

# 2024-2025 Graduate Student Awards

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This list is organized by college, then by academic program, then alphabetically by student first name.

The list will be updated on a regular basis as additional awards are announced in K-State Today. Faculty and graduate students may also notify the Graduate School of awards from the 2024-2025 year that are missing from this list. Please send additions to Tara Habhab ([habhab@ksu.edu](mailto:habhab@ksu.edu)) and Dr. Megan Miller ([mmmiller@ksu.edu](mailto:mmmiller@ksu.edu)).

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Graduate School

# **COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE**

## ***Agricultural Economics***

### **Abena Damuah**

**Agricultural Economics, PhD**

- Phi Kappa Phi honor society Love of Learning Award

### **Catherine Obiribea Ofori-Bah**

**Agricultural Economics, PhD**

- Alumni Association International Leadership Award

### **Claire Wineman**

**Agricultural Education and Communications, MS**

- North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education grant recipient

## ***Agronomy***

### **Ajay Prasanth Ramalingam**

**Agronomy, PhD**

- Don C. Warren Genetics Scholarship

### **Alexis Correia**

**Agronomy, PhD**

- Outstanding Leadership and Service Alumni Association Award

### **Elana Arazi**

**Agronomy, MS**

- K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery Forum awardee

### **Endy Lopes Kailer**

**Agronomy, PhD**

- North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education grant recipient
- Phi Kappa Phi honor society Love of Learning Award

## **Jessica Bezerra de Oliveira**

### **Agronomy, PhD**

- North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education grant recipient

## **Kathy Gehl**

### **Agronomy, PhD**

- Research and the State award winner
- Capitol Graduate Research Summit award recipient

## **Midhat Tugoo**

### **Agronomy, MS**

- Graduate Dean's Award for Excellence, Engagement, and Leadership

## **Muazzama Mushtaq**

### **Agronomy, MS**

- Three Minute Thesis competition finalist

## **Nishadi Dodampe Mudiyansele**

### **Agronomy, PhD**

- International Scholarship, KSU International Student and Scholar Services and the K-State Alumni Association

## **Nishadini Widanagamage**

### **Agronomy, PhD**

- Research and the State award winner

## **Sabreena Parray**

### **Agronomy, MS**

- Three Minute Thesis competition finalist
- K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery Forum awardee
- Emerging Excellence in Leadership, Graduate School recognition

## **Salina Raila**

### **Agronomy, MS**

- Alumni Association International Leadership Award

## ***Animal Sciences***

### **Abigail Jenkins**

#### **Animal Sciences, PhD**

- 3rd place PhD Oral Abstract presentation at Midwest American Society of Animal Sciences Midwest Section
- Thaler Family Swine Nutrition Graduate Student Scholarship
- National Pork Board Pork Scholar

### **Chantelle Croucamp**

#### **Animal Sciences, PhD**

- Don C. Warren Genetics Scholarship

### **Grady Privett**

#### **Animal Sciences, MS**

- Nemechek Family Swine Nutrition Graduate Student Scholarship

### **Jessica Smallfield**

#### **Animal Sciences, MS**

- Timothy Donoghue Graduate Scholarship
- Nemechek Family Swine Nutrition Graduate Student Scholarship

### **Julian Arroyave Jaramillo**

#### **Animal Sciences, PhD**

- Nemechek Family Swine Graduate Student Scholarship

### **Larissa Becker**

#### **Animal Sciences, PhD**

- Stahly/Peo Outstanding Graduate Student in Swine Nutrition Award from American Society of Animal Sciences Midwest Section
- Pinnacle Award from International Ingredients LLC

### **Mikayla Spinler**

#### **Animal Sciences, PhD**

- Robert Nunemacher College of Ag Scholarship

## **Ron Navales**

**Animal Sciences, PhD**

- Nemechek Family Swine Nutrition Graduate Student Scholarship

## **Tomas Porcel de Peralta**

**Animal Sciences, MS**

- Timothy Donoghue Graduate Scholarship

## **Ty Kim**

**Animal Sciences, PhD**

- National Pork Board Pork Scholar

## ***Entomology***

## **Andrea Salazar-Aguirre**

**Entomology, PhD**

- John C. and Mary Beth Reese Scholarship

## **Andres F. Holguin-Rocha**

**Entomology, PhD**

- John C. and Mary Beth Reese Scholarship

## **Dawson Christensen**

**Entomology, MS**

- Roger C. Smith Award

## **Jacqueline Abarca-Duran**

**Entomology, PhD**

- Reginald H. Painter Memorial Scholarship

## **Jacqueline Maille**

**Entomology, PhD**

- 2025 recipient of the North-Central Branch Graduate Student Scholarship
- Roger C. Smith Award

