

# Past Conferences

## 2022 Graduate Research Conference

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## 2018 Graduate Research Conference

### Award Winners

Three Minute Thesis®:

- **Overall Winner:** Spencer Cruz - *The Influence of Exotic Plant Leaf Litter on Amphibian Growth and Development*, Columbus State University
- **Runner Up and People's Choice Winner:** Allison Bridges - *The Trouble with Cancer Stem Cells*, Augusta University

## 2017 Graduate Research Conference

### Award Winners

Three Minute Thesis®:

- **Overall Winner and People's Choice Winner:** Lauren Whitehurst - *Developing a DNA barcoding pipeline for the identification and prevention of invasive plant propagules entering the Port of Savannah*, Columbus State University
- **Runner Up:** Marissa Granberry - *Cold Tolerance Variation in Introduced Apple Snails (*Pomacea maculata*)*, Columbus State University

Conference:

- **Best Poster Presentation:** Amy Sibley - *Histopathological liver assessment of largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) from two Columbus, GA creeks for evaluation of pollution*, Columbus State University
- **Best Oral Presentation:** Lauren Whitehurst - *Developing a DNA barcoding pipeline for the identification and prevention of invasive plant propagules entering the Port of Savannah*, Columbus State University

## 2016 Graduate Research Conference

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### Award Winners

Three Minute Thesis®:

- **Overall Winner and People's Choice Winner:** Kerstin Motsch - *A Look at Water Quality in Cape Coral Florida*, Columbus State University
- **Runner Up:** Barbara Quintard - *It's Not Too Late: A Study of Learning Preferences of Low-Literacy Adult Emergent Bilinguals*, Lee University
- **Finalists:**

- Caitlin Gallagher – *Effects of Female Condition and Human Disturbance on Allocation of Biliverdin to Eggshells of Eastern Bluebirds (Sialia sialis) Breeding in West-central Georgia*, Columbus State University
- Marissa Granberry – *Cold Tolerance Variation in Introduced Apple Snails Along a Latitudinal Gradient*, Columbus State University
- Javier Livio – *Fuzzy Expert Systems: A More Human-Based Approach for Sensorial Evaluation of Coffee-Bean Attributes to Derive Quality Scoring*, Columbus State University
- Lauren Whitehurst - *Implementing a DNA barcoding pipeline for the Identification and Prevention of Invasive Plant Propagules Entering Ports*, Columbus State University

Conference:

- **Best Poster Presentation:** Nathaniel Maddox, Kari West & Ashley Howard - *The Significance of Learned Social Attachments for Life Satisfaction Among Gender Nonconforming College Students*, Savannah State University
- **Best Oral Presentation:** Lauren Whitehurst - *Implementing a DNA Barcoding Pipeline for the Identification and Prevention of Invasive Plant Propagules Entering Ports*, Columbus State University

## 2015 Graduate Research Conference

### Award Winners

- **Best Poster Presentation Award**(tied): Nicholas Motahari & Nandeesh Hiremath, Georgia Institute of Technology
- **Best Poster Presentation Award**(tied): Becky Snow, Columbus State University
- **Best Oral Presentation Award:** Samantha Worthy, Columbus State University

## 2014 Graduate Research Conference

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### Award Winners

- **Best Poster Presentation Award**(tied): Krishanu Karmakar, Georgia State University
- **Best Poster Presentation Award**(tied): Jennifer Dumaine, Western Kentucky University
- **Best Oral Presentation Award**(tied): Jamal El-Amin, Clayton State University
- **Best Oral Presentation Award**(tied): Scott Silvis, Columbus State University