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## Global Gorillas win awards in elite advertising competition



Pittsburg State University prides itself on providing students a hands-on learning experience. Students have the opportunity to use the skills they learn in class to work on projects and research that display their knowledge of their field in a practical way.

Students from Pittsburg State
University's Graphics and Imaging
Technology (GIT) and
Communication departments had
the opportunity to showcase their
skills in their field by submitting
projects to the elite advertising
competition, the "ADDYs".

This year, a total of 66 PSU students competed, with 49 total wins — 47 from the GIT Department and two from the Department of Communication.

Among them was Abdalrahman Jarwan, of Jordan, who won a Silver ADDY award for making a 2D advertisement video.

"I was kind of surprised, but at the same time I was confident because I had been told my work was good," he said about receiving the award.

Jarwan submitted a project he made for his class, Web and Motion Graphics, for an animation illustrator award.

Jarwan said he enjoyed seeing the other student's and professional's work at the gala event that recognized the wining students. Jarwan believes the awards won by PSU students is a testament to PSU's strong academic programs.

"The classes in general help me because for the design I used illustrator, I combined the skills from all my classes for my project," he said.

According to Jarwan, what makes the GIT department stand out at PSU is the professors.

"The professors are the best, and the classes and the way the education works- it doesn't make you feel stressed and the assignments are fun," he said.

Jarwan credits his professor, Jason Reid, specifically as helping him win the award.

"My professor always pushes us to do better and is always encouraging even if you make mistakes," he said.

Chiawe Lin, of Taiwan, was another international student who competed, winning one gold and one silver ADDY award.