

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

FESTIVAL OF EXCELLENCE

2026 PROGRAM BOOKLET



Opening Remarks

On behalf of Southern Utah University, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 2026 Festival of Excellence.

This day is a dedicated celebration of the curiosity, hard work, and innovation that define our campus community. Today, Tuesday, March 31, we pause our traditional schedules to support SUU faculty and students as they present the culmination of their research, scholarly, and creative efforts.

"The Festival of Excellence is more than just a series of presentations; it is a testament to the transformative power of a Southern Utah University education."

Our program for the day is filled with opportunities for discovery:

- *Oral Presentations: Engage with diverse topics during sessions held throughout the morning and afternoon.*
- *Keynote Address: I am thrilled to welcome Dr. Katy Rodriguez Wimberly to the Great Hall from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Her insights are sure to inspire us all.*
- *Poster Presentations: Join us at the AFEC from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM to view a visual showcase of student and faculty projects.*

I encourage you to immerse yourselves in these presentations, ask questions, and celebrate the incredible achievements of your peers and colleagues. Thank you for being an essential part of the Southern Utah University community and for contributing to this culture of excellence.

Best regards,

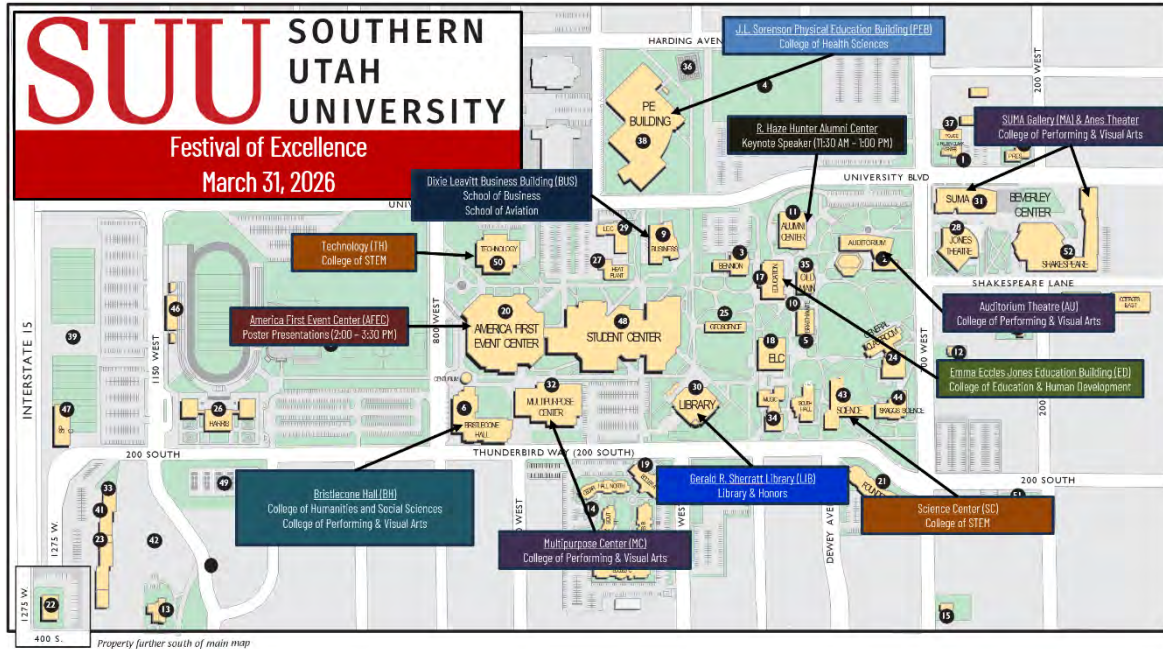
Mindy Benson

President, Southern Utah University

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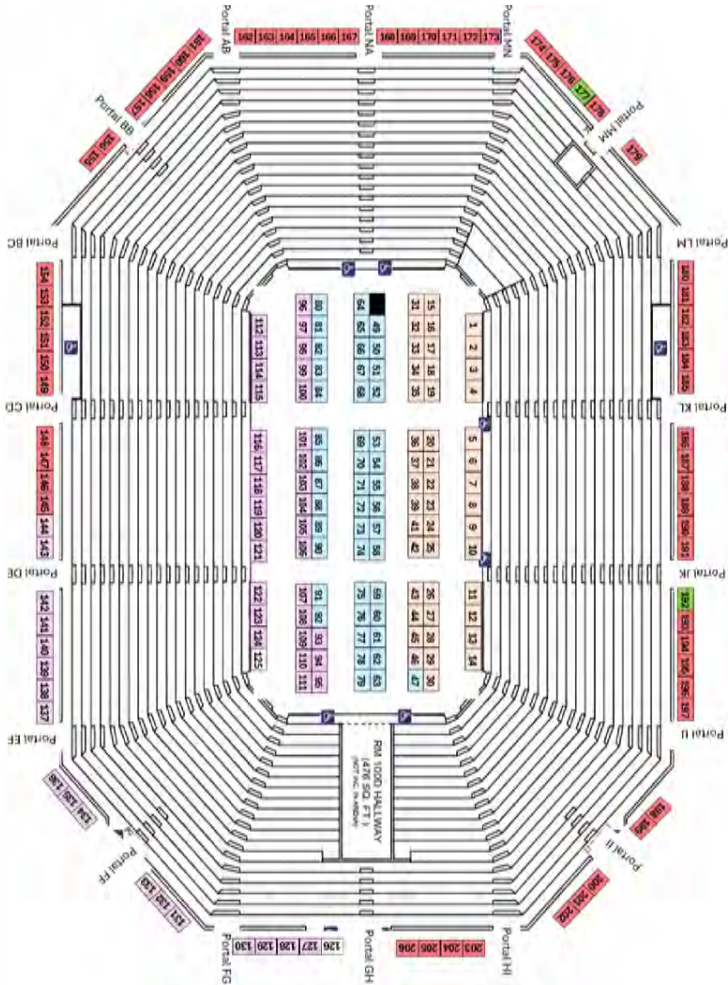
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Campus Map



Poster Presentation Map

American First Event Center 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM



Keynote Speaker

Dr. Katy Rodriguez Wimberly

My STEM Journey: From LA to the Milky Way

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM | R. Haze Hunter Alumni Center (CC), Great Hall

Dr. Katy Rodriguez Wimberly is an astrophysicist, storyteller, and passionate advocate for equity in science. As an Assistant Professor at CSU San Bernardino, she studies the faintest and most ancient galaxies orbiting the Milky Way – tiny cosmic fossils that hold clues to the origins of the Universe.



Her journey to the stars has been anything but ordinary. Before becoming a scientist, Katy pursued acting, played saxophone in the Army Reserves, and worked as a Disneyland performer – all while attending community college. Inspired by Star Trek's Captain Janeway, she reignited her childhood dream of space and went on to earn her PhD in Physics from UC Irvine.

Today, Katy blends her love of astronomy with a deep commitment to mentorship and inclusion in STEM. She serves as Director of Mentorship for the Cal-Bridge Program and Vice President of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. At home, her universe revolves around her husband and two daughters – her favorite adventure partners for hikes and giggles. Music still fills her life, and yes – Disneyland remains a beloved escape.

Special Thanks

The success of the SUU Festival of Excellence would not have been possible without the dedication, hard work, and vision of numerous individuals. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the SUU Festival of Excellence Committee for their tireless efforts in planning and organizing this exceptional event. Their commitment to showcasing the talents and achievements of our SUU community has truly made this festival a resounding success.

We would also like to express our most profound appreciation to Lauri Garfield, Ryan Paul, Interim Provost Shauna Mendini, and countless others for their support, leadership, and enthusiasm for the Festival of Excellence.

