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Georgia Southern Student Awarded Prestigious Grant



Georgia Southern Student, Martin Muinos, was recently awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program award to continue his research in the Mechanical Engineering department under the supervision of Dr. Valentin Soloiu.

During his two years as an undergraduate researcher, Martin published 4 peer reviewed papers and had over 10 posters and presentations, two of which he received merit recognition diplomas. He also won two undergraduate grants with his projects and was the lead undergraduate researcher in Dr. Soloiu's lab.

After receiving a Master degree in Mechanical Engineering, Energy Science at GSU, Martin plans to pursue a PhD in the automotive field or become a researcher at one of the National Labs in U.S.

Dr. Soloiu describes Martin as a generous and compassionate person that understands the values of sharing and outreach to the communities within the state of Georgia.

We want to congratulate Martin Muinos on this outstanding achievement!

Research Symposium 2015 – Winners Circle

The logo features the text "CALL FOR PROPOSALS" in large, bold, blue letters. Below it is "RESEARCH 2015 SYMPOSIUM" in a similar font, with "GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY" in smaller text underneath. To the right is a cluster of colorful circular icons representing various fields: a book, a microscope, a person, a bar chart, a gear, a leaf, a person with a magnifying glass, and a person with a checkmark. At the bottom of the cluster is an open book. A dark blue banner at the very bottom contains the text "FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015 • NESSMITH-LANE CONFERENCE CENTER" in white.

The Georgia Southern University Research Symposium is a conference style showcase of student and faculty research across multiple disciplines. This event included speakers, and poster and presentation sessions from all academic disciplines.

2015 Jack N. Averitt Award

We want to congratulate the two individuals who received the 2015 Jack N. Averitt Award: Zachary Dietrich, for Excellence in Research, and Joshua Holloway, for Excellence in Instruction. This award is the highest honor bestowed upon graduate students within the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies.

2015 Presentation and Poster Winner

Student poster and presentations were judged and awarded based on abstract/proposal submissions and the presentation of their work on the day of the Symposium. The following individuals were the presentation and poster winners:

2015 Research Symposium Presentation and Poster Winners

EDUCATION & LEARNING	
1st Place Presentation Amy Zieziula	1st Place Poster KiJana White
2nd Place Presentation Christy Howard	2nd Place Poster Keenya Riggins
ENGINEERING & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
1st Place Presentation Bikiran Guha	1st Place Poster Paul Burpe
2nd Place Presentation Joseph Meador	2nd Place Poster Sakib Iqbal
EXERCISE SCIENCE & HUMAN PERFORMANCE	
	1st Place Poster Keagan Kiely
	2nd Place Poster Eric Shifflet
HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES	
1st Place Presentation Matthew Bryant	1st Place Poster Courtney Bevssink
2nd Place Presentation Anna Wells	2nd Place Poster Kristin Campbell
MBI (Molecular Biology Initiative)	
1st Place Presentation Alicia Reigel	1st Place Poster Louise Zehr
2nd Place Presentation Crystal Ivey	2nd Place Poster Dean Moore
NATURAL & PHYSICAL SCIENCES	
1st Place Presentation Whitney Morgan	1st Place Poster Ryan Day
2nd Place Presentation Matthew Just	2nd Place Poster Sara Benevente
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELL BEING	
1st Place Presentation Blessing Odion	1st Place Poster Maria Politis
2nd Place Presentation Maria Politis	2nd Place Poster Anne Bennett
QUALITATIVE RESEARCH	
1st Place Presentation Jenny Brown	1st Place Poster Yiming Jin
BUSINESS & LOGISTICS	
1st Place Presentation Cesar Ayara	1st Place Poster Thomas Hamilton
2nd Place Presentation Willis Mwangola	

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