



2018 SROP Closes Out a Summer Filled with Memories at MSU



EAST LANSING, MI - Thursday, July 26, 2018: Michigan State University's Summer Research Opportunities Program hosted its' annual closing dinner at the Kellogg Conference Center and Hotel. Over 100 participants including the entire SROP cohort, MSU graduate student volunteers, faculty and staff attended.

The evening began with an opening PowerPoint comprised of a collection of pictures that were taken throughout the summer program. These photos included memories from the intern's first experiences with each other to the last. Orientation, networking luncheons, the annual sports tournament and the trip to the Kellogg Biological Station were just a few of the pictures that were highlighted. As the guests and interns walked into the dinner, they were ecstatic to see a collage of their achievements and memories of the last two and half months.

The next phase of the dinner included opening remarks by SROP Program Director, Steven D. Thomas. He expressed the importance of the summer research opportunities program, along with his ultimate vision of seeing every intern that is a part of this program be successful in all of their future endeavors. Next, both the nominees and winners of the 2018 MSU SROP Mock Awards was announced to the audience. Two categories that were highlighted included Most Improved Presenter and Best Presenter. The nominees for most improved presenter included, Samrawit Fesshaie of Colorado College, Jaxon Goggins of Wayne State University, and Everett Baxter of Beloit College. First place went to Everett Baxter. Mr. Baxter went the extra mile to become a better presenter every week. The nominees for best presenter included, Ali Younis of the University of Central Florida, Cassidy Johnson of the University of the Pacific, and Juliet Salivo of Northeastern Illinois University. The first-place votes went to Juliet Salivo. Her peers appreciated her awesome weekly presentations and gave her a standing ovation as she received the award.

The final phase of the meeting included closing remarks from Dr. Pero Dagbovie, University Distinguished Professor and Associate Dean at the Michigan State University Graduate School. Dr. Dagbovie shared with the room how important the Summer Research Opportunities Program is to young researchers at MSU and how grateful he was that the 2018 cohort continued the tradition of scholarship and prestige. He also thanked and congratulated each intern for finishing the program and coming to MSU to complete his or her research.

The 2018 Summer Research Opportunities Program consisted of leadership, personal growth and lifelong memories. For more information about the Summer Research Opportunities Program at Michigan State University, contact Steven Thomas (deshawn@grd.msu.edu) at 517-432-3268.