SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY

Presents

GRAD SLAM

Thursday, April 14, 2022
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

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SJSU | COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES
EVENT PROGRAM

Welcome
By Marc d’Alarcao

Reading of the Land Acknowledgement
By Lupe Franco

Introduction of Judges and Emcee
By Marc d’Alarcao

Finalist Presentations
emceed by Amy Russo

Explanation & Voting of Audience’s Choice Award
By Marc d’Alarcao

Raffle Prize Announcement
By Amy Russo

Winner Announcement
By Marc d’Alarcao

Closing Remarks
By Marc d’Alarcao

Rooftop Reception

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

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Dean
College of Graduate Studies

Amy Russo
Coordinator of Multilingual Writing Center

2022 GRAD SLAM FINALIST

Harneet Kaur Ranauta
Neighborhood Characteristics in Relation to Food Insecurity in the Bay Area
Public Health, MPH

Niraj Pandkar
Predicting Externally Visible Traits from a DNA Sample
Computer Science, MS

Ankur
Twilytics: A Social Perception Analysis
Artificial Intelligence, MS

Punit Sundar
A Computational Approach to Identify Complex DNA Binding Sites to Study Gene Regulation
Bioinformatics, MS

Mari Hsu
Who Moved My Bus Stop? Mobility Justice for Positive Change
Urban Planning, MUP

Jayme Harms
Ex[SEL] in Middle School Counseling and Guidance, MA

Kate Forrest
Fire Tornadoes: The Unicorns of Fire Weather Meteorology, MS

Phuong Pham Lan
Drowning Dragon - Poetry on a Sinking Land Creative Writing, MFA

Simon Tan
Post-Pandemic Travel Patterns of Remote Tech Workers
Urban Planning, MUP

Nathaniel Pergamit
Buried Treasure in San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park Music, MM
MEET THE JUDGES

Amanda del Castillo
Reporter
ABC Channel 7 News
Broadcast Journalism, B.A. ‘12

Lupe Franco
2021 Grad Slam Winner
San José State University
Environmental Studies, M.A. ‘21

Meenakshi Goel
Senior Principal Researcher
Genentech
Chemistry, M.S. ‘09

Dr. Matthew Spangler
Interim Chair - Film & Theatre Dpt.
San José State University
Performance Studies, Ph.D.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Presenters are allowed three minutes and one static slide for their presentation and are judged based on the following criteria:

Clarity: Did the speaker provide adequate background knowledge to make the talk and the importance of the project understandable?

Organization: Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?

Language matches audience: Was the topic and its significance communicated in a language appropriate to an interested, but non-specialist audience? (For example, did the speaker avoid or explain discipline-specific jargon?)

Significance: Did the presenter explain why the project mattered, addressing the impact and results of the research?

Delivery: How was the delivery, including pace, enthusiasm, confidence, body language, and dynamism of vocal delivery?

Visual: Did the slide enhance the presentation and help to emphasize the primary points of the talk? Was the slide well designed, clear, legible, and concise?

Engagement: To what extent did the talk speak to your intellectual curiosity? Did it make you want to learn more about the topic?

PRIZES

First Place Winner: $1,200
(the honor of representing SJSU at the CSU-Wide Grad Slam)

Second Place Winner: $800

Audience Choice Winner: $500
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LIVESTREAM LINK

This event will be live-streamed for your convenience. A recording will be made available once the event has concluded.

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CSU Grad Slam

Tune into this year’s CSU-Wide Grad Slam competition on Friday, May 6 where you can cheer on and vote for our 2022 SJSU campus champion:

https://www.csub.edu/graduatestudentcenter/csu-grad-slam-2022