

KSM Wins the Inaugural TACSM Cup

Texas Tech University won the inaugural TACSM Cup, which ranks each university for its total involvement and achievement at the Annual Meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine – Texas Chapter (TACSM) in 2023. Approximately 30 universities participated in the conference this year. Texas Tech led all other universities in attendance, submissions, and awards. The participation by KSM faculty and their students was outstanding.



Brielle DeHaven was recognized as the Major of the Year from Texas Tech University.



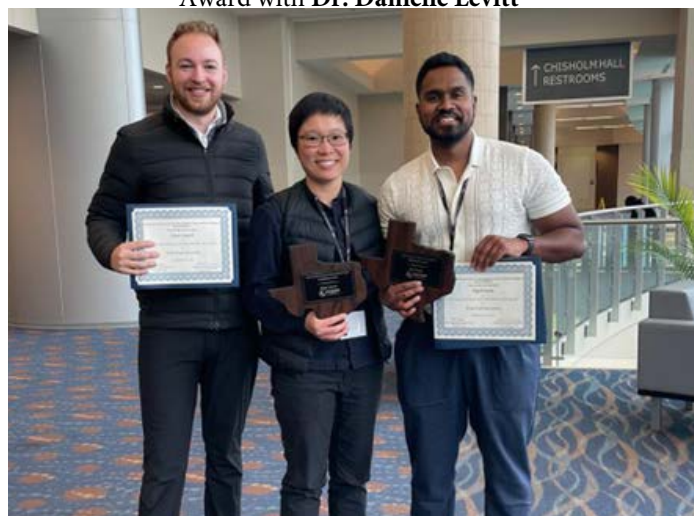
Christian Rodriguez won 4th place in the Manuscript Award Competition



Colby Newman receives Student Research Development Award with **Dr. Danielle Levitt**



Sarah White, working with **Dr. Grant Tinsley**, won 1st place in the Undergraduate Research Poster Presentation competition

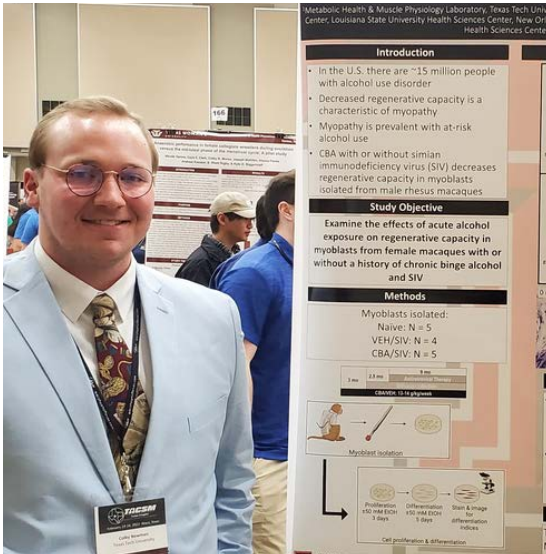


Casey Appell and Nigel Jiwan display their honors from TACSM with **Dr. HuiYing Luk**

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Colby Newman



Alexandra Brojanac, Carson Lewis, Jacob Richardson, Kiara Garza, Ryan Ellis, Ethan Tinoco competed on KSM Student Bowl Team



(Top Row) Jan Rolloque, **Dr. Yasuki Sekiguchi**, Cherish Dunlap, Marcos Keefe, Jacob Richardson, Ganesh Tallam,
(Bottom Row) Alan Ky, Ryan Dunn, Kelly Elliott, Madi Pomroy



Christian Rodriguez, Madelin Siedler, Brielle DeHaven, Ethan Tinoco, Alex Brojanac, Sarah White, and **Dr. Grant Tinsley**



Carina Velasquez, Katie Kennedy, McKenzie Hare, Kathryn Southall, Kealey Wohlgemuth, with **Dr. Jacob Mota**

