OFFICE OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Jenna Fusinatto attended a recruiting event in Troy, Missouri with about 45 students in attendance.

AWARDS and HONORS

Philip Dierker (PRT, advisor: Sonja Wilhelm Stanis) was selected as one of 3 Outstanding Employees for Spring 2017 by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. He received recognition at the Department’s recent end of the semester All-Staff Meeting for his work on the newly opened Mizzou Softball Stadium.

Christopher Burney (Agroforestry student; Advisor: Dr. Michael Gold) will be a Spring 2017 graduate. M.S. Project: “Small-scale temperate urban agroforestry for self-sufficiency and the market garden.”

Dr. Keith Goyne is the recipient of the Shout Out Award from the Advisor’s Forum. This award is given to undergraduate advisors who have demonstrated the qualities associated with outstanding undergraduate student advising. Criteria considered in the nomination may include: Demonstration of a caring attitude toward students; Effective interpersonal skills; Monitoring of student progress toward academic and life goals; Mastery of institutional regulations, policies, and procedures; Ability to engage in developmental advising (career and life planning); Behavior designed to build a strong relationship with students; Availability to students and other advisors; Frequency of contact with students; and, Enhancing programs for the direct benefit of students. Dr. Goyne was nominated by graduate student Erin Petty.
The Wildlife and Fisheries Graduate Student Organization held its Spring Picnic at Albert Oakland Park on Friday April 28. Over 30 students, faculty, and staff were in attendance. In addition, WFGSO awarded the Outstanding Faculty Member and Outstanding Graduate Student. The winners this year were: Outstanding Faculty Member: **Amanda Rosenberger**; Outstanding Graduate Student: **Kayla Key**. In addition, The Diana L. Hallett Fellowship was awarded. The $3,000 fellowship is made possible by **Diana Hallett**, former graduate student at MU, and The Wildlife Society President, and is awarded to a graduate student affiliated with the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and who is active in professional societies. The 2017 Diana Hallett Fellowship Winner was Kayla Key, PhD student working with Amanda Rosenberger. Kayla received the award due her outstanding record of service, awards and productivity. Pictured is Kayla Key, winner of the Diana N. Hallett fellowship, with Diana Hallett.

(As a follow-up to a previous mention in the SNR Weekly Reader) **Jaylen Bragg**, an undergraduate student in the SNR environmental science program, had his article entitled “Takeover of Invasive Species Due to Climate Change: The Bush Honeysuckle” published in **Artifacts**, the University of Missouri journal of undergraduate writing (see [https://artifactsjournal.missouri.edu/](https://artifactsjournal.missouri.edu/)). Mr. Bragg’s article was one of only a small number of articles that were accepted by the journal this year among a large number of submitted articles. In an awards ceremony on May 3rd at the Conley House on the MU campus, the MU Campus Writing Program Director, Dr. Amy Lannin, honored the new authors with certificates of achievement. In a writing competition sponsored by Mizzou Advantage, Mr. Bragg also received a 3rd place award for the excellence of his published article. SNR environmental science undergraduate students have been publishing articles related to the environment in Artifacts for several years and have been honored by multiple awards for writing excellence.

**Jannice Newson** (Environmental Science undergraduate student) won the African Student Association Miss African Diaspora Pageant.
SNR Research Day poster winners are listed below. Thank you to all the students who presented posters and for the work of the judges.

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PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS


The Oak Woodlands & Forests Fire Consortium (Mike Stambaugh, Chair; Joe Marschall, Coordinator) released the April edition of their quarterly newsletter, IGNIS. CLICK HERE to read about restoration economics on the Mark Twain National Forest (contributed by Francisco Aguilar), a research brief on fire frequency and plant diversity, fire science at Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest, upcoming regional fire-science events, and more!
The following 2017 Undergraduate Research & Creative Achievement Forum participants listed programs within the School of Natural Resources as their majors:

**Molly Fitzgerald** (Senior; St. Louis, MO) – “Response of aquatic invertebrate communities to different management practices in Missouri wetlands” with Dr. Lisa Webb.

**Jordan Holtsworth** (Senior; Wentzville, MO) – “An experimental evaluation of how the noenicitinoid pesticide, clothianidin, affects southern leopard frog tadpole movements” with Dr. Lisa Webb.

**Cody Kimbell** (Senior; Fulton, MO) – “Climate-induced changes in physical mixing parameters in Missouri reservoirs” with Dr. Rebecca North.

**Matthew Sauer** (Junior; St. Charles, MO) – “Controlled Freezing: Effects of freeze thaw cycles on cattail nutrient release across multiple environments” with Dr. Rebecca North.

**Jena Staggs** (Sophomore; Blue Springs, MO) – “An analysis of mesocarnivore communities at Prairie Forks Conservation Area” with Dr. Matthew Gompper.

**Abby Williams** (Senior; St. Louis, MO) – “An analysis of mesocarnivore communities at Prairie Forks Conservation Area” with Dr. Matthew Gompper.

**David Dick** (Senior; Florissant, MO) – “Variation in soil carbon across an oak-pine composition gradient” with Dr. John Kabrick.

**Sara Lalk** (Senior; Hillsboro, MO) “Light Production by "Armillaria mellea" mushrooms” with Dr. Jeanne Mihail; “Rapid white oak mortality- associated tree cankers” with Dr. Sharon Reed.

**Patrick McKelvey** (Sophomore; Oakville, MO) – “Marketing effort of public parks and recreation agencies to attract racial and ethnic minorities” with Dr. KangJae Lee.

**UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Prairie Fork Conservation Area** update: We finished off last week with fourth graders exploring the prairie, pond and forest habitats in the rain. Edward Jones Associates have joined us on two separate occasions for an area tour and chat with Pat Jones. We did have two cancelations this week due to changes in the school’s schedule. We also had one group of first graders and a group of fourth graders explore and investigate despite the frigid temperatures and wind this week. Top picture: Despite the high water we were able to find macroinvertebrates, along with fish and tadpoles. Bottom right picture: Dip netting at crow pond. (Pictures taken by Amber Edwards)
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IN MEMORIUM

SNR grad Sarah Foster (Huber) passed away on May 1. There is a GoFundMe site to help her husband (Alex, pictured with Sarah) pay for her medical and funeral expenses.

https://www.gofundme.com/sarahfoster

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