## **Joshua Jackson**

### **Entomology, MS**

- Best Commercial Potential Award, Three Minute Thesis competition
- John C. and Mary Beth Reese Scholarship

## **Kaitlin Schieuer**

### **Entomology, MS**

- John C. and Mary Beth Reese Scholarship

## **Nicole Kucherov**

### **Entomology, PhD**

- Joe E. Pankaskie Scholarship

## **Rachel Johnson**

### **Entomology, PhD**

- Entomological Society of America Science Policy Fellow
- Lambley Family Scholarship

## **Rupinder Singh**

### **Entomology, PhD**

- Sonny and Gita Ramaswamy Scholarship

## **Sabita Ranabhat**

### **Entomology, PhD**

- Phi Kappa Phi honor society Love of Learning Award
- 2025 recipient of the North-Central Branch Comstock Award

## ***Grain Science***

## **Bindusri Naraharasetti**

### **Grain Science, MS**

- K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery Forum awardee

## **Conrad Kabus**

### **Grain Science, PhD**

- K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery Forum awardee



## **Pedro Henrique Goncalves Pereira de Souza**

### **Grain Science, PhD**

- Research and the State award winner

## **Rania Marie Buenavista**

### **Grain Science, PhD**

- Phi Kappa Phi honor society Love of Learning Award

## **Shirin Sheikhi Zadeh**

### **Grain Science, PhD**

- Extraordinary Student Award from K-State's Division of Academic Success and Student Affairs

## **Shivaprasad Doddabematti Prakash**

### **Grain Science, PhD**

- 1st place, Three Minute Thesis competition
- Outstanding Academics Alumni Association Award

## **Tucker Graff**

### **Grain Science, PhD**

- Outstanding Leadership and Service Alumni Association Award

## **Zhenjiao Du**

### **Grain Science, PhD**

- University Distinguished Professors Excellence in Doctoral Studies Award

## ***Horticulture and Natural Resources***

## **Emmanuel Nwachukwu**

### **Horticulture and Natural Resources, MS**

- Research and the State award winner
- Encompass Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America
- Chris Stiegler Turfgrass Science Student Travel Award and Fellowship
- 2nd place, graduate student poster competition, turfgrass water conservation and management division at the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America Canvas Conference

- Ron Wells Memorial Scholarship, College of Agriculture
- Gerald O. Mott Award Crop Science Society of America
- MANRRS Gold Scholarship
- 1st Place MANRRS Graduate Research Poster Division 1
- Corteva DELTA Scholarship for young outstanding leaders in Agriculture
- Emergning Excellence in Scholarship, Graduate School recognition

## **Vanessa Whalen**

### **Horticulture and Natural Resources, MS**

- North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education grant recipient

## **Vikas Kumar Galipothu**

### **Horticulture and Natural Resources, PhD**

- Three Minute Thesis competition finalist

## **Sagar Pokhrel**

### **Horticulture and Natural Resources - Urban Food Systems, MS**

- Three Minute Thesis competition finalist

## ***Plant Pathology***

## **Chandler Day**

### **Plant Pathology, PhD**

- Tillman Family Graduate Student award

## **Claudio Dias de Silva**

### **Plant Pathology, PhD**

- K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery Forum awardee
- Student travel award, North Central Division of the American Phytopathological Society

## **Giovanna Teixeira Sandoval Moreira**

### **Plant Pathology, PhD**

- International Scholarship, KSU International Student and Scholar Services and the K-State Alumni Association
- Marietta Wheaton Saunders Award, Society for In Vitro Biology

