

Student Award Winners, 2018-2019

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

1st Place

Dr. Allan Nelson

Educational Leadership (EdD)

“Exploring The Experiences Of Adolescent Students Attending A Virtual School”

Advisor: **Dr. Radhi Al-Mabuk**

2nd Place

Dr. Junu Shrestha

Allied Health, Recreation and Community Services (EdD)

“Study Of Low Dose Nitrite Stress On Human Mononuclear Cells: An In-Vitro Case-Control Study On Osteoarthritis”

Advisor: **Dr. Catherine Zeman**

3rd Place

Dr. Stanley Ebede

Allied Health, Recreation and Community Services (EdD)

“Student Engagement in Higher Education: Measuring the Differences in Community Engagement”

Advisor: **Dr. Julianne Gassman**

Outstanding Master’s Research Paper Award

Caitlin Becker

English (MA)

“A Lesson on Cats and Dogs: Using Project-Based Learning Strategies to Meet Language Arts Standards”

Advisor: **Dr. Sheila Benson**

Outstanding Master's Thesis Award

1st Place

Clarissa Ruiz

Biology (M.S.)

"The effects of nutrient resorption, photosynthetic rate, and leaf longevity on the success of Typha × glauca"

Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Elgersma

2nd Place

Hailey Hatch

Social Psychology (M.A.)

"The moral motivations of negative attitudes toward transgender persons."

Advisor: Dr. Helen Harton

3rd Place

Zachary Sperstad

Biology (M.S.)

"Reconstructing The Phylogeny And Characterizing The Patterns Of Molecular Evolution Of The Tetraploid, Freshwater Suckers (Cypriniformes: Catostomidae)"

Advisor: Dr. Peter Berendzen