PRESENTATION AWARDS
Awards at the University Preliminary level include:
  First Place PhD/EdD Winner - $100
  First Place Master’s Winner - $100
  Overall Runner-up - $75
  People’s Choice - $75

PRESENTATION RULES
• A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted (no slide transitions, animations or “movement” of any description, the slide is to be presented from the beginning of the oration).
• No additional electronic media (e.g., sound and video files) are permitted.
• No additional props (e.g., costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment, notes, laser pointers) are permitted.
• Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum and presenters exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.
• Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g., no poems, raps or songs).
• Presentations are to commence from the stage.
• Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through movement or speech.
• The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

JUDGING CRITERIA
At every level of the competition each presenter will be assessed on two judging criteria:

Comprehension + Content
• Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background and significance to the research question being addressed while explaining terminology and avoiding jargon?
• Did the presentation clearly describe the impact and/or results of the research, including conclusions and outcomes?
• Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?
• Was the thesis topic, research significance, results/impact and outcomes communicated in language appropriate to a nonspecialist audience?
• Did the presenter spend adequate time on each element of their presentation or did they elaborate for too long on one aspect, or was the presentation rushed?

Engagement + Communication
• Did the oration make the audience want to know more?
• Was the presenter careful not to trivialize or generalize their research?
• Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for their research?
• Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience’s attention?
• Did the presenter have sufficient stage presence, eye contact and vocal range; maintain a steady pace, and have a confident stance?
• Did the PowerPoint slide enhance the presentation - was it clear, legible, and concise?
PRELIMINARY ROUND THREE PRESENTERS:

1. SARA P. WEAVER
   COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
   Ultrasonic Acoustic Deterrents Reduce Bat Fatalities at Wind Turbines

2. JAMES DYLAN DOUTHITT
   COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
   Graphical Chip-Firing as an Economical Model

3. CHENG CAO
   COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
   Learning Based Keyway Alignment in Robotic Pipe Handling

4. SHUBHA MALLA
   COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
   Telomere Shortening: A Human Aging Clock

5. YASH MARTHAK
   COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
   Characterizing and Planning for Key Logistic Obstacles in Food Banks Operations after Hurricane Events

6. MELODY MARTINEZ
   COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
   A Tragic Tale of Two Fishes

7. TAMARA HARPER SHERTON
   COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
   Humanity, Equity, Solidarity

8. FANNY MAZNA
   COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
   Religious Freedom

9. SAMANTHA ZEPEDA
   COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
   The Mechanisms of Nuclear Export of Human LARP6

10. AMBER SARKER
    COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
    Part of the Family: The Perceptions and Experiences of Students in an Ascender Learning Community

11. ASHRAF F. DEMIAN
    COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
    3-level-cross-classified Model in R and HLM

12. THI NGUYEN
    COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATION
    Forward Innovation: Designing for Human Connection