

Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America

The Southwestern Branch Meeting of the ESA was held on April 21-24 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Congratulations to the many people who won awards!

Faith England – Percival Scientific Undergraduate Entomology Student Activity Award

Rashmi Singla – Master’s Student Graduate Award

Elizabeth Williams – 1st Place Undergraduate Oral Presentation

Faith England – Tie for 2nd Place Undergraduate Oral Presentation

Elizabeth Carlson – Tie for 2nd Place Undergraduate Oral Presentation

Abu Abir – 2nd Place Ph.D. Poster

Elizabeth Carlson, Faith England, Ryley Hall, and Ethan Shaw – 2nd Place Entomology Games

May Birthdays

James Webster	May 1
Caleb Banister	May 5
Lindsey McKay	May 7
Jozlyn Kizer	May 12
Matthew Coniglion	May 13
Bethany Mitchell	May 15
Dan White Eagle	May 16
Meriem Aoun	May 18
Hassan Melouk	May 19
John Foster	May 22
Stephen Marek	May 23

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May Calendar of Events

Pre-finals Week Continues	May	1-3
4800 Capstone Presentations	May	3
Finals Week	May	6-10
Graduate Commencement	May	10
Undergraduate Commencement	May	11
Memorial Day – University Holiday	May	27
Paper and Poster Submissions Due for ESA Annual Meeting	May	31

June Calendar of Events

Advance Registration for APS Plant Health 2024	Jun	7
Juneteenth – University Holiday	Jun	19

Undergraduate Research Symposium

Faith England, Layne Johnson, Bethany Mitchell, and Elizabeth Williams will give their Capstone ENTO 4800 final research presentations on May 3 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 216.

Yasmine Abusaleh, Ren Coakley, Hannah Dodd, Irene Eubanks, Billy Ann Jervis, Gideon Morris, Abraham Olguin, and Ethan Shaw will give their Capstone ENTO 4800 final research presentations on May 3 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 108.

Congratulations!

Elizabeth Carlson was selected as a 2023-2024 Senior of Significance for the Ferguson College of Agriculture.

Dr. Mustafa Jibrin was selected by the APS Foundation and the Early Career Processional Committee as one of four speakers to speak at the 2024 Schroth Faces of the Future Symposium in Memphis, Tennessee.

Gabrielle Jones has been selected as one of the Spring 2024 Honorary Graduate Commencement Marshals.

Sulav Paul won second place in the poster competition of the FAPC Food Science Research Symposium on April 11 on campus.

May Graduates

Yasmine Abusaleh is completing her B.S. degree in Entomology.

Elizabeth Carlson is completing her B.S. degree in Entomology. She is searching for full-time employment for one year and then apply for graduate school.

Felipe Cevallos titled his Ph.D. dissertation, “Host-Pathogen Interaction between *Ophiosphaerella korrae* and Symptomatic and Asymptomatic Host Plants.” **Dr. Nathan Walker** has been his advisor. Felipe began his new position as a Senior Research Specialist in Turf Science in the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture at OSU on April 1. His research focus is turfgrass environmental stress physiology, and his responsibilities include the development, design, implementation, analysis, and reporting of turf research projects, and the supervision of undergraduate and graduate students. Felipe received his B.S. degree in Biotechnology Engineering from the University of the Army – ESPE in Latacunga, Ecuador in 2015 and his M.S. degree in Entomology and Plant Pathology from OSU under the direction of **Dr. John Damicone** in August 2018.

Hannah Dodd is completing her B.S. degree in Entomology.

Faith England is completing her B.S. degree in Entomology. She will continue to work in the laboratory of **Dr. George Opit** for a period and then search for full-time employment or graduate school.

Irene Eubanks is completing her B.S. degree in Entomology. She is searching for employment.

Jaeley Gattis is completing her B.S. degree in Entomology. She will be working in a summer program and then plans to become an M.S. student with **Dr. Francisco Ochoa Corona**.

Layne Johnson is completing his B.S. degree in Entomology. He has secured employment at Greenleaf Nursery Company.

Gabriella Jones titled her M.S. thesis, “Response of Macroinvertebrates to Presence of Fish in Oklahoma Ponds.” Her advisors have been **Dr. Wyatt Hoback** and Dr. Jim Long. Gabby will begin her new position as a GIS Specialist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Oklahoma City on June 1. She received her B.S. degree in Entomology from OSU in May 2022.

Bethany Mitchell is completing her B.S. degree in Entomology. She will work at Insect Adventure this summer and then look for full-time employment.

Gedeon Morris is completing his B.S. degree in Entomology. He has an internship with Oklahoma City Fisheries this summer and is applying for a graduate program.

Abraham Olguin is completing his B.S. degree in Entomology. He is searching for an internship or employment.

Ethan Shaw is completing his B.S. degree in Entomology. He is applying to graduate schools.

Reece Trujillo is completing his B.S. degree in Entomology. He will be starting an M.S. program in Entomology at Purdue University.

Elizabeth Williams is completing her B.S. degree in Entomology. She is looking for employment in the Tulsa area.