Hello OUR listserv subscribers!

I hope this finds you well as you wrap up the semester and look forward to the summer. Last week was the last official edition of our weekly newsletter for the year but I wanted to send one more message to congratulate everyone on a successful and productive year and wish our graduates all the best as they embark on an exciting new adventure.

In this message we (1) recognize our presentation award recipients and (2) recipients of the UREP graduation cord, (3) invite you to participate in OUR summer programming, (4) share information about a research funding opportunity for the upcoming academic year, and (5) provide information to unsubscribe from this group if you are graduating.

1. We celebrate the awardees from this year’s Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship Conference, which took place on April 29. Look out for more on these awardees in an upcoming VT News article and learn how you can earn one of these awards next year on our conference webpage.

**Research Excellence Awards**
Sophia DeSimone (Biochemistry)
Ian Hicklin (Biochemistry)
Chantal Johnson-Schuster (Animal and Poultry Science)

**Ben Knapp Award for Research in the Creative Arts**
Hokienauts Group project: Mithil Adsul (Electrical Eng), Burak Topo (Computer Eng), Kien Tran (Computer Eng), Sabrina Lesser (Electrical & Computer Eng), Rafiul Kabir (Computer Eng), Jasmine Walker (Creative Technologies), Natalie Kinnamon (Graphics Design), Devina Bawa (Graphics Design), Lauren Sartori (Graphics Design)

**Karen Roberto Award for Research in the Social Sciences**
Ursilia Beckles (English)

**Stefan Duma award for Research in Biomedical Engineering**
Sarah Seay (Biochemistry)

**Natural Resources and Environment Award**
Kevin Bayne (Wildlife Conservation)

**ICTAS Adaptive Brain and Behavior Award:**
1st Place: Trisha Ravigopal (Psychology)
2nd Place: Lauren Duma (Clinical Neuroscience)
3rd Place (tie): Sara Carter (International Relations) and Srindhi Jayakumar (Psychology)

**ICTAS Critical Technologies Award:**
1st Place: Connor Hall (Chemical Engineering)
2nd Place: Victor Mukora (CMDA)
3rd Place: Alexander Davis (Chemical Engineering)
ICTAS High School Award:
1st Place: Jacqueline Hou
2nd Place: Samuel Xiang
3rd Place: Erika Miyazaki

Policy Destination Area Awards:
Victor Mukora (Computational Modeling and Data Analytics)
Hannah Upson (Political Science)

Congratulations to all of these amazing researchers and presenters!

2. I would also like to recognize the students who completed the Undergraduate Research Excellence Program (UREP) and received a specially designed graduation cord:

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Congratulations!! Good luck to you all, wherever life is taking you next!

Students may join UREP at any time to get recognized for holistic engagement in undergraduate research. The program is open to any student, from any major, at any time in their academic career. This multi-tiered program allows students to track their journey through undergraduate research, from training and engaging to disseminating and reflecting. Learn more and sign up to join the program online.

3. The OUR will be offering programming throughout the summer and would like to invite any students conducting research or interested in preparing to conduct research to take advantage of the many activities we will offer, including an online research training program through University Libraries, weekly professional development seminars (available in person and via zoom), and our end of summer research symposium, which is free and open to all to present or attend. Learn more about these and other summer opportunities on our summer webpage. We hope to see you this summer.

4. You are invited to apply for research funding through the Fralin Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program (FURF) for academic year 2022-23. FURF is open to all Virginia Tech undergraduates from any discipline with a goal of increasing diversity in research. Fifteen (15) fellowships of $1,000 are awarded annually to individual students demonstrating academic capability and a strong interest in
undergraduate research, to enable them to conduct research with a Virginia Tech faculty mentor over the course of one academic year. Students from underrepresented groups (including, but not limited to, ethnic minorities, first generation college students, students from low income areas, students with disabilities, LGBTQ, etc.) are strongly encouraged to apply. The application deadline is August 1, 2022.

5. Graduating students, you will continue to receive our newsletters until you unsubscribe from the group. In order to do so, please send an email to undergraduateresearch-g+unsubscribe@vt.edu.

OUR Ambassadors will be taking a break during the summer but the OUR office staff is available to help and answer any questions. Just send us an email at UGR@vt.edu. We wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to supporting you again in the Fall.

Best,
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