2019 Appalachian Student Research Forum Award Winners

Alkhateeb, Tuga

First Place, Graduate Student-Doctoral, Medicine/Diseases, Oral Presentation

S100A9 Sustains Myeloid-Derived Suppressor Expansion and Immunosuppression During Chronic Murine Dr. Mohamed Elgazzar, Internal Medicine, East Tennessee State University

Archibald, Timothy

First Place, Pharmacy Student/Grad Chemical Sciences, Poster Presentation

One year monitoring of potency change in commercial ibuprofen products stored in a household setting Dr. Stacy Brown, Pharmaceutical Sciences, East Tennessee State University

Axelrad, Mary

First Place, Medical Resident or Clinical Fellow Healthcare, Poster Presentation

Improving the Referral Process for Behavioral Health Using a Patient-Centered Approach Dr. Amanda Stoltz, Family Medicine, East Tennessee State University

Bass, Malikai

First Place, Undergraduate Student Arts and Humanities, Poster Presentation

Boys Like Me: Neurodivergence in the Young Adult Novel

Dr. Scott Honeycutt, Literature and Language, East Tennessee State University

Bledsoe, April

First Place, Graduate Student-Master's Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences,

Ecological Niche Modeling and Sustainable Agroforestry: Climate Change Mitigation for Guatemalan Coffee Dr. T. Andrew Joyner, Geosciences, East Tennessee State University

Bogner, Emily

First Place, Graduate Student-Master's, Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences,

Differentiating Black Bears (Ursus americanus) and Brown Bears (Ursus arctos) Geographically using Linear Measurements of Teeth and Identification of Ursids from Oregon Caves National Monument Dr. Blaine Schubert, Geosciences, East Tennessee State University

Bosse, Samantha

First Place, Undergraduate Student Social Sciences, Poster Presentation

How Emotional Body Expressions Direct an Infant's First Look

Dr. Alyson Chroust, Psychology, East Tennessee State University

Clark, Emily

Second Place, Undergraduate Student Social Sciences, Poster Presentation

Anticipated Stigma and Anxiety Symptoms: Does Concealment of Sexual Orientation Moderate this Dr. Stacey Williams, Psychology, East Tennessee State University

Clingensmith, Rachel

Second Place, Graduate Student-Doctoral Social Sciences, Poster Presentation

We All Need Somebody to Lean on: Social Support as a Protective Factor for Individuals with Childhood Dr. Diana Morelen, Psychology, East Tennessee State University

Dada, Samson

First Place, Graduate Student-Master's Chemical Sciences, Poster Presentation

Theranostic Nanoparticles for Simultaneous Detection and Treatment of Cancer

Dr. Hua Mei, Chemistry, East Tennessee State University

Dawoud, Fakhry

First Place, Medical Student Medicine, Poster Presentation

ECMO Support for Pediatric Burn Patients: A Potential Life Saving Modality

Dr. Joe Florence, Family Medicine, East Tennessee State University

Dolson, Robyn

First Place, Graduate Student-Master's, Healthcare, Oral Presentation

Pocket Ace: Neglect of Child Sexual Abuse Survivors in the ACE Study Questionnaire

Dr. Diana Morelen, Psychology, East Tennessee State University

Dreves, Parker

First Place, Graduate Student-Doctoral, Social Sciences, Oral Presentation

An Investigation into the Structure of Self-Control

Dr. Ginette Blackhart, Psychology, East Tennessee State University

Epperson, Daniel

First Place, Medical Student Medicine, Poster Presentation

Spontaneous Esophageal Rupture without Risk Factors

Dr. Stephen Blankenship, Section of Medical Education / Center for Experiential Learning, East Tennessee Stat

Fain, Misty

First Place, Graduate Student-Master's Diseases, Poster Presentation

NTRK2 Gene Expression Levels in Laser Captured Glutamatergic Neurons From Animal Models of Social

Dr. Michelle Chandley, Health Sciences, East Tennessee State University

Foster, Dylan

First Place, Undergraduate Student Biological Sciences, Poster Presentation

Developing a C. elegans Co-infection Model for Assessing Bacterial-Fungal Interactions

Dr. Sean Fox, Health Sciences, East Tennessee State University

Gleadhill, Claire

Second Place, Medical Student Diseases, Poster Presentation

Time to Think Deeper when HSV is Presenting in an Unusual Way

Dr. Demetrio Macariola, Pediatrics, East Tennessee State University

Gretak, Alyssa

Second Place, Graduate Student-Doctoral, Social Sciences, Oral Presentation

Effective Practices to Facilitate Rural Reentry: A Policy Analysis

Dr. Jill Stinson, Psychology, East Tennessee State University

Gunnin, R.

