

2022 Faculty Research Day 11th Annual Outcomes Report *Executive Summary*

April 1, 2022 marked the eleventh Faculty Research Day (FRD) since its inauguration in 2011. It was the first big live event since the pandemic had started, and the building-maximum of 250 people had registered. Although, the final attendance was about 284 people which included walk-in visitors and Zoom participants. Of the registered participants, 174 were UB Faculty/Students/Staff and 110 were non-UB guests (e.g. Goodwin University faculty/staff and high school students with their teachers, and other guests). This year there were 31 UB Poster Advisors from all three colleges -71% from the College of Engineering, Business and Education, 6 % from the College of Health Sciences, and 23% from the College of Science and Society.

A total of 118 research projects were presented by UB faculty and students, as well as Goodwin University (GU) faculty and five are high schools representing a diversity of academic disciplines. Posters are on display on UB's FRD webpage and at UB ScholarWorks.

Among the 55 high school students attending, 34 students presented posters. UB welcomed Amity High School Juniors, Bridgeport Regional Vocational Aquaculture School Seniors, Fairchild Wheeler Magnet High School - Aerospace Engineering Campus - Sophomores, and Fairfield Warde High School and Staples High School Juniors.

Faculty Research Day is a competition as well as a display of research conducted by faculty and students. UB and GU faculty have the option to compete or submit posters in the non-competitive category. This year, the four faculty competitive posters were judged by colleagues from Columbia University (New York), Sacred Heart University (Connecticut), and Samford University (Alabama).

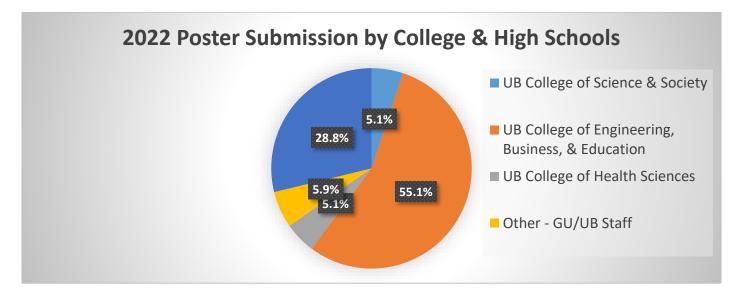
Sixteen UB and GU faculty judged the masters and doctoral student posters; nine UB doctoral students and seventeen UB alumni judged the undergraduate and high school posters. All doctoral, masters, undergraduate, and high school students were judged to determine first, second, third, and honorable mention honors for each level.

Social media outreach on UB's NEWS, Facebook and LinkedIn (#UBFRD) was intensified in the weeks leading up to the event on April 1st.

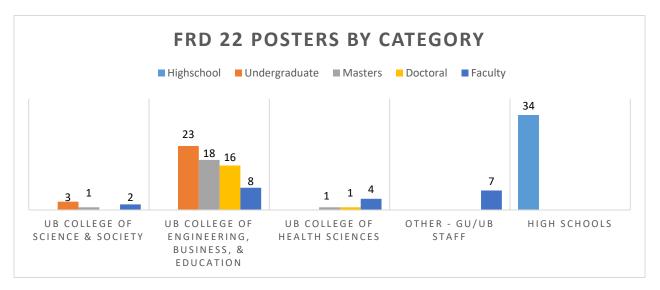
- UB's Facebook posts were made on January 10th, February 16th and 25th, March 9th and 25th, April 1st and 4th with a total of 111 Likes, 9 Comments, and 9 Shares.
- UB's LinkedIn posts were made on March 1st and 23rd, and April 1st with a total of 218 Likes, 13 Comments, and 8 Shares.
- On March 9th, an article by Eric D. Lehman and Julie Demers was featured "<u>UB Faculty Research Day A</u> <u>Tradition Continues and Evolves</u>". On April 15th, an article by Mr. Lehman posted on "<u>Faculty Research Day</u> <u>Returns to Great Acclaim</u>"
- On April 1st, the day's live stream event on UB's FRD webpage had 57 views.