## **Lawrence Tidakbi**

### **Plant Pathology, PhD**

- Don C. Warren Scholarship in Genetics
- Tillman Family Graduate Student award
- Student travel award, North Central Division of the American Phytopathological Society

## **Letícia Câmara Vieira**

### **Plant Pathology, MS**

- Student travel award, North Central Division of the American Phytopathological Society

## **Madison Kessler**

### **Plant Pathology, PhD**

- Research and the State award winner

## **Olamide Adesina**

### **Plant Pathology, PhD**

- Christine Lee Shepard Memorial Fund Scholarship

## **Ravi Bika**

### **Plant Pathology, PhD**

- Don C. Warren Scholarship in Genetics
- Tillman Family Graduate Student award

# **COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING, & DESIGN**

## ***Environmental Design and Planning***

## **Maryam Kazemidemneh**

### **Environmental Design and Planning, PhD**

- Research and the State award winner

## ***Interior Architecture***

## **Lily Turner**

### **Interior Architecture, Masters**

- Mid-America Design Award in the Student Project category

## ***Landscape Architecture***

### **Ava Morrisey**

#### **Landscape Architecture, Masters**

- Landscape Travels Award

### **Rylie Vardiman**

#### **Landscape Architecture, Masters**

- Landscape Travels Award

## ***Regional and Community Planning***

### **Avery Neer**

#### **Regional and Community Planning, Masters**

- K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery Forum awardee

### **Bethany Stock**

#### **Regional and Community Planning, Masters**

- American Planning Association Kansas New Horizon Award (team award with fellow master's students)

### **Kaylyn Taylor**

#### **Regional and Community Planning, Masters**

- American Planning Association Kansas New Horizon Award (team award with fellow master's students)

### **Olivia Depperschmidt**

#### **Regional and Community Planning, Masters**

- American Planning Association Kansas New Horizon Award (team award with fellow master's students)

### **Otisha Fernandez**

#### **Regional and Community Planning, Masters**

- American Planning Association Kansas New Horizon Award (team award with fellow master's students)



## **Shahadat Hossain**

### **Regional and Community Planning, Masters**

- American Planning Association Kansas New Horizon Award (team award with fellow master's students)

## **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

### ***Biology***

## **Abhineet Banerjee**

### **Biology, PhD**

- Cancer Research Award

## **Cathryn Haas**

### **Biology, PhD**

- Cancer Research Award

## **Grant Brooke**

### **Biology, PhD**

- Cancer Research Award

## **Jack Sytsma**

### **Biology, PhD**

- Phi Kappa Phi honor society Love of Learning Award

## **Rehan Khan**

### **Biology, PhD**

- Cancer Research Award

## **Vinusha Wickramasinghe**

### **Biology, PhD**

- Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) Graduate Fellowship

## **Jessica Stancic**

### **Biology, MS**

- K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery Forum awardee

## ***Chemistry***

### **Bingun Habarkadage**

**Chemistry, PhD**

- Cancer Research Award

### **Chao An**

**Chemistry, PhD**

- Cancer Research Award

### **Graham Moran**

**Chemistry, PhD**

- Cancer Research Award

### **Kushan Kompalage**

**Chemistry, PhD**

- Fall 2024 NOTICXE Graduate Student Fellowship

### **Truptiben Patel**

**Chemistry, PhD**

- Cancer Research Award

### **Vidya Nadar**

**Chemistry, PhD**

- Research and the State award winner
- Cancer Research Award

### **Zahirul Islam Saddam**

**Chemistry, PhD**

- Research and the State award winner

## ***Communication Studies***

### **Chase Jordan**

## **Communication Studies, MS**

- GSC Award for Graduate Student Teaching Excellence

## ***Economics***

### **Seungmin Yang**

#### **Economics, PhD**

- K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery Forum awardee

### **Sydney Weber**

#### **Economics, PhD**

- Three Minute Thesis competition finalist

## ***English***

### **Mary Adeyemo**

#### **English, MS**

- International Students Scholarship Award
- Blue Key Senior Honorary Award for Leadership, Service and Academic Excellence