First Place, Undergraduate Student Biological Sciences, Poster Presentation

A new genus of desmognathan salamander (Plethodontidae) from the early Pliocene Gray Fossil Site of

Dr. Blaine Schubert, Geosciences, East Tennessee State University

Hillhouse, Linden

First Place, Undergraduate Student Social Sciences, Poster Presentation

Data Quality: Does Time of Semester Matter?

Dr. Ginette Blackhart, Psychology, East Tennessee State University

James, Caytlin

Second Place, Undergraduate Student Biological Sciences, Poster Presentation

Lack of Osteopontin Decreases Systolic and Diastolic Functional Parameters of the Heart Following

Dr. Krishna Singh, Biomedical Sciences, East Tennessee State University

Kuvayskaya, Anastasia

First Place, Graduate Student-Master's Group 1, Physical/Chemical Sciences, Oral Presentation

Synthesis of Long-chain Alkylbenzenes on Superacidic Catalysts Containing Embedded Phosphotungstic Acid Dr. Aleksey Vasiliev, Chemistry, East Tennessee State University

Majors, Chloe

First Place, Undergraduate Student Biological Sciences, Poster Presentation

Nicotine-enhanced sign tracking results in greater cocaine demand in rats using a behavior economic Dr. Matthew Palmatier, Psychology, East Tennessee State University

Malone, Hannah

Second Place, Graduate Student-Doctoral, Medicine/Diseases, Oral Presentation

Therapeutic Potential of FAK Inhibitor After Stroke in Neuroprotection and Neurogenesis Dr. Theo Hagg, Biomedical Sciences, East Tennessee State University

Manthri, Sukesh

First Place, Medical Resident or Clinical Fellow Medicine, Poster Presentation

A Rare Case of Non-Producing Primary Plasma Cell Leukemia

Dr. Kanishka Chakraborty, Internal Medicine, East Tennessee State University

Mawudoku, Daniel

First Place, Graduate Student-Master's Group 2, Physical/Chemical Sciences, Oral Presentation

Immobilization of Electrocatalytically Active Gold Nanoparticles on Nitrogen-Doped Carbon Fiber Electrodes
Dr. Gregory Bishop, Chemistry, East Tennessee State University

McCuistion, Pearl

Second Place, Undergraduate Student Diseases, Poster Presentation

The Role of the Ataxia Telangiectasia Mutated Kinase on Diastolic and Systolic Function in Diabetic Dr. Cerrone Foster, Biological Sciences, East Tennessee State University

Meek, Rachel

First Place, Undergraduate Student Social Sciences, Poster Presentation

Psychache and Suicide Risk in the LGBTQ Community: Considering the Role of Time Perspective Dr. Jameson Hirsch, Psychology, East Tennessee State University

Menozi, Lucia

First Place, Graduate Student-Doctoral Healthcare, Poster Presentation

Objective Measurement of Cognitive Systems During Effortful Listening

Dr. Marcy Lau, Audiology & Speech Pathology, East Tennessee State University

Miller, Madeleine

First Place, Graduate Student-Doctoral Biological Sciences, Poster Presentation

Lights, Clock, Action! Circadian Rhythms of Locomotor Activity in Larinioides cornutus Indicate Extreme Dr. Darrell Moore, Biological Sciences, East Tennessee State University

Mounger, David

First Place, Undergraduate Student Medicine, Poster Presentation

GLP-1 agonist liraglutide increases metabolic- and cardiovascular-related sympathetic activity of the central Dr. Matthew Zahner, Health Sciences, East Tennessee State University

Odebunmi, Olufeyisayo

First Place, Graduate Student-Master's Group 2, Medicine/Diseases, Oral Presentation

Identifying Multiple Risk Factors of Hypertension for Reducing the Prevalence of Peripheral Arterial Disease in Dr. Hadii Mamudu, Health Services Management & Policy, East Tennessee State University

Okwori, Glory

First Place, Graduate Student-Doctoral Healthcare, Poster Presentation

Geographic Differences in Contraception Access and Utilization Within Family Planning Organizations in Dr. Nathan Hale, Health Services Management & Policy, East Tennessee State University

Olanrewaju, Folawiyo

First Place, Graduate Student-Master's Healthcare, Poster Presentation

Hepatitis C Virus Screening in Federally Qualified Health Centers in Rural Appalachia

Dr. Patricia Vanhook, Nursing, East Tennessee State University

Ozodiegwu, Ifeoma

First Place, Graduate Student-Doctoral, Healthcare, Oral Presentation

A Qualitative Research Synthesis of Contextual Factors Contributing To Female Overweight and Obesity over Dr. Hadii Mamudu, Health Services Management & Policy, East Tennessee State University

Parrish, Loni

First Place, Graduate Student-Master's Social Sciences, Poster Presentation

Serial Spatial Memory Performance and Physical Activity in Children 5-11 Years Old.

