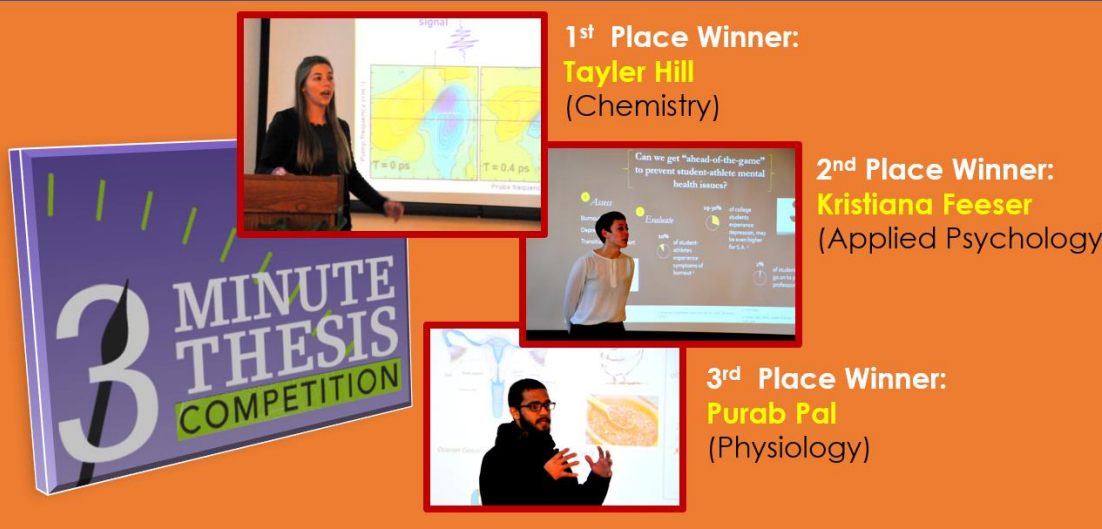


# GRADUATE SCHOOL NEWS

SIU  
Southern  
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University  
CARBONDALE

**MARCH 2020**



**1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner:**  
**Taylor Hill**  
(Chemistry)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner:**  
**Kristiana Feeser**  
(Applied Psychology)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner:**  
**Purab Pal**  
(Physiology)

## 2020 SIUC Local 3MT Competition Results

Twenty-two contestants presented their 3MT (Three-Minute-Thesis) research work on February 7 at Student Services Building 150/160.

The top three results are as follows:

1. Taylor Hill – Chemistry
2. Kristiana Feeser – Applied Psychology
3. Purab Pal – Physiology

Congratulations to all!

(3MT competition promotes graduate students' academic, presentation, and research communication skills since they need to learn how to effectively elucidate their research in merely three minutes.)

## Dates and Deadlines

### March 17

Last day for contracts to be submitted for March payroll.

### March 20

Dissertation Research Assistantship (DRA) nominations due to the Graduate Dean's office

### March 27

Last day to submit paperwork to the Registration office reflected to the last-day-to-drop or for a withdrawal from the University

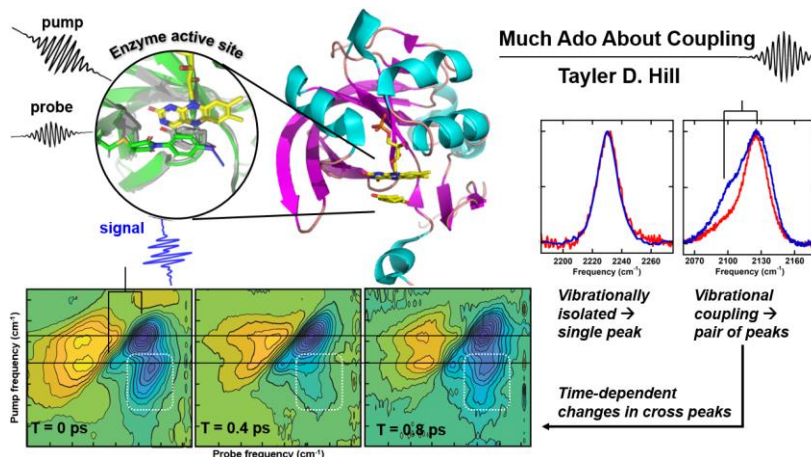
### March 29

Last day to drop a full-term course (no refund, resulting in a W grade) online using SalukiNet

# 3MT Winners & Their Research



Tayler Hill



Kristiana Feeser

### Preventative Assessment for Psychological Well-Being

Can we get “ahead-of-the-game” to prevent student-athlete mental health issues?