Thank you for helping to make the Festival of Excellence a truly memorable and rewarding experience for us all.

Camille Thomas

Assistant Provost

2026 Event Organizers

Xinglong Ju, *Dixie L. Leavitt School of Business*

Brienne Nelison, *Beverly Taylor Sorenson College of Education & Human Development*

Alisa Peterson, *Beverly Taylor Sorenson College of Education & Human Development*

Suzanne Young, *College of Health Sciences*

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Edward DeCastro, *School of Aviation*

Tyson Edwards, *Walter Maxwell Gibson College of STEM*

Ali Siahpush, *Walter Maxwell Gibson College of STEM*

Schedule Overview

Dixie L. Leavitt School of Business

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Oral Presentations <i>Dixie Leavitt Business Building (BUS 126)</i>
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Katy Rodriguez Wimberly <i>R. Haze Hunter Alumni Center (CC), Great Hall</i>

Beverly Taylor Sorenson College of Education & Human Development

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Oral Presentations <i>Emma Eccles Jones Education Building (ED 102 & 103)</i>
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Katy Rodriguez Wimberly <i>R. Haze Hunter Alumni Center (CC), Great Hall</i>
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Poster Presentations <i>American First Event Center (Posters 1-46)</i>

College of Health Sciences

10:00 AM	Oral Presentations <i>J.L. Sorenson Physical Education Building (PEB 120)</i>
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Katy Rodriguez Wimberly <i>R. Haze Hunter Alumni Center (CC), Great Hall</i>
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Poster Presentations <i>American First Event Center (Posters 93-144)</i>

College of Humanities & Social Sciences

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Oral Presentations <i>Bristlecone Hall (BH 206, 219, 318, & 320)</i>
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Thunder 91: Radio and Beyond (PANEL) <i>Bristlecone Hall (BH 322)</i>
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Katy Rodriguez Wimberly <i>R. Haze Hunter Alumni Center (CC), Great Hall</i>
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	Performing/Exhibition <i>Bristlecone Hall (BH 322)</i>
1:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Oral Presentations <i>Bristlecone Hall (BH 206 & 318)</i>
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Poster Presentations <i>American First Event Center (Posters 47-92)</i>

College of Performing & Visual Arts

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Advanced Cinematography - Getting the Shot <i>Bristlecone Hall (BH First Floor Hallway)</i>
9:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Oral Presentations and Performance/Exhibition <i>Multipurpose Center (MC 116)</i>
9:15 AM – 11:15 AM	Oral Presentations <i>Bristlecone Hall (BH 335)</i>
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Theatre Design and Production Portfolios <i>Auditorium (AU 108)</i>
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Katy Rodriguez Wimberly <i>R. Haze Hunter Alumni Center (CC), Great Hall</i>
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	BFA Theatre Showcase Capstone Performances <i>Anes Theater (UFS 180)</i>
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	BFA Student Awards, Gallery Talks <i>Southern Utah Museum of Arts (SUMA)</i>
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	BFA Student Exhibition Opening Reception <i>Southern Utah Museum of Arts (SUMA)</i>

Gerald R. Sherratt Library Honors Program

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Oral Presentations <i>Dixie Leavitt Business Building (BUS 126) or ZOOM</i>
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Katy Rodriguez Wimberly <i>R. Haze Hunter Alumni Center (CC), Great Hall</i>

School of Aviation

10:30 AM	Oral Presentation <i>Gerald R. Sherratt Library (LIB 002)</i>
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Katy Rodriguez Wimberly <i>R. Haze Hunter Alumni Center (CC), Great Hall</i>
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Poster Presentations <i>American First Event Center (Posters 177, 192)</i>

Walter Maxwell Gibson
**College of Science, Technology, Engineering,
 & Mathematics (STEM)**

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Oral Presentations <i>Science Center (SC 016, 114, & 214)</i>
8:00 AM – 10:40 AM	Oral Presentations <i>Engineering & Technology (TH 113)</i>
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Katy Rodriguez Wimberly <i>R. Haze Hunter Alumni Center (CC), Great Hall</i>
1:00 PM	Native Plant Gardens: Urban Havens for Plants, Pollinators, and People <i>Frehner Natural History Museum Terrace</i>
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Poster Presentations <i>American First Event Center (Posters 145-176, 178-191, 193-206)</i>

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Beverley Taylor Sorenson College of Education and Human
Development

Dixie L. Leavitt School of Business

College of Health Sciences

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

College of Performing and Visual Arts

Gerald R. Sherratt Library and Honors

School of Aviation

Walter Maxwell Gibson College of Science, Technology, Engineering,
& Mathematics

Beverly Taylor Sorenson
**College of Education and Human
Development**

Presentations by Time

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Exploring Inclusivity and Cultural Responsiveness: Insights from Practicum Experiences in Diverse Educational Settings ED 103

Presenter: Mariah Godfrey, Makenley Zimmerman (Mentor: Laureen Graves)

Exploring Inclusivity and Cultural Responsiveness: Insights from Practicum Experiences in Diverse Educational Settings ED 103

Presenter: Bryton Langston, Brayden Madsen (Mentor: Laureen Graves)

Exploring Inclusivity and Cultural Responsiveness: Insights from Practicum Experiences in Diverse Educational Settings ED 103

Presenter: Jessica Loftus, Sage Bowers (Mentor: Laureen Graves)

Exploring Inclusivity and Cultural Responsiveness: Insights from Practicum Experiences in Diverse Educational Settings ED 103

Presenter: Jack Newkirk, Lincoln Paul (Mentor: Laureen Graves)

Exploring Inclusivity and Cultural Responsiveness: Insights from Practicum Experiences in Diverse Educational Settings ED 103

Presenter: Juel Moody, Cali Askeroth (Mentor: Laureen Graves)

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Bringing Math Home: New Insights on Early Numeracy and Geometry ED 102

Presenter: Grace Ash, Ryan Maxfield (Mentor: Brionne Neilson)

Fostering Resilience and Growth Mindsets in Young Learners ED 102

Presenter: Grace Ash (Mentor: Brionne Neilson)

Dixie L. Leavitt
School of Business

Presentations by Time

9:00 AM

The Impact of Message Framing on Behavioral Intention Toward Resume Tailoring BUS 126

Presenter: Bobby Hodge (Mentor: Michael Kroff)

10:00 AM

Why Cultural Understanding Is a Competitive Advantage in International Business? BUS 126

Presenter: Aurianne Poirot (Mentor: Melissa Montiano)

11:00 AM

Blending MBA with Cyber in an Outreach Project BUS 126

Presenter: Shazid Islam (Mentor: Shalini Kesar)

11:30 AM

Human Resonance: The Science of Being Lighter BUS 126

Presenter: Kristi Mickelson

College of Health Sciences

Presentations by Time

10:00 AM

Harnessing Better Running: Adaptations to a Novel Form Training Tool

PE 120

Presenter: Emmeline Lambert (Mentor: Jeffrey Cowley)

College of Humanities & Social Studies

Presentations by Time

8:30 AM

Ancient Road Maps: Using Obsidian Analysis to Compare Prehistoric and Modern Movement Patterns BH 318

Presenter: Thomas Humphrey (Mentor: Emily Dean)

8:45 AM

Climate at the Crossroads: The Role of Environmental Change in the Collapse of Ancient Empires BH 318

Presenter: Preston Cox (Mentor: Emily Dean)

9:00 AM

Growing Up on Screens: Developmental Outcomes of Curriculum-Based Screen Time in Early Childhood BH 206

Presenter: Annabella Wolfert (Mentor: Bryan Koenig)

Modernizing China: Economic Reform and the Transformation of Society, Culture, and Identity BH 219

