Congratulations to our 2015 Award Winners!

~ MORNING ORAL PRESENTATIONS~

Morning Oral Presentations: Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

First place-Tie Medieval Identity Theft: Using X-ray Polarization to Decipher an Erased Ownership Inscription in USC’s Thirteenth-Century “Breslauer Bible”
Aaron Sanders, History & Aerospace Studies - Senior
Carl Garris, Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiae - Sophomore
Dr. Scott Gwara, English Language and Literature

First place-Tie “Sweet are the Uses of Adversity:” the University of South Carolina’s Literary Societies during Reconstruction
Aaron Sanders, History & Aerospace Studies - Senior
Dr. Thomas Brown, History

Morning Oral Presentations: Humanities and Social Sciences A

First place College Student Engagement with Local News
William Jackson, Advertising & Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management - Senior
Dr. Glenda Alvarado, Advertising and Public Relations

Second place The Attitudinal Model as it Pertains to Dissenting Opinions
Nicolas Fowler, Political Science & Statistics - Sophomore
Gray Ransom, Biological Sciences & Chemistry - Sophomore
Prof. Ali Masood, Political Science

Morning Oral Presentations: Humanities and Social Sciences B

First place Development and Evaluation of Online Training in Non-Violent Conflict Resolution
Kevin Stam, Social Work - Senior
Dr. Susan Parlier, Social Work

Second place A Case Study in Expressive Writing for Grief Therapy
Emily Eliza Still, Psychology & Spanish - Senior
Dr. Mike McCall, Psychology

Morning Oral Presentations: Social Sciences and STEM

First place Increased otolith size in juvenile fish due to prolonged exposure to ocean acidification
Patricia Perez, Marine Science - Senior
Dr. Tom Hurst, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Second place Misuse of Stimulant Medication Among College Students: Symptoms of ADHD and Motives for Misuse
Kari Benson, Psychology - Senior
Dr. Kate Flory, Psychology
**Morning Oral Presentations: STEM**

*First place*

Using Differential Privacy to Protect Sensitive Data  
_Connor Bain_, Computer Science & Mathematics - Senior  
Dr. Srihari Nelakuditi, Computer Science and Engineering

*Second place*

Redox and Light Dual-responsive Photothermal Stable Gold/mesoporous Silica Hybrid Nanoparticle as a Theranostic Platform for Cancer Therapy  
_Bei Cheng_, Pharmacy & Pharmacy - Senior  
Dr. Peisheng Xu, Pharmacy

**Morning Oral Presentations: USC Connect Showcase A**

*First place*

Leadership in Athletic Training  
_Daniel Riggio_, Athletic Training - Senior

**Morning Oral Presentations: USC Connect Showcase B**

*First place*

Redefining the Definition of Student  
_Courtney Enright_, Marketing & Management - Senior  
Ms. Tricia Kennedy, University 101

*Honorable Mention*

A Change in Perspective: Learning to Thrive in an International World  
_Natalie Medler_, International Studies & Business Administration - Senior

**Morning Oral Presentations: USC Connect Showcase C**

*First place*

IBCE: A Student’s Perspective On USC’s Intensive Experiential Learning Program  
_Emily Zhao_, International Business & Economics - Junior  
Dr. David Hudgens, International Business

**~ MORNING POSTER PRESENTATIONS~**

**Morning Poster Presentations: Arts and Humanities**

*First place*

Aesop’s Fables: A Greek Reader  
_Olivia Garrett_, Classics & Comparative Literature - Senior  
Dr. Alexander Beecroft, Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

**Morning Poster Presentations: Biology and Biomedical Sciences A**

*First place*

Calcyon regulates axonal transport of PI4K11a vesicles in cultured rat sensory neurons  
_Zak Roth_, Biomedical Engineering & Neuroscience - Junior  
Dr. Deanna Smith, Biological Sciences

*Second place*

Effects of IKLLI Peptide on Breast Cancer Stem Cells Maintenance and Tumorsphere Formation within PEGDA Hydrogel  
_Samuel Keeney_, Biomedical Engineering - Sophomore  
Dr. Esmaiel Jabbari, Chemical Engineering  
Ms. Leily Daneshian, Biomedical Engineering