**1 Assess**  
Burnout  
Depression  
Transition Out of Sport

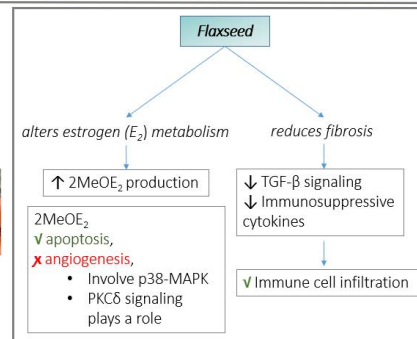
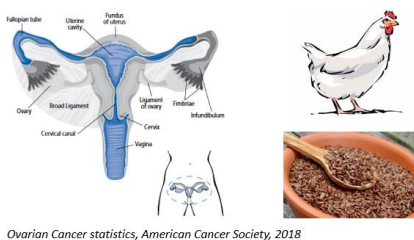
**2 Evaluate**

- 19-30% of college students experience depression, may be even higher for S.A. <sup>2</sup>
- 10% of student-athletes experience symptoms of burnout <sup>1</sup>
- 2% of student-athletes go on to play professional sports <sup>3</sup>



Purab Pal

## Elucidating the anti-cancer molecular actions of a flaxseed-supplemented diet in preventing ovarian cancer



“A quarter cup of flax a day, makes ovarian cancer go away”

# Graduate School's March/April 2020 Slate Training

If you still need Slate training or would like a refresher session, you can sign up here: <https://gradschool.siu.edu/slatetraining.php>



# INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY

The LAUNCH Speaker Series presents its largest event of the year on Wednesday, March 4 at SIU's new Center for Innovation, 1745 Innovation Drive. Innovation and Entrepreneurship Day features successful innovators and entrepreneurs who will inspire you to dream big as you pursue your own innovative ideas. The event runs from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Food and drinks will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. (The Center for Innovation is at the SIU Research Park on the Saluki Express south route.)



SIU SALUKI ENTREPRENEUR CORPS PRESENTS

## INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020

SIU CENTER FOR INNOVATION  
1745 INNOVATION DRIVE, CARBONDALE  
5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

**Peter Gregory**  
*Founder of Bsquare  
Owner of Humid Town Ventures*

**Bronwyn Morgan**  
*Founder of Xeo Air*

**Curt Jones**  
*Founder of  
Dippin' Dots & 40 Below Joe*

**Jeremy Packer**  
*CTO of Lineup Media Group  
Tech Entrepreneur and  
Founder of Packer Labs*



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# GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

SERVING THE NEEDS OF THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS OF SIUC.

## Student Research & Creative Activities Funding Award

Graduate and Professional Student Council



Program Director: Dianah McGreehan  
[dianah.mcgreehan@siu.edu](mailto:dianah.mcgreehan@siu.edu)

### Purpose:

With this annual research funding program, the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) aims to recognize and financially support the scholarly research and creative activities of our graduate and professional students. Through this program, the GPSC awards up to \$1,000 to winning applications and these funds may be used in support of travel, purchases of equipment, and supplies (or any combination thereof) for research and creative activities of graduate or professional students (note: travel to present your research will not be supported by this award).

### Applications:

Any graduate or professional student may submit an application for funding, *however*, to be eligible for the award, applicants must be enrolled as graduate or professional students at SIUC when the supported research is completed. To apply, applicants must submit the following materials through the [online application form](https://gpsc.rso.siu.edu/?page_id=403): [https://gpsc.rso.siu.edu/?page\\_id=403](https://gpsc.rso.siu.edu/?page_id=403).

Applications must include:

- a 1-2 page proposal which summarizes the project and specifies how the research award will contribute to your overall research
- an itemized budget which details how they will use the requested funds
- a thoughtful letter of support from a faculty member in their department, ideally explaining why this research is vital to their education

PLEASE NOTE: the application and all materials are submitted through the online form

- *All attachments MUST be submitted in PDF format through the online application form*
- *ALL required documentation WILL ONLY be accepted electronically through the online application form*
- *INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS will result in the application NOT being considered*

You may find additional information about the program online at: [https://gpsc.rso.siu.edu/?page\\_id=403](https://gpsc.rso.siu.edu/?page_id=403). If you have questions, please contact the Graduate and Professional Student Council at [gpsc@siu.edu](mailto:gpsc@siu.edu) or the GPSC Research Award Committee Chair: [dianah.mcgreehan@siu.edu](mailto:dianah.mcgreehan@siu.edu).

### Application Review & Submission: Due April 3

Applications are initially vetted by an independent panel of graduate and professional students. Final decisions will be made by the GPSC Fee Allocation Board and the GPSC Research Award Committee.

