2015 Celebration of Quality
Friday, March 13, 2015
J.W. Jones Student Union 3rd Floor
Northwest Missouri State University

Friday 2:30-3:15 P. M.  Registration

Student Union 3rd Floor

Friday 3:30-4:15 P.M.  Session 1

Meeting Room A  Sciences

Moderators: Alyx Stumpf and David Schmitt


Faith Huneke, “Fistulated Holstein Cow Digestibility Research Project,” Sponsor: Jamison Allen


Meeting Room B  Disability Culture and Education

Moderators: Brooke Ravenscraft

Brian Wackly, “Writing With Mental Disability,” Sponsor: Dr. M. Melissa Elston

Mercades Correll, “Dyslexia and Schools,” Sponsor: Dr. M. Melissa Elston

Aubrey Monical, “Communicating With Aphasia,” Sponsor: Nathan Wilson

Meeting Room C  Software Engineering

Moderators: Nels Anderson

Friday 4:30-5:30 P.M.  Session 2

Meeting Room A  Fine and Performing Arts

Moderators: Leah Carlson and Maxine Lickteig

Gabrielle Ray, “Stop Calling it Acting Black,” Sponsor: Brian Swafford

Emily Meyers, “Combating Sex Trafficking, One Photo at a Time,” Sponsor: Brian Swafford


Jodi Holmes, “Max Beckmann Self Portrait,” Sponsor: Martha Breckenridge

Meeting Room B  Literature Reviews and Compositions

Moderator: David Schmitt and Nels Anderson


Berlin Merlyn, “A Family Affair,” Sponsor: Brett Chloupek

Carrie Christensen, “The Language Without Words,” Sponsor: Robin Gallaher

Matthew J. Bailey, “Parousia Metanathanatos: Non-Being and the Messianic Call of the Feminine in The Awakening,” Sponsor: Dr. Michael Hobbs

Friday 5:45-7:15 P.M.  Celebration Banquet & Door Prize Drawing #1

Tower View Room

Introduction: Kara Huen, President of the Society of President’s Scholars

Keynote Address: Dr. Tim Mottet, University President

Featured Performance: Flute Choir
Friday 7:30-8:30 P.M.  Session 3

Meeting Room A  Computer Science and Math

Moderator: Brooke Ravenscraft

Yurim Lee, “Math in Seoul,” Sponsor: Kurtis Fink

Venu Madhavi Doddapaneni, Sai Samrat Malka, “A Web Application for Studying Attacks Against Friends Search Engines,” Sponsor: Dr. Na Li

Meeting Room B  History

Moderator: Leah Carlson and Alyx Stumpf


Erika Lees, “Transatlantic Marriages in the Gilded Age,” Sponsor: Dr. Elyssa Ford


Friday, 8:45 P.M.  Cookies & Door Prize Drawing #2

Student Union Tower View Room

Friday 3:15-8:30 P.M.  Exhibits and Poster Displays

Tower View Room

Moderator: Kara Huen

Shawn Callahan, “Production Of Selective Medium For Isolating Proteobacteria From The Oral Cavity,” Sponsor: Dr. Alisha Campbell

Courtney M Thomas, “Bacteria and Archaeal Diversity of Desert Aquifer,” Sponsor: Dr. James Campbell
Seung Hyun Lee, “Cultivation of bacterial communities from the cave sediments,” Sponsor: James Campbell


Kele Shi, “Photoionization of C240: A Model Study,” Sponsor: Dr. Himadri Chakraborty

Drake Beery & Isabella Pires Miranda, “Development of Functionalized Ag Anion-exchange Resin Composite Nanoparticle Substrates for Perchlorate Detection by Surface-enhanced Raman Spectroscopy,” Sponsor: Dr. Mohammad Meziani

Melissa Ruggiero, “Isolation and Cultivation of Potentially Novel Bacteria from a Terminal, Alkaline Lake in Nevada,” Sponsor: Dr. James Campbell

Jacob P. Peterson, “Using Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry to Understand the Conditions for By-Product Formation in Small-Scale Bleach Production,” Sponsor: Dr. Michael Bellamy

Kevin Marshall, Zachary Hoaglund, & Bradley Dougherty, “Modeling The Ebola Epidemic,” Sponsor: Dr. Mary Shepherd

Owen Rauckman, Andrew Allen, David Nguyen, Clayton Gillis, Matt Seipel, & Ronald Brightwell-Kelley, “Theaterpoints,” Sponsor: Dr. Ajay Bandi


Samantha Hess, “Quilt for Quilt’s Sake,” Sponsor: Dr. Stuart Robinson

The Celebration of Quality is sponsored by the Honors Program (director, Dr. Aaron Johnson) and the Society of President’s Scholars (faculty sponsors, Dr. Elyssa Ford and Dr. Mohammed Meziani; student president, Kara Huen)

Special Thanks to:

President John Jasinski

Provost Timothy Mottet

Vice-Provost Greg Haddock
Don’t forget to enter the door prize drawing. Every person is eligible for one entry each session you attend (be sure to sign up each time), so the more sessions you attend, the more likely you are to win! You must be present at the drawings to collect the prize.