

CHARLESTON RESEARCH INSTITUTE

2016 Ralph H. Johnson Student Research Awards

Congratulations to the 2016 VA Student Research award winners and their mentors! 28 eligible students competed in this year's VAMC category during MUSC Student Research Day November 4, 2016.

Eligible students have a VAMC mentor, present VA R&D Committee approved research, and acknowledge Ralph H. Johnson VAMC in their presentation. First place winners receive \$500, second place winners receive \$200, and the Young Investigator receives \$100. Additionally, winners' names will be recognized on a perpetual plaque. The awards are sponsored by Charleston Research Institute (CRI) to encourage students to consider a research career with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Pictured below are the 2016 winners:

Poster Presentations



1st Place Poster Presentation: Billy Joe Mullinax

Title: "Long-Term Outcomes of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Patients Following Alcohol Septal Ablation Exhibit No Improvement in BMI Despite Improved Heart Function And Returning to General Population Mortality"

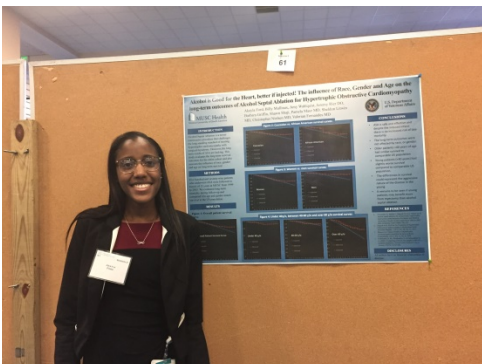
Mentor: Valerian Fernandes, MD



2nd Place Poster Presentation: Rohail Rashid Kazi

Title: "Measuring the Impact of Genomic Testing on Treatment Decision in Newly Diagnosed Prostate Cancer Patients"

Mentor: Stephen Savage, MD



Young Investigator: Akayla Ford

Title: "Out with the Old and In with the Great: Alcohol Septal Ablation Outcomes on Race, Gender and Age"

Mentor: Valerian Fernandes, MD

Oral Presentations



1st Place Oral Presentation: Adam Akerman
Title: “Thoracic Aortic Wall Tension Regulates microRNA-133a Abundance”
Mentor: Jeffrey Jones, PhD



2nd Place Oral Presentation: Ryan Kelly
Title: “Hematopoietic Stem Cell-Derived Bone Marrow Cells Form Osteogenic Colonies”
Mentor: Amanda LaRue, PhD

Special thanks to Dr. Steven Kubalak, Chairman of 2016 MUSC Research Day Committee pictured above presenting CRI awards.

Thank you to the judges who agreed to devote an entire morning or afternoon to judge the presentations.



CRI Poster Presentation Judges (L-R):
Amy Bradshaw, PhD; MA McCrackin, DVM; Ying Xiong, PhD; Michael Janech, PhD; Rick Klein, PhD; Tatyana Gudz, PhD (not pictured)



CRI Oral Presentation Judges (L-R):
Vick Findlay, PhD; Adam Soloff, PhD; Meenal Mehrotra, PhD; Paul McDermott, PhD; Jeff Jones, PhD