Student Achievements

Personal Financial Planning students, Noah Brinkman, Bingxin Dai, and Yilin Wang, were the winners of the Northwestern Mutual inaugural “Develop a Financial Plan” scholarship competition.

Northwestern Mutual named Noah Brinkman, Personal Financial Planning senior, a “Focus 30 Award” winner.

Personal Financial Planning students, Kayla Charlton, Grant Holley, Jackson Meeker, Clayton Powell, and Conner Thompson were the winners of the Edward Jones “Portfolio Challenge” scholarship competition.

Elena Doctor, Nutrition and Exercise Physiology graduate student, received 1st place poster award at the Caring for Frail and Elderly Conference titled “Adults who have worse sleep quality and are more active, may fear falls more and sustain more falls.”

Clayton Ivie, Nutrition and Exercise Physiology undergraduate lab assistant, was awarded the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) Outstanding Poster Presentation for Physiology.

Kim Johnson, Textile and Apparel Management graduate student, received the Doctoral Level 1st Place: Best Doctoral Student Paper Award from the International Textile and Apparel Association.

Elizabeth Ott, Nutrition and Exercise Physiology masters student, was awarded third place poster presentation at Mizzou Health Sciences Research Day.

Weipeng Wu, Personal Financial Planning graduate student, was appointed to the junior editorial board of the Journal of Consumer Affairs.

Faculty and Staff Achievements

Kelli Canada and Danielle Easter, School of Social Work, received the Richard Wallace Faculty Incentive Grant that will fund the project, “Integrative Behavioral Health Clinic: Tele-mental health services to increase access to care.”

Lu Fan, Personal Financial Planning, received the AFCPE 2019 Outstanding Symposium Research Paper Award.

Kerri McBee-Black, Textile and Apparel Management, received the Outstanding Online Course Design Award from Mizzou Online.

Jaime Mestres, Textile and Apparel Management, was a 2019 Mizzou Excellence in Advising Awards winner.

Fran Lawrence, Personal Financial Planning, received the best session paper award at the Academy of Business Research.
Jackie Limberg, Nutrition and Exercise Physiology, was awarded a research grant from the Washington University ICTS Clinical and Translational research Funding Program entitled “Underlying importance of sex in determining cardiovascular disease risk in sleep apnea.”

Deanna Sharpe, Personal Financial Planning, was presented with the 2019 Win Horner Award for Innovative Writing Intensive Teaching.

Sarah Tlapek, School of Social Work, was awarded a Connecting with Missouri (CWM) grant for her project, “A Participatory Community Engagement Project with 4-H Youth.”

Mansoo Yu, School of Social Work, was inducted into the Delta Omega Public Health Honorary Society at John Hopkins University, the Gamma Eta Chapter.


Andrew Zumwalt, Personal Financial Planning, was elected to the Board of Directors for Financial Planning Association of Greater St. Louis.

Program Achievements

Since January 2019, the MU News Bureau, on behalf of the College of Human Environmental Sciences, has generated 24 news releases, expert comments, feature stories and direct contacts to the media that resulted in more than 708 media placements in international, national, regional and online news outlets for the College of Human Environmental Sciences. Additionally, the News Bureau produced six videos promoting HES research and people. Overall, promotion of HES research and people had a potential reach of more than 77 million people and resulted in more than 46,000 meaningful engagements on social media.

Over the past five years, from FY15 to FY19, external research and instruction grant awards have increased by 100% (from $4 million to $8 million) and expenditures also have increased by 92% (from $4.8 million to $9.3 million).

The College of Human Environmental Sciences has named the second cohort of HES Faculty Scholars: Michael Goldschmidt (ARCH), Jill Kanaley (NEP), Sarah Killoren (HDFS), Jean Parsons (TAM), Kathleen Preble (SSW), and Deanna Sharpe (PFP). For the next two years, these individuals will carry named titles and receive additional resources to support their work.

The Missouri Historic Costume and Textile Collection began a rotating exhibition partnership with the Missouri State Museum in the Missouri capital building in Jefferson City.

The HES MoTAX program once again demonstrated tangible economic development impact on Missouri by saving a total of 5,916 low-income Missouri taxpayers and their families over $1,180,000 in tax preparation fees and generating over $3.4 million in federal income tax refunds. That is a $8,500,000+ million dollar impact in Missouri (applying a 2.5 economic impact multiplier).

MU College of Human Environmental Sciences is ranked #4 nationally of 138 colleges and schools in Family, Consumer and Human Sciences according to College Factual. HES is #1 among our peers who are members of the prestigious AAU.

The Personal Financial Planning program is ranked #4 in the nation for financial planning.

MU Team engagement Award was awarded to the Stay Strong, Stay Healthy research team by the Office of Extension and Engagement in recognition of significant contributions to sustained community engagement and engaged scholarship.

The Textile and Apparel Management program is ranked #7 out of 47 programs in the nation and #1 in the state of Missouri.