

2012 HTCC STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

These honors students are the deserving recipients of scholarships awarded at our March 2012 Student Research Conference, presented by HTCC and hosted by UCI. We salute all who participated, and congratulate again those named below.

THE ROBERT McLEOD DIRECTOR'S AWARD (\$1000)

HTCC's highest honor. Awarded for the best 400-word abstract—showing sound research, insightful use of evidence, awareness of methodology, and clarity of writing—by a presenter of manifest academic excellence who has made outstanding contributions to his or her honors program, college or community.

Ralf Schuster, Grossmont College

“The Differences Between Nostrils in Identifying Odors”

OUTSTANDING ABSTRACT AWARD (\$500 EACH)

Awarded by HTCC to presenters who have submitted exceptional 400-word abstracts showing evidence of sound research, insightful use of evidence, and clarity of writing; and in the case of a creative performance (art, music, dance, poetry), excellent and imaginative treatment of esthetic form.

Adrian Lawson Carcione , Moorpark College

“Guided Curiosity: How Human Preconceptions Inform Humanity’s Understanding of the Universe”

Kiet Lam, San Diego Mesa College

“Efficient Algorithm to Train Artificial Neural Networks for Pattern Recognition: Putting Data to Good Use”

Learnon Inbar, Saddleback College

“The Pursuits and Perks of Poverty: The Development Egalitarian Ideologies in Medieval Europe through Textiles”

Ronald S. Aaron Bola, Irvine Valley College

“Me and My Learning Buddy/Body: Medical Students’ Writings and Reflections on Human Cadaver Dissection”

JUAN LARA AWARD (\$800)

This award is given in honor of Dr. Juan Lara, Assistant Vice Chancellor Emeritus of UC Irvine, for his many years of support of HTCC and is presented to a student who has exhibited outstanding growth and academic success brought about by involvement in a community college honors program.

Joshua Ramirez, Citrus College

EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP (\$300 EACH)

Awarded by HTCC to students graduating this year who have written 500-word essays describing superior achievement or extraordinary improvement, especially as manifest through scholarship and service related to an honors program. All essays were judged excellent; the first three were deemed outstanding.

Jorge Bonilla	Irvine Valley College
Austin Burrow	Saddleback College
Crescencio Calderon	Citrus College
Dani Chandler	Los Angeles City College
Sarah Connolly	Mira Costa College
Nichole Escamilla	Mount San Antonio College
Jonathan Fisher	Saddleback College
Lauren Forbes	Victor Valley College
Kevin Hopp	El Camino College
Julia Kelly	Mira Costa College
Angie Kim	Fullerton College
Minjeong Koh	Irvine Valley College
April LaLone	San Diego Mesa College
Jose Luna	East Los Angeles College
Phillippe Ly	Orange Coast College
Stacie Macias	Mt. San Jacinto College
Daniel McKay	Grossmont College
Aliza Nawaz	Chaffey College
Nick Randhawa	Riverside Community College
Robert Penna	East Los Angeles College
Qui V. Pham	Orange Coast College
Jazzy Smith	Riverside Community College
Martin Spasov	Chaffee College
Natalie Stumph	El Camino College
Tara Torres	Fullerton College
Weilin Xu	San Diego Mesa College
Valeria Zaporozhets	Mt. San Jacinto College

RESEARCH POSTER AWARDS (\$50-\$150 EACH)

Awarded by HTCC and UCI to the posters which best present, in a clear and visually appealing format, information gained by sound research.

Physical/Life Sciences Division

1st place	Jose Luna, East Los Angeles College
2nd place	Melissa Valdez, Mt. San Jacinto College
2nd place	Jackie Gigante, Mt. San Jacinto College

2nd place Ramakrishnan Kumaran, Mt. San Jacinto College
2nd place Rafael Lee, Mt. San Jacinto College

Humanities and Social Sciences Division

1st place Kelsey Roman, MiraCosta College
2nd place Dennis Lee, Mt. San Antonio College
3rd place Seranush Tirakyan, Glendale College
Hon Mention Sharon Syau, Irvine Valley College
Hon Mention Jasbir Kaur, Irvine Valley College