Dean Khaled Elleithy, PhD., Chair, 2022 FRD Committee Julie Flores Demers, CRA, Co-Chair, 2022 FRD Committee

This year's total 118 posters are sourced as follows: 65 (55.1%) from the College of Engineering, Business, and Education; 6 (5.1%) each from the College of Science and Society and from the College of Health Sciences; 7 (5.9%) from Goodwin University faculty and UB staff and 34 (28.8%) from area high schools. The distribution of submissions by college and high schools is presented in the chart below.



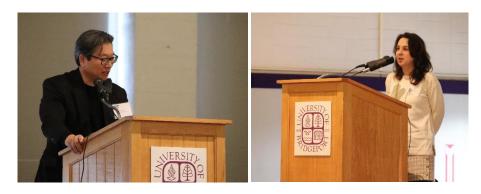
The distribution of poster submission by category reveals Undergraduate students as the majority participant category, with 26 (22%) of the posters, followed by 20 (17%) Master's posters, 17 (14%) Doctoral posters. There were 34 (29%) High School posters and 21 (18%) Faculty posters (17 were non-competitive and 4 were competitive). See chart below.



Welcoming Remarks

Faculty Research Day began in the **Social Room** with Dr. Khaled Elleithy, Dean of the College of Engineering, Business, and Education, welcoming the 250+ attendees who registered. 2019 was the last time UB hosted a live faculty research day. It had been canceled in 2020 during the first wave of COVID and had been fully online in 2021. "We are extremely happy to welcome everyone in person to our first big event since the pandemic," Dr. Elleithy remarked. "It is a trademark of our university." Dr. Elleithy referenced the 1000 attempts that inventor Thomas Edison took to get the lightbulb to work, hoping that the researchers in the room would not have quite so much trouble. Dean Elleithy continued by saying that this day was part of the career-focused mission of the university, "developing a world-class workforce that is essential to the continued growth of industries and communities in Bridgeport, Connecticut, the United States, and the world."

Provost Manyul Im and President Danielle Wilken spoke about the way that knowledge builds on itself. "Sharing what you learned with the rest of the world is scholarship at its best," President Wilken said. "We will leave here better, more knowledgeable, and stronger."



Pictured above left to right: Provost Manyul Im, PhD and UB President Danielle Wilken, EdD addressing the audience.

Morning Poster Judging Session

Students, faculty, and guests bustled around the Student Center's **Great Room** (which showcased 80 posters from the College of Engineering, Business and Education) and **Wisteria Room** (which displayed 38 posters from the Colleges of Health Sciences, Science and Society and Goodwin University) to preview the posters and question the researchers. Within the two rooms, 34 high school students' posters were displayed. Posters ranged in topic from "The Impact of Blockchain and Algorithm on Financial Technology" to a recipe for "Smart Doorknob Cleanser." It was not all science and business.

Prof. Randy Laist's poster focused on zombie fiction's effects of political discourse. As fascinated students and faculty gathered around, Dr. Laist said, "Imaginative literature gives us a window into the future. Literature and film are always at the cusp of human evolution."



Left Picture: Patricia Mulcahy-Ernt, UB's School of Education Director speaking with Dean Elleithy in the Great Room. *Center Picture:* Poster displays in the Wisteria Room. *Right Picture:* Dr. Randy Laist presenting to Dean Kitty Engelmann of the College of Science and Society and a student.

Some College of Health Sciences posters included five posters from the School of Chiropractic on topics as "*Effects of* omega-3 fatty acid supplementation on whole blood fatty acid levels" by Dr. Cheryl Lyon and "Pilot study assessing the effect of Fascial Manipulation on fascial densifications and associated pain" by Dr. Emmett Hughes - both of whom are UB Alumni who received their Doctorate in Naturopathic Medicine and Chiropractic in 2007 and 1997 respectively. Representing the College of Science and Society were posters from Math, Biology and Chemistry with titles like, "Evolution of Asteroid Orbits in a Restricted Three-Body Simulation," by Anders Hannes Nilsson; or, "Ascorbic Acid Determination in Chinese Hamster Ovary Cells Exposed to Nickel and Chromium," by Matthew Jagdeo; and "Novel Therapeutic Inhibitors Having Sugar Moiety Targeting HER2/EGFR as Anticancer Agent," by Aleksia Shena, Juhi Solanki, and Gardison Jean.

