More than 100 Students Win 2007 Fair Awards for Research, Creative Projects

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Ohio University scholars show off innovations at special event

ATHENS, Ohio (May 3, 2007) – Ohio University awarded prizes to 103 students for their research and creative endeavors at the 6th Annual Student Research and Creative Activity Fair today at the Convocation Center. Winning projects included a documentary film on Ohio’s controversial role in the 2004 presidential election, a study on optimizing fuel cells that use alternative energy sources, a new treatment for pancreatic cancer and an analysis of advertising in Cosmopolitan magazine.

More than 470 undergraduate, graduate and medical students and post-doctoral fellows presented their original work at the event, which marked the biggest exhibition of student Ohio University research, scholarship and creative work to date.

A panel of 96 judges, which included 90 faculty and staff members and six community and industry leaders, honored first- and second-place winners with cash prizes for their projects. The categories were created by fair organizers based on the number of students who enrolled in each discipline.

More than 400 area junior high and high school students also attended the event. They participated in special programs earlier in the day at Baker University Center that were sponsored by the Office of Admissions and the Russ College of Engineering and Technology.

The WOUB Center for Public Media produced a special broadcast from the event that aired on WOUB II and CATVision.

The Student Research and Creative Activity Fair was sponsored by the Office of the Provost for Research, the Office of the Vice President for Research, the Office of the Provost and the Office of the President.

List of Winners:

Art
First Place:
Doug Peterson

Second Place:
Mateo Galvano

Biological Sciences (Session 1)
First Place:
Reena Bhandare
Second Place:
Erin Rasmusson

**Biological Sciences (Session 2)**
First Place: (tie)
Lisa Caronia
Christian Stork

**Biomedical Sciences (Session 1)**
First Place: (tie)
Anthony Schwartz

Second Place:
Ashlie Arthur

**Biomedical Sciences (Session 2)**
First Place: (tie)
Tobin Hieronymus
Ozan Suer

**Business and Policy**
First Place: (tie)
John Dravenstott
David Cosio

**Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (Session 1)**
First Place:
Damilola Daramola

Second Place:
Amy Weber and Bryan Boggs

**Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (Session 2)**
First Place:
Ziru Zhang

Second Place:
Francois Ayello

**Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (Session 3)**
First Place:
Sudhir Deosarkar

Second Place:
Mark Christman

**Chemistry and Biochemistry (Graduate Session 1)**
First Place:
Maureen Heines

Second Place:
Alyssa Thomas

**Chemistry and Biochemistry (Graduate Session 2)**
First Place:
Xiaoyan Huang

Second Place:
Crina Orac

**Chemistry and Biochemistry (Graduate Session 3)**
First Place:
Jason Stengel

Second Place:
Carolyn Zimmerman

**Chemistry and Biochemistry (Undergraduate Session)**
First Place:
Dennis Butcher
Second Place:
Katie Castor

Communication
First Place: (tie)
Bethan Eynon
Melissa Broeckelman

Edison Biotechnology Institute (Session 1)
First Place: (tie)
Anthony Schwartz
Juan Ding

Edison Biotechnology Institute (Session 2)
First Place:
Csaba Laszlo

Second Place:
Sudhir Deosarkar

Education
First Place:
Larry Hunter

Educational Studies (Graduate Session)
First Place:
Issifu Yidana
Second Place:
Lewis Chongwony

Educational Studies (Undergraduate Session)
First Place:
Terrez Thomas

Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (Session 1)
First Place:
Scott Nykl, Mitchell Leitch and Chad Mourning
Second Place:
Mark Smearcheck and Jim Wyllie

Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (Session 2)
First Place: (tie)
Luyi Chen
Robert Hersh

Environmental and Plant Biology (Graduate Session)
First Place:
Christopher Havran
Second Place:
John Withers

Environmental and Plant Biology (Undergraduate Session)
First Place:
Matthew Williams
Second Place:
Joseph Bass

Fine Arts (Session 1)
First Place:
Charla Barker, Mariana Quiroga and Matt Kraus
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Second Place:
Saima Khan

Psychology (Graduate Session)
First Place:
Matt Lindberg

Second Place:
Nicole Evangelista

Special Third Place Prize (sponsored by the Department of Psychology):
Todd Doyle, Lezlee Ware, Erin Girgio

Psychology (Undergraduate Session 1)
First Place:
Michelle Duprey

Second Place:
Haley Combs

Psychology (Undergraduate Session 2)
First Place:
Claire Russell

Second Place:
Kimberly Rogers

Recreation and Sports Sciences
First Place:
Micum McIntire

Second Place:
Christopher Stephan

Social Sciences (Session 1)
First Place:
Janice Frisch

Second Place:
Cheryl Dumolt

Social Sciences (Session 2)
First Place:
Ashley Demyan

Second Place:
Bryan Rupert

Telecommunications
First Place:
Bryan Cain

Second Place:
Tang Tang

Theater (Session 1)
First Place: (tie)
Kerrie Lovercheck
Marie Fontenla

Theater (Session 2)
First Place: (tie)
Rachelle Beckerman
Anna Simis

Special Awards:
Voinovich Center for Leadership and Public Affairs
Voinovich Center Public Service Award
Erin McCarty

Voinovich Center and MSES Sustainable Environments Award
Peter Schweizer and Shermalon Kirby (tie)

Voinovich Center and CE3 Advanced Sustainable Energies Award
Mahesh Biradar and Byran Boggs (tie)

Friends of the Library Research and Creative Activity Award
Undergraduate – Anna Simis
Graduate – Garima Bajaj
Dean of Libraries/Librarian’s Choice – Mary Lachman

Student Choice Award (three-way tie)
Adam Jacoby, Chemistry and Biochemistry
Kevin Meyer, Communication
Gayani Perera, Physics and Astronomy

Nano Ipod Raffle Winners
Ying Shen (presenter) and Jing Huang (friend)