

2025 Emerging Researchers National Conference in STEM Student Oral Presentation and Poster Presentation Award Winners

Listed below are the undergraduate and graduate award winners for Oral Presentations and Poster Presentations at the 2025 Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Conference in STEM, hosted on April 4-6, 2025 in Atlanta, Georgia. Awardees are categorized by category (Undergraduate Poster Presentation, Undergraduate Oral Presentation, and Graduate Oral Presentation) and STEM discipline.

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Undergraduate Poster Presentation Awardees: Biological Sciences

Subdiscipline: Biochemistry

First Place: Anthony Asante-Danso, Howard University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Cassandra Naomi Palacios, Arizona State University | [View Abstract](#)

Subdiscipline: Cellular/Molecular

First Place: Taylor Podob, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg | [View Abstract](#)

First Place: Sandra V. Nieves Morón, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus | [View Abstract](#)

First Place: Lauren Rogers, Louisiana State University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Natalia M. Jimenez-Vizcarrondo, University of Puerto Rico – Río Piedras | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Victoria Valeria Viera Sánchez, University of Puerto Rico Rio Piedras | [View Abstract](#)

Subdiscipline: Genetics

First Place: Kayla Galbreath, Alabama State University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Maya H. Garner, Xavier University of Louisiana | [View Abstract](#)

Subdiscipline: Microbiology/Immunology/Virology

First Place: Jan Ashlley Gumpal Masse, University of Massachusetts – Amherst | [View Abstract](#)

First Place: Debora Torres Centeno, University of Puerto Rico – Aguadilla Campus | [View Abstract](#)

First Place: Jacob Cagan, Arizona State University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Ashley Rojas Romero, Indiana University South Bend | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Donte T. Wyatt Jr., Hampton University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Cidney Hart, Norfolk State University | [View Abstract](#)

Subdiscipline: Plants

First Place: Laila Harris-Smith, Fort Valley State University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Latavia Powell, Fort Valley State University | [View Abstract](#)

Subdiscipline: Physics

First Place: Isabella Gondolfo, Delaware State University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Yuridia Vega Gonzalez, Idaho State University | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Poster Presentation Awardees: Chemical Sciences

Subdiscipline: Analytical/Inorganic/Forensics

First Place: Kylie Haas, Milligan University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: DeZarae Guthrie, Prairie View A&M University | [View Abstract](#)

Subdiscipline: Organic and Polymer

First Place: Karina M. Vega Escobar, University of Puerto Rico-Humacao | [View Abstract](#)

First Place: Leah Rochelle Butler, Norfolk State University | [View Abstract](#)

Subdiscipline: Biochemistry

First Place: Derrick Nichols, Oakwood University | [View Abstract](#)

First Place: Aouss Azzouz, Earlham College | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Poster Presentation Awardees: Computer and Data Sciences

First Place: Dania Zein, Tougaloo College | [View Abstract](#)

First Place: Chance Williams, Alabama A&M University | [View Abstract](#)

First Place: Ashley Sutherland, Fayetteville State University | [View Abstract](#)

First Place: Kaiya Jones, Tuskegee University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Patricia Hernandez, Miami Dade College | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Kadiatou Diallo, Lawson State Community College | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Saneru A. Williams, University of Maryland College Park | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Poster Presentation Awardees: Ecology

First Place: Steven Aarons, CUNY Hunter College | [View Abstract](#)

First Place: Malani Clark, CARC Prairie View A&M University | [View Abstract](#)

Subdiscipline: Earth

First Place: Reyvadee Godehn, North Carolina State University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Omnia Mamyo, University of Illinois at Chicago | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: J'Bonae McDonald, The University of Missouri | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Poster Presentation Awardees: Mathematics and Statistics

First Place: Willoughby Caine, Fort Valley State University | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Poster Presentation Awardees: Nanoscience and Material Sciences

First Place: Naomy K Fontanez Rosa, Inter American University of Puerto Rico Bayamon | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Adrian Rua, University of Puerto Rico – Mayaguez | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Poster Presentation Awardees: Neurosciences

First Place: Asia Smith, Howard University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Hope-Abigail Mbanga, University of Maryland Eastern Shore | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Poster Presentation Awardees: Physics

First Place: Jasmine Freeman, Valdosta State University | [View Abstract](#)