Finally, six faculty posters from Goodwin University were displayed in the Wisteria Room. For example, Lisa Fanelli, Director of the Health Science Program, displayed "Instructing Clinical Educators in Universal Design for Learning (UDL): A Pilot Study". Kimberly Reese, Associate Professor of Science, presented "A Gender Comparison Mixed-Methods Study: Creating Veteran-Inclusive Campuses". And, Paul Danse, from the School of Nursing and Health Professions spoke about "Machine learning models that can identify misclassified adverse reactions within the FDA's medical device safety surveillance database."



Left Picture: Lisa Fanelli and Karrie Morin GU's Director, Center for Teaching Excellence, with UB President Danielle Wilken, EdD. Center Picture: Dean of the College of Health Sciences Michael Ciolfi; Dr. Emmett Hughes, School of Chiropractic; and Dean Khaled Elleithy. Right Picture: Dr. Joanna Badara, School of Education with Dr. Ahmed El-Sayed, School of Engineering.

Morning Keynote Speaker

Dr. Chong Qiu, Associate Professor and Buckman Endorsed Professor, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Bioengineering at the University of New Haven took the stage in the Social Room. The presentation was titled, "*What is up in the Air: Potential Impacts of Trace Ambient Components on Environment and Climate.*" "My whole topic is what we breathe in and out," said Dr. Qiu. "What trace elements are in the air that we don't need, like ozone and ammonia." Dr. Qiu demonstrated how ozone levels exceeded the standards in Connecticut, on many days of the year. There are different methods to monitor these elements, from the very expensive to the slightly cheaper, without losing quality.

Thanks to the School of Engineering's Dr. Jani Macari Pallis' recommendation, UB was able to invite with Dr. Qiu at short notice.

"One of best things about FRD is the conversation that starts to happen between disciplines," said Dean of the College of Science and Society, Dr. Kathleen Engelmann. "Our keynote speaker captured that in his presentation and our students have shown their disciplinary and cross-disciplinary work."

Dr. Chong "Q" Qiu earned a BS in Chemistry at Tsinghua University (Beijing, China) in 2007. At Texas A&M University, College Station Dr. Q focused on the transformation of ambient aerosol by heterogeneous chemical processes and completed the PhD in 2013. Dr. Q moved to the University of North Alabama to serve as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry. In 2016, Dr. Q joined Tagliatale College of Engineering at University of New Haven and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2020. Dr. Q was the recipient of a National Science Foundation Faculty Early CAREER award and holds the Buckman Endowed Professorship at UNH since 2019.



Dr. Q's research focuses on atmospheric chemistry and aerosol microphysics using interdisciplinary approaches of laboratory experiments, instrumentation, field measurements and theoretical simulations. In particular, Dr. Q is interested in the role of amines in the atmospheric processes and novel approaches for air quality monitoring. Dr. Q's research program invites students with diverse backgrounds in math, physics, chemistry, environmental science, and engineering. Dr. Q is also actively looking for collaborative, interdisciplinary research projects with faculty, students and entities within our communities.

Lunch – Student Entrepreneur Center Showcase

FRD attendees enjoyed a catered lunch and were able to converse with Student Entrepreneur Center (SEC) students who displayed their businesses. Thea Marx, Doctoral Candidate, Naturopathic Medicine, displayed an innovative pre- and post-surgical supplement line. Enolda Joseph, a graduate student in the School of Business displayed a vegan skincare line, and Nicholette Goodin, a graduate student in the School of Education displayed a skincare and candle line. Attendees voted on the business they would invest in and the winner – Enolda Joseph's EL Skincare Brand – was announced later that afternoon.



Left Picture: Enolda Joseph's EL Skincare Brand display.

Center Picture: SEC student entrepreneurs and their businesses launched over the years were showcased. Right Picture: UB's Library Services displayed some of its holdings of books published by UB Faculty notables – like Eric D. Lehman, poet Amy Nawrocki of the English Department, and editors Khaled Elleithy, Ausif Mahmood and chapter author Barkana Buket from the School of Engineering.

Meanwhile, UB's Admissions Office hosted high school students and teachers for lunch at Marina Hall and then escorted the students around campus to tour Dana Hall's <u>Collaborative Biomedical Research Center</u> and the School of Engineering's <u>Wireless Mobile Communication Laboratory</u>, Signal Processing Lab, Controls & Automation and 3-D Printing Lab.

