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## Thank You for Attending the BRIDGES Conference!

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this conference a success. It was a huge undertaking and we couldn't have done it without everyone's participation. The conference highlighted communication across all disciplines. With over 200 attendees, 63 posters presented, an art gallery, a music concert, film screenings, presentations from the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science, the Career Center, and a keynote address from the Provost, we are thrilled with this inaugural session. We look forward to presenting BRIDGES next year. The poster presenters were judged on clarity, visual appeal, engagement, and innovation. The winners will be featured in our upcoming edition of the Magazine. Here are the winners:

First place: **Mohammad Fauzan**, Saida Oubraim, Martin Kaczocha, and Samir Haj-Dahmane, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology - "Astrocytic FABP5 Mediates Endocannabinoid Transport at Hippocampal Synapses"

Second place: **Natalie Alfano**, Alicia Mendoza, Jason Withorn, and Elizabeth Boon, Department of Chemistry - "Elucidating the Role of Histidine Kinase NahK in Pseudomonas aeruginosa"

Third place: **Maryam Azmi**, Department of Genetics - "AMPK in Action: A developmental plot twist for oligodendrocytes"

Honorable mentions:

**Gurulakshmi Subramanian**, Department of Physics and Astronomy - "Heavy Bodies in Classical Liouville Gravity"

**Courtney Kidd**, School of Social Welfare - "Human-Robotic Interaction for the Social World"

**Brittney Scannell**, Department of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences - "At what depths are New York's sharks swimming and does this affect the use of drones to monitor their presence?"

**Joongho Lee**, Department of Technology and Society - "The Monkey's Paw and Responsible AI: Teaching AI Ethics, AI Alignment, and Societal Impacts in Engineering Education"

**Zijin Mei** and Wei Li, Department of Civil Engineering - "A laboratory study of critical mineral leaching through fractured rock with heterogeneous ore presence on the fracture surface"

A special thank you to the faculty judges who donated their time: Rafael D'Andrea, PhD, Alex Doboli, PhD, Sam Dodd, PhD, Tamara Fernando, PhD, Anna Hayward, PhD, Vibha Mane, PhD, Liz Montegary, PhD, Joshua Plotkin, PhD, Joav Prives, PhD. This conference was made possible by our sponsors- The Career Center, The Graduate School, SBU Eats, Graduate Student Organization, Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science, and Student Community Development. For more information, please check out the BRIDGES Program available on our website.

## Need for Artists

The second edition of the magazine is in need of artists. Please fill out the form below if you are interested.



Poster Presentations



Jessica Roman presented a career workshop



Art Gallery



L to R: Sai Ram Kasanagottu, Laiba Mahmood, Veronica Borracci, Ava Nederlander, Jennifer O'Conner, Narmin Mekawy, Rachel Deahl, Esther Nosazeoglu