



86th Annual Mississippi Academy of Sciences Meeting

March 31-April 1, 2022

MS Coast Coliseum & Convention Center

2350 Beach Blvd. | Biloxi, MS 39531

The MAS, in its commitment to recognize and promote novel student research, would like to announce the following prestigious awards:

1. Millsaps Undergraduate Scholars Symposium

Honoring Excellence in Science in Mississippi

Symposium Chairman: Dr. Tim Ward | Millsaps College, Jackson, MS

This symposium, was originally established with support from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI), it is intended to expand the scope and depth of opportunities for undergraduate student researchers to meet other student researchers and to provide a dedicated venue to disseminate and present their research activities. Participation in undergraduate research increases self- confidence, independence, and critical thinking skills. Disseminating one's results by participating in conference symposia develops communication and presentation skills. These experiences create and foster a life-long quest for research and discovery. The symposium seeks to promote all levels of science education and is dedicated to increasing the number of people who pursue science-related careers and to broadening access to science for all. Student researchers who have shown outstanding achievement in science and engineering research may be selected by their division chairs to compete for these outstanding symposium awards.

Criteria for Selection of recipients:

1. Each division chair(s) and vice chair(s) of the 13 divisions will select their **top undergraduate student abstracts** to represent their division and present in the MAS sponsored lunch award symposium, "Honoring Excellence in Science in Mississippi," on Friday February 21st from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Student's name must appear as first author in both abstract and poster.
2. After presenting in their division, the nominated students will agree to present their posters in the general poster session following the Dodgen Lecture. The student should attend the provided lunch and talk on Friday from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Failure to physically present at their respective division the day prior will disqualify the selected presenters from competing in the symposium. First author must be present to compete and presentation by a co-author will not be accepted.
3. Award prizes will be presented immediately at the end of event as follows:
1st Place: Certificate plus \$250; 2nd Place: Certificate plus \$200; 3rd Place: Certificate plus \$150; 4th Place: Certificate plus \$100; and honorable mention for 5th – 6th winners. Each selected presenter will receive a MAS certificate of achievement.