*Applications accepted until Friday April 3rd, 2020 11:59pm via [JotForm](https://form.jotform.com/200426393825152): <https://form.jotform.com/200426393825152>.*

### Award Ceremony:

The winners of the year's awards will be recognized in GPSC's Awards Ceremony May 5, 2020, held in the Old Main Room of the Student Center.

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# Outstanding Graduate Teacher Award

Graduate and Professional Student Council



Program Director: Dianah McGreehan  
[dianah.mcgreehan@siu.edu](mailto:dianah.mcgreehan@siu.edu)

## Purpose:

The 2020 GPSC Outstanding Teacher Award will recognize three (3) Graduate Teaching Assistants for their outstanding pedagogical practices as educators on the campus of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. SIUC's Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) have a tremendous and long-lasting impact on current and past undergraduate students. Graduate Teaching Assistants are able to relate their unique experiential knowledge and training to students in a classroom setting. Outstanding GTAs encompass the mission and goals of the university by embracing...a unique tradition of access and opportunity, inclusive excellence, innovation in research and creativity, and outstanding teaching focused on nurturing student success.

## Eligibility & Applications: Due April 10

In order to be eligible to apply for the 2020 GPSC Outstanding Graduate Teacher Award, applicants *MUST*:

- be a full-time student enrolled in the 2019-2020 academic year
- have been appointed at least a 25% Graduate Teaching Assistant on the campus of SIUC during the 2019-2020 academic year
- receive a letter of support for the award from current or past undergraduate student(s) they have had a direct impact on
- provide a Personal Teaching Philosophy Statement
- provide quantitative/qualitative student evaluations (e.g. ICE reports)

Applicants may provide the following additional documents – *additional items are NOT required*:

- departmental letter of support,
- curriculum vitae (CV),
- example(s) of lesson plans or assignments,
- short narrative essay further describing their impact as a GTA

The application and all materials are submitted through the online JotForm: <https://form.jotform.com/200437053319145>

- *All attachments MUST be submitted in PDF format through the online application form*
- *ALL required documentation WILL ONLY be accepted electronically through the online application form*
- *INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS will result in the application NOT being considered*

Find additional information online at: [https://gpsc.rso.siu.edu/?page\\_id=1900](https://gpsc.rso.siu.edu/?page_id=1900). Please contact the Graduate and Professional Student Council at [gpsc@siu.edu](mailto:gpsc@siu.edu) or Program Director at [dianah.mcgreehan@siu.edu](mailto:dianah.mcgreehan@siu.edu) with additional questions. Applications accepted through Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11:59pm – [CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION!](#)

## Award Ceremony:

Award winners honored on Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at GPSC's Awards Recognition Meeting – 7:30pm Old Main Room Student Center

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

# Distinguished & Outstanding Service Awards

Graduate and Professional Student Council



## **Purpose:**

The service awards granted by the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) of Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC) aim to recognize, honor, and celebrate the efforts and contributions of those whose work supports, advances, and/or demonstrates exemplary commitment to the graduate and professional students of SIUC and the missions of GPSC and SIUC.

## **Distinguished Service Award:**

GPSC's Distinguished Service Awards recognize, honor, and express gratitude for those persons, groups, or organizations, who, in course of their work and duties, are demonstrative of excellence and illustrious in exemplary commitment to the support, advancement, and achievement of SIUC graduate and professional students, the mission of GPSC, and the mission of SIUC.

## **Outstanding Service Award:**

In honor and expressed gratitude for those persons, groups, or organizations who demonstrated consummate determination and commitment, excellence and achievement in practice, and resolution to the wellbeing, investment in, and success of graduate and professional students at SIUC, GPSC's Outstanding Service Awards recognize those persons, groups, or organizations whose contributions and efforts are exemplars of aspirational and ideal conduct, of which others may strive in their own efforts to serve the students of SIUC and the missions of GPSC and SIUC.

## **Nominations: Due April 3**

Nominations of persons, groups, or organizations for both the Distinguished Service Award and Outstanding Service Award may be submitted online via Google Form (<https://forms.gle/YApjz6btD2h2P197>), via email ([gpsc@siu.edu](mailto:gpsc@siu.edu)), or dropped off at GPSC's office (SIUC Student Center, Room 305).

- nominations are open to all persons, groups, or organizations and may be nominated by any individual, group, or organization – self-nominations are allowed
- those nominated or those nominating need not be a member of GPSC or a current or former student, faculty, or staff member of SIUC
- nominations may specify which award – i.e. Distinguished v. Outstanding – however the Board may choose to award a nominee with an award other than that specified – e.g. a nomination for the "Outstanding Service Award," but the Board determines the "Distinguished Service Award" better suits recognition for the nominee
- nominations should provide whatever materials are determined pertinent and to support the nomination and should be submitted at the time of nomination via email or delivery to GPSC's office

Additional information online at: [https://gpsc.rso.siu.edu/?page\\_id=2034](https://gpsc.rso.siu.edu/?page_id=2034). If you have questions, please contact the Graduate and Professional Student Council at [gpsc@siu.edu](mailto:gpsc@siu.edu). Applications accepted through Friday April 3, 2020.