Oral Presentations

Drs. Maria Gherasimova, along with Joanna Badara, moderated the afternoon oral presentations where select students and faculty from various disciplines provided compelling oral presentations on a variety of research topics.

The afternoon's program began with a presentation from **Director of Grants, Maria Gomes** on "*The Search for Grants: Facilitating the Identification, Pursuit and Stewardship of Grant Funding*". UB's Grants Office partners with members of the UB community in the pursuit and administration of grant funding that supports the institution's mission, strategic priorities, students, research, programming, etc. The Office works to identify funding opportunities, review eligibility and other requirements, assist in proposal and budget development, and secure institutional review and approvals through to submission. With regards to grant awards, the Office negotiates grant acceptance, facilitates a smooth transition to grants management (which includes grants accounting), and provides continual oversight for compliance and reporting requirements through grant closeout. UB's Grants Office also works closely with GU's Grants Department to promote the overall growth of both institutions and enhance our standing in the broader community.

Following Gomes' talk, the next presenters shared two examples of federal grants currently being overseen by the Grants Office.

Professor Liane Leedom, MD, spoke about "*RP*! *Radically Prepared*! A *Program to Develop a Skillful, Resilient, Professional Counselor Workforce for Southern Connecticut, Health Resources & Services Administration*". The grant authors also included Allison Buller, PhD who Chairs the Counseling Program and Fredrick Dombrowski, PhD who Chairs the Social Science Department.

This 4-year grant totaling \$ 1.5 million supports an innovative initiative that will increase the supply of highly qualified behavioral health professionals in the Southern Connecticut cities: Bridgeport, Waterbury, New Haven, and West Haven— all designated Health Professional Shortage Areas. RP! will supply this target region with clinical mental health counselors trained to deliver trauma-informed, evidence-based therapies. The overarching goal of this project is to increase Connecticut's behavioral health workforce by training resilient, skilled clinical mental health counselors from underrepresented groups who are bilingual and culturally competent. Major trauma-informed evidence based, therapy training components will include Motivational Interviewing, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Skills.

Hannah Halloran, MSW, presented on the Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women grant – "*UB* Safer Campus". UB received a 3-year grant award in the amount of \$300,000 to implement a comprehensive approach to providing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking (DVDVSAS) education to reduce incidences, protect victims, raise awareness among all campus stakeholders, and create a seamless coordinated university-community effort to effectively address DVDVSAS.



Pictured above left to right: Maria Gomes, Liane Leedom, and Hannah Halloran were featured at the beginning of FRD's afternoon of oral presentations.

The second part of the oral presentations was moderated by UB's Director of the Bauer Hall Innovation Center, **Sherri Dente, Esq.** Dente highlighted Student Entrepreneur Center (SEC) students' successes of three students who had recently received funding for their businesses. **Clovia McIntosh**, who graduated UB in 2007 and returned to enroll in the MBA program, presented TuBee, designed to prevent children from falling in bathtubs. McIntosh found out that an astonishing 120 children were sent to the ER daily and realized there was a need for protection, which then led to McIntosh creating a prototype that is in production. MBA student **Necas Collins** created two companies, BLACC Bottle and MooLA Investment Group. "It's whether or not you show up and tap into the resources UB offers," Collins spoke directly to the assembled high school students. "Tap in and leverage the resources that are available."

Finally, **Judy Apicella** took the stage. Now a graduate student in the Nutrition Institute, Apicella spent 13 years as an herbalist before attending UB. When Apicella's husband contracted Lyme disease and suffered from severe pain and brain fog – the research began. Apicella made an herbal mixture to helped improve Nico's symptoms. Over the next few years, that remedy helped 65 more people. Additionally, Apicella helped a number of dogs who suffered from Lyme, including Apicella's own dog, by making an herbal remedy into a tea.

UB helped take the product to the next level. "When I started in the Nutrition program, I learned about things like metabolic pathways, and how to get my remedy lab-tested," according to Apicella. After several submissions to UB's Institutional Review Board and local testing labs, the next step was to seek FDA approval and refocused the research objective to work on a preliminary analysis of the formula. Apicella received help throughout this long process from Grant and Project Support Coordinator Julie Demers, from Dr. Stephen Jackowicz in the College of Health Sciences, and from Elena Cahill and Sherri Dente in the Entrepreneur Center. "You don't even need a complete idea or product, like I had. The support between the students and the staff is amazing because they help you refine your ideas." As a result of these efforts, Apicella received a 2021 CT Next Innovation Grant. Some of the funds were used by UB's chemistry lab, under Dr. Abu Hossion's guidance to conduct high-performance liquid chromatography analysis of the product.

