



Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry
2023 Oral/Performing Arts Symposium Winners

Basic Sciences

- 1st Place **Student Presenter:** Edward De La Uz, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
Faculty Mentor: Vivian Merk, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
Presentation Title: *Calcium Carbonate and Hydroxyapatite Biomineralization of Chitin Utilizing TEMPO Oxidation and Poly(acrylic acid) Modification*
- 2nd Place **Student Presenter:** Seymour Haque, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
Faculty Mentor: Deguo Du, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
Presentation Title: *Encapsulation of Cromolyn Within Neuroprotective PEGylated Chitosan-Palmitic Acid Nanoparticles*

Behavioral, Educational & Social Sciences

- 1st Place **Student Presenter:** Valerie Ong-Tua, College of Business
Faculty Mentor: Monica Escaleras, College of Business
Eric Levy, College of Business
Presentation Title: *Don't Say Gay? Public Opinion on Florida's Parental Rights in Education Bill*
- 2nd Place **Student Presenter:** Kerri Cohn, College of Business
Faculty Mentor: Monica Escaleras, College of Business
Presentation Title: *Should Drugs Be Legal?*

Business, Marketing, Finance & Public Administration

- 1st Place **Student Presenter:** Mikhail Perminov, College of Business
Faculty Mentor: Monica Escaleras, College of Business
Eric Levy, College of Business
Presentation Title: *Americans' Opinions on Organized Labor*
- 2nd Place **Student Presenter:** Ivan Yuk, College of Business
Faculty Mentors: Monica Escaleras, College of Business
Eric Levy, College of Business
Presentation Title: *How Social Media Has Impacted the Perception of Investing*



Engineering

- 1st Place **Student Presenter(s):** Sofia Wiskoff, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science and Samantha Collie, College of Engineering and Computer Science
Faculty Mentors: Myeongsub Kim, College of Engineering and Computer Science
Presentation Title: *Natural Seawater for Carbon Capture and Storage with Waste Concrete Catalysts*
- 2nd Place **Student Presenter(s):** Jovani Irizarry, Michael Forrest, Gabriella Hebert, Trevor Nykanen, Dailianny Villanueva, Preston Sarlo and Andrew Scabello, College of Engineering and Computer Science
Faculty Mentor: Oscar Curet, College of Engineering and Computer Science
Erik Engeberg, College of Engineering and Computer Science
Presentation Title: *Picking Machine*

Environmental, Ecological & Marine Sciences

- 1st Place **Student Presenter:** Rachel Starck, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
Faculty Mentors: Evelyn Frazier, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
Presentation Title: *Demographic Profile of the FAU Gopher Tortoise Preserve - 11 Years Later*
- 2nd Place **Student Presenter:** Martha Torres, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
Faculty Mentor: Evelyn Frazier, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
Presentation Title: *Exploring the Relationship Between the South Florida Burrowing Owl and Gopher Tortoises on the FAU Campus*

Classroom Research Project/Assignment

- 1st Place **Student Presenter(s):** Caitlin Troxell, Casey Morgan, Ashton Rodrick, Anna Simonson, Cameron Cisewski, and Madyson Puchajda, College of Business
Faculty Mentor: Eileen Acello, College of Business
Presentation Title: *Wall Street Journal Case Study: Targeting Generation Z*
- 2nd Place **Student Presenter:** Briana Thomas, College of Social Work and Criminal Justice
Faculty Mentor: Lincoln Sloas, College of Social Work and Criminal Justice
Presentation Title: *Assessing the Benefits of Two Problem-solving Courts for Clients Seeking to Make a Change: An Exploratory Study*