Presenter: Aurianne Poirot (Mentor: Sandy Zhang)

When Home Becomes Horror: How people use horror media to contextualize negative home experiences BH 318

Presenter: Caitlin Leyden (Mentor: Emily Dean)

The Cost of Love Without Belonging: Gothic Romance, Degradation, and Revenge in Brontë's Wuthering Heights BH 320

Presenter: Madi McEwan (Mentor: Julie McCown)

College of Humanities & Social Studies

9:15 AM

How can Campus Resources Help? Anxiety, Depression, Suicidality, and Burnout in College Students BH 206

Presenter: River Deuel (Mentor: Bryan Koenig)

Sexual Liberation During the Cultural Revolution and Post Cultural Revolution BH 219

Presenter: Savannah Gubler (Mentor: Sandy Zhang)

Natural Dye Adherence To Hand Spun Wool: Comparing Hand Processed and Machine Processed Wool BH 318

Presenter: Mikayla Caceres (Mentor: Emily Dean)

A Hero of Tolkien Proportion: Scheherazad BH 320

Presenter: Briar Greenland (Mentor: Julie McCown)

9:30 AM

Fifty Years Before DSM Diagnosis: Nuanced Examination of Autism's Early History BH 206

Presenter: Kay Ferrin (Mentor: Bryan Koenig)

Interdisciplinary Approaches to Medicine: Holistic Remedies with Aztec Roots BH 219

Presenter: Luke Schneider (Mentor: Iliana Portaro)

Making Music, Monster, and Meaning: Examining Horror Punk as a Cultural Critique BH 318

Presenter: Cody Mercer (Mentor: Emily Dean)

A Room for the Young People: The Importance of Children's Literature BH 320

Presenter: Elise Beutler (Mentor: Julie McCown)

College of Humanities & Social Studies

9:45 AM

So you want to be a cult leader? BH 206

Presenter: Kelty Littrell (Mentor: Sierra Warner)

See Results Fast! A Content Analysis of Beauty and Wellness Ads in Print Media BH 318

Presenter: Grey Passey (Mentor: Emily Dean)

And Thus the Antihero was Born: The Connection Between Obsession and Religion in Mary Shelley's Frankenstein and Emily Brontë's Wuthering Heights BH 320

Presenter: Ainsley Marshall (Mentor: Julie McCown)

10:00 AM

Ethnography of Public Libraries BH 318

Presenter: Lizzie Coblentz (Mentor: Emily Dean)

Foreshadowing AI and social media in Dick's Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep BH 320

Presenter: Cooper Loftus (Mentor: Julie McCown)

10:30 AM

The Social Roles of Chatbots BH 206

Presenter: Josephine Bartholomew (Mentor: Joshua Brown)

"Use Your Words": An Analysis of AAC Devices and Autonomy BH 318

Presenter: Summer Sant (Mentor: Emily Dean)

College of Humanities & Social Studies

10:45 AM

Social media platform uses and gratifications among various demographic groups: A shift toward cultural homogeneity. BH 206

*Presenter: Melodi Brooke, Josephine Bartholomew, Paige Ludden
(Mentor: Joshua Brown)*

The Many Masks of Karen Alvey BH 318

Presenter: Mae Gate (Mentor: Emily Dean)

I Am Cringe But I am Free: Queer Monsters and Gothic Taboos BH 320

Presenter: Anna Seipert (Mentor: Julie McCown)

11:00 AM

Deducing Sherlock Holmes with Adler's Theory of Personality BH 206

Presenter: Kedrah Brooks (Mentor: Kevan LaFrance)

Utah's Nuclear Renaissance BH 318

Presenter: Ethan Fersch (Mentor: Emily Dean)

The Transformative Power of Grief: Heroic Identity in The Epic of Gilgamesh and The Rāmāyana of Vālmiki BH 320

Presenter: Kira Mecham (Mentor: Julie McCown)

11:15 AM

Investigating the Prevalence of Modern-Day Archaeological Looting and Vandalism in the American Southwest BH 318

Presenter: Aspyn Hansen (Mentor: Emily Dean)

"Where you goin' city boy?": The Politics of White Trash and the Myths of Ed Gein in the Texas Chain Saw Massacre Series BH 320

Presenter: Brinlee Carson

College of Humanities & Social Studies

1:15 PM

Should Government Agencies be able to Require Individuals to Obtain Licenses or Permits to exercise their Fundamental Rights BH 206

Presenter: Michael Harrington (Mentor: Kevan Jacobson)

AI Art and its Growing Influence on American Culture BH 318

Presenter: Jacob Baxter (Mentor: Emily Dean)

1:30 PM

Against Scrutiny: The First Amendment, Constitutional Structure, and the Limits of Judicial Doctrine BH 206

Presenter: Michael Harrington (Mentor: Kevan Jacobson)

To Renew or to Not Renew: The Bridge Between Public Opinion and Professional Experts in Renewable Energy BH 318

Presenter: Brisyn Cutburth (Mentor: Emily Dean)

1:45 PM

The Modern-Day Nickel Boys BH 206

Presenter: Kely Littrell (Mentor: Jeanne Subjack)

Activism & Algorithms: Youth Politics Through the Lens of Social Media BH 318

Presenter: Ruth Jones (Mentor: Emily Dean)

2:00 PM

Exporting the Exotic: A Content Analysis of Exoticizing Tropes in Anthropology Documentaries BH 318

Presenter: Phoenix Hopper (Mentor: Emily Dean)

College of Humanities & Social Studies

2:15 PM

**"The Angels May Quote From It": Generational Journaling Habits Among
Current and Former Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day
Saints**

BH 318

Presenter: Leah Hamblin (Mentor: Emily Dean)

2:30 PM

**Reconstructing Age, Pathology, and Personhood: A Sculptural Study of the
Florisbad Cranium**

BH 318

Presenter: Eliza Marble (Mentor: Emily Dean)

College of Performing & Visual Arts

Presentations by Time

9:00 AM

Alfred "Pepsi" Bethel

MC 116

Presenter: Ivy Davis (Mentor: Danielle Sheather)

9:15 AM

Collatz Labyrinth: A Fusion of Mathematics and Art

BH 335

Presenter: Gwen Moodie, Kate Freeman, Kate Rogers (Mentor: Matt Adams)

9:30 AM

Tiraza: Branding a Pharmaceutical

BH 335

Presenter: Brynley Baird (Mentor: Susanna Herrmann)

9:45 AM

Jatué: A Rum Brand Steeped in Puerto Rican Heritage

BH 335

Presenter: Damian Cervantes (Mentor: Susanna Herrmann)

10:00 AM

CATATONIC-Phobias brought to life

BH 335

Presenter: Katrina Bishop (Mentor: Susanna Herrmann)

College of Performing & Visual Arts

10:25 AM

Fade Fatale: Barbering Tools

BH 335

Presenter: Kylie Woodbury (Mentor: Susanna Herrmann)

10:40 AM

Creating Zines to Reconnect with Our Humanity

BH 335

Presenter: Adyson Dragon (Mentor: Susanna Herrmann)

10:55 AM

Sweet Pea Wedding Co.

BH 335

Presenter: Makayla Guymon (Mentor: Susanna Herrmann)

11:05 AM

The Paul Taylor Experience

MC 116

Presenter: Paige Bauer (Mentor: Danielle Sheather)

11:25 AM

Dancing To Survive: Dance During the AIDS Crisis

MC 116

Presenter: Bobbi Torgerson (Mentor: Danielle Sheather)

Gerald R. Sherratt Library and Honors

Presentations by Time

10:00 AM

The Place I Call Home. Sharing the Beating Heart of Israel

LIB 002

Presenter: Shir Doitch[®] (Mentor: Kurt Harris)

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10:30 AM

Exploring Tax Compliance: County-Level Proximity to Postsecondary Institutions and Filing Behavior

LIB 002

Presenter: Carson Sawyer[®] (Mentor: Jon Lee)

11:00 AM

The Psychic: The History of Comedy and Audience Perception

LIB 002

Presenter: Laura Nelson[®] (Mentor: Jeb Branin)

11:30 AM

Difference in Coping Skills between Shift Types in EMS

LIB 002

Presenter: Lilly Frame[®] (Mentor: Bryan Koenig)

12:00 PM

Does Religious Criticism Affect Feelings of Religious Struggle?