Entrepreneur Center mentor Mike Roer (and owner of Academy Books & Records shop) helped by selling the product at the downtown Bridgeport shop. "Every dream is coming true. We'll probably be doing a clinical trial by the end of the year," Apicella hopes. Not content with this one product, Apicella's next product to be tested will be an herbal remedy for skin conditions that is pioneered at the alpaca sanctuary, Bella Alpacas.



Pictured above left to right: Clovia McIntosh, Necas Collins, and Judy Apicella sharing their experiences and successes as a SEC entrepreneur.

From the School of Education, **Michael Pompano** - currently an ABD EdD with dissertation defense planned for later in April - spoke about "*Developing and Validating a Teacher Self-Efficacy Scale for Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments*". The purpose of this research was to develop and validate an instrument to measure teacher self-efficacy for teachers of students with visual impairments (TSVIs). The mixed methods research resulted in the development of The Teacher Self-efficacy for Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments Scale (TSE-TSVI). Pompano used a six-step process for survey development and validation, which included 1) literature review; 2) a preliminary qualitative study; 3) synthesis of literature and qualitative data; 4) development of instrument items; 5) expert review using Lawshe's procedure (1975) for item reduction and retention; and 6) and cognitive pre-testing. After scale development was completed, the instrument was piloted with a sample of TSVIs and data were analyzed for validity and reliability using Exploratory Factor Analysis, Cronbach's alpha, and split-half reliability.

Finally, a Mechanical Engineering undergraduate **Nhat Pham** presented "*Parametric Design Optimization of a Light and Strong Quadcopter Frame*". Small-scale drones have seen increased usage around the world for a lot of applications ranging from civilian, commercial, and military. They can be used for a lot of purposes such as light show, photograph, video recording, small package delivery, or reconnaissance. The technological advancement of the aerospace industry and manufacturing had helped created better drones every day. Within the drone itself, the frame is the most important structural component, and the quadcopter frame design is the most popular choice for all applications. One of the biggest challenges in designing the frame would be durability because the frame has to handle the most load. The project's goal is to find a different methodology to optimize the durability of the frame that can withstand transient and failure operating cases, resistance to a crash with full load at a certain height and have a lightweight design. The project focused on optimizing the parametric structure of the frame to achieve structural integrity and optimal weight reduction. Variants of the 3D modeled drone frame was created with Creo and tested with FEA-based static structure analyses through SOLIDWORK Simulation. The optimization frames will be 3D printed and tested with a drop from a controlled height. In addition to the presenter, Nhat Pham, the senior design mechanical engineering team included Christian DeJarnette, Derek Cerulli and James Zakhour. They were advised by Professor and Chair of Mechanical Engineering Dr. Junling (Joyce) Hu.



Pictured above left to right: Michael Pompano and Nhat "Mark" Pham addressing FRD attendees in the Social Room.

Before the announcement of the poster winners, Julie Demers took the stage. As FRD's Co-Chair, the success of the event had been mostly due to Demers' hard work, but instead of taking a bow, she humbly announced raffle prize winners. According to Demers, "The six months of event planning - by the FRD committee, as well as all the FRD volunteers pitching in to help in the days leading up to the event - is what made the day a tremendous success."