## ***Fine Arts***

### **Ariana Swann**

#### **Fine Arts, Masters**

- American Association of University Women (AAUW) Manhattan Branch Scholarship

### **Gabriel Dwomoh**

#### **Fine Arts, Masters**

- Anderson Ranch Arts Center Scholarship

### **Maryam Ghasempour**

#### **Fine Arts, Masters**

- Artist Residency at Bunnell Street Arts Center Scholarship



## ***Geography***

### **Caroline Ruto**

**Geography, PhD**

- Steve Kale Graduate Research Fellowship

### **Clay Robinson**

**Geography, PhD**

- White Geography Graduate Teaching Assistant Excellence Award

### **Harsimran Tahmasebi Kalesar**

**Geography, PhD**

- Milton and Emma Jean Rafferty Gamma Theta Upsilon Geography Scholarship

### **Max Wellbrock-Talley**

**Geography, MS**

- Hartington Family Geography Scholarship
- Steve Kale Graduate Research Fellowship

### **Michael Pegg**

**Geography, MS**

- Milton and Emma Jean Rafferty Gamma Theta Upsilon Geography Scholarship

### **Michael Mandin**

**Geography, MS**

- Geography Student Leadership Award

### **Mostafa Sadeghnejad**

**Geography, PhD**

- Milton and Emma Jean Rafferty Gamma Theta Upsilon Geography Scholarship

### **Neda Mohamadzadeh**

**Geography, PhD**

- Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) Graduate Fellowship
- White Geography Graduate Teaching Assistant Excellence Award

### **Sande Williams**

## **Geography, MS**

- Willima D. Grimm Memorial Scholarship

## ***Geology***

### **Deborah Agbamu**

**Geology, MS**

- Kansas Geological Foundation Scholarship
- Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City Scholarship

### **Matilda King**

**Geology, MS**

- Geological Society of America Grant
- Association for Women Geoscientists Scholarship

### **Matthew Arana**

**Geology, MS**

- Best Graduate Student Poster Presentation Award received from the 2025 CSA South-Central Section Meeting

### **Vivian Nechi**

**Geology, MS**

- Association of Earth Club of Greater Kansas City Scholarship
- Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG)/Chevron Student Leadership Symposium(SLS)

## ***Mathematics***

### **Garrett Nelson**

**Mathematics, PhD**

- William L. Stamey Graduate Teaching Assistant award

### **Henry Azubuike**

**Mathematics, PhD**

- 2025 Friends of Mathematics Graduate Teaching Assistant award

### **Ilyas Mustapha**

**Mathematics, PhD**

- 2025 Hostinsky Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant award

## **Kathryn Wilson**

**Mathematics, PhD**

- 2025 Friends of Mathematics Graduate Teaching Assistant award

## **Kostas Kydoniatis**

**Mathematics, PhD**

- 2025 Stromberg Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant award

## ***Microbiology***

## **Oluchi Alaribe**

**Microbiology, PhD**

- Research and the State award winner

## ***Modern Languages***

## **Annie McCord**

**Modern Languages, MA**

- 2025 Kirmser Award for Endeavors in Modern Languages

## **Bethany Reinsch**

**Modern Languages, MA**

- 2025 Kirmser Award for Endeavors in Modern Languages

## **Camila Robles Cabrera**

**Modern Languages, MA**

- 2025 Kirmser Award for Endeavors in Modern Languages

## **Dylan McConnell Curry**

**Modern Languages, MA**

- 2025 Kirmser Award for Endeavors in Modern Languages

## **Huan Guo**

**Modern Languages, MA**

- 2025 Kirmser Award for Endeavors in Modern Languages

## **Kristine Gevock**

**Modern Languages, MA**

- 2025 Kirmser Award for Endeavors in Modern Languages

## **Maria Camila Ramirez Quimbayo**

**Modern Languages, MA**

- 2025 Kirmser Award for Endeavors in Modern Languages

## ***Physics***

## **Adil Hussain**

**Physics, PhD**

- Universities Research Association Visting Scholars Program Award

## **Braden Allmond**

**Physics, PhD**

- 2025 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics

## **Gujju Gurunadha Reddy**

**Physics, PhD**

- 2025 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics

## **James Natoli**

**Physics, PhD**

- 2025 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics

## **Muhammad Sakhi**

**Physics, PhD**

- Awarded the first Dr. Shuo Zeng Scholarship to support his work in the J.R. Macdonald Laboratory

