WELCOME!

STUDENT RESEARCH WEEK KICK OFF

MARCH 29 2021
AGENDA

• Introductions
• Welcome
• Keynote Speaker
• Graduate Student Awards
• Undergraduate Student Awards
• Undergraduate Faculty Awards
Dr. Michael Johnson
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Joshua Colwell is a Planetary Scientist and Pegasus Professor of Physics at the University of Central Florida. He came to UCF in 2006 from the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics at the University of Colorado where he earned his Ph.D. in Astrophysical, Planetary and Atmospheric Sciences. Since 2011 he has held the positions of Associate Chair of the Department of Physics, Assistant Director of the Florida Space Institute, and Director of the Center for Microgravity Research.

His research interests are in the origin and evolution of the solar system with a particular emphasis on planet formation, asteroids, planetary rings, comets, and interplanetary dust. As a Co-Investigator on the international Cassini mission to Saturn that orbited the ringed planet from 2004-2017, he designed and analyzed observations of Saturn's rings. He studies the structure and dynamics of Saturn’s rings with data from Cassini. He has led experiments that have flown on the Space Shuttle, the International Space Station, suborbital rockets, parabolic airplane flights, and is the Principal Investigator of a CubeSat that launched in 2021.
Graduate Student Awards
Presented by Dr. Elizabeth A. Klonoff

• Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching
• Award for Excellence by a Graduate Teaching Assistant
Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching

David Boffey ★
College of Health Professions & Sciences
Award for Excellence by a Graduate Teaching Assistant

Brandy King ★
College of Engineering & Computer Science
Undergraduate Student Awards
Presented by Dr. Theodorea Regina Berry

• Distinguished Undergraduate Research Awards
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Ezat El-Said
Dr. Gang Chen
Chemistry
Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award

Teddy Duncan
Dr. William Fogarty
English
Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award

Amy Lebanoff
Dr. Andrew Dickerson
Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award

Cesar Lopez-Zelaya
Dr. C. Kyle Renshaw
Optics and Photonics
Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award

Gary Hoppenworth
Dr. Sharma Thankachan
Computer Science
Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award

Meet Mehta
Dr. Steven Ebert
Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences
Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award

Salim Mouloua
Dr. Daniel McConnell
Psychology
Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award

Mariana Kellis
Dr. Barbara Gannon
History
Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award

Zachary Stein
Dr. Seetha Raghavan
Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award

Michael Greenberg
Dr. Yulia Gerasimova
Chemistry
Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award

Alyssa Church
Dr. Michael Rovito
Health Sciences
Undergraduate Faculty Awards
Presented by Dr. Theodorea Regina Berry

• Undergraduate Research Council Mentor of the Year
• Champion of Undergraduate Research Faculty Award
Undergraduate Research Council
Mentor of the Year

Dr. Damla Turgut, Computer Science
Nominated by Nafisa Mostofa
Champion of Undergraduate Research Faculty Award

Dr. Aubrey Jewett
School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs

Dr. Seetha Raghavan
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Thank you!