The selection of interesting prizes were donated from our generous partners. There was coffee from <u>Café AsoProLa</u> <u>Altamira</u>, (Since 2017, UB students and faculty have been working on an economic development project with Costa Rican coffee farmers.); alpaca socks and herbal remedies from <u>Bella Alpacas and Home Harvested Herbals</u>; UB swag bags from the Admissions Office and the <u>UB Clinics</u>; and a sleek insulated stainless steel water bottle from <u>BLACC</u> <u>Bottle</u>. The grand prize was an International Basket of treats donated by the FRD Committee - members included faculty and staff from Egypt, Romania, Canada, Guam, the Philippines and the U.S - to remind the audience to come back later that evening to enjoy the 44th Annual International Festival which celebrates the various cultures and talents of UB. Each year the festival has music, dance and cuisines from around world. Finally, there was a gift certificate to Angie's at Aqua the Seafood Market at the Aquaculture School. The latter prize was generously donated by the Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture Science and Technology Education Center (BRASTEC), which is one of UB's Dual Enrollment partner schools. Kirk Shadle, a BRASTEC teacher and UB Alumni, was able to secure the donation that day! Loud cheers erupted as members of each of the constituencies won and collected their treasures. Even if attendees did not win a raffle prize, <u>each</u> one was able to take home a UB piggy bank which was generously donated by the Dean of Students Craig S. Lennon's Office.



Pictured above left to right: Raffle prizes donated by UB offices and high school partners; the Grand Prize of an International Basket of treats from the FRD Committee to advertise the 44th Annual International Festival that evening; and UB piggy bank giveaways for registered attendees.

Finally, as the busy day wound to a close, President Mark Scheinberg made remarks on behalf of Goodwin University, saying that "the leadership role you are taking in this work is inspiring." Then, Dr. Elleithy announced the awardees in the High School, Undergraduate, Graduate, Doctoral, and Faculty Competitive categories. All honorees received an award certificate. In addition, students received UB Bookstore gift cards, courtesy of President Danielle Wilken's Office and faculty received a cash prize generously donated by our sponsors, CT Next, Pullman & Comley, and Young America Capital (whose managing partner, Peter Formenk, is a double-degree UB alumnus in Finance).



Pictured above left to right: Mark Sheinberg, President of Goodwin University and Dean Khaled Elleithy giving the closing remarks.

Each awardee came up to the stage with their advisor to have a photo taken with both UB's and Goodwin's Presidents Wilken and Sheinberg, Dean Elleithy and Provost Im.

The list of awardees and their advisors, are listed and pictured¹ in the next pages.

¹ UB wishes to acknowledge that photographs were taken throught the day's event by UB School of Engineering Senior Jonah DeJarnette.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS POSTER CATEGORY

1st Place - Aidan King

Utilizing Rooftop Gardens as a Means of Geothermal Cooling and Heating for Buildings Through Ground to Air Heat Transfer Systems (Poster #91)

Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture Science and Technology Education Center Advisor: Kirk Shadle ('06)



2nd Place - Francis Cavallaro

Developing and Testing a Novel Acne Reducing Spray for Face Masks and Accessories (Poster #10) Amity High School Science Research Program

Advisor: Cathy Piscitelli



3rd Place - Sreejita Patra

Carbon Nanotube and Lung Surfactant Interactions In Light of Evolving Pathogen Strains (<u>Poster #25</u>) *Fairfield Warde High School*

Advisor: Bhusan Dharmadhikari, PhD ('15, CSE), Minnesota State University, Mankato



Honorable Mentions:

Angela FerraroDeveloping A Plant Based Sustainable And Renewable Replacement For A
Polychloroprene Fabrication (Poster #50)

Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture Science and Technology Education Center Advisor: Kirk Shadle ('06)



Luhai TangParticipating in Extracurricular Activities, Motivation, and Creativity in High School
(Poster #116)

Amity High School Science Research Program Advisor: Cathy Piscitelli



 Paul Zint
 The Trouble with Turbines (Poster #93)

 Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict Magnet School's Aerospace/Hydrospace Engineering and Physical Sciences

 Advisor: Amanda Ives



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS POSTER CATEGORY

1st Place - Aleksia Shena, Juhi Solanki, Gardison Jean

Novel Therapeutic Inhibitors Having Sugar Moiety Targeting HER2/EGFR as Anticancer Agent (Poster #41)

College of Science and Society - Department of Chemistry Advisor: Abu Hossion, PhD



2nd Place - Sief Addeen Atari, Celso Lopez, Eric Bialczak Disability Assistant System Using Brain-Computer Interface and EEG Signals (Poster #75) College of Engineering Business, & Education - School of Engineering - Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Advisors: Ahmed El Savid, PhD (11 & 16) and Ausif Mahmood, PhD