**Morning Poster Presentations: Biology and Biomedical Sciences B**

*First place*

Preventing Apoptosis of Transplanted Stem Cells through HIF-2α Inhibition  
_Allison Tipton_, Chemical Engineering - Senior  
Dr. James Blanchette, Chemical Engineering  
Dr. Melissa Moss, Chemical Engineering
Second place  Role of Jagged-2 in colorectal tumorigenesis
  Michaela Close, Biological Sciences & Psychology - Senior
  Dr. Minsub Shim, Biological Sciences

Morning Poster Presentations: Chemistry and Math

First place  Observing Cellular Response to TGF-β1 and the Mechanical Environment via Tunable Hydrogel Substrates
  Caleb Snider, Biomedical Engineering - Senior
  Dr. Mythreye Karthikeyan, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Second place  Modification of Nanoparticles Using Cyclic Azasilane
  Tina Monzavi, Chemistry - Freshman
  Dr. Brian Benicewicz, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Morning Poster Presentations: Computing

First place  The Utilization of Mathematics to Extract Information from Images of Sheet Music and the Interpretation of the
  Data by the NAO Robot
  Audrey Talley, Computer Engineering & Music - Sophomore
  Dr. Francisco Blanco-Silva, Mathematics

Morning Poster Presentations: Engineering

First place  Defect Engineering Graphene as a Biofilm Platform for Electrical Bacterial Diagnostics
  Joseph Andrews, Electrical Engineering - Senior
  Dr. MVS ChandraShekhar, Electrical Engineering

Second place  Characterizing the interactions of glassy deposits with thermal barrier coatings
  Rachel Smoak, Chemical Engineering & Chemistry - Junior
  Dr. Jason Hattrick-Simpers, Chemical Engineering

Morning Poster Presentations: Environmental Sciences A

First place  Determining small scale variability in aeolian sand transport through studying instrument degradation
  Jory Fleming, Marine Science & Geography - Sophomore
  Dr. Jean Ellis, Geography

Honorable Mention  Genetic Analysis of Kemp's Ridleys
  Emma De Neef, Biological Sciences & Environmental Science - Senior
  Dr. Joseph Quattro, Biological Sciences

Morning Poster Presentations: Environmental Sciences B

First place  Making ARMs Against Aflatoxin Synthesis Using a Marine Bacterium
  Nora Banaszek, Biomedical Engineering & Spanish - Senior
  Dr. Anindya Chanda, Environmental Health Sciences

Honorable Mention  Mislabeling of Atlantic Cod in Spain
  Josh Helgoe, Marine Science & Spanish - Senior
  Dr. Joseph Quattro, Biological Sciences

Morning Poster Presentations: Exercise Science and Physical Education

First place  Correlation between Reach Kinematics and White Matter Integrity in the Brain after Stroke
  Michael O'Donnell, Exercise Science - Senior
  Dr. Jill Stewart, Exercise Science

Second place-Tie  Predicting Post-Stroke Cognitive Recovery using Neuroimaging and Trail Making Tasks
  Olivia Spead, Biological Sciences & Neuroscience - Senior
  Dr. Troy Herter, Exercise Science
Second place-Tie  
Student Athlete Response to Injury  
Brett Ball, Criminal Justice - Senior  
Dr. Toni Torres-McGehee, Physical Education and Athletic Training  
Dr. Kendra Cusaac, Psychology

Morning Poster Presentations: Pharmacy  
First place  
Screening for viral hepatitis prior to rituximab chemotherapy  
Alyson Leonard, Pharmacy - Senior  
Dr. Bryan Love, Clinical Pharmacy and Outcomes Sciences  
Dr. LeAnn Norris, Clinical Pharmacy and Outcomes Sciences

Morning Poster Presentations: Psychology and Communication Sciences  
First place  
Evaluating the Effects of Word Formation on Visual Crowding  
Elena Nelson, Psychology & Neuroscience - Junior  
Dr. Melanie Palomares, Psychology