Dr. Alyson Chroust, Psychology, East Tennessee State University

Pinkston, Justin

First Place, Medical Student Healthcare, Poster Presentation

Perception of Cardiovascular Disease Among Adolescence in a Rural Community and the Effectiveness of a Dr. Jose Velasco, Family Medicine, East Tennessee State University

Pugh, Kelley

First Place, Graduate Student-Master's, Social Sciences, Oral Presentation

Religious Attendance, Surrender to God, and Suicide Risk: Mediating Pathways of Feeling Forgiven by God Dr. Jameson Hirsch, Psychology, East Tennessee State University

Ragsdale, Raven

First Place, Graduate Student-Master's Biological Sciences, Poster Presentation

Circadian Resonance and Entrainment in Three Spider Species (Frontinella communis, Metazygia wittfeldae, Dr. Darrell Moore, Biological Sciences, East Tennessee State University

Rehman, Haroon

Second Place, Medical Resident or Clinical Fellow Diseases, Poster Presentation

Not Your Regular Run-of-the-Mill Bladder Cancer

Dr. Kanishka Chakraborty, Internal Medicine, East Tennessee State University

Rutherford, Noah

First Place, Undergraduate Student Diseases, Poster Presentation

Expression of Oxidized Protein Hydrolase in Bladder Cancers

Dr. William Stone, Pediatrics, East Tennessee State University

Scott, Kyla

Second Place, Undergraduate Student Biological Sciences, Poster Presentation

Short-Chain Fatty Acid Profiles for Mouse Models of Autism Spectrum Disorder

Dr. Michelle Chandley, Health Sciences, East Tennessee State University

Simerly, Gabriel

Second Place, Undergraduate Student Social Sciences, Poster Presentation

Effects of Self-Care on Undergraduate Stress

Dr. Ginette Blackhart, Psychology, East Tennessee State University

Sriramoju, Vindhya

First Place, Medical Resident or Clinical Fellow Medicine, Poster Presentation

A Case of Postmenopausal Ovarian Hyperandrogenism of Uncertain Etiology

Dr. Saba Aziz, Endocrinology, East Tennessee State University

Stanley, Amber

First Place, Graduate Student-Master's, Biological Sciences, Oral Presentation

The Effects of Urbanization on Avian Seed Dispersal Success of Eastern Poison Ivy (Anacardiaceae)

Dr. Gerardo Arceo-Gomez, Biological Sciences, East Tennessee State University

Treaster, Morgan

First Place, Graduate Student-Master's Social Sciences, Poster Presentation

"I Forgive Myself and God:" Coping and Distress Among Parents of Children with Disabilities

Dr. Jameson Hirsch, Psychology, East Tennessee State University

Trogen, Greta

Second Place, Undergraduate Student Diseases, Poster Presentation

Circulating Oligomeric State and Circadian Rhythm Regulation of CTRP3

Dr. Jonathan Peterson, Health Sciences, East Tennessee State University

Troglin, Courtney

First Place, Pharmacy Student Medicine, Poster Presentation

Pharmacokinetics of individual versus combined exposure to "bath salts" compounds MDPV, Mephedrone, and Dr. Brooks Pond, Pharmaceutical Sciences, East Tennessee State University

Uyamasi, Kido

First Place, Graduate Student-Master's Group 1, Medicine/Diseases, Oral Presentation

Family Size and Risk of Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis: A Cross-Sectional Study

Dr. Kiana Johnson, Pediatrics, East Tennessee State University

Wade, Parker

Second Place, Pharmacy Student Diseases, Poster Presentation

Additional Hydroxyl group on CT6 (3,4-dihydroxy-5,7-dimethoxyflavone), a flavone extracted from

Dr. Victoria Palau, Pharmaceutical Sciences, East Tennessee State University

Wagstaff, Peter

Second Place, Undergraduate Student Physical Science, Poster Presentation

Spatial Extent of Diffuse X-Ray Emitting Regions in Major Merging Galaxies

Dr. Beverly Smith, Physics & Astronomy, East Tennessee State University

Weiner, Jessica

First Place, Graduate Student-Master's Social Sciences, Poster Presentation

Clinician-Research Collaboration: Determining Research Interests & Needs of Clinicians in the Tri-Cities,

Dr. Brenda Louw, Audiology & Speech Pathology, East Tennessee State University

Wingard, Mary

First Place, Graduate Student-Doctoral Biological Sciences, Poster Presentation

Ataxia-Telangiectasia Mutated Kinase Deficiency Alters the Autophagic Response During Chronic Myocardial Dr. Krishna Singh, Biomedical Sciences, East Tennessee State University