...And
More
from
TACSM



Front row (left to right): Kiara Garza, Jan-Joseph Rolloque, Alan Ky, Katie Harris, Ryan Dunn, Kelly Elliott, **Dr. Yasuki Sekiguchi**. Middle row (left to right): Sarah White, Alex Brojanac, Madelin Siedler, Brielle DeHaven, **Dr. HuiYing Luk**. Back row (left to right): **Dr. Danielle Levitt**, Jacob Dellinger, Ganesh Tallam, Marcos Keefe, Jacob Richardson, Colby Newman, Casey Appell, Nigel Jiwan, Ryan Ellis, Ethan Tinoco, Carson Lewis, **Dr. Grant Tinsley**, Christian Rodriguez. Attendees not pictured: **Dr. Ty Palmer**, Bailey Palmer, Pratibha Maurya, Kayla Sisneros, **Dr. Jacob Mota**, McKenzie Hare, Kathryn Southall, Kealey Wohlgemuth, Katie Kennedy



(From Front Top Left) Marcos Keefe, Jan Rolloque, Madi Pomroy

(From Center Left) Jacob Richardson, Alan Ky, Ryan Dunn

(From Bottom Left) Ganesh Tallam, Cherish Dunlap, Kelly Elliott

Students in the Spotlight



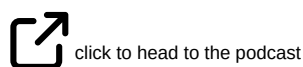
Bryce Rewalt

Bryce, who will be graduating with his Master of Science in Sport Management in May, is now the Assistant Director of Promotion and Fan Engagement for Texas Tech Athletics.

On a day-to-day basis Bryce oversees all promotional and marketing efforts for the baseball team, both men's and women's tennis teams, as well as the track and field team. This ranges from preparing game/match scripts and operating music for all home events, directing, and implementing new in-game promotional ideas and activities, outreach to students and organizations within Texas Tech, and many other marketing efforts in order to improve and/or maintain attendance at his designated sports. He also oversees the student internship associated with Tech Athletic Ambassadors. This is a group of about 25 interns that work directly with the Promotions and Fan Engagement Department. These interns primarily assist on gamedays with directing any giveaways and in-game promotions.

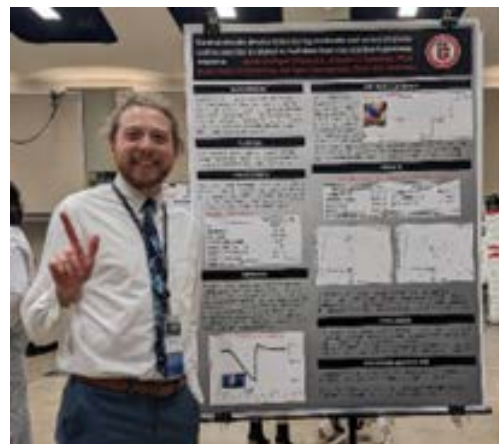
JD Armijo

JD is completing his Master of Science in Sport Management and has created a sport podcast called **TalkThatTalk**.



TalkThatTalk was invented his first year of graduate school in the Fall of 2021 as a class project for Sports Media. He asked his two best friends, Eric Alcozer and Micheal Soliz, if they wanted to help him out, and they said yes. We started off as "Fourth and Short" just to talk about football, but we changed to "TalkThatTalk" so that they could cover all sports. They try to keep up with all the current sporting events going on for the week/weekend and give they takes about that game or event. They record every Thursday night and post Friday mornings on Spotify and Apple Podcast "TalkThatTalkPodcast." As something that just started off as a class project and a hobby has been slowly turning into something more. This summer they plan on taking this hobby to the next level to try and elevate this program beyond the "class project."

Jacob Dellinger



Honors undergraduate program, accelerated graduate program, teaching assistant, thesis student, and now, first place winner at regional scientific conference – **Jacob Dellinger** knows how to make the most of academia. This May, Jacob will be graduating with his Master of Science in Kinesiology from Texas Tech having experienced more than most students. His presence in the Department of Kinesiology and Sport Management began in 2018 when he joined the Energy Balance & Body Composition Laboratory under the supervision of **Dr. Grant Tinsley** as a student in TTU's Undergraduate Research Scholars program. He spent six semesters in this research laboratory helping to collect and analyze data. His efforts resulted in 13 peer-reviewed research publications, one of which was a lead author publication in the journal *Physiological Measurements* (doi: 10.1088/1361-6579/abe6fa). In addition, Jacob presented his work at the 2020 Texas Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (TACSM) conference and won second place in the undergraduate research poster competition.