Morning Poster Presentations: Psychology and Neuroscience A  
First place  
Using a Biobehavioral Model to Identify Infants at Risk for Autism  
Kristy Dezenzo, Chemistry - Senior  
Anna Spuhler, Pharmacy - Freshman  
Dr. Jane Roberts, Psychology  
Ms. Jessica Scherr, Psychology  
Ms. Debra Reisinger, Psychology

Second place  
Social Cognition and Deception: Effects of Stimuli Presentation on Reaction Time  
Brittany Wortman, Psychology & Criminal Justice - Senior; USC Upstate  
Dr. Scott Meek, Psychology; USC Upstate  
Dr. Michelle Phillips-Meek, Limestone College

Morning Poster Presentations: Psychology and Neuroscience B  
First place  
The Relation Between Anxiety and Heart Rate in Women with the FMR1 Premutation During Direct and Averted Gaze Tasks  
Anna Porter, Psychology & Spanish - Junior  
Dr. Jane Roberts, Psychology

Second place  
Applying Cognitive Psychology to Logo Design  
Lauren Knapp, Psychology & Journalism and Mass Communications - Senior  
Dr. Melanie Palomares, Psychology

Honorable Mention  
Stress-induced Effects on Glutamatergic Neurons in the Amygdala are Inhibited by the Antidepressant Agomelatine  
Adam Bumgardner, Biological Sciences - Senior  
Dr. Lawrence Reagan, Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience

Morning Poster Presentations: Public Health  
First place  
Enhancing Cancer Awareness in the African-American Faith Community to Address Cancer Health Disparities  
Kelsie Dirksing, Public Health & Biological Sciences - Junior  
Dr. Heather Brandt, Health Promotion Education and Behavior  
Ms. Deonna Farr, Health Promotion Education and Behavior  
Mrs. Kimberly Rawlinson, Health Promotion Education and Behavior  
Dr. John Ureda, Health Promotion Education and Behavior
Second place  Prevalence and Health Effects of Intimate Partner Violence Among HIV+ Women
Yu Min Ni, Nursing - Senior
Dr. Sabra Smith, Nursing
Dr. Abbas Tavakoli, Nursing

Morning Poster Presentations: Social Sciences A
First place  Examining Relationships between Caregivers’ Adverse Childhood Experiences and Child Abuse Allegations in Current Household
Senna Desjardins, Nursing - Senior
Prof. Kate Chappell, Nursing
Dr. Abbas Tavakoli, Nursing

Morning Poster Presentations: Social Sciences B
First place  Young Children’s Attitudes Towards STEM Careers
Calli Fletcher, Chemistry & Medical Humanities - Junior
Jerica Knox, Psychology & Social Work - Sophomore
Dr. Kelly Lynn Mulvey, Educational Studies
Ms. Kathleen McGrath, Educational Studies
Dr. Matthew Irvin, Educational Studies

Honorable Mention  Transitions from Early Intervention to Preschool in South Carolina from Provider’s Perspectives
Virginia Sawyer, Psychology & Counselor Education - Senior
Dr. Heather Googe, Educational Studies

Morning Poster Presentations: USC Connect Showcase A
First place  To Be The Change, You Must Advocate For It
Ashlynn Polanco, International Studies & French - Senior

Second place  Self-Discovery through Professional and Civic Engagement
Anne Parham, Political Science & French - Senior

Morning Poster Presentations: USC Connect Showcase B
First place  Life and Leadership through The Gamecock Pantry
Rachel Smith, International Studies & Geography - Junior

Second place  New York University Langone Medical Center Health Career Opportunity Program
Colleen Maguffin, Exercise Science - Senior

Morning Poster Presentations: USC Connect Showcase C
First place  Cybersecurity Engineer: My Decision to be a Modern Day Superhero
Christopher Sanders, Computer Engineering - Senior

Second place  Reflection Is the Connection
Jacqueline Nolan, Nursing - Senior

~ AFTERNOON ORAL PRESENTATIONS~

Afternoon Oral Presentations: Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
First place  Into the Umbra: a photographic inquiry into the microscopic world of plankton
Julia Bennett, Marine Science - Senior
Prof. Meg Griffiths, Art
Dr. Tammi Richardson, Biological Sciences
Second place  The Columbia Infringement Arts Festival, encouraging art appreciation and student recognition in the community
Emily Olyarchuk, Public Relations & Theatre - Senior
Prof. Lisa Sisk, Journalism and Mass Communications