LIB 002

Presenter: Britain Vincent[®] (Mentor: Garrett Strasser)

[®] Honors Capstone

School of Aviation

Presentations by Time

10:00 AM

Evaluating AI-Assisted Meeting Notes: Accuracy, Efficiency, and Structured Documentation Quality

BUS 126

Presenter: Cedric Adams, Emily Hooser, Olivia Young (Mentor: Jonna Alonso)

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Walter Maxwell Gibson
**College of Science, Technology,
Engineering, & Mathematics**

Presentations by Time

8:00 AM

Developing Virtual Reality Field Trips as a Tool for Geography Education SC 016
Presenter: Kyle Kraft (Mentor: Jamie Spinney)

An Anatomical Comparison of the Human and Chimpanzee Cartilaginous Eustachian Tube SC 114
Presenter: Izabella Villanos (Mentor: Arianna Harrington)

Failed Thermodynamics? A High School Lab Device That Fosters Understanding SC 214
Presenter: Lucy Oyama (Mentor: Christopher Monson)

AI-Driven Spam Detection TH 113
Presenter: Sapana Gautam

8:20 AM

Walkable Accessibility and Spatial Equity in Cedar City, Utah: A 15-Minute City GIS Network Analysis SC 016
Presenter: Catherine Clement (Mentor: Jamie Spinney)

The Effects of Human Activity on Camera Trap Detection Rates of Cedar Mountain Animals SC 114
Presenter: Ian Meyer, Lillian Puckett (Mentor: Arianna Harrington)

An Oxygen Exchanger for a Microfluidic Electrochemical Device to Quantify Dissolved Oxygen in Anoxic Waters SC 214
Presenter: Gage DeLange (Mentor: Christopher Monson)

College of STEM

8:20 AM cont'd

Cybersecurity Capstone Project: Incorporating into High School Curriculum TH 113
Presenter: Skylee Melling (Mentor: Shalini Kesar)

8:40 AM

Using Computer Vision and GIS in Multi-Use Pathways SC 016
Presenter: Roan Scholes (Mentor: Jamie Spinney)

Genetic insights into Hyperemesis Gravidarum: A Meta-Analysis of the GDF15 C211G Mutation SC 114
Presenter: Jackson Thomas, Laryssa Larson, Adalee Anderson (Mentor: Jessica Pullan)

The Silver Linings of Silver Nanoparticles: Microfluidic Synthesis SC 214
Presenter: Seth Wetjen (Mentor: Christopher Monson)

Computer Science Undergrad Internship: Outreach to High Schools in Utah TH 113
Presenter: Esther Nyota (Mentor: Shalini Kesar)

College of STEM

9:00 AM

Campus Bioacoustics: Using Soundscapes to Assess Biodiversity Along an Urban Gradient SC 016

Presenter: Merrideth Kiernan (Mentor: Aspen Manning)

Evaluating the Release Kinetics of Temozolomide Encapsulated Milk Derived Extracellular Vesicles for Glioblastoma Therapy SC 114

Presenter: Charlee Cannon, Torrance Johnson, Dane Nield (Mentor: Jessica Pullan)

Developing a Microfluidic Device to Measure Dissolved Oxygen in Water SC 214

Presenter: Thomas Mendoza, Corban D. Kerr (Mentor: Christopher Monson)

Impact of Outreach to High Schools in Utah: OutreachMAD Project TH 113

Presenter: Skylee Melling, Elisee Kaband, Esther Nyota, Shazid Islam (Mentor: Shalini Kesar)

9:20 AM

Vegetation Recovery Following the Deer Springs Fire SC 016

Presenter: Miriam Ahlstrom (Mentor: Aspen Manning)

The Characterization of Metal Catalysis and Cooperativity of Histidine Ammonia Lyase SC 114

Presenter: Romina Peralta Oleas, Isabel Amaro, Jessica Munro (Mentor: Elizabeth Pierce)

Effects of Freeze - Thaw Cycling on Protein Concentration in Extracellular Vesicles SC 214

Presenter: Caleb Weaver (Mentor: Jessica Pullan)

Analysis of the Rosenzweig-MacArthur Predator-Prey Model. TH 113

Presenter: Isaac Seko (Mentor: Seth Armstrong)

College of STEM

9:40 AM

Field Trip Effectiveness in Geoscience Education SC 016

Presenter: Kelsey Jensen (Mentor: Casey Webb)

Dopamine Effects on Locomotory and Egg Laying Behaviors in *C. elegans* SC 114

Presenter: Cade Parkinson (Mentor: Tyson Edwards)

Effects of Weather and Seasonal Variability on the Chemical Composition of the Coal Creek Drainage Basin SC 214

Presenter: Cauty Williams, Adam Jones, Ayden Christensen, Kyeongmin Jo (Mentor: Kim Weaver)

Analyzing Math Major Persistence Using Logistic Regression TH 113

Presenter: Rachel Kabwiza (Mentor: Said Bahi)

10:00 AM

Under-Researched Senecio of Iron County SC 016

Presenter: Skylee Haramoto (Mentor: Samuel Wells)

MycMining: An Investigation of Bioleaching Fungal Species in Utah SC 114

Presenter: Mya Taylor, Alex Peterson, Ryan Gregerson (Mentor: Julia Craft)

Determination of Pesticides in Local Dried Fruit SC 214

Presenter: Linzey Gill, Trinity Probasco, Beatrice Leardini, Brianna Hall (Mentor: Kim Weaver)

Statistical Modeling of Iron County Property Values TH 113

Presenter: Melanie Jensen, Ryan McMurray, Lucca Florindo Coelho (Mentor: Richard Brown)

College of STEM

10:20 AM

What an AI-Powered LMS Designed By a Professor Looks Like SC 016

Presenter: Malachi Allen, Kate Anderson, Prakhya Bhattarai, Gavin Brown, Maleah Dameron, Jacob Davenport, Jack Enfield, Ethan Flowers, Cale Henderson, Levi Larson, Trevor McDaniel, Brandon McHenry, Ian Meyer, Dallin Nelson, Hannah Prall, Emmy Spencer, Bridger Waters (Mentor: Brandon Wiggins)

Effects of Nanoparticle Formation of Provitamin D Photochemistry SC 114

Presenter: Emma Monson, Isabell Haslem (Mentor: Jacob Dean)

Determination of Vitamin B6, Vitamin B12, and Creatine in Green Bulge SC 214

Presenter: Jacob Nelson, Gabriel Bloomer, Donovan Berry, Betsy Hansen (Mentor: Kim Weaver)

GPR Sensor Fusion for Robust Rover Localization in planetary rovers. TH 113

Presenter: Ahmed Amin (Mentor: Masoud Malekzadeh)

10:40 AM

Assessing Reef Communities in American Samoa Using Quantitative Underwater Ecological Surveying Techniques in American Samoa SC 016

Presenter: Jhen Seguiwan

An Unusual Convergence of Cardiovascular Abnormalities: A Case Study of In-Situ Atrial Myxoma, Aortic Aneurysm, and Cardiac Tamponade Found in an Undergraduate Cadaver Lab SC 114

