Friday 3:30–6:30 p.m.  Exhibits and Poster Displays

Student Union Ballroom
Moderator: Brianna Wilmes

Hans Bassich, “Age and Sex Structure of Turtle Species at Separate Pond Locations in Maryville, MO,” Sponsor: Dr. Jay McGhee

Maci Hicks, “Characterization of Potentially Novel Rhodobacteraeae from Walker Lake, Nevada,” Sponsor: Dr. James Campbell

JiYoon Lee, “T-Homogeneous Local Rings and Their Associated Graded Rings,” Sponsor: Dr. Justin Hoffmeier

Irene Hung, “Characterization and Investigation of Antibacterial Properties Found in Brevibacillus sp. Isolates from Calcium Carbonate-Rich Soils,” Sponsor: Dr. Alisha Campbell

Lindsey Madsen, Courtney Chapple, Hannah McNear, Lauren Buck, “Hogwarts, Holigrams, and Hippos in Honey: The Development and Clinical Use of Magical Thinking, Creativity, and Imagination,” Sponsor: Dr. Elizabeth Dimmitt

Zoe Green, “The New Cabinet,” Sponsor: Mr. Armin Muhsam

Luqi Zhao, “Evaluating the temporal variation of Algal Biomass in the Old Woman Creek estuary using reflectance data,” Sponsor: Dr. Lorita Mihindukulasooriya

Alexander Henry, “Isolation of Bacteria from the Human Oral Cavity Using Environmental Media,” Sponsor: Dr. James Campbell

Jennifer Shultz, Him Shrestha, “Silver Nanoparticle in Inhibiting the Growth of Bacteria,” Sponsor: Dr. James Campbell

Trey Vinke, Aaron Feehan, “Understanding and Controlling Bromate Formation When Chlorinating Drinking Water in EDM,” Sponsor: Dr. Mike Bellamy

Courtney Kern, “Evaluating Weekly Variation of Algal Biomass in the Old Woman Creek Estuary Using Visible Spectral Reflectance,” Sponsor: Dr. Lorita Mihindukulasooriya


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Thank you and congratulations to all of our participants!
Friday 2:30–3:15 p.m.  Registration
3rd Floor Hallway (near north stairs)

Friday 3:30–4:15 p.m.  Session 1
Meeting Room A  Geography & Sports
Moderator: Megan Clasen
Jamie Ball, “Sunbelt Success: A Spatial Analysis of Intercollegiate Spring Sports,” Sponsor: Dr. Theodore Goudge

Meeting Room B  Local History
Moderator: David Schmitt
Aaron Schmidt, “Nodaway County during the Civil War: A Graphical Examination,” Sponsor: Dr. Elyssa Ford
Megan Knott, “Nodaway to Saigon: The Vietnam War in Nodaway County,” Sponsor: Dr. Theodore Goudge

Friday 4:30–5:30 p.m.  Session 2
Meeting Room A  Identity & Sense of Self
Moderator: Megan Clasen
Kayla Pelsor, “The Imagined Community of Black Lives Matter,” Sponsor: Dr. Brett Clhoupek
Jade Gurney, “The Influence of the Past on Southern Identity in Go Set a Watchman,” Sponsor: Dr. Ashley Black
Kennia Lopez, “Playing Hide and Seek with Jesus: Elements of Christianity in American Born Chinese,” Sponsor: Dr. Jenny Rytting

Meeting Room B  Education
Moderator: David Schmitt
Sarah Saladen, “St. Mary's Cathedral Daycare Emergency Disaster Plan,” Sponsor: Mr. John Carr
Katie Falconer, “Influence of Structured and Rhythmic Movement on Academic Achievement in Math over a 12 Day Period,” Dr. Sue Wood

Meeting Room C  Math & Physics
Moderator: Steven Gordon
Anzumaa Chakraborty, “Diffraction in matter-antimatter binding: Positronium formation from C60,” Sponsor: Dr. Himadri Chakraborty
Dakota Shields, “Can halogens escape light hiding inside a cage of Buckminster fullerene?” Sponsor: Dr. Himadri Chakraborty
Yoo Na Kim, Siyun Tan, Jie Qiu, Woo Jin Shim, “Determining the number and location of warehouse needed for one-day shipping ground,” Sponsor: Dr. Mary Shepherd

Friday 5:30–6:30 p.m.  Session 3
Meeting Room A  English & Literature
Moderator: Megan Clasen
Korbin Jones, “The Effects of Showing and Telling: A Rhetorical View of the Unavoidable Authorial Presence in Contemporary Short Fiction,” Sponsor: Dr. M. Melissa Elston
Kayla Simmons, “The Unobtainable Truth: Female Virtue,” Sponsor: Dr. Jenny Rytting

Meeting Room B  The U.S. & The World
Moderator: David Schmitt
Aaron Moser, “The American Exception,” Sponsor: Dr. Brett Clhoupek
Brandon Keller, “Inflation and Unemployment: An Empirical Study of Seven Countries,” Dr. Chi Lo Lim
Hannah Sears, “The Intentional Exporting of the Iranian Revolution,” Sponsor: Dr. Kim Casey

Meeting Room C  The Sciences
Moderator: Steven Gordon
Lillia Lepak, “The effects of Xylene on Strongylocentrotus purpuratus,” Sponsor: Dr. Peter Adam
Alexandra Davis, “Temporal and spatial variation of chlorophyll a in Old Woman Creek Estuary, Lake Erie measured from field and laboratory reflectance measurements,” Sponsor: Dr. Lorita Mihindukulasooriya
Som Singh, “Immunohistochemical Evidence of Renal Sensory Denervation after Resiniferatoxin Administration,” Sponsor: Dr. Mark Knuepfner, STARS Program

Friday 6:45–8:00 p.m.  Banquet
Student Union Ballroom
Introduction: Brianna Wilmes, President, Society of President's Scholars
Keynote Address: Dr. Jeff Foot, Director of Admissions & International Affairs
Door Prize Drawing

Attend & Win
If you will be attending the banquet, be sure to enter the door prize drawing. You are eligible for one entry for 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 drawing to collect the prize.