Afternoon Oral Presentations: Humanities and Social Sciences
First place  Creating the Green Office Certification Program
Connor Bain, Computer Science & Mathematics - Senior
Max Ciarlone, Environmental Science - Freshman
Matt Kehr, Environmental Studies & Business Administration - Sophomore
Ms. Hayley Efland, Office of Sustainability
Mr. Michael Koman, Office of Sustainability

Afternoon Oral Presentations: Social Sciences
First place  Are We Adequately Prepared: Students’ Perspectives on Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Healthcare
Jamie Lawson, Nursing & Spanish - Junior
Dr. DeAnne Messias, Nursing

Afternoon Oral Presentations: STEM A
First place  Optimizing germinal transposition of mPing in Arabidopsis thaliana
Courtney Burckhalter, Biology - Senior; USC Aiken
Dr. C. Nathan Hancock, Biology/Geology; USC Aiken

Second place  The dose dependent effects of caffeine on cognitive performance and neuronal activation
Helen Morris, Biology - Senior; USC Aiken
Dr. Michelle Vieyra, Biology/Geology; USC Aiken

Afternoon Oral Presentations: STEM B
First place  Investigating decadal changes in Sea Surface Salinity as an indicator of Global Water Cycle intensification
Bryce Melzer, Marine Science - Junior
Dr. Subramanyam Bulusu, Earth and Ocean Sciences

Second place  Synthetic Lectin Arrays: Toward Detecting and Staging Ovarian Cancer
Katie Miller, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology - Senior
Dr. John Lavigne, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Afternoon Oral Presentations: USC Connect Showcase A
First place  Path to Graduation with a Leadership Distinction
Paradise Taylor, Statistics - Senior
Ms. Hayley Efland, Office of Sustainability

Second place  Be The Change
Jalissa Fulton, Theatre & African American Studies - Senior

Afternoon Oral Presentations: USC Connect Showcase B
First place  Learning about Crises Management through Practical Application and Experience
Kaitlin Daley, Public Relations & French - Senior

Second place  Graduation with Leadership Distinction: How Greek Life Taught Me to Lead
McKenzie Osborne, International Business & Management Science - Senior
Afternoon Poster Presentations: Biology and Biomedical Sciences A

First place
Regulation of Expression of the Wrap53 Gene in Response to DNA Damage
Sarah Erlanson, Biological Sciences & Chemistry - Senior
Dr. David Reisman, Biological Sciences

Second place
Retroviral delivery of anti-HIV tat siRNAs
Emily Webb, Biology - Junior; USC Aiken
Dr. William Jackson, Biology/Geology; USC Aiken

Afternoon Poster Presentations: Biology and Biomedical Sciences B

First place
Optimization of a retroviral vector to express eGFP
Jennifer Deily, Biology - Senior; USC Aiken
Dr. William Jackson, Biology/Geology; USC Aiken

Second place
Identifying the gene underlying a jaw mutation in zebrafish
Kayce Vanpelt, Biology - Junior; USC Aiken
Dr. April DeLaurier, Biology/Geology; USC Aiken

Honorable Mention
Using the CRISPR/Cas9 system to understand the function of the PHF21A complex in Danio rerio craniofacial development
Khadijah Jihad, Biology - Senior; USC Aiken
Dr. April DeLaurier, Biology/Geology; USC Aiken

Afternoon Poster Presentations: Chemistry and Physics

First place
An Experimental Study of the Forensic Luminol Test for Detection of Bloodstains
Katherine Witherspoon, Chemistry & Marine Science - Senior
Jennifer Martin, Chemistry & Criminal Justice - Senior
Dr. Stephen Morgan, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Second place
Self-assembly of magnetic shapes using perpendicular recording media templates
Tanner Pearson, Physics & Mathematics - Senior
Dr. Thomas Crawford, Physics and Astronomy