Presenter: Tamra Ware, Jackson Olsen (Mentor: Mary Jo Tufte)

Evaluating Pine Bark as a Sustainable Biosorbent for Antibiotic Removal from Local Water SC 214

Presenter: Jackson Thomas, Brecken Shakespeare, Hayden Miller, Tesla Schafer (Mentor: Kim Weaver)

College of STEM

11:00 AM

Enhancing Human Anatomy Education with Virtual Reality

SC 114

Presenter: Caleb Hoffman (Mentor: Sarah Brock)

1:00 PM

Native Plant Gardens: Urban Havens for Plants, Pollinators, and People

Presenter: Angela Patino-Acevedo, Matt Ogburn, Sam Wells, Fredric Govedich, Barry Pearson

Frehner
Natural
History
Museum
Terrace

In case of inclement weather, the presentation will occur in the Greenhouse (SCA 3rd Floor)

Performance/ Exhibitions

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
College of Performing and Visual Arts

College of Humanities & Social Studies

Performance/Exhibition by Time

10:00 AM

Thunder 91: Radio and Beyond

BH 322

Presenter: Amanda Flowers, Brynn Smith, Kaitlynn Cowart, Nathaniel Buck, Grant Anderson, Dallin Richards, JC Rockhill, Keira Orton, Preston Ferry, Riley Packard (Mentor: Ryan Steineckert)

1:15 PM

The Making of a Native American Skills Documentary

BH 322

Presenter: Brooklyn Beard, Margaux Feret, Jake Palmer, Ben Polish (Mentor: Jon Smith)

3:00 PM

Roundtable on Climate Change, Education, and the Future

BH 318

Presenter: Aiden Gates, Hayden McCoy, Shannon Allan, Rylie Creager, Sloane Griffin, Jhen Sequiwan (Mentor: Matthew Newsom)

College of Performing & Visual Arts

Performance/Exhibition by Time

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Advanced Cinematography - Getting the Shot

Presenter: Kaja Bills, Defne Mustecaplioglu, Bridger Sorensen, Tori Phalp, Sophia Erickson, Robin Bullock, Taysia Luke, Jason Lisonbee, Aaron Jowers, Hitesh Jha, Coralie Flandrina (Mentor: Katherine Hadar)

BH First
Floor
Hallway

9:20 AM

Overwhelmed

Presenter: Norah Steverson (Mentor: Danielle Sheather)

MC 116

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Theatre Design and Production Portfolios

Presenter: Kolby Clarke (Mentor: Kolby Clarke)

AU 108

9:40 AM

Someone's There

Presenter: Ivy Robbins (Mentor: Danielle Sheather)

MC 116

10:00 AM

Prove It On Me: Exploring Gender and Sexuality Through Choreography

Presenter: Emma Holm (Mentor: Danielle Sheather)

MC 116

College of Performing & Visual Arts

10:45 AM

Evolving As A Dancer In NYC

MC 116

Presenter: Nesi McKenzie (Mentor: Danielle Sheather)

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM; 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

BFA Theatre Showcase Capstone Performances

Anes
Theater

Presenter: BFA Theatre Showcase Capstone Performances (Mentor: Peter Sham)

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

BFA Student Awards, Gallery Talks

SUMA

Presenter: EJ Williams, Carly Wilkins, Carter Walker, Rachel Franco, Kaitlyn Corley, Emma Atkin, Damian Cervantes, August Strouse (Mentor: Jason Moodie)

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

BFA Student Exhibition Opening Reception

SUMA

Presenter: Filmmaking Art and Design BFA students (Mentor: Jason Moodie)

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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Development

College of Health Sciences

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

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and Mathematics

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Poster Presentations

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- 1** **Are men and women born into immutable gender roles?**
Presenter: Elijah Haynes, Eliza Elkins, Mia Hreinson (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 2** **Are remarried families more likely to have problems than families that are only married once?**
Presenter: Savanna Wassily, Amaya Romine-Norton, Carly Trujillo, Taya Torres (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 3** **Does cohabitation lead to better relationships/marriages?**
Presenter: Jayden Back, Andrew Stewart, Rebecca Lake, Hyrum Heaton (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 4** **Are today's parents too permissive?**
Presenter: Whitney Gunter, Kailie Belshaw, Breanna Ruble, Kiki Monnie (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 5** **Does having children lead to greater marital satisfaction?**
Presenter: Logan Stilson, Kate Rolph, Mason Chance, Benjamin Kohler (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 6** **Are Vaccines safe for infants**
Presenter: Amber Josil, Alex Ainley, Dieudonne Amisi, Peter Field (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 7** **Can you spoil an infant by giving them too much attention?**
Presenter: Cambree Abbott, Elizabeth Breinholt, Kyra Moat, Carianne Laird (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)

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- 8** **Can educational games on electronic devices benefit infants in their cognitive development?**
Presenter: Shyann Seiler, Shaylee Christensen, Mikenna Steineckert (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 9** **Are remarried families more likely to have problems than families that are only married once?**
Presenter: Zoe Stevenson, Brenna Johnson, Alivia Shumway, Perle Lusamba (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 10** **Can you spoil an infant by giving them too much attention?**
Presenter: Kierra Campbell, Eduard Beldiman, Haley Davenport, Starla Morgan (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 11** **Are today's parents too permissive?**
Presenter: Merveille Milongo Kengela, Aaliyah Lecky-Isom, Zihan He (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 12** **Does childcare affect the first three years of life psychologically**
Presenter: Yuritzi Lopez, Jose Madrigal (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 13** **Is a Home Birth a Better Experience Than a Hospital Birth?**
Presenter: Cameron Hugunin, Malia Moss, Brinley Tahbo, Ruby Schmauss (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 14** **Does cohabitation lead to better relationships/marriages?**
Presenter: Ashley Lemmon, Ziqi Niu, Yi Hu (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 15** **Is abstinence-only sex education an effective approach with adolescents?**
Presenter: Evelyn Halk, Trace Rees, Sara Scattolon, Julia Bingham (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 16** **Does spanking have a negative effect on children?**
Presenter: Melodi Brooke, Foster Bedingfield, William Monroe (Mentor: Trenton Call)

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- 17** **Is alcoholism and the abuse of other drugs hereditary?**
Presenter: Natalie Whitney, Camille Hutchings, Nancy Myers, Michael Haerle (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 18** **Does having children lead to greater marital satisfaction?**
Presenter: Dakota Durden, Sarah Affleck, Grace Benham, Kasia Davis (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 20** **Is a home birth a better experience than a hospital birth?**
Presenter: Loral Isom, Ashton Jones, Marie Yaya, Zila Wilcox (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 21** **Is breast or bottle feeding better for newborns?**
Presenter: Sage Allred, Bella Ramsey, Leah Gould, Lovely Torres (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 22** **Is abstinence-only sex education an effective approach with adolescents?**
Presenter: Donaji Pettaway, Benedicte Bamunyi, Lyla Herrema, Jasmin Oliver-Santiago (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 23** **Is co-sleeping a safe choice for parents and infants?**
Presenter: Kelsie Hanks, Carly Byrne, Monica Myers, Rylee Pixton (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 25** **Is non-biological parenthood much riskier than biological parenthood?**
Presenter: Savanna Vazquez, Sophia Brewster, Xavier Wofford, Mckenzie Joseph (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 26** **Is breast or bottle feeding better for newborns?**
Presenter: Mason Wing, NESTA Crowell, Chayden Forbes (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 27** **Is social media an effective tool for finding romantic partners?**
Presenter: Brynllie Pickett, Daniela Nelson, Jacob Trampp (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)

