

Another Great Year for OSR's "Meeting of the Minds" Symposium

On Tuesday, May 27th, OSR hosted its 3rd Annual "Meeting of the Minds" Student Research Symposium. For the past couple years, OSR has held a symposium to help showcase the various creative works and academic research done by CSUSB undergraduate and graduate students. The 2014 symposium was OSR's largest yet! The event had 366 faculty, staff, students, and guests. Participants enjoyed 109 presentations and our first art exhibit.



The symposium kicked off its opening ceremony with speeches by President Morales, Dean Jeffrey Thompson and Dr. Francisca Beer. Following the speeches, Dr. Arturo Concepcion and his students presented their research on Mobile Application Research and Development at CSUSB. Dr. David Turner discussed Video Game Programming with SDL and Lua, and Dr. Sergio Iniguez gave us all a look into his current research titled "Vicarious Defeat: A Novel Preclinical Model of Juvenile Depression". Closing the opening ceremony was current undergraduate student Sarah Navarro, Hazel Morales, and John Berglund from the College of Arts & Letters with a beautiful clarinet performance.



Throughout the afternoon guests had lunch provided by OSR in the SMSU, watched and participated in judging students oral and poster presentations, and enjoyed a variety of informative workshops.



As the symposium came to an end, guests were invited to an open dinner reception also held in the SMSU. During the reception students and faculty listened to original music performed by recent CSUSB graduate Cash Tijerina and poetry by Dr. Juan Delgado and his group of student poets. They heard CSUSB alumni Dr. Johnathan King who gave an insightful key note speech highlighting his research titled “A Journey into the Brian: from Molecules to Behavior”. The evening ended with an awards ceremony for the best oral presentation and best poster, a raffle giving away I-Pads, and a closing address from the Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Jeffrey Thompson.

Congratulations to the 2014 Winners!

OSR would also like to congratulate the 1st place winners for best poster and best oral presentations! They are: **David Briggs** for best undergraduate poster presentation, **April Lane** for best graduate poster presentation, **Christopher Dustin** for best undergraduate oral presentation and **Lace Riggs** for best graduate oral presentation. Each winner received a brand new Apple I-Pad.