Afternoon Poster Presentations: Computing

First place-Tie
Adapting a Smart Soccer Ball to Detect Head Trauma
Theodore Stone, Computer Engineering - Sophomore
Nathaniel Stone, Computer Engineering - Sophomore
Connor Bain, Computer Science & Mathematics - Senior
Dr. Srihari Nelakuditi, Computer Science and Engineering

First place-Tie
STEP Grant Project Website
Kimberly Kimbrell, Integrated Information Technology - Senior
Clare Nelson, Integrated Information Technology - Senior
Brandon Derrick, Integrated Information Technology - Senior
Dr. Karen Patten, Integrated Information Technology

Afternoon Poster Presentations: Engineering and Math

First place-Tie
The effect of contaminants from structural components on PEMFC performance
Charles Staub, Chemical Engineering & Computer Science - Junior
Dr. John Weidner, Chemical Engineering

First place-Tie
Is the Reversible Necklace Poset a Symmetric Chain Order?
Emily Theus, Mathematics & Religious Studies - Senior
Dr. Jerrold Griggs, Mathematics
### Afternoon Poster Presentations: Environmental Sciences A

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Kari Benson, Psychology & Counselor Education - Senior
Dr. Kate Flory, Psychology

Afternoon Poster Presentations: Psychology and Neuroscience B
First place  Improving Working Memory Assessment Through Use of qEEG
Olivia Howerton, Psychology & Neuroscience - Senior
Dr. Scott Decker, Psychology

Second place  Impact of Implicit Bias on Perception of, and Memory for, Workplace Interactions
Tammy Warr, Organizational Leadership - Senior; USC Union
Dr. Randy Lowell, Psychology; USC Union

Afternoon Poster Presentations: Public Health A
First place  USC Student Perceptions and Behavior on Railroad Crossing Safety
Emily Turk, Public Health - Senior
Dr. Sara Corwin, Health Promotion Education and Behavior

Afternoon Poster Presentations: Public Health B
First place-Tie  Measuring spatial accessibility to colonoscopy for colorectal cancer screening in SC using novel GIS approaches
Bryttin Boyde, Anthropology & Biological Sciences - Senior
Dr. Jan Eberth, Epidemiology and Biostatistics

First place-Tie  Neighborhood Walkability and Perceived Social Support Positively Associated with Neighborhood Satisfaction
Nicole King, Public Health & Environmental Studies - Senior
Dr. Andrew Kaczynski, Health Promotion Education and Behavior
Ms. Stephanie Child, Health Promotion Education and Behavior

Afternoon Poster Presentations: Social Sciences and Humanities A
First place  Portable Classroom Use
David Wheaton, Mathematics & Economics - Senior
Dr. Alexander Matros, Economics

Second place  Romantic-Era Lyrics
Victor Reynolds, Computer Science & Islamic World Studies - Sophomore
Dr. Paula Feldman, English Language and Literature

Afternoon Poster Presentations: Social Sciences and Humanities B
First place  Closing the Research to Practice Gap: Effective Techniques for Dissemination in Social Work Research
Sophia Krysa, Broadcast Journalism & Elementary Education - Junior
Dr. Robert Hock, Social Work
Ms. Marissa Yingling, Social Work

Afternoon Poster Presentations: USC Connect Showcase A
First place  A total transformation through research
Priya Purohit, Biomedical Engineering - Senior

Second place  Today's Pre-Med Student, Tomorrow's Doctor
Lilianne Kaminski, Biological Sciences & Medical Humanities - Senior

Afternoon Poster Presentations: USC Connect Showcase B
First place  Professional and Civic Engagement: Internship and International Experience
Alexandria Abikhaled

Second place  Professional and Civic Engagement: Finding My Future
Anthony Miles Scott, Biological Sciences & Chemistry - Senior
Afternoon Poster Presentations: USC Connect Showcase C

First place  Untitled
Drew Myers, Biological Sciences & Chemistry - Senior
Dr. Karen Kane McDonnell, Nursing

Second place  The Art of Leadership
William Fowler, Exercise Science - Senior