## **Nabila Majeed**

**Physics, PhD**

- Universities Research Association Visting Scholars Program Award

## **Parker Poulos**

**Physics, PhD**

- K-State Graduate School representative at the AAAS Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering (CASE) workshop

## ***Psychology***

## **Ashley Schiffer**

**Psychology, PhD**

- University Distinguished Professors Excellence in Doctoral Studies Award

## **Mohsen Davoudkhani**

**Psychology, PhD**

- Emerging Excellence in Engagement, Graduate School recognition

## ***Sociology***

## **Dylan Sears**

**Sociology, PhD**

- Winner of graduate student paper competition in the American Society of Criminology's Division on Critical Criminology and Social Justice

## **Jacob Miller-Klugesherz**

**Sociology, PhD**

- Three Minute Thesis competition finalist

## ***Statistics***

## **Allan Vieira de Castro Quadros**

**Statistics, MS**

- GSC Award for Graduate Student Teaching Excellence

## **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

### ***Accounting***

#### **Izzy Pinske**

**Accounting, MS**

- Award for Best Strategic Analysis in the 2024 Phillips 66 Business Ethics Case Competition

#### **Shaina Krainbill**

**Accounting, MS**

- Award for Best Strategic Analysis in the 2024 Phillips 66 Business Ethics Case Competition

### ***Business Administration***

#### **Carlie Cunningham**

**Business Administration, Master's**

- "Best Q&A", National MBA Case Competition in Ethical Leadership

### ***Data Analytics***

#### **George Maltby**

**Data Analytics, MS**

- JP Scholarship recipient

## **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

### ***Academic Advising***

#### **Megan Scott**

**Academic Advising, MS**

- Outstanding Graduate Student in Education Award

## ***Counseling and Student Development***

### **Hugh Sidabutar**

#### **Counseling and Student Development, MS**

- 2nd place in the Order of Omega's Case Study Competition at the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors annual meeting
- Graduate intern for the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values Central Conference
- Summer graduate intern with the University of Florida's Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life

## ***Curriculum and Instruction***

### **Ernestina Wiafe**

#### **Curriculum and Instruction, PhD**

- P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship (IPS)
- RSCAD Arts and Humanities Small Grant-Spring 2025

## ***Educational Leadership***

### **Chris Lowe**

#### **Educational Leadership, PhD**

- Outstanding Graduate Student in Education Award

## ***Leadership in Academic Advising***

### **Annita White**

#### **Leadership in Academic Advising, PhD**

- Extraordinary Student Award from K-State's Division of Academic Success and Student Affairs



# **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

## ***Architectural Engineering***

### **Brendan Schulz**

#### **Architectural Engineering, MS**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – April

### **Brisa Silvestre-Castillo**

#### **Architectural Engineering, MS**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – December

### **Drew Holliday**

#### **Architectural Engineering, MS**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – October

### **George Luetje**

#### **Architectural Engineering, MS**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – January

### **Laurelyn Harris**

#### **Architectural Engineering, MS**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – February

### **Morgan Hecker**

#### **Architectural Engineering, MS**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – November

### **Nicholas Divilbiss**

#### **Architectural Engineering, MS**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – September

### **William Roberts**

#### **Architectural Engineering, MS**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – March



## ***Biological and Agricultural Engineering***

### **Aashvi Dua**

#### **Biological and Agricultural Engineering, PhD**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – December

### **Fei Xyza Asuncion**

#### **Biological and Agricultural Engineering, PhD**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – February
- Extraordinary Student Award from K-State's Division of Academic Success and Student Affairs

### **Ikenna Onyekwelu**

#### **Biological and Agricultural Engineering, PhD**

- Phi Kappa Phi honor society Love of Learning Award
- Corteva New Frontiers Scholar Award
- 2nd Place, Boyd-Scott Graduate Research Award (PhD Category), American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers
- Graduate Student of the Year, Biological and Agricultural Engineering

