High School Youth Forum (HSYF) Awards
Sponsored by Bayer and Land Stewardship Services, LLC

The High School Youth Forum (HSYF) program began in 1966 at the Salt Lake City Annual Meeting as the Youth Range Forum. High school age delegates are selected for participation in the Forum by the Sections of the Society based on their interest, achievements and activities in range and natural resource management at the Section level. SRM Sections can send one to three youth delegates to the HSYF.

1st Place – MaKenzy Whittekiend, ID Section
Presentation title: “Fire Prevention on American Rangelands”

2nd Place – Jade Fossen, PNW Section
Presentation title: “Managing to Make A Difference”

3rd Place – Virgil Epperson, TX Section
Presentation title: “Prickly Pear Responsibilities?”

4th Place – Nathan Shannon, CO Section
Presentation title: “Water: The Lifeblood of the Range”

5th Place – Tate Goble, UT Section
Presentation title: “Maintaining Balance-Sustainability on the Johnson Mountain Range”

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Undergraduate Extemporaneous Speaking Contest Awards

The Undergraduate Extemporaneous Speaking Contest provides an opportunity for undergraduate students to demonstrate their extemporaneous speaking abilities and develop a sense of participation in the national conference.

1st Place – Jaycie Arndt
University of Wyoming

2nd Place – Blake Duncan
University of Nevada - Reno
(Photo courtesy of Blake Duncan)

3rd Place – Brittany Allen
Arizona State University

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University Website Display Contest Awards

This new contest (2019) provides the opportunity for Universities or College Chapters/Clubs to create a website and develop an online presence that promotes 1) their club, 2) rangeland science, 3) their university and 4) the theme of the Annual Meeting for the respective year, once announced. (This contest replaces the University Chapter Display Contest of previous years)

1st Place – California Polytechnic State University
Katie White, President
https://poly-range-wildlands.my-free.website/
(Pictured: University Advisor Dr. Marc Horney)

2nd Place – Southern Utah University
Randall Violett, Advisor / Cory Farnsworth, President
https://suurange.com/

3rd Place – Oklahoma State University
Cameron Lutz, President
https://okstaterangeclub.wordpress.com
Rangeland Cup Team Awards

The Rangeland Cup team problem solving competition is an activity to promote critical thinking and cooperative, collaborative work on current topics and/or topics of historical importance to rangeland ecology and management. As we progress in our careers, much of our work is performed as part of a group. This competition is intended to build skills in interpersonal communication and group-problem solving, both of which are highly desired qualities in the workplace.

1st Place – Miles Community College
“How do you influence Kelly? The decision maker of the household”
Team (not in order): Justin Dahl, Kaci Anderson, Kamira Miller

2nd Place – University of Wyoming
“Northern mixed grass prairie services, threats, & restoration”
Team (not in order): Jaycie Arndt, Jake Disney, Tyler Jones, Jordan Skovgard

3rd Place – California Polytechnic State University
“The Dakota Prairieland Trust”
Team (not in order): Devonie Plummer, Tim Young, Lindsey Green
(Photo courtesy of Devonie Plummer)
Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME)

Team Awards

Sponsored by Synergy Resource Solutions, Inc.

The purpose of the URME is to provide an opportunity for undergraduate students to demonstrate higher order learning skills and synthesis knowledge of the art and science of rangeland management. Participants must be an undergraduate student currently enrolled, or enrolled in the prior semester, as a full-time student. Scoring is done both for individuals and team scores. University team scores are the sum of the three highest scoring individuals from that team.

(All photos include Synergy Resource Solutions Inc. Founder, President and Senior Resource Specialist Jack Alexander)

1st Place – University of Saskatchewan
Team (not in order): Mattias Crooymans, Tracy Niggli, James Le Noury, Nicole Wensman, Megan Wanchuk, Ashly Dyck, Meghan Johnston, Marcus Comfort, Paige Straf, Erin Anderson

2nd Place – Utah State University
Team (not in order): Sheven Anderson, Kyle McMurray, Colton Perry, Delaney Phariss, Will Price, Dani Sundet, Justin Taylor, Katlyn Uhart, Emily Wilde

