Graduate Research Day 2012

The 26th Annual LSUHSC Graduate Research Day was held on Friday, November 9, 2012 at the School of Dentistry Campus. 56 graduate students participated in oral and poster presentations. Notable research findings included evidence of a DNA mismatch repair protein that plays a part in Friedreich's ataxia, the role of Ga12 in the development of hypertension, and new strategies to treat chronic human inflammatory diseases.

Jessica Bradley (Physiology) discusses how diesel exhaust exposure causes ventricular dysfunction.

Aditi Iyengar (Genetics) discusses the role of Pax3 in melanoma.
Greg Lee (Pharmacology) responds to questions regarding influenza during his oral presentation.

Oral Presentation awards were given to Anasheh Halabi (Genetics), Monica Ertel (Pharmacology), and Daniel Edwards (Biochemistry). Poster presentation awards were given to Ji Won Park (Pharmacology), Felix Nau, Jr. (Pharmacology), and Kun Qian (Neuroscience). Postdoctoral presentation awards were given to Juan Gao (Pharmacology), Abhilash Ponnath (Neuroscience), and Gin C. Chuang (Pharmacology).

Lori Hutcherson (Anatomy) explains her research on the prefrontal cortex to onlookers.
Farhana Musarrat (Pharmacology) explains her research on HSV-1 to Dr. Eric Lazartigues.

Phillip Calmes (Microbiology) is ready to discuss EBV and HPV during his poster presentation.

Two special awards were also presented at Graduate Research Day, the 2012 Chancellor's Award and the inaugural Jack D. Hines III Memorial Award. The Chancellor's Award is given annually to a recent graduate who excelled in research and extracurricular activities. The 2012 recipient of this award is Dr. Annie M. Whitaker. The Jack D. Hines, III Memorial Award is awarded to an individual who has shown tremendous dedication to the School of Graduate Studies in honor of the beloved Jack D. Hines, III, former Director of the School of Graduate Studies. This first recipient of this award is Dr. Jamie T. Becnel.
Julian Burks (Biochemistry) discusses his graph involving a novel gene axis in breast cancer with Stephen Ford, Jr. (Physiology).

Miguel Molina (Neuroscience) discusses the role of D1 in microglia.