

TAMUS – AGEP NEWSLETTER

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Happy Holidays



Howdy TAMUS AGEP community. May this edition of the TAMU AGEP newsletter find everyone well and in high spirits as the semester winds down. It is amazing to think that the holidays are here and the AGEP staff would like to wish you and your families a safe and wonderful holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in the spring semester.

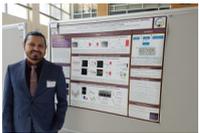
4th Annual AGEP Conference at Prairie View A&M University



There were many wonderful speakers and presentations at the 4th Annual AGEP Conference at the PVAMU in November. We had our first ever PechaKucha student presentations and hosted several guest speakers from the National Laboratories as well as professors campus-wide.

We would like to extend a special thanks to all who were able to either participate, assist, or speak at the conference. The conference was a success and you can view photos and videos on our Flickr account. If you have any photos from the conference you want to include on our Flickr page please email them to Gina Wadas at gmw104@tamu.edu.

Natividad Robert Fuentes wins first place in PechaKucha Presentation and Best Poster at Pathways Student Research Symposium



Natividad Robert Fuentes, 4th year Ph.D. candidate at TAMU-College Station, won first place in the PechaKucha presentations at the 4th Annual AGEP conference and for his poster presentation at the Pathways Student Research Symposium. "I feel truly honored to win first place for both the AGEP PechaKucha oral presentation and the Pathways poster presentation" said Fuentes, "I was eminently impressed by the caliber of presentations at these two events."

Fuentes research focuses on the cellular mechanisms of how diet impacts disease processes. He is a former recipient of the Texas A&M University System Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (TAMUS LSAMP) Bridge-to-the-Doctorate (BTD) fellowship, and a current recipient of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufactures of American (PhRMA) Predoctoral Fellowship in pharmacology/toxicology. His long-term goal is to become a professor and primary investigator where he can fulfill his passion for teaching, mentoring, and scientific research.

Julian Gonzales, III wins second place in PechaKucha Presentation



Julian Gonzales, III, masters student at TAMU-Kingsville, won second place in the PechaKucha presentations at the 4th Annual AGEP conference. Gonzales's topic was about evaluating root distribution in citrus using different management techniques. "I wasn't expecting to win," stated Gonzales, "I was very grateful for just being a part of the conference. I just worked really hard on my presentation and presenting my research with great pride and confidence."

Gonzales has a bachelors degree in environmental science from the University of Texas-Pan America. He has also been a research assistant for Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the University of Arizona, and the National Science Foundation. "Science is not just a subject that I decided to pursue, it's a true love for this discipline that I hope to share with the entire world, said Gonzales" Gonzales also hopes current and future AGEP students always chase their dreams and remember where they came from and those that support them along the way.

Gina M. Wadas: Writing and Communications Support Specialist



Gina is available to assist AGEP students with any writing or communications needs. She is a valuable resource to help you with your thesis/dissertation, CV/resume, personal statements, fellowship applications, grants applications, proposals, poster and oral presentations, journal or magazine publications, etc.

To schedule one-on-one appointments with Gina please email her at gmw104@tamu.edu. She is also available to answer questions or review materials via email or video conferencing.

Updates: Electronic Surveys



In the upcoming weeks the TAMUS AGEP staff will be emailing surveys to the TAMUS AGEP student community. We would appreciate your feedback as this helps us plan events as well as schedule appropriate days and times for the events. As always, we encourage your suggestions and feedback at any time. Please let the staff or your student ambassadors know if you have ideas for workshops, seminars, guest speakers, topics of interest, etc.

Social Media



Don't forget to join our social media outlets on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Flickr. You can receive updates on upcoming events, view photos and videos of past events, and network with your fellow AGEP community members.

Do you know of events you think would benefit the TAMUS AGEP community? Let us know so we can post them on our social media outlets.