

# Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, & Creative Activities

## **First Overall Oral Presentation**

# Phi Kappa Phi

# **Aundia Dianat**

M.A. Psychology

The Biasing Nature of Gang Evidence: Inducing Memory Errors for Evidence of Past Criminal

Behavior

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mitchell Eisen

# **Second Overall Oral Presentation**

## Phi Kappa Phi

#### **Aaron Cruz**

M.S. Biological Sciences

Blue Light as a Potential Antimicrobial Therapeutic Agent
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Hyunsook Park

#### **Third Overall Oral Presentation**

# Phi Kappa Phi

#### Frank Sposato

M.S. Social Work

The Impact of Education on Rural Ugandan Girls and Their Communities

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jieru Bai

# California State University, Los Angeles Delegates to the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual CSU Student Research Competition at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo on April 26-27, 2024

#### **Behavioral and Social Sciences**

#### **Aundia Dianat**

M.S. in Psychology

The Biasing Nature of Gang Evidence: Inducing Memory Errors for Evidence of Past Criminal

Behavior

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mitchell Eisen

# **Ayse Durak**

M.S. Social Work

How Gender and Sexuality Influence Body Satisfaction

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Anh-Luu Huynh-Hohnbaum and Dr. Seth Kurzban

#### Francesca Masi

M.S. Social Work

The Mental Health Impact of True Crime Media

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Anh-Luu Huynh-Hohnbaum and Dr. Seth Kurzban

# **Biological Sciences**

# **Jocelyn Alfaro**

M.S. Biological Sciences

Locomotor exercise on inflammatory and plasticity makers in severely contused spinal cord injured rodents

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michael Joseph

## Krisha Algoso

M.S. Biological Sciences

Investigating the Antibacterial Potential of Native Chumash Medicinal Plants

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Kirsten Fisher and Dr. Caryl Ann Becerra

# **Aaron Cruz**

M.S. Biological Sciences

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Faculty Mentor: Dr. Hyunsook Park

# **Engineering and Computer Sciences**

# **Stellina Ao**

B.S. Computer Science, Minors in Biomedical Engineering and Mathematics

A Beta Regression Model Using Fractal Dimensionality to Predict Imagined Grip Force from EEG for Applications in Brain-Computer Interfaces

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Deborah Won and Dr. Jie Zhong

#### **Matthew Engquist**

M.S. Materials Science

Scan-Strategies in Additive Manufacturing: Can We Control Microstructure?

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mohsen Eshraghi

# **Humanities and Letters**

#### Marineh Mousalu

B.A. Anthropology

Dental Wear Indicative of Spinning Found in the Midnight Terror Cave Assemblage

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Kittiya Lee

# **Frank Sposato**

M.S. Social Work

The Impact of Education on Rural Ugandan Girls and Their Communities

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# The following students received an outstanding presentation award at the

# Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Oral Presentations

# **Behavioral and Social Sciences I**

#### **Aundia Dianat**

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The Biasing Nature of Gang Evidence: Inducing Memory Errors for Evidence of Past Criminal Behavior Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mitchell Eisen

# **Bryan Gil Zamudio and Citlali Montes**

B.A. Psychology

The Dynamics of Group Deliberations in a Mock Trial: A Qualitative Analysis

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Alma Olaguez

#### Behavioral and Social Sciences II

#### Francesca Masi

M.S. Social Work

The Mental Health Impact of True Crime Media

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Anh-Luu Huynh-Hohnbaum and Dr. Seth Kurzban

#### **Theresa Marie Bernal**

B.S. Kinesiology

Knowledge, Opinions, and Perceived Behaviors toward Research among CSULA Undergraduate students

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Leila Rahnama

#### **Biological Sciences**

# **Aaron Cruz**

M.S. Biological Sciences

Blue Light as a Potential Antimicrobial Therapeutic Agent

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Hyunsook Park

# **Tammy Pham**

B.S. Biological Sciences, General Option

Investigation of nanoplastics neurotoxicity on SH-SY5Y human neuroblastoma cells

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Yixian Wang

# **Humanities and Letters I**

# **Marineh Mousalu**

B.A. Anthropology

Dental Wear Indicative of Spinning Found in the Midnight Terror Cave Assemblage

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michele Bleuze

# **Marjorie Hunt**

M.A. History

Flora, Fauna, Terra Firma: Landscapes of Portuguese America in Early Modern European Travelogues

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Kittya Lee

#### **Humanities and Letters II**

## **Frank Sposato**

M.S. Social Work

The Impact of Education on Rural Ugandan Girls and Their Communities

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jieru Bai

#### **James Carter**

B.A. Anthropology; B.A. Music A Discourse on Settler Colonialism Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rafael Gomez

# **Engineering and Computer Science I**

# **Matthew Engquist**

M.S. Materials Science

Scan-Strategies in Additive Manufacturing: Can We Control Microstructure?