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- 28** **Is Co-Sleeping a Safe Choice for Parents and Infants?**
Presenter: Grace Lain, Alejandra Segura, Hayzlyn Murdock (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 29** **Is social media to blame for the increase in depression in teens?**
Presenter: McKenna Murphy, Elizabeth Johnston, Kimry Rasmussen, JT AhQuin (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 30** **Is language development solely the product of conditioning?**
Presenter: Addison Basham, Ava Ford, Naomi Campbell, Jorja Freeman (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 31** **Is standardized testing the best way to know someone's intelligence?**
Presenter: Annie Tadge, Aubrie Ransom, Queen Etimani-Cozo (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 32** **Is non-biological parenthood much riskier than biological parenthood ?**
Presenter: Zoie D. Fryer, Janice Davis, Kaylee Jeffs, Christian Acosta (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 33** **Is there a difference between children of same sex couples and traditional, male/female parents?**
Presenter: Emma Whitaker, Sadie Rasmussen, Darian Archibeque (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 34** **Is social media an effective tool for finding romantic partners?**
Presenter: Emma Cooke, Eliza Liston, Maren Jones (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 35** **Should children with learning disabilities be mainstreamed**
Presenter: Zali Baxter, KodiAnn Carter, Samantha Guevara, Dana DeGroff (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 36** **Is social media to blame for the increase of depression in teens?**
Presenter: Casey Lewis, Leila Faka'osiula, Emeli Fangupo, Trevor Sanders (Mentor: Trenton Call)

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- 37** **Should High School Start Later in the Day?**
Presenter: Clare Poulson, Aria Best, Savannah Padilla, Aunika Neumann
(Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 38** **Is standardized testing the best way to know someone's intelligence?**
Presenter: Tyler Mize, Bailie Hillier, Piero Paolo Salerno Vasquez (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 39** **Should parents at-risk as carriers of abnormal genes be subjected to mandatory genetic testing?**
Presenter: Kenadee Sorensen, James Ma, Annelise Shumway, Kelle Kerns
(Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 40** **Is there a difference between children of same sex couples and traditional male/female parents?**
Presenter: Leah Rowley, Lizzy Ensign, Emilee Adams, Mahima Giri
(Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 41** **Should there be a mandatory retirement age?**
Presenter: Jane Brown, Kayton Rudy, Leksi Warby (Mentor: Clint Broadbent)
- 42** **Should Children With Learning Disabilities Be Mainstreamed?**
Presenter: Maliyah Oliver, Leilani Richardson (Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 44** **Should high schools start later in the day?**
Presenter: Lily Stratford, Kaylin-Fay Sorenson, Shaina Clement, Vannesa Gonzales
(Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 45** **Should parents at-risk as carriers of abnormal genes be subjected to mandatory genetic testing?**
Presenter: McKenna Cowden, Kayla Hardman, Morgan Mitchell, Joshua Mathew
(Mentor: Trenton Call)
- 46** **Should there be a mandatory retirement age?**
Presenter: Jake Hunter, Halle Schofield, Alekzander Campbell (Mentor: Trenton Call)

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- 93** **Rest to be Your Best**
Presenter: Paige Peay, Emma Aadland, Mya Van Orden (Mentor: Sam Tiul)
- 94** **Chronic Stress and Cardiovascular Health: Strategies for Prevention and Health Promotion**
Presenter: Brailey Hockett, Kennedy Feltner, Amanda Benson (Mentor: Sam Tiul)
- 95** **Hand Hygiene**
Presenter: Lexi Mercado, Giselle Chavez (Mentor: Sam Tiul)
- 96** **The Importance of Flushing Intravenous Catheters**
Presenter: Megan Mathews, Maisy Williamson (Mentor: Sam Tiul)
- 97** **Move More, Live Better**
Presenter: Ashante Conley, Ashlee Adams, Mikinlee Quarnberg (Mentor: Sam Tiul)
- 98** **Preventing STIs Through Health Promotion Strategies.**
Presenter: Shane Prisbrey, Josefa Augafa-Robins (Mentor: Sam Tiul)
- 99** **Why Is Stretching Important?**
Presenter: Morgan Hanshew, Alexia Clark (Mentor: Sam Tiul)
- 100** **Impact of Alcohol on Fetal Development**
Presenter: Olivia Epperson, Rylie Raine (Mentor: Sam Tiul)

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- 102 **Stress Management Strategies to Promote Overall Health and Well-Being in College Students**
Presenter: Lauren Randall, Josie Ballard, Gracelin Hutchings (Mentor: Sam Tiul)
- 103 **Why women may require more sleep than men?**
Presenter: Lori Carroll, Leah Leavitt (Mentor: Sam Tiul)
- 104 **Promoting Sleep Health as a Foundation for Overall Well-Being**
Presenter: Rose Ann Lambert, Hannah Haas (Mentor: Sam Tiul)
- 105 **The Impact Of Walking 30 Minutes Every Day on Health**
Presenter: Kate Hunter, Carlee Carter, Kennedy Barr (Mentor: Sam Tiul)
- 106 **Healthy Plates, Healthy Futures**
Presenter: Kylie Page, Alexis Jensen, Milly Albrecht (Mentor: Sam Tiul)
- 107 **Effects of Creatine on Sarcopenia**
Presenter: Tel Hirschi, Justyn Khan, Drake Gritzmacher (Mentor: Sam Tiul)
- 108 **The Power of Daily Habits**
Presenter: Saige Kalawe, Keana Tolman, Kwana Jackson (Mentor: Sam Tiul)
- 109 **Nursing EBP Group #1**
Presenter: Metztlí Aguilar, Janett Gutierrez, Davette Serrano, Kaitlyn Lovell (Mentor: Zackery Hansen)
- 110 **Nursing EBP Group #2**
Presenter: Whitney Anderton, Lexi Sevy, Richelle Halstead, Raegan McFarland (Mentor: Zackery Hansen)
- 111 **Nursing EBP Group #3**
Presenter: Jacie Bell, Averee Hansen, Tiffany Smith, Cooper Milne (Mentor: Zackery Hansen)

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- 112 **Nursing EBP Group #4**
Presenter: Jocelyn Nelson, Katelyn Stark, Becca Hjorth (Mentor: Zackery Hansen)
- 113 **Nursing EBP Group #5**
Presenter: Hailee Brown, Myka Taylor, Mac Nelson, Brooklyn Hone (Mentor: Zackery Hansen)
- 114 **Nursing EBP Group #6**
Presenter: Colby Call, Lia Timoney, Aspen Osmond, Averie Ivins (Mentor: Zackery Hansen)
- 115 **Nursing EBP Group #7**
Presenter: Paeton Carver, Cassie Jolley, Zhoe Tucker, Aubrey Riser (Mentor: Zackery Hansen)
- 116 **Nursing EBP Group #8**
Presenter: Savanna Coleman, Paige Wallis, Ethan Rivera, Keira Jones (Mentor: Zackery Hansen)
- 117 **Nursing EBP Group #9**
Presenter: Lauren Cox, Shante Myrie, Braden Laws, Jazlin Williams (Mentor: Zackery Hansen)
- 118 **Nursing EBP Group #10**
Presenter: Kaylee Grigg, Hannah Leverett, McKenzie Winterton, Erin Robinson (Mentor: Zackery Hansen)
- 119 **COPD Prevention**
Presenter: Jane Cottle, Jessica Grimshaw, Maddy Cole-Church
- 120 **Promoting Mental Health and Immediate Stress Management in Students**
Presenter: Maddison Cook, Brandon Tucker, Adrian Valverde