In his last semester as an undergraduate student, Jacob started graduate coursework through KSM's accelerated graduate program under the mentorship of **Dr. Joaquin Gonzales**. In the Vascular Aging Laboratory, Jacob crafted his research question for a thesis project, and was awarded a highly competitive Graduate Research Fellowship from the Graduate School in 2021 to help fund his study. Jacob collected research data in the early morning hours in 2021-2022 and was often seen running from the research laboratory to go teach multiple courses for KSM including bowling, diet & exercise, weight training, and applied exercise physiology labs.

This spring, Jacob presented a portion of his thesis data at the 2023 TACSM conference, and consistent with his past accomplishments, won first place in the Master-level research poster competition! While Jacob's plans after graduation are not currently set, KSM would like to thank Jacob for his stellar representation of our undergraduate and graduate programs, and we look forward to see what comes from this extraordinary young man.

Students in the Spotlight



Pratibha Maurya
**Graduating with Master
of Science in
Kinesiology and
Entering Doctoral
Program**

Pratibha Maurya is currently a master's student of Kinesiology in the Human Performance program. She is scheduled to graduate from the program this May. Pratibha has worked as a graduate assistant at TTU and has taught several Personal Fitness and Wellness classes. During her time at TTU, Pratibha is a research assistant for **Dr. Ty Palmer** in the Muscular Assessment Laboratory. As a research assistant, Pratibha helped Dr. Palmer collect and analyze data for several research studies on physical performance outcomes in young and older adults. Pratibha also collected her own data (under Dr. Palmer's supervision) for a research study investigating the reliability of handgrip strength measurements and their relationship with muscle power. For this project, Pratibha wrote a manuscript that was recently accepted for publication in *The Journal of Sports Medicine and Physical Fitness*. In January, Pratibha was accepted as a PhD student in the integrated Biomedical Sciences program at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She will be starting this program in August.



Marco Mwamba
**Bachelor of
Science in Sport
Management
December 2022**

After Marco graduated with his Sport Management degree, he immediately went to work in the sport industry. As a Personal Ticket Consultant for NASCAR, Marco has kicked off his sport career in Daytona Beach, Florida. In his new role, Marco generates ticket revenue through both new business campaigns as well as renewal cycles and works to build strong relationships with current account holders. We are so happy for Marco in his new role and representing TTU Sport Management across the nation!

Katie Kennedy and Kealey Wohlgemuth Receive NSCA Foundation Scholarships



Katie Kennedy



Kealey Wohlgemuth

The National Strength and Conditioning Association Foundation has awarded Katie Kennedy and Kealey Wohlgemuth two of its ten Women's Scholarships for 2022. These \$2,000 scholarships are designed to support women, ages 17 and older, to enter the field of strength and conditioning.

Katie Kennedy, a first-year doctoral student, is pursuing her Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology under the mentorship of Dr. Jacob Mota. Katie received her Bachelor of Arts in Exercise and Sport Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2020 and her Master of Science in Exercise Science from the University of South Alabama in 2022, where she worked under the leadership of Dr. Ryan Colquhoun. Upon graduating from TTU, Katie hopes to earn a tenure-track faculty position to continue her research in neuromuscular adaptations.

Kealey Wohlgemuth earned her B.A. and M.A. in Exercise and Sport Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association and Certified Sports Nutritionist from the International Society of Sports Nutrition. Kealey is currently in her second year of her doctoral studies and working under the mentorship of **Dr. Jacob Mota**. Her research interests include neuromuscular performance and adaptations to resistance training in special populations (i.e., firefighters, law enforcement officers, military). In the future, she hopes to continue in academia and work in a laboratory where she can research neuromuscular adaptations to resistance training. In January she had another lead-author manuscript ("The Time Course of Health, Fitness, and Occupational Performance Changes in Recruits Across a Fire Academy") accepted to *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise*.

KSM Ambassadors - Always Active



Kailey Miller and Erica Hollis in front and **Chailie Alsaffar and Ethan Jasso** take a break at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service event at the Booker T. Washington community garden.

To date, for the Spring 2023 semester, the Ambassadors have worked on setting up their second annual volleyball tournament which will take place in late April, designing departmental apparel to sell, and scheduling a number of volunteer opportunities in the community. To start the semester the Ambassadors participated in Texas Tech's Day of Service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day by helping with garden cleanup at the Booker T. Washington community garden. At the beginning of March the Ambassadors hosted Madison Proctor from the TTUHSC School of Health Professions to discuss their graduate programs with Kinesiology majors interested in athletic training, occupational therapy, or physical therapy. This discussion is held annually and works to help current students get on track and gain a better understanding of the requirements for acceptance into these graduate programs along with tips and advice from current graduate students in those respective programs.

