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## More than 100 Students Win 2007 Fair Awards for Research, Creative Projects

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### **Ohio University scholars show off innovations at special event**

ATHENS, Ohio (May 3, 2007) – Ohio University awarded prizes to 103 students for their research and creative endeavors at the 6th Annual Student Research and Creative Activity Fair today at the Convocation Center. Winning projects included a documentary film on Ohio’s controversial role in the 2004 presidential election, a study on optimizing fuel cells that use alternative energy sources, a new treatment for pancreatic cancer and an analysis of advertising in Cosmopolitan magazine.

More than 470 undergraduate, graduate and medical students and post-doctoral fellows presented their original work at the event, which marked the biggest exhibition of student Ohio University research, scholarship and creative work to date.

A panel of 96 judges, which included 90 faculty and staff members and six community and industry leaders, honored first- and second-place winners with cash prizes for their projects. The categories were created by fair organizers based on the number of students who enrolled in each discipline.

More than 400 area junior high and high school students also attended the event. They participated in special programs earlier in the day at Baker University Center that were sponsored by the Office of Admissions and the Russ College of Engineering and Technology.

The WOUB Center for Public Media produced a special broadcast from the event that aired on WOUB II and CATVision.

The Student Research and Creative Activity Fair was sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research, the Office of the Provost and the Office of the President.

List of Winners:

**Art**  
First Place:  
Doug Peterson

Second Place:  
Mateo Galvano

**Biological Sciences (Session 1)**

First Place:  
Reena Bhandare



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More than 100 students won awards at the Ohio University Student Research and Creative Activity Fair May 3.  
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Second Place:  
Erin Rasmusson

**Biological Sciences (Session 2)**

First Place: (tie)  
Lisa Caronia  
Christian Stork

**Biomedical Sciences (Session 1)**

First Place:  
Anthony Schwartz

Second Place:  
Ashlie Arthur

**Biomedical Sciences (Session 2)**

First Place: (tie)  
Tobin Hieronymus  
Ozan Suer

**Business and Policy**

First Place: (tie)  
John Dravenstott  
David Cosio

**Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (Session 1)**

First Place:  
Damilola Daramola

Second Place:  
Amy Weber and Bryan Boggs

**Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (Session 2)**

First Place:  
Ziru Zhang

Second Place:  
Francois Ayello

**Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (Session 3)**

First Place:  
Sudhir Deosarkar

Second Place:  
Mark Christman

**Chemistry and Biochemistry (Graduate Session 1)**

First Place:  
Maureen Heines

Second Place:  
Alyssa Thomas

**Chemistry and Biochemistry (Graduate Session 2)**

First Place:  
Xiaoyan Huang

Second Place:  
Crina Orac

**Chemistry and Biochemistry (Graduate Session 3)**

First Place:  
Jason Stengel

Second Place:  
Carolyn Zimmerman

**Chemistry and Biochemistry (Undergraduate Session)**

First Place:  
Dennis Butcher

Second Place:  
Katie Castor

**Communication**

First Place: (tie)  
Bethan Eynon  
Melissa Broeckelman

**Edison Biotechnology Institute (Session 1)**

First Place: (tie)  
Anthony Schwartz  
Juan Ding

**Edison Biotechnology Institute (Session 2)**

First Place:  
Csaba Laszlo

Second Place:  
Sudhir Deosarkar

**Education**

First Place:  
Larry Hunter

**Educational Studies (Graduate Session)**

First Place:  
Issifu Yidana

Second Place:  
Lewis Chongwony

**Educational Studies (Undergraduate Session)**

First Place:  
Terrez Thomas

**Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (Session 1)**

First Place:  
Scott Nykl, Mitchell Leitch and Chad Mourning

Second Place:  
Mark Smearcheck and Jim Wyllie

**Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (Session 2)**

First Place: (tie)  
Luyi Chen  
Robert Hersh

**Environmental and Plant Biology (Graduate Session)**

First Place:  
Christopher Havran

Second Place:  
John Withers

**Environmental and Plant Biology (Undergraduate Session)**

First Place:  
Matthew Williams

Second Place:  
Joseph Bass

**Fine Arts (Session 1)**

First Place:  
Charla Barker, Mariana Quiroga and Matt Kraus

Second Place:  
Jennifer Chambers and Lindsay Calvert

**Fine Arts (Session 2)**

First Place: (tie)  
Yiyu Wang  
Susan Hilvert

**Geography and Geological Sciences**

First Place:  
Brandon Klingensmith

Second Place:  
Erin McCarty

**Health Sciences**

First Place:  
Nicole Vander Wiele

Second Place:  
Joshua Bear

**Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences (Session 1)**

First Place:  
Ning Zhou

Second Place:  
Rebecca Jump

**Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences (Session 2)**

First Place:  
Ashley Stover

Second Place:  
Michele O'Malley

**Human and Consumer Sciences**

First Place:  
Svetha Swaminathan

Second Place:  
Dane Salabak

**Industrial Systems Engineering**

First Place:  
Sadie Roth

Second Place:  
Xiaozhe Yang and Omar Alhawari

**Mechanical and Civil Engineering**

First Place:  
Meng-Yun Chen

Second Place:  
Ernur Karadogan

**Physics and Astronomy (Session 1)**

First Place:  
Danda Acharya

Second Place:  
Aderemi Adekola

**Physics and Astronomy (Session 2)**

First Place:  
Yeliz Celik

Second Place:  
Saima Khan

**Psychology (Graduate Session)**

First Place:  
Matt Lindberg

Second Place:  
Nicole Evangelista

Special Third Place Prize (sponsored by the Department of Psychology):  
Todd Doyle, Lezlee Ware, Erin Giorgio

**Psychology (Undergraduate Session 1)**

First Place:  
Michelle Duprey

Second Place:  
Haley Combs

**Psychology (Undergraduate Session 2)**

First Place:  
Claire Russell

Second Place:  
Kimberly Rogers

**Recreation and Sports Sciences**

First Place:  
Micum McIntire

Second Place:  
Christopher Stephan

**Social Sciences (Session 1)**

First Place:  
Janice Frisch

Second Place:  
Cheryl Dumolt

**Social Sciences (Session 2)**

First Place:  
Ashley Demyan

Second Place:  
Bryan Rupert

**Telecommunications**

First Place:  
Bryan Cain

Second Place:  
Tang Tang

**Theater (Session 1)**

First Place: (tie)  
Kerrie Lovercheck  
Marie Fontenla

**Theater (Session 2)**

First Place: (tie)  
Rachelle Beckerman  
Anna Simis

**Special Awards:**

**Voinovich Center for Leadership and Public Affairs**

Voinovich Center Public Service Award  
Erin McCarty

Voinovich Center and MSES Sustainable Environments Award  
Peter Schweizer and Shermalon Kirby (tie)

Voinovich Center and CE3 Advanced Sustainable Energies Award  
Mahesh Biradar and Byran Boggs (tie)

**Friends of the Library Research and Creative Activity Award**

Undergraduate – Anna Simis

Graduate – Garima Bajaj

Dean of Libraries/Librarian's Choice – Mary Lachman

**Student Choice Award** (three-way tie)

Adam Jacoby, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Kevin Meyer, Communication

Gayani Perera, Physics and Astronomy

**Nano Ipod Raffle Winners**

Ying Shen (presenter) and Jing Huang (friend)

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