3rd Place – Colorado State University
Team (no order): Cody Mortell, Sarah Levane, Amanda James, John Larsen, Chris Archuleta, Alexis Emalie, Miranda Flora, Sammi Mahoney, Dan Burton

4th Place (TIE) – Montana State University
Team (not in order): Kyrsten Wolterstorff, Weston Helle, Jacob Zirbel, Sierra Swank, James Kramer

4th Place (TIE) – University of Alberta
Team (not in order): Kaitlin Holden, Katrina Holt, Madison Rehm, Megan Johns, Rachael Melenka, Rosheen Tetzlaff, Shelby Buckley
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1st Place – Cody Mortel, Colorado State University

1st Place Sponsored by USDA-Forest Service and the SRM National Capitol Section;

Pictured with USFS representative Acting Range Program Manager Gilbert Jackson, URME Sponsor Jack Alexander and 2018 SRM President Barry Irving

2nd Place – Julian Mesick, Southern Utah University

3rd Place – Nathan Jero, University of Idaho

4th Place – Will Price, Utah State University

5th Place – Tracy Niggli, University of Saskatchewan

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Range Plant Identification Contest
Team Awards

The Plant ID Contest is a time-honored tradition of SRM that began in 1951. Students’ plant identification skills are put to the test in this challenging event. The contest consists of 100 plant specimens from a list of 200 important range plants. Students have 1 minute to identify each plant, record the origin and longevity, and correctly spell the scientific name. Awards are given to the Top 5 teams and individuals.

1st Place – Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro
Team: (not in order) Juan de Dios Martinez Sanchez, Hugo Lisandro Gutierrez Sanchez, Arlley Eduardo Gomez Alfonzo, Areli Velazquez Flores, Julio César Najera Meneses, Yedid Vasquez Coronel, Martin Torres Mora, Jesus Alberto Lugo Negrete, Grecia Daniela Ortiz Hernandez

2nd Place – University of Alberta
Team (not in order): Jessica Roberts, Kaitlin Holden, Katrina Holt, Madison Rehm, Megan Johns, Rachel Melenka, Rosheen Tetzlaff, Shelby Buckley

3rd Place – Humboldt State University
Team: (not in order) Eric Garcia, Alyssa Boyd, Corina Godoy, Sierra Berry, Louise Martin, Thomas Mendoza, Tess Palmer, Cecily Sanchez

4th Place – Brigham Young University
Team (not in order): Tabitha Hughes, Alex Larson, Sam Dearing, Rachel Mayfield, Colton Brown, Janae Radke, Sara Jaramillo, Madison Mittleman, Elysse Ostlund

5th Place – Brigham Young University

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1st Place – Juan de Dios Martinez Sanchez,
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1st place sponsored by USDI-BLM & the SRM National Capitol Section;
Pictured with BLM representative Senior Natural Resource Specialist Kimberly Hackett & 2018 SRM President Barry Irving;

2nd Place – Hugo Lisandro Gutierrez Sanchez,
Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro

3rd Place – Grecia Daniela Ortiz Hernandez,
Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro

4th Place – Julio César Najera Meneses,
Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro

5th Place – Arlley Eduardo Gomez Alfonzo,
Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro
Individual High Combined Awards*

Placing in both URME and Plant ID Contests

*All places receive monetary awards sponsored by anonymous sponsor.

**1st Place** – Katrina Holt
University of Alberta

1st Place also sponsored by USDA-NRCS and the SRM National Capitol Section;
Pictured with NRCS representative Rangeland Management Specialist Chuck Stanley and 2018 SRM President Barry Irving

**2nd Place** – Delaney Phariss
Utah State University

**3rd Place** – Rosheen Tetzlaff
University of Alberta

**4th Place** – Austin Kelly
Texas A & M University

**5th Place** – Megan Johns
University of Alberta

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Collegiate Trail Boss Award

This travelling trophy is awarded annually to the college that generates the highest aggregate score for both accomplishment and participation in the collegiate student activities that are conducted during the SRM Annual Conference. This provides each student participant, as a team member, an opportunity to contribute to the pursuit of achieving a common goal.

University of Wyoming

SRM Class of 2019!

Complimentary 1 year membership for graduating students.