At the end of March the Ambassadors will volunteer with STEM CORE at the Legacy Elementary STEM night after an amazing experience at the STEM night event last year. This event allows the elementary students and their families to actively engage in a variety of activities and promote STEM exploration and interactions with Texas Tech students and other community members. The Ambassadors booth will include a broad jump mat where students can test their jumping ability and learn about what happens to their bodies when they jump and how they produce the power to jump. In late March and April the Ambassadors will be recognized at several sporting events as Student Organization of the Game while showing their support for Texas Tech's men's and women's athletic programs. The Ambassadors have continued to host several prospective students and provide tours and transportation for the faculty candidates this semester.

The Ambassadors will also be participating in the Burkhart Walk for Autism, Texas Tech Arbor Day festivities, and Tech to Town in April.

Please follow the Ambassadors via social media: Instagram – [ksm_ambassadors](#)

NExT Med Lab Mates Join the TTUHSC DPT Class of 2026

Kinesiology majors and undergraduate research assistants in the Nutrition, Exercise, & Translational Medicine Lab, Abbey Calabrese, Kiara Garza, and Caleb Perry, have been accepted to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Doctor of Physical Therapy program and will start shortly after May commencement.

Abbey Calabrese commented, "I gained invaluable experience conducting research and understanding the science behind physical health and exercise as a member of the NExT Med Lab. I am excited to continue my journey and use my knowledge to help others achieve their optimal physical health and live a fulfilling life."

Kiara Garza stated, "I have been a part of the NExT Med lab led by **Dr. Kembra Albracht-Schulte** for two years now and have loved every minute of it! I am excited to join the TTUHSC DPT class of 2026 alongside some of my lab mates!"

Master's student in the Exercise Physiology concentration and research assistant in the NExT Medicine Lab, Salvador Galindo, has been accepted into medical school at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and will begin in the fall. As a member of the Family Medicine Accelerated Track (FMAT) program, he plans to become a family physician and hopes to use knowledge gained in the MS program to provide dietary and exercise counseling to his patients.



Nutrition, Exercise, & Translational Medicine Lab students at the Spring 2023 TTU Undergraduate Research Conference

(Back row) Salvador Galindo, Emeka Odukwu, Caleb Perry, (front row) Annalyn Shudde, Kiara Garza, and Abbey Calabrese

Faculty Invited to Speak at SHPN

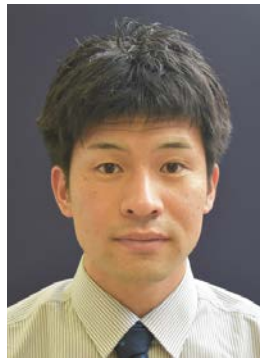
The Sports & Human Performance Nutrition DPG is a group of nutrition practitioners working with athletes and people at all levels of human performance to optimize holistic health for a lifetime. SHPN leverages the integration of nutrition, exercise science, and technology to set industry standards, provide continuing education, and prepare the next generation of cutting-edge professionals.

SHPN's first in-person conference was in Houston, Texas.



Dr. Katie Brown was invited to talk about her work on the legal and ethical implications of collecting, analyzing, and distributing athlete biometric data.

Dr. Yasuki Sekiguchi was invited to talk about his research over hydration and wearable technology.



Faculty Featured on Podcasts

In January, **Dr. Jacob Mota** was featured in episode entitled "Fighting Fire with Sport Science with Jacob Mota, PhD."



Dr. Zack Damon and **Dr. Katie Brown** joined Dr. Matt Huml from University of Cincinnati to chat all things manuscript writing and writing groups.

Vascular Aging Lab Directed by Dr. Joaquin Gonzales

Sleep and Cardiovascular Function – A New Area of Research for Texas Tech

The impact of sleep on cardiovascular health is now recognized by the American Heart Association (AHA) as a lifestyle factor that can alter one's risk for cardiovascular disease. In 2022, the AHA released their Life's Essential 8 for improving and maintaining cardiovascular health. In this document, the AHA recommends 7-9 hours of sleep per night with the understanding that adults that regularly sleep below or above this duration are found to have a higher risk for cardiovascular disease. This is a relatively new message from the medical community, which requires researchers to dive deeper into the connection between sleep and cardiovascular health to ensure accurate information is delivered to all adults irrespective of their age, sex, or disease status.

