

2025 WFDW/AFS FHS Annual Meeting Summary of Awards Banquet

Snieszko Student Travel Awards

Every year the FHS provides funding for students and post-doctoral students to attend and present at our annual meeting, and this is accomplished through the Snieszko Student Travel Awards. This year, 10 recipients were selected, and each received \$1000 to defray travel expenses. Congratulations!!





Abdulmalik Oladipupo of Auburn University



Ashley Powell of University of Georgia

Divya Rose of Mississippi State University



Sujita Balami of Mississippi State University

Kim Jacobsen of UC Davis



Hayden Krause of Oregon State University

Jeremy Leung of UC Davis



Amber Johnston of
University of Maine

Mia Reed of UC Davis

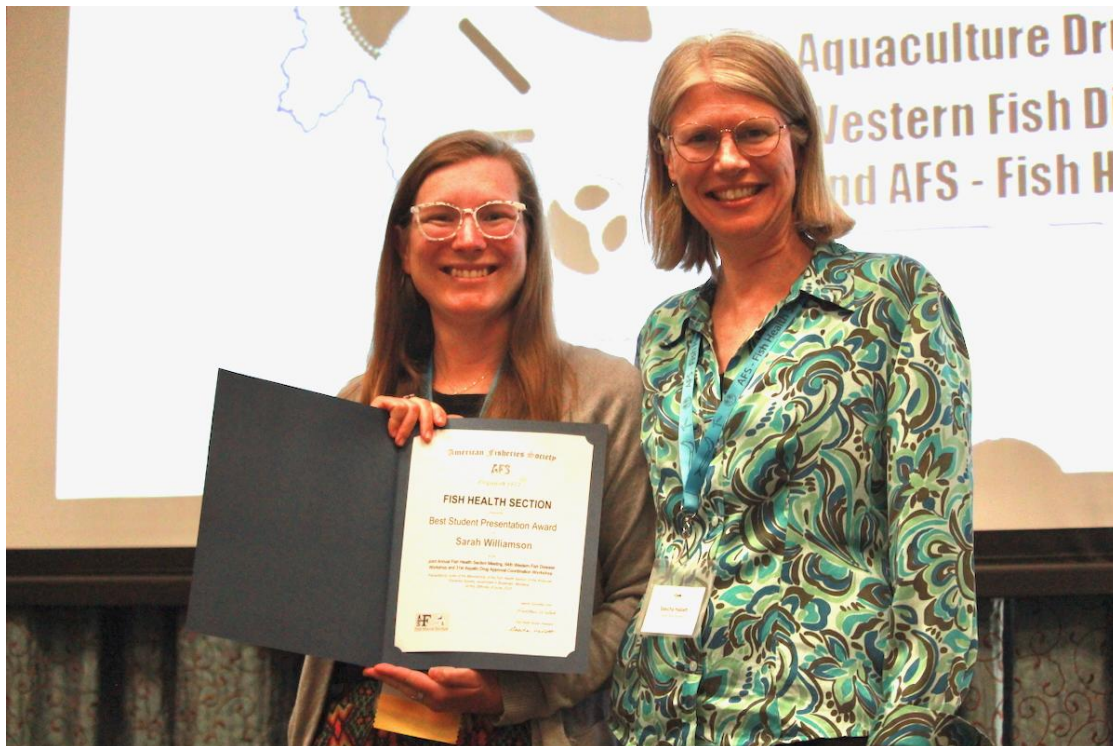


Sarah Williamson of Alaska Pacific University

Best Student Presentations

This year, 14 students gave oral presentations and three awards were given. All student talks were outstanding. Each recipient will be awarded a plaque and a \$200 check!!

Recipients were: Sarah Williamson (Alaska Pacific University, MS), "Effects of Temperature on in vitro Replication and Seawater Inactivation of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia Virus, with Insights into the in vivo Infectivity of Temperature Inactivated Virus to Pacific Herring", Mia Reed (UC Davis, PhD), "Immersion and Oral Immunization of Rainbow Trout With a Live Attenuated Vaccine Against *Lactococcus petauri*", and Tryssa de Ruyter (Washington State University, PhD), "Phylogenomic Characterization of a Divergent Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis Virus Isolated from Gila and Apache Trout".



Sarah Williamson



Mia Reed



Tryssa de Ruyter



Additionally, 3 students participated in the poster session. The best student poster award went to Kim Jacobsen (UC Davis, PhD), "Development of an *Edwardsiella piscicida* Immersion Challenge Model in Salmonids". She will also receive a plaque and a \$200 check!!

Kim Jacobsen

Snieszko Distinguished Service Award (SDSA)

The highest award in the FHS is the S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award. Dr. S.F. Snieszko stands as one of the most prominent figures in the establishment of the modern fish health sciences in the USA and internationally. This award is presented to individuals to honor their outstanding accomplishments in the field of fish health. This is a career achievement award.

This year the award was presented to Dr. Rod Getchell. Congratulations!



