann Morris*
Christopher J. August	Hazel F. Davidson*	Daniel C. Hodges	Sharon Chmidling Mueller**
Ashley Dawn Ausemus**	Jeremiah J. Davis	Lauren Brooke Howard	Jennifer K. Murray*
Darla Jayne Babauta**	Emilyn Dearman**	Nicholas Daniel Hoyt	Jory Brynn Murry
Payton Brian Baker	Allyssa Joy DeJarnette*	Jeffery D. Hughes	Sarah E. Nangle
Julie Ann Barta**	Kamri Nicole Dell*	Mohammed M M Jarwan**	Ryan Michael Neden
Joe W. Barthell	John Matthew Derfelt**	Bryce Walter Johnson	Rebekah Danielle Newell
Lori A. Bartram	Joel Tucker Dermott	Calvin Nathan Johnson*	Chenae Del Newkirk**
Barbra Lorraine Bartz*	Jordan E. Dickey	Jennifer D. Johnson**	Vicki A. Newton*
Nikhila Bashetty	Zachary Michael Dickey**	Madison H. Johnson	Jerica D. Norotsky
Dakota M. Bastings	Ryan J. Dodd	John Jones**	Ashley M. O'Grady**
Sarah C. Beasley	Rohan Dutta	Tammy Kabala**	Holli Oberheu*
Michael D. Begley	Polly R. Dvorak	Morgan Kalm*	Anna Marie Olson
Jennifer M. Berry	Amanda J. Eckols*	Meghann Brooke Kannett	Natalie Renee' Passalacqua**
Sakshi Bhati	Stephanie Marie Edgerton*	Kaylee Jane Krull	Vashishth J. Patel
William R. Biggs	Kristina K. Eggleston*	Dee Dee R. LeFever*	Aaron L. Patrick
Allison Bili	Tiffany Amber Eldridge	Lynieta L. Leisure*	Patrice Annette Peoples
Jesse Viola Blake*	David Lloyd Ewers*	James David Leonard*	Lindsey Rae Peter*
Elizabeth C. Blizzard**	Hillary Dawn Fitzmaurice**	Braden Dean Lett*	Chelsea Renae Pfeifer
Christine M. Bone*	Amy Dawn Foster	Mary Ann Leuszler*	Candice Michele Pickett
Kyler Grant Brady	Andrea Eileen Gaddy	Ashley Renee Little	Myranda Prather
Dale Allen Brauer*	Kacy M. Gardiner*	Adam M. Loecker	Matthew Keith Railsback
Christian Brooks*	Jennifer Rebecca Gibson*	Mandy Lynn Lumbley**	Luke William Rainey
Cameron Brown	Kevin Gieselman	Dana Madrigal*	Beth Anna Ratzloff*
Megan Louise Brown*	Alexandria T. Goodman**	Matthew F. Magee**	Jennifer Renee Rausch
Paula K. Bunde*	Emily Lynn Goodman	Jacob L. Manning**	Jessica Lynn Rea**
Heather Dawn Burns	Marshal D. Graham	Halah M. Mansour	Stephen Benjamin Reece*
Amanda Nicole Bustamante	Shelly Greninger	Megan Marie Mantooth**	Angela Kay Fultz Renfro
Megan Joyce Butcher*	Michelle Louise Griffin*	Ramey R. Mapp*	Zachary Carson
Amy Renee Butler**	Sidney Joelle Grinter	Ashleigh Marquardt	Richardson**
Ashley N. Caldwell-Wetzel*	Jalynn Guiot*	Jacoby Douglas Martin	Danisha Roach
Natalie Rose Capul**	Amber Kay Hames	Dominic James Mario Martinez*	Ressa Marie Roberts*
Haley M. Carpino*	Chelsea Jean Hansen	Lauren Blair Massman**	Victoria Robertson
Taylor K. Cedeno	Leslie R. Harris	Bret M. McGuire**	Karen Denise Rogers
Jenifer N. Cerre**	Chandler P. Harrison**	Scott McNutt**	Nathan Aaron Rowson*
Whitley Rachelle Chesney	Rachel Ann Hartley*	Brandi J. McRay	Tracy Lynn Ruark*
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Sloane M. Sandmoen**
 Brice Isaac Saunders
 Ashley N. Schmidt**
 Brendan John Schmitz
 Brian R. Schwanz*
 Jessica Marie Scott
 Katherine Elizabeth Seitz*
 Trisha Leigh Sharp*
 Mashea A. Shultz**
 Abhishek Singh
 Melissa K. Sisney
 Daphne Slade**
 Courtney Lynne Smith
 Ashlee M. Spaits*
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 Pamela D. Stranathan*
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 Holly Nicole Tang-Quan*
 Heather R. Thomas*
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 Lea Ann Tyler
 Kelly A. Urso
 Tina M. Valenzuela
 Jamie Lynn Van Peursesem*
 Angela RaChel Vaughn**

Jennifer Vohland
 Leandra A. Walker*
 Jennifer Ann Watkins
 Hannah Marie Weekley**
 Laura A. Weiss
 Amanda N. Welch**
 Brooke M. Wells Lee

**Winter/Fall 2019 Graduates

*Summer 2020 Graduates



GSAC
 Graduate Student Advisory Council

Graduate Student Advisory Council Membership

2019-2020 Representatives:

Abigail Morgan, Biology
 Amy Hammesfahr, Biology
 Joseph "Shane" Adcock, Communication
 Filpe Santos Araujo, Engineering Technology
 Rhett Lokey, Engineering Technology
 Cody Mick, English
 Kayla McCollough, English
 Abbey Sommerauer, HHPR
 Josh Hudiburg, HHPR
 Tenzin Ingsel, Materials Science
 J. Choi, Materials Science
 Jordan Bailey, Mathematics
 Robbie Custer, Mathematics
 Davis Erickson, Music
 Whitley Chesney, Music
 Bailey Kuhlman, Nursing
 Brenda Schmitz, Physics
 Merab Basilaia, Physics

Jose (J.P.) Parlade, Psychology and Counseling
 Megan Woodfield, Psychology and Counseling
 Abishek Singh, TWL-Technology
 Rohan Dutta, TWL-Technology
 Kelsey Colwell, TWL-Technology/GIT

Advisor:

B.B. Stotts, Graduate and Continuing Studies

2019-2020 Officers:

President - Joseph "Shane" Adcock
 Vice President - Megan Woodfield
 Secretary/Treasurer - Kelsey Colwell

Congratulations

to all our graduate students and faculty winners!



Jack H. Overman Stu

On behalf of the Graduate School we would like to show our appreciation to the many dedicated Pitt State faculty, their scholarly activity and the relationships they build mentoring and advising students.

Thank you for all you do!

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