The Vascular Aging Laboratory in the Department of Kinesiology and Sport Management is among the laboratories active in advancing our understanding of how sleep impacts cardiovascular function. In 2019, the laboratory was funded by the AHA to understand whether sleeping more than 9 hours per night impacts blood vessel function in skeletal muscle or the brain. Results from this work were published in 2022, and showed that one week of long duration sleep improved the ability of small arteries in skeletal muscle to vasodilate. These results are interesting as they indicate that sleep duration has the potential to alter cellular function within blood vessels which has implications for sleep to be used as a strategy to improve muscle vasodilation in patients with vascular disease.

Completion of research projects always leads to more questions than answers. One question that arose from our previous work was whether sleep variability held special significance with cardiovascular function. In other words, what if a person meets the recommended amount of sleep but their sleep varies day-to-day? To answer this question, graduate student Jacob Dellinger, conducted a study examining the association between the variation in sleep duration across one week with multiple indices of cardiovascular function at rest and during exercise. He observed that sleep variability, but not sleep duration, was associated with blood pressure responses to exercise such that those that had higher sleep variability also had a greater rise in systolic blood pressure during exercise. Blood pressure reactivity to exercise is a known predictor of future hypertension, so our results suggest that variability in sleep may be a lifestyle behavior that contributes to elevated risk for hypertension.



KSM Guest Speakers



Deuntate Copeland

CEO, Founder, and Executive Director of the National High School Basketball Association

February 28th, 3-4pm

Copeland created the NHSBA while pursuing his bachelor's degree in Public Relations from the University of Central Arkansas (UCA). He later returned to earn his master's degree in Sport Management. Having grown up playing basketball and seeing the positive impact sport can make on individuals and communities drove his passion for creating the NHSBA.

Specifically, he wanted an organization that helped kids learn to play basketball while also being productive members of society and positive influences in their communities, regardless of whether they keep playing basketball post-high school. The NHSBA has helped numerous kids attend college, play basketball in college, and has also earned grants and partnerships from organizations such as the National Basketball Player's Association, career panels with ESPN, and *Sports Illustrated*.



Monica Paul

Executive Director of Dallas Sports Commission

April 5th, 3-4pm

Serving as the Executive Director for the Dallas Sports Commission, Monica Paul plays an essential role in implementing bid strategies and marketing programs that enhance Dallas' acquisition of sports competitions and events, including solicitation of Olympic, professional, collegiate and amateur sports, events and meetings. Most recently, she was honored by Connect Sports in 2015 as one of the Top IX Women in the Sports Tourism Industry and by Connect Magazine as being one of the "40 Under 40: Class of 2013," as a leader and innovator in the industry.

She liaised with the Super Bowl XLV Host Committee in 2011 and served as Executive Director of the Dallas World Cup Bid Committee in 2010 and 2017. Paul has also served on or led the Local Organizing Committees for the NBA All-Star 2010, the NCAA Men's Final Four 2014, College Football Playoff National Championship 2015, WWE WrestleMania 2016 and the 2017 NCAA Women's Final Four.



Dr. Harjiv Singh

Performance and Development Scientist
Orlando Magic

April 19th, 3-4pm

Dr. Singh is the Performance and Development Scientist with the NBA's Orlando Magic. Dr. Singh earned an MS degree from Columbia University, and a PhD from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. His expertise is in motor learning and control, and he seeks to learn "how" the brain and body correlate seamlessly to coordinate skilled movement behavior (learning and performance) and to translate this into tangible key performance indicators for coaches and clinicians alike.