### **Izuchukwu Okafor**

#### **Biological and Agricultural Engineering, MS**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – September

### **Jose Peiretti**

#### **Biological and Agricultural Engineering, PhD**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – October

### **Kelechi Igwe**

#### **Biological and Agricultural Engineering, PhD**

- Phi Kappa Phi honor society Love of Learning Award
- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – November

### **Roselle Barretto**

#### **Biological and Agricultural Engineering, PhD**

- Research and the State award winner
- Phi Kappa Phi honor society Love of Learning Award
- Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) Graduate Fellowship

- Tony Jurich Community Commitment and Leadership Student Awards

## **Shubhangi Arvelli**

### **Biological and Agricultural Engineering, PhD**

- People's Choice Award, Three Minute Thesis competition
- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – March

## **Tyler Smith**

### **Biological and Agricultural Engineering, PhD**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – April

## **Ying Tan**

### **Biological and Agricultural Engineering, PhD**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – January

## **Reagan Gomez**

### **Biological and Agricultural Engineering, MS**

- K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery Forum awardee

## ***Chemical Engineering***

## **Amin Ahmadisharaf**

### **Chemical Engineering, PhD**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – February

## **Amirsalar Bagheri**

### **Chemical Engineering, PhD**

- K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery Forum awardee

## **Darya Pirmohammadi**

### **Chemical Engineering, PhD**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – November

## **Seth Eckels**

### **Chemical Engineering, PhD**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – March



## **Thiago Oliveira Cabral**

**Chemical Engineering, PhD**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – April

## **Zixian Wang**

**Chemical Engineering, PhD**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – September

## ***Civil Engineering***

## **Ali Hassan Alqarni**

**Civil Engineering, PhD**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – September

## **Huu Tuan Tran**

**Civil Engineering, PhD**

- Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) Graduate Fellowship

## **Mason Ericson**

**Civil Engineering, MS**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – January

## **Mohammad Bani Hani**

**Civil Engineering, PhD**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – October

## **Nick Mckee-Rist**

**Civil Engineering, MS**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – February

## **Subodh Mhamankar**

**Civil Engineering, PhD**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – April

## **Xingdong Wu**

**Civil Engineering, PhD**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – November

## ***Computer Science***

## **Abhilekha Dalal**

**Computer Science, PhD**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – October

## **Friday James**

**Computer Science, PhD**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – April

## **Jacob Legg**

**Computer Science, MS**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – December

## **Joseph Zalewski**

**Computer Science, PhD**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – February

## **Ke Dong**

**Computer Science, PhD**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – September

## **Nikesh Gyawali**

**Computer Science, PhD**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – November

## **Nikita Gautam**

**Computer Science, PhD**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – March

## **Samantha Ereshi Akkamahadevi**

**Computer Science, PhD**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – January

## ***Electrical and Computer Engineering***

## **Dane Thompson**

**Electrical and Computer Engineering, MS**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – December

## **Milad Sadoughi**

**Electrical and Computer Engineering, PhD**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – April

## **Muhammad Ali Shafique**

**Electrical and Computer Engineering, PhD**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – September

## **Priyanka Gautam**

**Electrical and Computer Engineering, PhD**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – January

## **Prudhviraj Dhanapala**

**Electrical and Computer Engineering, PhD**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – February

## **Yang Zhao**

**Electrical and Computer Engineering, PhD**

- Cancer Research Award

## ***Industrial Engineering***

## **Austin Boyer**

**Industrial Engineering, MS**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – November



## **Brian Blood**

### **Industrial Engineering, MS**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – January

## **Charles Pershall**

### **Industrial Engineering, MS**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – December

## **Faxon Freeman**

### **Industrial Engineering, MS**

- 2025 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – April

## **Kh M Asif Raihan**

### **Industrial Engineering, PhD**

- Extraordinary Student Award from K-State's Division of Academic Success and Student Affairs

## **Narges Malmir**

### **Industrial Engineering, PhD**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – October

## **Thiba Nagaraja**

### **Industrial Engineering, PhD**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – September

## ***Mechanical Engineering***

## **Riley Maurath**

### **Mechanical Engineering, MS**

- 2024 Engineering Graduate Student of the Month – September

## **Jesus Becerra**

### **Mechanical Engineering, PhD**

- Cancer Research Award

## ***Nuclear Engineering***

### **Daniel Eckerberg**

**Nuclear Engineering, MS**

- Kansas Graduate Cancer Research Scholarship and Support Award

### **Eric Giunta**

**Nuclear Engineering, PhD**

- Cancer Research Award

## **COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES**

## ***Couple and Family Therapy***

### **Noah Renken**

**Couple and Family Therapy, MS**

- Research and the State award winner
- K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery Forum awardee