Advisors: Ahmed El Sayed, PhD ('11 & '16) and Ausif Mahmood, PhD



3rd Place - Nhat Pham, Alberto Labrada, Abdullah Alsayed

Multi-Disciplinary Design of a Modular Controlled Hydroponic System (<u>Poster #82</u>) College of Engineering Business, & Education - School of Engineering - Departments of Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering

Advisors: Junling Hu, PhD and Buket Barkana, PhD



Honorable Mentions:

JangKun Suguri, Rishi Chowdary, Chandra Kanth, Sai Akhil Kumar

Implementation of Cloud Storage in Blockchain Technology (Poster #64)

College of Engineering Business, & Education School of Engineering - Department of Computer Science & Engineering Advisor: Omar Abuzaghleh, PhD ('14)

Kyungmin Um, Thania Flores, Jihyun Ahn

Smart Blind (Poster #67)

College of Engineering Business, & Education School of Engineering - Department of Computer Science & Engineering Advisor: Abhilasha Tibrewal ('01)



GRADUATE (MASTER'S) STUDENTS POSTER CATEGORY

1st Place - Adejoke Ifafesobi The Impact of Political Influence on Nigerian Economy (Poster # 107) College of Engineering Business, & Education Ernest C. Trefz School of Business Advisor: Timothy Raynor, DBA



2nd Place - Karamjeet Singh Sardar, Naga Pranathi, Mahasimha Teja Reddy, Aryaj Scalability: One Of The Main Challenges Of a Blockchain (<u>Poster #61</u>)

College of Engineering Business, & Education School of Engineering - Department of Computer Science & Engineering Advisor: Omar Abuzaghleh, PhD ('14)



3rd Place - Eva Chavez Chico, Sarah Briceno, Gema Gonzalez

Natural diatoms dopped with AuNPs as drug delivery systems and comparison with diatoms decorated with graphene (Poster #49)

College of Engineering Business, & Education

School of Engineering - Departments of Biomedical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering Yachay Tech University, Ecuador's Department of Physical Sciences and Engineering Advisor: Prabir Patra, PhD



Honorable Mentions:

Judy Apicella

Research of the Obstacles in the Treatment of Chronic Lyme Symptoms and the use of the Herbal Formula Phoenix Rising to Aid in Chronic Fatigue, Pain and Brain Fog in this Population (Poster #38) College of Health Sciences, Nutrition Institute Advisor: Stephen Jackowicz, PhD, Traditional Chinese Medicine

Khalid Alshuaibi, Maram AL Daraiseh, Mohammed Aljamal, Abdullah Aldwean

Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Challenges: Toward Environment-Friendly Mining Process (Poster #59)

College of Engineering Business, & Education School of Engineering - Department of Computer Science & Engineering Advisor: Omar Abuzaghleh, PhD ('14)



DOCTORAL STUDENTS POSTER CATEGORY

1st Place - Sean Heffron Expectations of Parent Involvement for First-Year Students: Comparing Parent and University Expectations of Communication in a Consumer Market (<u>Poster # 111</u>)

College of Engineering Business, & Education School of Education Advisor: Kathleen Wallace EdD ('20)



2nd Place - Eugene P. Gerety Decoding Extreme High-Density 2D Matrix Barcodes: Circumventing Edge Aliasing (<u>Poster #54</u>)

College of Engineering Business, & Education School of Engineering - Department of Computer Science & Engineering Advisor: Khaled Elleithy, PhD



3rd Place - Feyisetan Dania The Impact of Blockchain and Algorithm on FinTech (Poster #99) *College of Engineering Business, & Education School of Engineering - Department of Technology Management Advisor: Christian Bach, PhD*



Honorable Mentions:

Emilyann Rudzinski

Chiropractic Management of a Patient With Tinnitus (Poster #37)

College of Health Sciences School of Chiropractic Advisors: Matthew Funk, DC and Anthony Onorato, DC



Lauren K. Francese

The Assessment of Historical Perspective-Taking: A Proposed Study to Develop a Measurement Instrument (Poster #112) *College of Engineering Business, & Education School of Education Advisor: Ioana Badara, PhD*



Peiqiao Wu

Molecular Dynamics Simulation of [2]Rotaxane Switch (Poster #71) College of Engineering Business, & Education School of Engineering - Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Biomedical and Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering Minnesota State University, Mankato Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Technology Advisors: Xingguo Xiong, PhD; Prabir Patra, PhD, and Bhushan Dharmadhikari, PhD ('15)