Dr. Ryan Curtis, PhD, ATC, CSCS*D

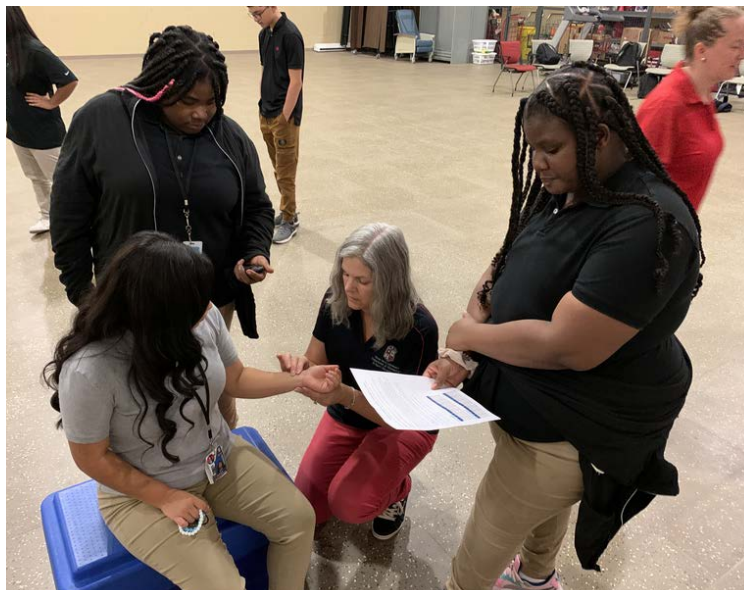
Sports Science Coordinator and Performance Coach
San Antonio Spurs

May 10th, 3-4:30pm

Dr. Curtis has over 15 years of professional experience serving as a sports scientist, athletic trainer and strength and conditioning coach spanning across military, collegiate, and professional sports settings. While at the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI) from 2015-2019, Ryan served in several positions including Director of Athlete Performance and Safety. Prior to KSI, Ryan worked with special forces warfighters with the United States Marine Corps, developmental and professional athletes with the United States Tennis Association, and professional athletes on the ATP/WTA tennis tour. His professional and research interests are in optimizing elite athlete health and performance through integration of evidence-based practice, technology, and analytics.

KSM Hosts TTU STEM-CORE Excursion Events Program for Middle School Students

In October of 2022, the KSM Department hosted 18 middle school students in collaboration with the TTU STEM-CORE excursion events program for K-12. The event, STEM in Sports, was led by PhD students Kealey Wohlgemuth and Casey Appell with **Dr. Audra Day** as the facilitator. The students were treated to a tour of the **Mota** and **Harry** labs where Kealey Wohlgemuth provided a presentation over evaluating fitness in the industrial athlete and Luke Chowning discussed motion capture programming and force plate analysis. Then the students completed a Queen's College cardiorespiratory fitness test and a Y-balance test. After the tests were finished, the middle schoolers had the opportunity to evaluate their findings. We all had a great time!



Dr. Audra Day demonstrates how to check pulse rate to middle school students



Casey Appell explains about research in the Human Performance lab



Kealey Wohlgemuth introduces middle school students to the Neuromuscular and Occupational Performance Laboratory



Luke Chowning shows middle school students how to measure human movement using biomechanics

Dr. Audra Day Receives the College of Arts & Sciences Innovation in Teaching Award

This award recognizes a member of the College of Arts & Sciences faculty who has demonstrated teaching excellence. The focus is less on their method of teaching but rather a sustained record of excellence that has been recognized by colleagues and students alike. One of the innovations provided by Dr. Day has been the development and opening of a Health-Fitness Screening Clinic in the fall of 2021. In this clinic all kinesiology majors enrolled in KIN 4306 Exercise Testing and Prescription engaged in a transformational learning experience through conducting exercise tests and prescribing fitness activities for TTU faculty, staff, and graduate students.

Another of Dr. Day's innovations has been her developing and incorporating case studies into her KIN 4306 Exercise Testing and Prescription classes. To improve these, in 2018 she applied for and received a Lawrence Schovanec Teaching Development Scholarship through the Teaching Learning and Professional Development Center. She used these funds to attend the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science Summer Workshop. In this workshop she learned more about how to write effective case studies and use them across an entire course. She has shared these and other innovations within the department and at an Advancing Teaching and Learning Conference.