## ***Kinesiology***

### **Ashley Baranczuk**

**Kinesiology, PhD**

- 2nd place, Three Minute Thesis competition

### **Justin Montney**

**Kinesiology, PhD**

- Three Minute Thesis competition finalist
- Graduate Dean's Award for Excellence, Engagement, and Leadership

### **Kiana Schulze**

**Kinesiology, PhD**

- University Distinguished Professors Excellence in Doctoral Studies Award

## **Nathan Kenney**

**Kinesiology, MS**

- Research and the State award winner

## ***Prevention Science***

## **Sarah Egbo**

**Prevention Science, PhD**

- International Fellowship from the American Association of University Women

## **INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS**

## ***Genetics***

## **Heather Forster**

**Genetics, PhD**

- Kansas Academy of Science Graduate Student Research Grant
- Dale Augustine Cancer Research Award
- Don C. Warren Scholarship in Genetics
- Tillman Family Graduate Student Award

## ***Food Science***

## **Ruchi Chauhan**

**Food Science, PhD**

- Alumni Association International Leadership Award
- Best Student Research Paper, Cereals and Grains Association meeting
- International Scholarship, KSU International Student and Scholar Services and the K-State Alumni Association

## ***Public Health***

## **Cole King**

**Public Health, Masters**

- Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools/ProQuest Distinguished Thesis Award

## ***Security Studies***

### **Emmanuel Ofori-Bah**

**Security Studies, PhD**

- International Scholarship, KSU International Student and Scholar Services and the K-State Alumni Association

## **STALEY SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP**

### ***Leadership Communication***

### **Emmanuel Jeje**

**Leadership Communication, PhD**

- Phi Kappa Phi honor society Love of Learning Award

### **Oluyomibo Asunlegan**

**Leadership Communication, PhD**

- International Student and Scholar Services Scholarship Award

### **Xatyiswa Maqashalala**

**Leadership Communication, PhD**

- Robert Shoop Graduate Student Research Award

## **COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

### ***Pathobiology***

### **Alexandria Zabiegala**

**Pathobiology, PhD**

- 2025 Phi Zeta Research Day Award- 2nd Place

### **Conrad Schelkopf**

**Pathobiology, PhD**

- 2nd place in the American Association of Bovine Practitioners Research Summaries Graduate Student Awards
- Research and the State award winner
- W.D. Farr Scholarship from National Cattlemen's Foundation
- Capitol Graduate Research Summit award recipient

## **Konner Cool**

### **Pathobiology, PhD**

- Dr. Harish C. and Ved K. Minocha Scholarship

## **Surya Devkota**

### **Pathobiology, PhD**

- 2025 Phi Zeta Research Day Award- 3rdPlace

## **Taylor McAtee**

### **Pathobiology, PhD**

- A.S.R. Ganta Graduate Award

## ***Physiology***

## **Jacob Schumacher**

### **Physiology, PhD**

- 2025 Phi Zeta Research Day Award- 2nd Place

## **Jordana Zimmermann**

### **Physiology, PhD**

- 2025 Phi Zeta Research Day Award-1st Place

## ***Veterinary Biomedical Science***

## **Ashley Bowyer**

### **Veterinary Biomedical Science, MS**

- 2025 Phi Zeta Research Day Award-1st Place

## **Brian Wolfe**

### **Veterinary Biomedical Science, MS**

- K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery Forum awardee

## **Haitham Alneaemy**

**Veterinary Biomedical Science, MS**

- 2025 Phi Zeta Research Day Award- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

## **Mahamudul Hasan**

**Veterinary Biomedical Science, MS**

- Cancer Research Award

## **Sujan Kafle**

**Veterinary Biomedical Science, MS**

- 2025 Phi Zeta Research Day Award- 2nd Place