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mohsen Eshraghi

## **Albert Bernal and Marcello Canova**

M.S. Mechanical Engineering

Validation of an Externally Heated Diverging Channel for Flame Speed Measurement

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jeffrey Santner

# **Engineering and Computer Sciences II**

#### Stellina Ao

B.S. Computer Science, Minors in Biomedical Engineering and Mathematics

A Beta Regression Model Using Fractal Dimensionality to Predict Imagined Grip Force from EEG for Applications in Brain-Computer Interfaces

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Deborah Won and Dr. Jie Zhong

#### **Dikshant Sagar**

M.S. Computer Science

Deep Generative Models for New Ligand Discovery

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Negin Forouzesh

# **Physical Sciences**

#### **Genesis Barzallo**

M.S. Chemistry

GCxGC-FID Quantification of Olefins in Alternative Fuels Produced from Plastic Waste Conversion

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Petr Vozka

# Jordan O'Kelley

B.S. Physics, General Option

Simulating Oragnic Molecules in the Protostellar Disk to Understand the Origins of Life

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Susan Terebey

# The following students received an outstanding presentation award at the

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# **Behavioral and Social Sciences**

#### **Katie Gekler**

**B.S.** Nursing

Power to Ignite the Heart

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Stefanie Varela

# Mei Ku, Jordy Ocampo, and Lauren Perez

Ph.D. Psychology, M.A. Psychology, B.A. Psychology

Examining the Construct Validity of Two Rumination Measures in a Predominantly Hispanic/Latino Sample

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Yvette Szabo

# **Biological Sciences**

#### Leilani Corleto

B.S. Biological Sciences, Minor in History

Utilizing molecular methods to identify a cryptic species in the rockfish genus Sebastes

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Andres Aguilar

## **Rachelle Soriano**

**B.S. Biochemistry** 

Development of an Unbiased Cell Enumeration Protocol Using ImageJ to Assess Effect of Cytokines on Cell Proliferation

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Edith Porter

# **Education**

#### **Shira Levin**

M.S. Nutritional Science

The Search for Health: A Qualitative Analysis of Where People with Chronic Conditions Turn for

Trusted Health Information

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Kathryn Hillstrom

#### Elizabeth Plascencia

B.A. Psychology

Problem-solving and Social Learning Skills through Sing-along YouTube Videos

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Corinne Bower

# **Engineering and Computer Science**

# Alannys Argandona and Sophia Sherzai

B.S. Electrical and Computer Engineering, Minor in Biomedical Engineering Discrimination of Reach Direction Using Surface EEG Event Related Potentials

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Deborah Won

#### Julia Chavez

M.S. Civil Engineering

Evaluation of Mg-Silicate Hydrothermal Chimneys Effectiveness for CO2 Sequestration and Organic Adsorption

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Arezoo Khodayari

# Health, Nutrition, and Clinical Sciences

# **Kevin Diego-Perez**

M.S. Chemistry

Optimizing Methods to Monitor the Degradation of individual Polyethylene Terephthalate Microplastics

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Yixian Wang

# **Matthew Christmann**

**B.S.** Nursing

Public Awareness of Lead Toxicity
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Stacey A. Warner

# **Physical and Mathematical Sciences**

# Oliva Spanish

B.S. Applied Mathematics, Minor in Bioinformatics

Exploring the Relationship between the Intrinsic Properties of Proteins and Protein Degradation Rates

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jamil Momand

# Sudheendra Gamoji

M.S. Physics

Using blackbody radiation to reduce lens distortion of the U GO Telescope

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marina Mondin

# **Matthew Tang**

M.S. Chemistry

Uncovering Structure-Property Relationships for Photoactive Metal-Organic Frameworks in photocatalytic oxidation of organic sulfides

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Yangyang Liu