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SWOSU Biology Students Earn Awards at National Convention



Students from the SWOSU chapter of the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, Delta Sigma, attended the National Convention in Oklahoma City to present their research. From left: Megan Strotman, Payden Farnsley, and Larry Cossey.

Three Southwestern Oklahoma State University biology students presented their research findings at the 2022 Beta Beta Beta (Tri Beta) National Biological Honor National Convention on June 3rd. This convention marks the 100-year anniversary of the founding of Tri Beta at Oklahoma City University, who served as hosts for the event. Forty chapters brought fifty-five students from across the country and Puerto Rico to give oral and poster presentations on their work.

Larry Cossey of Yukon and recent graduate from the SWOSU Department of Biological Sciences was awarded first place for the John C. Johnson Award for Outstanding Poster Presentation in the Ecology & Environment session. His presentation was titled: Detecting Variations in Microbial Concentrations in Oklahoma Lakes.

Megan Strotman of Moore and junior in the SWOSU Department of Biological Sciences was awarded third place for the John C. Johnson Award for Outstanding Poster Presentation in the Molecular & Microbiology session. Her presentation was titled: Investigating Potential Circadian Oscillations in *Pseudomonas syringae*.

Both Cossey and Strotman were mentored in their research by Dr. Gina McGrane, associate professor of Biological Sciences.

Payden Farnsley of Oklahoma City and sophomore in the SWOSU Department of Biological Sciences gave an oral presentation on the work of the Microbial Analysis of Regolith-Grown Species (MARS) Research Team. This team was mentored by Dr. Lisa Castle, professor in the SWOSU Department of Biological Sciences.

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