

# 2018 Student Research Competition Archive

Congratulations to the award winners of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Stan State Student Research Competition, held March 9, 2018!

At this competition, 37 students presented their research and creative projects to a panel of faculty jurors, student peers, faculty mentors, friends and family in six separate sessions based on discipline and topic.

Students competed for monetary awards for top presenters in each category, as well as for the honor of being nominated to represent our university at the 32<sup>nd</sup> CSU Annual Statewide Student Research Competition, held at CSU Sacramento on May 4 and 5, 2018.

At the CSU Statewide Student Research Competition, Genetic Counseling student Mara Hernandez won first place in the Health, Nutrition, and Clinical Sciences session for her research presentation, "Genetic Counselors' Experiences with Non-Paternity in the Clinic." Congratulations Mara!

Thanks to all of the students who participated and the faculty mentors who supported them. Our congratulations to the following outstanding presenters:

## Campus Winners

### Undergraduate Arts & Humanities Session

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Monica Gudino, *English* - Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Anthony Perrello

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Autumn Andersen, *English* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Monica Flores

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (tied) – Jarred White, *English* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Anthony Perrello;

– Alyssa Moon, *Art* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Staci Scheiwiller

### Biological & Natural Sciences Session

#### Undergraduate

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Taiga Yamaguchi, *Biology* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Ritin Bhaduri

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Johnee Machado, Mary Jara & Rajnee Johal, *Biology* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Jennifer Cooper

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Krystle Sanders, *Kinesiology* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Jeff Bernard

#### Graduate

1<sup>st</sup> Place– Christine Parisek, *Ecology and Sustainability* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Ritin Bhaduri

### **Graduate Social Sciences Session**

#### Masters

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Mara Hernandez, *Genetic Counseling* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Janey Youngblom

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Rebecca Bettencourt, *Educational Technology* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Dawn Poole

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Susana Diaz, *Social Work* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Sevaughn Banks

#### Doctoral

1<sup>st</sup> Place– Luangchee Xiong, *Educational Leadership* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Virginia Montero Hernandez

### **Undergraduate Social Sciences Session**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Megan Rossoni, *Music* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Karen Koner

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Julia Cornejo, *Music* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Karen Koner

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jazareth Valencia, *Music* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Karen Koner

### **Undergraduate Physical Sciences Session**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Rene Padilla, *Physics* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Wing To

### **Graduate Arts & Humanities Session**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Heather Simmons, *English* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Andrew Dorsey

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Tara Dybas, *English* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Anthony Perrello

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jessica Curtis, *Interdisciplinary Studies* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Staci Scheiwiller

## **Statewide Research Competition Delegates**

Rebecca Bettencourt, *Educational Technology* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Dawn Poole

Tara Dybas, *English* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Anthony Perrello

Monica Gudino, *English* - Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Anthony Perrello

Mara Hernandez, *Genetic Counseling* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Janey Youngblom

Rene Padilla, *Physics* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Wing To

Christine Parisek, *Ecology and Sustainability* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Ritin Bhaduri

Megan Rossoni, *Music* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Karen Koner

Heather Simmons, *English* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Andrew Dorsey

Taiga Yamaguchi, *Biology* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Ritin Bhaduri

Luangchee Xiong, *Educational Leadership* – Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Virginia Montero Hernandez

## Statewide Award Winner

**Mara Hernandez,**  
*Genetic Counseling*

First Place in the Health,  
Nutrition, and Clinical  
Sciences session



## Competition Judges

Special thanks to the faculty judges for their invaluable contributions – asking thoughtful critical questions, requiring the competitors to be sharp and to rise to the occasion, and making tough decisions in deliberation. Without them, the Student Research Competition would not be possible.

- Dr. Augustine Avwunudiogba, *Geography*
- Dr. Sarah Bissonnette, *Biology*
- Ms. Cynthia DeCure, *Theatre*
- Dr. Stacy Fahrenthold, *History*
- Dr. Monica Flores, *English*
- Dr. Andrew Gardner, *Biology*
- Dr. AnaMarie Guichard, *Psychology*
- Dr. Karen Koner, *Music*
- Dr. Victor Luévano, *Psychology*
- Dr. Mirta Maldonado, *English*
- Dr. Shannon Stevens, *Communications*
- Dr. Jennifer Strangfeld, *Sociology*
- Dr. Karen Webster, *Teacher Education*
- Dr. M. Blake Wilson, *Criminal Justice*
- Dr. Hakhamanesh Zangeneh, *Philosophy*