

7th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium



Oral Presentation Winners

Category: Music, Art, Literature, Theater, History & Philosophy

First Place

Savannah Law

"The Talking Dead: The Rejection of Irish Idealism and the Cultural Appropriation of Rural West Ireland in

Mairtin O' Cadhain's Cre' na Cille"

FAU Mentor: Julieann Ulin

Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Second Place

Stefka Kuneva

"Residential-Defensive Towers in the Balkans: Where Christianity and Islam Sheared Roof"

FAU Mentor: Vladimir Kulic

Collge of Design and Social Inquiry

Category: Behavioral, Educational, & Social Sciences

First Place

Emaan Sulaiman

"Effect of Virtual Reality Headset for Pediatric Fear and Pain Distraction During Immunization – a Pilot Study"

FAU Mentor: Chad Rudnick

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Second Place

Laura Gomez

"How Do We Access the News"

FAU Mentor: Monica Escaleras

College of Business

Category: Basic, Health & Medical Sciences

First Place

Vanessa Walters

"Protein Replacement Therapy to Rescue Neuronal Structural Defects Caused by Mutation of the Autism Risk Gene PTEN"

FAU Mentor: Monica Maldonado Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Second Place

Sravya Gurivireddygari

"Economic Injustice in Health Insurance Premiums for Married Couples"

Co-Presenter: Christy Folk FAU Mentor: Ashley Kennedy Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Category: Environmental, Ecological, & Marine Sciences

First Place

Zachary Lee

"Comparison of Floatation and Candling for Estimating Snowy Egret and Tricolored Heron Egg Age"

FAU Mentor: Dale Gawlik

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Second Place

Taylor Eccher

"Form-Finding Strategies through Elastic Grids"

FAU Mentor: Emmanouil Vermisso Collge of Design and Social Inquiry



6th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium



Category: Engineering

First Place

Andrew Silverstein

"Development of an Air Quality Monitoring UAS for Remote Sensing Applications"

FAU Mentor: William Hahn

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Second Place

Minh Nguyen

"A Microfluidic Approach for Nanoparticle-Assisted CO2 Dissolution"

Co-Presenter: Charles Nighswonger

FAU Mentor: Myeong Kim

College of Engieeering and Computer Science

Category: Business, Marketing, Finanace, Public Administration

First Place

Jesse Darrow

"Incentivized Reviews: An Investigation of Online Consumer Review Bias"

FAU Mentor: Kanyebe Nur-tegin Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Second Place

Kristopher Gasteratos

"A Presentation by the Cellular Agriculture Academic Society: Exploring the Prospects of Cellular Agriculture"

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Poster Presentation Winners

Category: Basic Sciences

First Place

Jonathan Rivera

"How Did I Get Here? Selective Activation of Head Direction Cells"

Co-Presenters: Joan Lora FAU Mentor: Robert Stackman Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Second Place

Cecilia Nicholas

"Neuroendocrine Regulation of C. elegans Larval Development by Autophagy"

FAU Mentor: Kailiang Jia

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Category: Behavioral, Educational, & Social Sciences:

First Place

Vannia Arana

"The Influence of Language Proficiency on the Appraisal of Valence of Verbal Content in Spanish-English Bilinguals"

Co-Presenters: Caitlyn Montero, Idaly Velez-Uribe

FAU Mentor: Monica Rosselli

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Second Place

Max Schreiber

"The Effect on Temporary Inactivation of the Nucleus Reuniens Using Chemogenetic Methods on Spatial Working Memory"

Co-Presenters: Tatiana Viena FAU Mentor: Robert Vertes

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Category: Business, Marketing, Finance, Public Administration

First Place

Hunter Smith

"Should an Innovator Embrace the Prototypical, Authentic, or the High-Design Form? Insights into Initial Perceptions of Functionality, Ergonomics, Hedonism, Self-Expression, Authenticity, and Information Search of Dune Buggy Product Design Forms"

Co-Presenters: Danielle Gordon, Katherine Llanos

FAU Mentor: Allen Smith College of Business

Second Place

William Fetzer

"Are Americans Financially Literate?" Co-Presenter: Jennifer Armatrading FAU Mentor: Monica Escaleras

College of Business

Category: Classroom Research Project/Assignment

First Place

Jessica Frank

"Drug Discovery in Class: In Silico Design of PCSK9 Inhibitors as Potential Cholesterol Lowering Drugs"

Co-Presenters: Elyse Jutte, Jesse Meacham

FAU Mentor: Maciej Stawikowski Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Second Place

Kerliza Foon

"Increasing Academic Levels Through Student Generated Questions"

FAU Mentor: Lori Dassa College of Education

Category: Engineering

First Place

Hannah Herbert

"Protecting Civilians and Public Service Personnel through an Early Identification System for Airborne Chemicals: SEIAC"

FAU Mentor: Tricia Meredith

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Second Place

Vithulan Suthakaran

"Combating Oil Spills Through the Development of a Novel Autonomous Oil Skimmer Using Hyrophobic-Olephilic Absorbent Mats via a Low-Cost Computer Module"

FAU Mentor: Javed Hashemi

College of Engieeering and Computer Science

Category: Environmental, Ecological & Marine Sciences

First Place

Danielle Bartz

"Diet and Temporal Partitioning by the Common Octopus and the Atlantic Longarm Octopus in a South Florida Habitat"

FAU Mentor: W.R. Brooks

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Second Place

Sabah Ali

"Song as an Aggressive Signal in the Bachman's Sparrow"

FAU Mentor: Rindy Anderson

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Category: Health & Medical Sciences

First Place

Sean Casey

"Cytotoxic Effects of THP-1 Derived Macrophages Activated by Imiquimod on T47D Breast Cancer Cells"

Co-Presenters: Genevieve Liddle, Alberto Padilla

FAU Mentor: Dr. James Hartmann Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Second Place

Dawit Rumicha

"Enhanced CpG Activated Macrophage Killing of 3-Bromopyruvate Pre-treated 4T1 Breast Cancer Cells"

Co-Presenters: Liddle E

FAU Mentor: James Hartmann Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Category: Music, Art, Literature, Theater, History & Philosophy

First Place

Sarah Rabinowitz

"Utilizing a Phenomenological Approach in Performance and Installation Art to Create a Social Consciousness of Disease Transmission"

FAU Mentor: Julie Ward

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Second Place

Claudia Schmucker

"The Road to Redemption of a Conquistador: Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca"

FAU Mentor: Dr. Yolanda Gamboa

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