First Annual Huntsman Student Research Symposium

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The First Annual Huntsman Student Research Symposium, sponsored by the Huntsman PhD Preparation Association was held virtually November 19, 2020, with nine student teams presenting and three teams winning cash prizes.

The symposium was organized to allow undergraduate and graduate students an opportunity to present and discuss business-related research in an open and friendly atmosphere.

“The students at the Huntsman School rival the quality of students anywhere in the world. This includes our students’ capacity to conduct rigorous research. We wanted to provide our students who are planning to pursue academic careers an avenue to present and disseminate their research,” said Dr. Alex Romney, HPPA advisor.

Research presentations included titles such as “Take a Chance or Play it Safe? The Influence of Risk Orientation on Public Opinion Toward Immigration Policy”, and “Is Anybody Listening? How Leader Humility Increases Employee Voice”.

Participating students conducted their research with the Center for Growth and Opportunity, and other students worked with a faculty partner. Many of the projects presented will go on to be featured in university-wide symposiums or published in academic journals.

First, second, and third place prizes were awarded to the following groups:

**First** - Alexandra Tebbs and Dr. Sterling Bone, “Double Jeopardy or Not? Investigating the Experience of Black Women Entrepreneurs Seeking Small Business Loans”

**Second** - Jake Harrison and Dr. Christopher Hartwell, “Structuring the Social Media Assessment During the Hiring Process”

**Third** - David Jung and Varsha Mandadi “Immigration and Economics of U.S. Industries”