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2015 Research Symposium Award Winners

April 29, 2015

2015 Jack N. Averitt Award

The Averitt Award is the highest honor bestowed upon graduate students within the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies. Through nominations from each department's graduate program faculty, two semi-finalists will be chosen by the Graduate Program's Director/Coordinator, one from each category (Excellence in Research and Excellence in Instruction). The Averitt Award will consist of two separate \$1,000 cash prizes and a Crystal Eagle trophy. This trophy has been specially designed for the award and clearly denotes the name of the awardee and the classification of the award (Excellence in Research or Excellence in Instruction).

The 2015 Averitt Award winner are:



2015 Averitt Award Winner: Zachary Dietrich – Excellence in Research



2015 Averitt Award Winner: Joshua Holloway – Excellence in Instruction

Photo Album

The following link will access the photo album from the [2015 Research Symposium](#).

2015 Presentation and Poster Winner

A review committee evaluated each submission for content and relevance. Cash prizes were awarded to students for top poster and top presentation per research topic area. 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. All prize winning presentations & posters were posted in Digital Commons. The attachment of winners are below by each respective department.

2015 Research Symposium Presentation and Poster Winners

EDUCATION & LEARNING	
1st Place Presentation	1st Place Poster
Amy Zancala	Alana White
2nd Place Presentation	2nd Place Poster
Orinly Howard	Heidi Ingels
COMPUTER SCIENCE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
1st Place Presentation	1st Place Poster
Bakren Gata	Paul Rupp
2nd Place Presentation	2nd Place Poster
Joseph Mubko	Sarah Iqbal
SCIENCE, SCIENCE & HEALTH SERVICES	
1st Place Poster	
Kaggen Kiny	
2nd Place Poster	
Eric Strife	
HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES	
1st Place Presentation	1st Place Poster
Matthew Davis	Courtney Bowers
2nd Place Presentation	2nd Place Poster
Anna Vele	Keenan Campbell
BIO (MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, BIOPHYSICS)	
1st Place Presentation	1st Place Poster
Alissa Riegler	Louise Zim
2nd Place Presentation	2nd Place Poster
Crystal Ivy	Dean Moore
NATURAL & PHYSICAL SCIENCES	
1st Place Presentation	1st Place Poster
Whitney Morgan	Arian Day
2nd Place Presentation	2nd Place Poster
Matthew Lad	Sara Benavente
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELL-BEING	
1st Place Presentation	1st Place Poster
Blessing Odoin	Maria Polita
2nd Place Presentation	2nd Place Poster
Maria Polita	Anne Bennett
QUALITATIVE RESEARCH	
1st Place Presentation	1st Place Poster
Janey Brown	Ying-Jen
BUSINESS & LOGISTICS	
1st Place Presentation	1st Place Poster
Casler Ayers	Thomas Hamilton
2nd Place Presentation	
Willa Thompson	

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