

Recap of the 2023 SASES Undergraduate Student Program in St. Louis

February 23, 2024



Quiz Bowl. Photo by Rachel Schutte.

The 2023 Students of Agronomy, Soils, and Environmental Sciences (SASES) undergraduate student program presented a full slate of programs during the Annual Meeting. In addition to the contests, students kicked off their meeting experience with SASES tours throughout the St. Louis area. In addition to the many contests listed

below, events included a social, opening brunch featuring keynote speaker Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young (USDA-ARS Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics), elections, Hot Topics sessions (Food Pricing and Food Deserts, Climate Change and Crops/Alternative Crops, Soils and Climate Change, Technology, AI, and Self-Driving Equipment), CCA/CPSS Career Accelerator, Grad School Workshop, Networking with the Past Presidents, Career Fair with mini-sessions, and a special Awards Ceremony to recognize the student contest winners!

Congratulations to all contest winners (both individual students and clubs)!

Quiz Bowl

First place: Oklahoma State University (Steven Bachelor, Cade Halbrook, Gabe Verkrayse, and Morgan Wehr)

President's Trophy

First place: California State University, Fresno

Second place: Texas A&M University

Third place: West Texas A&M University

National Club Poster Contest

First place: University of Wisconsin–River Falls

Second place: Michigan State University

Third place: University of Missouri



National Club Poster Contest. Photo by Rachel Schutte.

Undergraduate Student Research Poster Competition Results

Golden Opportunity Scholars

First place: Cole Hammett, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Soils

First place: Jenna Mark, Texas A&M University

Crop Nutrients

First place: Jonathan Brye, University of Arkansas

Crop Disease, Pest, and Weed Control

First place: Daniel Zhu, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Cropping Systems

First place: Katherine Baker, Southern Illinois University

General

First place: Caden Seely, Brigham Young University

Undergraduate Student Internship Poster Contest

Sponsored by the ASA Advancing Agronomy via Public–Private Partnerships Community

First place: William Rich, Auburn University

Second place: Madelynn Keiffer, Purdue University

Third place: August Roach, University of Wisconsin–River Falls

SASES Undergraduate Research Oral Contest Results

Session 1

First place: Maia Crummett, California State University, Chico

Second place: Gabriella Burkett, Southern Illinois University

Third place: Soleil Sklencar, Delaware Valley University

Session 2

First place: Abigail Norsworthy, University of Arkansas

Second place: Jieli Wegerif, University of Florida

Third place: Evie Moellering, Auburn University

Speech Contest

First place: Ashlynn Hartman, Kansas State University

Second place: Claire King, Purdue University

Third place: Gayla Rose, Texas A&M University

Fourth place: Colten Nichols, University of Arkansas

Fifth place: Katherine Witbeck, University of Tennessee–Martin

Sixth place: Will Boston, Illinois State University

Pedology Contest

First place: Ava McCune, University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Second place: Will Hernandez, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Third place: Katie Jansson, University of Arkansas



Pedology Contest. Photo by Rachel Schutte.

Crops Judging Contest

Team

First place: Kansas State University (Ike Bahr, Ellie Braun, Ashley Chandler, and Landon Trout)

Pedology Contest. Photo by Rachel Schutte.

Individuals

First place: Jacob Roden, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Second place: Landon Trout, Kansas State University

Third place: Grant DeBruin, Ohio State University

Fourth place: Ike Bahr, Kansas State University

Fifth place: Ashley Chandler, Kansas State University

Sixth place: Daniel Zhu, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Visual Presentation Contest

First place: Wesley Herrman, University of Arkansas

Second place: Steven Mai, Auburn University

Third place: Kristy Kohlhagen, Purdue University

Darrel S. Metcalf Journalism Contest

First place: Franciny Oliveira da Silva, University of Kentucky

Second place: Steven Mai, Auburn University

Third place: Elizabeth Tranel, Iowa State University

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