



87th Annual Mississippi Academy of Sciences Meeting

February 23-24, 2023

Biloxi Convention Center
Biloxi, MS

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

I. Millsaps Undergraduate Scholars Symposium

Honoring Excellence in Science in Mississippi

Symposium Chairman: Timothy J. Ward | Associate Dean of Research, Millsaps College

Event Coordinator: Mariam Ageli | MAS Executive Assistant
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This symposium is intended to expand the scope and depth of opportunities for undergraduate student researchers to meet other student researchers and their mentors as well as 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 sponsor of the symposium Millsaps College. Candidates in science and engineering research may be selected by their division chairs and approved MAS to compete for these outstanding awards.

Criteria for Selection of recipients:

1. Each division chair(s) and vice chair(s) of the 14 divisions will score the **top 10% of undergraduate student abstracts** to represent their division and present in the Millsaps sponsored lunch award symposium, "Honoring Excellence in Science in Mississippi," on Friday April 1st from 12:00 am – 2:00 pm. **Student's name must appear as first author in both abstract and poster.**
2. After presenting in their division, the candidate students will agree to present their **posters** in the poster symposium following the Dodgen event on Thursday February 23rd around 5-7 PM (see program for more details). Failure to physically present their poster and be present on Thursday 2/23/2023 disqualify the selected candidates from competing in the symposium. First author must be present to compete and presentation by a co-author will not be accepted.
3. Candidates presenting on Thursday and fail to attend the awards event on Friday will be disqualified and the awards will be moved to next score in line (must attend both events: Thursday evening and Friday event).
4. PowerPoint poster must be uploaded in MAS website no later the 2/18/2023 at 5 PM to be included in the competition and sent to Judges for initial screening.
5. On Friday 2/24/2023 all candidate will receive scholar recognition certificates and will be invited to the podium to say few words (one minute). Top ten candidates will receive awards 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 – 10th winners. Each selected candidate will receive a complementary one-year membership to MAS in addition of certificate of achievement. (Must be present at the awards ceremony to qualify for awards or certificates)