

KIRMSER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARDS RECOGNIZE EXCEPTIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

K-State undergraduates are conducting outstanding research in topics ranging from presidential history to biosystems engineering.

Thanks to a gift from the Philip and Jeune Kirmsier estate, the K-State Libraries have the privilege of recognizing their work. On May 6, the campus community gathered in Hale Library's Hemisphere Room to honor the winners of the second annual Kirmsier Undergraduate Research Awards.

Grand prize and honorable mentions were awarded in three categories: individual freshman, individual non-freshman and group. Individual grand prize winners each received \$1,000, and the group grand prize winners shared a \$4,000 award.



GRAND PRIZE, INDIVIDUAL FRESHMAN

Joseph Paz, freshman in pre-professional secondary education, Topeka, "Informative report: Disproportional makeup of American prisons," from Expository Writing I with Corrina Honeycutt, instructor of English.



GRAND PRIZE, INDIVIDUAL NON-FRESHMAN

Haley Claxton, senior in history, Olathe, "Some we remember, some we forget: The collective memory of assassinated U.S. presidents in the modern age," from her honors project with Charles Sanders, associate professor of history.

Colin Halpin, senior in history and economics, Olathe, "Education in the 'right' sense of the word: The quest for a balanced education at the Kansas State Agricultural College," from Advanced Seminar in History with Charles Sanders, associate professor of history.

Logan Jones, senior in theater and French, Wichita, "Found in translation: Bringing Sartre's Huis clos to a modern American audience," from Problems in Modern Languages with Melinda Cro, assistant professor of modern languages.



GRAND PRIZE, GROUP

Senior biological systems engineering majors **Chloe Boudreaux**, Olathe; **Jack Ezell**, Shawnee; **Kevin Garman**, Burr Oak; and **Phillip Mahoney**, Salina, "Design for cadaver rotation system," from Biological Systems Engineering Senior Design with Edwin Brokesh, instructor of biological and agricultural engineering.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Freshmen: **Alexander Brase**, Manhattan, and **Abigail Friesen**, Colby.

Non-freshmen: **Danielle Winters**, Plainville; **Cora Jaeger**, Hays; and **Jared Marcuson**, Oberlin.

Group: **Kayla Wilkinson**, Riley; **Sara McAfee**, Great Bend; **Melanie Riordan**, Norwalk, Iowa; **Kameron Davis**, Kansas City, Mo; and **Samuel Edwards**, Olathe.