First Place: Myrialisses Ortiz-Rodriguez, University of Puerto Rico at Humacao
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Second Place: Eva Christina Cullen, Columbia University | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Poster Presentation Awardees: Science and Mathematics Education + Social, Behavioral, and Economic Science

First Place: Serenity Logan, Morgan State University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Kasia Allen, CUNY Brooklyn College | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Poster Presentation Awardees: Technology and Engineering

Subdiscipline: Chemical and Biomedical

First Place: Genevieve Vega, University of Texas at San Antonio | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Kyra Ramirez, Alabama State University | [View Abstract](#)

Subdiscipline: Civil, Mechanical, and Industrial

First Place: David Warren Jr., Elizabeth City State University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Clint Deshawn Caldwell, Elizabeth City State University | [View Abstract](#)

Third Place: Jesus De La Mora, University of California, Merced | [View Abstract](#)

Subdiscipline: Electrical and Computer

First Place: Aryanna Mendoza, Skyline College | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Fatima Diallo, Norfolk State University | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Biological Sciences

First Place: Verónica Morales Quintana, University of Puerto Rico- Río Piedras
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First Place: Bibiana Torres-Colón, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus
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Second Place: Jackson Nguyen, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Talon Justice Prince Asiedu Mitchell, Missouri State University | [View Abstract](#)

Third Place: Geraldine M. Ortiz Sosa, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Chemical Sciences

First Place: Aarthika Nagarajan, University of California Merced | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Patricia Fontáñez Carrión, University of Puerto Rico at Cayey | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Computer and Data Sciences

First Place: Khoi Le, Brown University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: LaVonne Wilson-Taylor, Fort Valley State University | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Ecology

First Place: Paola Marie Santini Dosal, University of Central Florida | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Yeishmary M. Soto Muñoz, University of Puerto Rico Rio Piedras | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Mathematics and Statistics

First Place: Gwen Squires, Southeast Missouri State University | [View Abstract](#)

First Place: Rileigh Mansfield, University of Maryland, Baltimore County | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Nanoscience, Material Sciences, and Physics

First Place: Layla Samoné Linda Smith, Norfolk State University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Jada Emodogo, Jackson State University | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Neurosciences

First Place: Nolan Lewis, Wesleyan University | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Science and Mathematics Education + Social, Behavioral, and Economic Science

First Place: Hannah Hailemichael, Spelman College | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Kenzie Nguyen, University of California, Merced | [View Abstract](#)

Undergraduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Technology and Engineering

First Place: Johann Mission, University of Maryland Baltimore County | [View Abstract](#)

First Place: Victoria E. Reynolds, North Carolina A&T State University | [View Abstract](#)

Graduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Biological Sciences

First Place: Mary Jean Savitsky, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University | [View Abstract](#)

First Place: Anthony L. Mártir Pérez, University of Puerto Rico in Río Piedras | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Amber Grace, Alabama State University | [View Abstract](#)

Graduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Chemical Sciences

First Place: Bibi Ameena Khan, Brooklyn College CUNY | [View Abstract](#)

Graduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Computer Sciences

First Place: Izabella Valero, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley | [View Abstract](#)

Graduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Data Sciences

First Place: Daniel Breininger, Florida Institute of Technology | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Nora J. Gilliam, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry | [View Abstract](#)

Graduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Mathematics and Statistics

First Place: Rogelio Lopez, Elizabeth City State University | [View Abstract](#)

Graduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Nanoscience and Material Sciences

First Place: Arianna Mena, Ohio State University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Aguy C. Nguiakam Sipowe, Alabama State University | [View Abstract](#)

Graduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Physics

First Place: Razia Khan Sharme, Delaware State University | [View Abstract](#)

First Place: Orrin Clarke Delgado, Norfolk State University | [View Abstract](#)

Graduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Science and Mathematics Education + Social, Behavioral, and Economic Science

First Place: Alexandra Machrone, Florida International University | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Manisha Maurya, Georgia State University | [View Abstract](#)

Graduate Oral Presentation Awardees: Technology and Engineering

First Place: Marcelo Farfan, University of South Florida | [View Abstract](#)

First Place: Fabian Maldonado, Texas A&M University Kingsville | [View Abstract](#)

Second Place: Tamia Bowers, University of Maryland, Baltimore County | [View Abstract](#)