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- 121 **Sleep and Its Effect on Your Mental and Physical Health**
Presenter: Rebecca Schagel, Braylie Thomas, Morgan Hatch (Mentor: Sam Tiul)
- 122 **Exercise for Bone and Functional Health: Preventing Osteoporosis in Midlife and Older Adults**
Presenter: Kiana Rhys Ledesma, Tommy Copple
- 123 **Measles**
Presenter: Levi Savage, Tristan Toone, Nathan Spencer
- 124 **What Affect Does Caffeine Have on Heart Health?**
Presenter: Ellie Crandall, Josie Wright
- 127 **Agricultural Literacy Among College Nutrition Students At SUU**
Presenter: Linzy Flinders (Mentor: Matt Schmidt)
- 128 **Maternal Influence on Body Esteem and Eating Behaviors**
Presenter: Natalia Schill (Mentor: Olufemi Fabusoro)
- 129 **Food Moralization: A Scale Development**
Presenter: Brenley Tait (Mentor: Olufemi Fabusoro)
- 130 **Association Between Intuitive Eating Education and Body Image in Female, Collegiate-Level Dancers**
Presenter: Grace Maxwell (Mentor: Olufemi Fabusoro)
- 131 **Nutrition Literacy and Application of Outdoor Guides**
Presenter: Naomi Campbell (Mentor: Olufemi Fabusoro)
- 132 **Eating Disorders Among Monozygotic and Dizygotic Twins: A Discordant Twin Study**
Presenter: Allison Wilkins (Mentor: Olufemi Fabusoro)

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- 133 **Does the Mediterranean Diet Provide Enough Quality Protein for Both Brain and Muscle Health in Older Adults?**
Presenter: Adrie Earl (Mentor: Suzanne Young)
- 134 **The Effect of Nutrition Interventions on Health Outcomes in Substance Use Disorder Recovery: A Systematic Review**
Presenter: Joni Jones (Mentor: Suzanne Young)
- 135 **The Effects of Body Satisfaction, Self-Esteem, and Weight Perception on Academic Performance in College Students in Utah**
Presenter: Alayna Christensen (Mentor: Suzanne Young)
- 136 **The Effects of Hydration on Cognitive Function and Muscular Fitness in Older Adults**
Presenter: Katelyn Wallace, Kennedy Stacy (Mentor: Suzanne Young)
- 137 **Sports nutrition literacy and practice among SUU Division I student-athletes**
Presenter: Anna Hartley (Mentor: Suzanne Young)
- 138 **DISORDERED EATING PREVALENCE AMONG MIDDLE AGED WOMEN**
Presenter: Lauren Harding (Mentor: Suzanne Young)
- 139 **Association of Nutrition Knowledge on Fear of Hypoglycemia and Physical Activity in Individuals with Type 1 Diabetes**
Presenter: McKell Jensen
- 140 **Visceral Adipose Tissue Using Body Roundness Index And Body Mass Index: A Sex-based Correlational Analysis**
Presenter: Terrell Lee, Reed Muir, Elsie Call, Conner Harris, Logan Little, Samuel Wright (Mentor: Abigail Larson)
- 141 **Virtual Reality Walking Increases Visual Scanning and Reduces Free Memory Recall**
Presenter: Elena Moreno Cabrera (Mentor: Jeffrey Cowley)

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- 142** **Sex Differences in Hydration-Related Measurement Error: A Comparison of BodPod and InBody Assessments**
Presenter: Sophia Natsumi Portillo (Mentor: Julie Taylor)
- 143** **Does hydration status impact error margins in body composition measures based on participant age?**
Presenter: Landon Galbraith (Mentor: Julie Taylor)
- 144** **The effect of hydration status on Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis (BIA) and BodPod body composition assessment error margins.**
Presenter: Bretten Morrell (Mentor: Julie Taylor)

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- 47 **Hope Pantry Awareness**
Presenter: Quaid Wallace (Mentor: Michael Ostrowsky)
- 49 **How Tarantula Substrate Affects Natural Behavior: An ABC Multiple Treatment Design**
Presenter: Gavin Olsen (Mentor: Katerra Johnson)
- 52 **The Linguistic Attitudes Towards the Use of Spanglish in Utah**
Presenter: Alex Judd, Brandon Snow (Mentor: Junice Acosta Martinez)
- 53 **Incel Attitudes and Behaviors: Predicting Responses to Misogynistic Media**
Presenter: Alexis D. Whaley (Mentor: Joshua Brown)
- 54 **Your Brain on Sound: The Effect of Digital vs Analog Recorded Sound on Cortical EEG Activity**
Presenter: Keelie M. Steward, Carmen Burns (Mentor: Lynn White)
- 55 **Satisfaction at the Extremes? Government Evaluations and Ideology**
Presenter: Vidya Despain (Mentor: Harley Roe)
- 56 **International students**
Presenter: Jocelyne Djiragbou (Mentor: Michael Ostrowsky)
- 57 **Your Nervous System on Sound: The Effect of Digital vs Recorded Analog Sound on Heart Rate, Heart Rate Variability, and Electrical Skin Conductance**
Presenter: Nova Pinter (Mentor: Lynn White)

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- 58 **Do You Dig the Sound? The Effect of Digital vs Recorded Analog Sound on Mood**
Presenter: Emma S. Chapman, Dakota Allison (Mentor: Lynn White)
- 59 **Short Term Memory and Distraction: Common Words**
Presenter: Brenna Bushman, Ashley Sheleheda, Samantha Powell, Samantha Brenson (Mentor: Sierra Warner)
- 60 **Me vs. We: Exploring independent and interdependent selves**
Presenter: Brenna Bushman, Lilly Coppi (Mentor: Sierra Warner)
- 61 **Cognitive Conflict in Action: A Classroom Stroop Test**
Presenter: Brenna Bushman, Bethany Richard, Callay Gibson (Mentor: Sierra Warner)
- 62 **How Do Words Impact Our Emotional Perception?**
Presenter: Brenna Bushman, Sarah Pine (Mentor: Sierra Warner)
- 63 **Short Term Memory and Distraction: Uncommon Words**
Presenter: Brenna Bushman, Samantha Brenson, Ashley Sheleheda (Mentor: Sierra Warner)
- 64 **Does Name Brand Really Taste Better?**
Presenter: Brenna Bushman, Samantha Powell (Mentor: Sierra Warner)
- 65 **Sentencing Decisions: Ingroup and Outgroup Bias**
Presenter: Brenna Bushman, Furkan Bay, Samuel Harvey (Mentor: Sierra Warner)
- 66 **Examining the Effectiveness of Relaxation Biofeedback for Stress: A Biofeedback Program Evaluation**
Presenter: Orlando Rodriguez (Mentor: Lynn White)
- 67 **The Historical Progression of Psychological Theories and Treatments Regarding Schizophrenia**
Presenter: Alyssa Gillan (Mentor: Bryan Koenig)

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- 68 **The Evolution of Birth Order Theory: From Alfred Adler to Contemporary Research**
Presenter: Brooklyn Burch (Mentor: Bryan Koenig)
- 69 **The phenomenon of English influence and its impact on Spanish**
Presenter: Flavio Padilla-Juarez, Lizeth León (Mentor: Junice Acosta Martinez)
- 70 **Trojan Horse of Gambling: Loot boxes to Problem Gambling**
Presenter: Zane Diaz
- 71 **Linguistic Attitudes Towards Spanish Among Returned LDS Missionaries**
Presenter: Colton Young, Adie Sleeman, Parley Petersen (Mentor: Junice Acosta)
- 72 **Beyond Willpower: Structural Inequality and Lived Experience in My 600-lb Life**
Presenter: Abby Hinojosa (Mentor: Michael Ostrowsky)
- 73 **Beyond the DTM: Practical Pathways to Socio-Economic Development**
Presenter: Ariel Villadiego (Mentor: Harley Roe)
- 74 **Serving Canyon Creek Services**
Presenter: Zo Harmer (Mentor: Michael Ostrowsky)
- 75 **The Twisted Lens of the Mind: Cognitive Distortions**
Presenter: Radley Carter (Mentor: Bryan Koenig)
- 76 **Intergenerational Shifts of Spanish Speakers in Utah: Attitudes and Language Use**
Presenter: Rylee Benson, Kaydee Marshall (Mentor: Junice Acosta Martinez)
- 77 **The effect of attitude towards Spanish maintenance and loss**
Presenter: Keaton Godfrey, Kayson Christensen (Mentor: Junice Acosta Martinez)