## **Award Ceremony:**

Awardees will be honored Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at GPSC's Meeting – 7:30pm Old Main Room Student Center



2019-2020 Council Meeting Schedule  
Graduate and Professional Student Council



Chair: Clay Awsumb  
President  
[claymichaelawsumb@siu.edu](mailto:claymichaelawsumb@siu.edu)

**Purpose:**

The Graduate and Professional Student Council holds a total of 14 regular Council meetings annually – seven in the Fall and seven in the Spring. These meetings are organized and lead by the Council Chair and GPSC President. At these meetings:

- representatives are provided the opportunity to address the council and its officers on business or other matters the speaker wishes to bring to the attention of and/or request action from the council
- representatives hear reports from executive officers, committee representatives, and council representatives
- council members vote on resolutions, funding, and other business brought before the council
- council members nominate and approve appointments of committee representatives
- representatives hear reports from university administrators on campus affairs
- council members nominate and vote for officer candidates in GPSC's annual elections held in each spring

**2019 – 2020 Council Meeting Schedule**

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|----------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| ▪ September 3  | 7:30PM | Old Main Room   Student Center |
| ▪ September 17 | 7:30PM | Old Main Room   Student Center |
| ▪ October 1    | 7:30PM | Old Main Room   Student Center |
| ▪ October 8    | 7:30PM | Old Main Room   Student Center |
| ▪ October 22   | 7:30PM | Old Main Room   Student Center |
| ▪ November 5   | 7:30PM | Old Main Room   Student Center |
| ▪ November 19  | 7:30PM | Old Main Room   Student Center |
| ▪ January 21   | 7:30PM | Old Main Room   Student Center |
| ▪ February 4   | 7:30PM | Old Main Room   Student Center |
| ▪ February 25  | 7:30PM | Old Main Room   Student Center |
| ▪ March 3      | 7:30PM | Old Main Room   Student Center |
| ▪ March 24     | 7:30PM | Old Main Room   Student Center |
| ▪ April 14     | 7:30PM | Old Main Room   Student Center |
| ▪ April 28     | 7:30PM | Old Main Room   Student Center |
| ▪ May 5        | 7:30PM | Old Main Room   Student Center |

**March 3 & 24:** Nominations of Candidates for President, Vice President for Administrative Affairs, Vice President for Graduate School Affairs, and Graduate Council Representatives.

**March 3 & 24:** two remaining Council meetings at which program representatives may (a) join GPSC prior to elections and be eligible to vote and (b) current representatives can meet the attendance criteria for voter eligibility (1 of 3 meetings prior to election).

**April 14:** GPSC Elections for Officers and Graduate Council Representative

## **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERSHIP FORM**

The Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) is the official representative body of all full and part-time graduate and professional students currently enrolled at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. GPSC exists to provide students the opportunity for collective participation promoting educational/professional advancement and the social welfare of the community. GPSC convenes seven meetings each fall and spring semester to conduct business through the action of its voting members.

Voting members of GPSC shall be restricted to those members who are duly elected and/or appointed as representatives of a graduate degree program or graduate certificate program. All voting representatives shall be designated as the official representative from a graduate degree program or graduate certificate program as follows:

- o If a student organization for the program exists, a letter/email from the RSO president, or similar letter/email from the faculty director or administrator of the program, or;
- o If not, signatures of 10 students (or 20% of total, if the total is less than 50 then rounded to lowest whole number) from the respective program.

Additionally, graduate students shall be entitled to a (at-large) voting seat on GPSC provided they present a petition signed by 20 unclassified graduate students (containing the student's name, signature, and email). There will be no more than five (at-large) members on GPSC during any academic year.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_, hereby submit to the President of the Southern Illinois University Carbondale Graduate and Professional Student Council this petition for membership in the Graduate and Professional Student Council, thereby all the rights and responsibilities entailed therein, as the duly elected and/or appointed representative of students currently enrolled in the \_\_\_\_\_ (name of graduate degree or certificate program) \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Representative Information:**

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Program (e.g. Philosophy, ): \_\_\_\_\_

Degree / Program (circle one): MA MS MFA PhD JD Certificate

### **Certification:**

Officiant (circle one): RSO President Dept. Chair School Dir. Graduate Program Dir. Cert. Dir.

RSO / Dept. / School / Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_