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Education major recognized as 2021 Research Symposium Award recipient

April 22, 2021

Georgia Southern University hosts an annual Research Symposium to showcase undergraduate and graduate research and creative activity across all campuses. This year, the symposium was held as a week-long virtual event including oral and poster presentation sessions as well as keynote speakers and additional events to support student research development.

A total of 140 students participated in the 2021 event, and the University recently announced the award recipients.

Lauren Akers, a sophomore elementary education major, was recognized for her poster presentation, “Exploring Factors that Influence Teaching Moves and Rationales in Preservice Elementary Mathematics Teachers.” Akers received the third place award which provided her with \$25 and a certificate. Her faculty mentor was Montana Smithey, Ph.D., assistant professor of elementary education.

Aker’s poster presentation is available for viewing at <https://research.georgiasouthern.edu/symposium/student-presentations/coe/#akers>

[Katherine Fallon](#), a graduate assistant in the College of Education’s (COE) educational leadership program also received first place in the graduate oral presentation division. Fallon, a clinical psychology doctoral student, was mentored by COE’s Juliann McBrayer, Ed.D., associate professor of educational leadership.

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