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- 77** **The effect of attitude towards Spanish maintenance and loss**
Presenter: Keaton Godfrey, Kayson Christensen (Mentor: Junice Acosta Martinez)
- 78** **Spanish in Utah: Attitudes Toward Its Role in Service, Communication, and Social Identity**
Presenter: Elizabeth Oviatt, Mary Nieves Azocar (Mentor: Junice Acosta Martinez)
- 79** **Determined to Connect: A Theoretical Overview of Personality and Motivational Aspects of Social Media Use**
Presenter: Piero Paolo Salerno Vasquez (Mentor: Bryan Koenig)
- 80** **In Search of Sunshine; Exploring the Link Between Vitamin D Intake and Seasonal Well-Being**
Presenter: Anna Basso, Kaya Olsen, Julia Adair (Mentor: Joshua Brown)
- 81** **How Mentorship Fosters Self-Advocacy and General Success Among Students with Disabilities**
Presenter: Milo Stokes, Summer Pereira, Brooklyn Swanbeck, Alexa Slater, Camille Smith, Annabella Wolfert (Mentor: Joshua Brown)
- 82** **Mice on Sweets and Sounds: The Effect of Sucrose vs Aspartame and Digital vs Analog Recorded Sound on Behavior and Blood Glucose Responses to Stress**
Presenter: Alexis D. Whaley (Mentor: Lynn White)
- 83** **Males and Sexual Violence: A look at Males Knowledge on Sexual Violence Situations, Stereotypes, and Consent**
Presenter: Isabella Monge, Gwendolynne Juchau (Mentor: Joshua Brown)
- 84** **Pilates and Anxiety in Women**
Presenter: Annalee Garner (Mentor: Bryan Koenig)
- 85** **Competency To Stand Trial**
Presenter: Cassidy Carter (Mentor: Bryan Koenig)

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- 86 **Sociolinguistic analysis of address forms and speakers' attitudes towards "tú" and "vos"**
Presenter: Alison Nicole Galecio Vera, Jasmine Cruz (Mentor: Junice Acosta Martinez)
- 87 **An examination of attitudes: a case study between native Spanish speakers and bilingual returned missionaries**
Presenter: Tiernyn Leuluai, Tasey Hardin (Mentor: Junice Acosta Martinez)
- 88 **Sleep and Anxiety: The Cost of Poor Sleep on Mental Health**
Presenter: Gwendolynne Juchau, Furkan Bay, Isabella Monge (Mentor: Joshua Brown)
- 89 **Spanish That Endures: A Study of the Attitudes of Heritage Speakers in Utah Towards Their Spanish Dialects**
Presenter: Lafe Finlinson, Ethan Olsen (Mentor: Junice Acosta Martinez)
- 90 **Autism: Development and Diagnosis**
Presenter: Sydney Stilson (Mentor: Bryan Koenig)
- 91 **Human Values Certificate Student Story Project**
Presenter: Carly Wilkins (Mentor: Danielle Dubrasky)
- 92 **Human Values Certificate Student Story Project**
Presenter: Greg Heath (Mentor: Danielle Dubrasky)

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Honors Program

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| 177 | Gabapentinoids and the $\alpha 2\delta$-1 Subunit: How These Drugs Calm Overactive Pain Pathways.
<i>Presenter: Celeste Nielson (Mentor: Jacob Dean)</i> |
| 192 | Electrical Energy Generation and Distribution in Peru and the US
<i>Presenter: Anghelyne Cano (Mentor: Katie Englert)</i> |

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- 145** **Southern Utah Native Flora in Horticulture: The Viability of Native Flora in the Cut Flower Industry**
Presenter: Amberlynn Anderson (Mentor: Angela Patino-Acevedo)
- 146** **From overlooked to mini oasis: transforming grass park strips into native water-wise landscapes**
Presenter: Audrey Hall (Mentor: Angela Patino-Acevedo)
- 147** **Species Identification of Steinhart Callipallene sp.**
Presenter: Spencer Jarvis (Mentor: Bonnie Bain)
- 148** **Effects of blood sugar control methods on blood glucose, lactate levels, and movement behavior in African Clawed frogs (*Xenopus laevis*)**
Presenter: Ethan Fielding (Mentor: Dillon Monroe)
- 149** **Cats in Despair: Commonalities among conservation threats in North Africa**
Presenter: Samantha Rose Botello (Mentor: Fredric Govedich)
- 150** **The Virtual Cadaver: Enhancing Anatomical Visualization in Undergraduate Education**
Presenter: Cameron DeLange (Mentor: Jennifer Mraz-Craig)
- 151** **Effect of basic drinking water quality on anemia in women and birth rate among countries by their SDG (sustainable development group) ranks**
Presenter: Mackenzie Kohler, Yuri Jeon (Mentor: Subhomita Ghosh Roy)

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- 152 **A Comparison on the Efficacy of Different Sources of the Canine Parvovirus Vaccination**
Presenter: Mark Sandoval (Mentor: Julia Craft)
- 153 **Brian Head 2017 Fire Arthropod Biodiversity**
Presenter: Emmy Spencer, London Doure (Mentor: Matt Ogburn)
- 154 **Assessment of Carotenoid Level Variability in Southwestern Utahns: A Correlation Analysis on Nutrition and Social Determinants of Health**
Presenter: Allison Lord, Eugene Chung, Brooklyn Pace, Preston Bennett, Shelby Springall, Bretten Morrell (Mentor: Reed Muir)
- 155 **Heads Up: Little Skate (*Leucoraja erinacea*) Breathing and Burial**
Presenter: Nia D. Bingham (Mentor: Stacy Farina)
- 156 **Preventing Spoilage in Chicken Eggs Using Olive Oil Coating**
Presenter: Tyler Bradford (Mentor: Roger Gold)
- 157 **Conservation Priorities of Philippine Veranus**
Presenter: Emily Bischoff Wallace (Mentor: Samuel Wells)
- 158 **Preliminary checklist of the common ant species of Iron County Utah**
Presenter: Madelynn Bishop (Mentor: Samuel Wells)
- 159 **Distinguishing the common *Cryptantha* of Southern Utah**
Presenter: Hally Wagner (Mentor: Samuel Wells)
- 160 **Dissecting Neuronal Circuitry Underlying Dopamine-Regulated Egg-Laying in *C. elegans***
Presenter: Brianna Hall (Mentor: Tyson Edwards)
- 161 **Microbial communities across temperature gradients in hot springs of southwestern Utah: a pilot survey**
Presenter: Lacey Vaile-Larson (Mentor: Xiaoben Jiang)

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- 162 **Influence of Conjugate Shear Fractures on Hoodoo Formation**
Presenter: Malachi Allen (Mentor: Casey Webb)
- 163 **GIS Applications for Student Housing**
Presenter: Kolten Greathouse (Mentor: David Maxwell)
- 164 **Indoors & Safety Map of Southern Utah University**
Presenter: Sally DeVito (Mentor: David Maxwell)
- 165 **Flow resistance in mountain streams of the Parowan Valley watershed, southwestern Utah**
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- 166 **Stratigraphic Analysis of a Lower Jurassic Kayenta Formation Channel System in Outcrop, Washington County, Utah**
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