FACULTY COMPETITIVE POSTER CATEGORY

Distinguished Faculty Competitive Award - Mya Scarlato, EdD

"This is Going to be a Learning Curve, Especially Because You're White": Becoming an Anti-racist Music Teacher in a Majority Indigenous Classroom (<u>Poster # 3</u>)

College of Science and Society – Arts and Humanities College of Engineering Business, & Education School of Education



Honorable Mentions:



Randy Laist, PhD



Ahmed El Sayed, PhD ('11,



Pilot Study Assessing the Effect of Fascial Manipulation on Fascial Densifications and Associated Pain (Poster # 1) College of Health Sciences

School of Chiropractic Co-Authors: March Pitcher, PhD; Tina Freilicher, PhD; Jessica Koenig, RVT, RDCS, RDMS; Robert Lee, DC, LAc

Trump Zombies (Poster # 2)

UB's College of Science and Society Arts and Humanities

Goodwin University's School of Applied Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Neural Models for 3D Face Generation and Recognition (Poster # 4) College of Engineering Business, & Education School of Engineering – Department of Electrical Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering Co-Author: Tarek Sobh, PhD and Ausif Mahmood, PhD

Closing Remarks

Khaled Elleithy ended the day by stating that, "The ongoing research at UB, featured on <u>this</u> 2022 Faculty Research Day <u>and</u> over the last 11 years, supports our GOAL of developing a *world-class workforce* that is <u>essential</u> to the continued growth of industries and communities in *Bridgeport*, throughout *Connecticut*, the *United States* and the *world*."

All this could not have been possible without financial support from our corporate sponsors - *CT Next*; Industry Advisory Board members representing *Pullman and Comley, LLC* and *Young America Capital*; *Cislunar Aerospace Inc* and *Pepsico*. In addition, UB's student clubs like the Biology Club and the UB School of Chiropractic Student Government Association as well as UB's Admissions Office and President Danielle Wilken provided funding for the day's event. Dr. Elleithy thanked our external faculty judges from Sacred Heart University, Samford University, and Columbia University – Drs. Sajal Bhatia, Tolga Kaya, Mary Yakimowski, and Glen Davenport - for taking time out of their busy schedules to evaluate their UB peers.

And, most importantly Dr. Elleithy recognized all who make this day possible – from the *thirty-one* dedicated faculty poster advisors who tirelessly mentor the next generation of researchers; to UB's *fourteen* and GU's *two* faculty, *nine* doctoral students, *sixteen* alumni, and industry partners who volunteered to review the posters in person and remotely; and lastly, the *fourteen* FRD committee members and numerous staff and students who ensured that your day with us left a lasting impression of UB's Purple Knights' innovative scholarship!



Special Thanks

<u>UB Faculty Research Day Committee</u>

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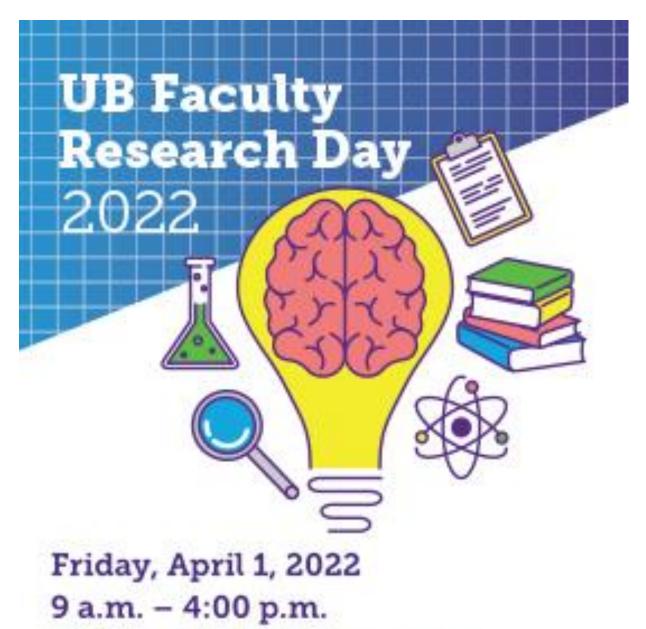
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