Dr. John Harry Receives the College of Arts & Sciences Excellence in Research Award in the Social Sciences

This award recognizes a member of the College of Arts & Sciences faculty who has distinguished themselves and has achieved national or international recognition for their research or other creative activity. Dr. Harry, who directs the Human Performance and Biomechanics Lab, has published 45 peer-reviewed articles during his doctoral program and five years at Texas Tech, with 18 of these as the lead author. His publications are in journals such as Clinical Biomechanics, Gait & Posture, Human Movement Science, Journal of Applied Biomechanics, Journal of Sports Sciences, Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise, Sports Biomechanics, and The Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research. He has mentored undergraduate, master's, and doctoral students in his research lab and co-authored publications and conference presentations with his several of his students and professional colleagues at TTU and beyond. Since coming to Texas Tech, Dr. Harry has received \$78,688 in external funds individually and in collaborative projects. Noteworthy among are three collaborative grants totaling \$28,750 to SmartMate Solutions, LLC, a healthcare design company co-founded with three other Co-PIs in collaboration with the TTU Innovation Hub.



Undergraduate Advisers Treasa Austin and Jessica Terrazas talked with Eighth Grade Students at McCool Academy about Attending College



On January 26 Undergraduate Advisers Treasa Austin and Jessica Terrazas went to McCool Academy and did a presentation for the 8th grade students about majoring in Kinesiology and Sports Management. These advisers showed a PowerPoint similar to what is presented to the incoming TTU students at Red Raider Orientation. They talked about the different types of job opportunities for each major and what each major includes. The students learned about the courses needed for each major and the grade point requirements. They also introduced the idea of graduate school and how our majors are prepared for pursuing careers like Doctor of Physical Therapy, Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Master of Athletic Training, Physician's Assistant, and Pre-Medicine. They asked some good questions and when they did, they got a backpack full of goodies. The teacher for that class said we held their attention and were the best ones yet that came to meet with them. We received a follow up email from McCool Academy stating that the students loved our presentation, and they would love to have us come back again.

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Dr. Kembra Albracht-Schulte's Nutrition, Exercise, & Translational Medicine Lab

- Kiara Garza (undergraduate Student Bowl Team)

Dr. Joaquin Gonzales's Vascular Aging Lab

- Jacob Dellinger (1st place for the master's presentation award)

Dr. John Harry's Human Performance and Biomechanics Lab

- Katie Harris (PhD research presentation)
- Mia Hite (master's research presentation)

Dr. Danielle Levitt's Metabolic Health and Muscle Physiology Lab

- Colby Newman (master's research presentation; received the Student Research Development Award)

Dr. Hui Ying Luk's Applied Exercise Physiology Lab

- Casey Appell (finalist for the PhD research presentation)
- Ryan Ellis (undergraduate research presentation; undergraduate Student Bowl Team)
- Nigel Jiwan (3rd place for the PhD research presentation; received the Student Research Development Award)
- Carson Lewis (undergraduate research presentation; undergraduate Student Bowl Team)

Dr. Jacob Mota's Neuromuscular and Occupational Performance Laboratory

- McKenzie Hare (finalist for the master's presentation award)
- Katie Kennedy (PhD research presentation)
- Kathryn Southall (master's research presentation)
- Carina Velasquez (undergraduate research presentation)
- Kealey Wohlgemuth (PhD research presentation)

Dr. Ty Palmer's Muscular Assessment Laboratory

- Evan Johnson (undergraduate research presentation)
- Pratibha Maurya (2nd place for the master's research presentation)
- Kayla Sisneros (master's research presentation)

Dr. Yasuki Sekiguchi's Sports Performance Laboratory

- Ganesh Chetan (undergraduate research presentation)
- Cherish Dunlap (undergraduate research presentation)
- Ryan Dunn (PhD research presentation; won 2nd place in the Manuscript Award competition)
- Kelly Elliott (undergraduate research presentation)
- Marcos Keefe (PhD research presentation)
- Alan Ky (finalist for the master's presentation award)
- Madison Pomroy (undergraduate research presentation)
- Jacob Richardson (undergraduate research presentation; undergraduate Student Bowl Team)
- Jan-Joseph Rolloque (master's research presentation)

Dr. Grant Tinsley's Energy Balance and Body Composition Lab

- Alex Brojanac (undergraduate research presentation; undergraduate Student Bowl Team)
- Brielle DeHaven (Major of the Year from Texas Tech University; finalist in the undergraduate research presentation)
- Christian Rodriguez (won 4th place in the Manuscript Award competition; PhD research presentation)
- Madelin Siedler (PhD research presentation)
- Ethan Tinoco (finalist in the undergraduate research presentation; undergraduate Student Bowl Team)
- Sarah White (won 1st place in the Undergraduate Research Poster Presentation competition)