High School Youth Forum (HSYF) Awards

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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 – Courtney Taylor, IM Section
Presentation title: “Sustainable Rangeland Management”

2nd Place – April Alger, Cal-Pac Section
Presentation title: “Impact of Pollinators on Rangelands”

3rd Place – Cecil Shannon, CO Section
Presentation title: “Brush Control and Management?”

4th Place – BaiLee McMillon, NE Section
Presentation title: “Do Poisonous Plants Threaten the Cattle Industry?”

5th Place – Maggie Justice, PNW Section
Presentation title: “Save the Bird, Save the Rancher”

Masonic Range Science Scholarship Recipient

Jarrett Lardy
North Dakota State University

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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 – Ben Roeder  
Montana State University

2nd Place – William Price  
Utah State University

3rd Place – Lewis Mendive  
University of Nevada Reno

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University Chapter Display Contest Awards

This contest provides a way for prospective students to research the Range Programs of the active colleges and universities around the country. It provides information on the participating schools’ annual activities and events available to everyone. Student chapters build a display based on the theme of the Current Year’s Annual meeting which is judged on appearance, ability to follow theme, and professionalism of students.

1st Place – University of Nevada - Reno

2nd Place – Southern Utah University

3rd Place – New Mexico State University

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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 – California State University- Chico
Grazing on Watersheds
Sierra Blackford, Cassidy Cunningham, Kera Deakins, and Bridgett Eldridge

2nd Place – California State University- Chico
Wildfire Suppression or Prevention?
Austin Steele, Alex Orozco-Lopez, John Boyes, and Johnny Rowe

3rd Place – Oklahoma State University
Prescribed Fire: The Fundamental Management Tool of the Great Plains
John McQuaig, Corban Hemphill, Cameron Lutz, and Alyssa Whiteman

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Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME) Team Awards

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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.

**1st Place – University of Saskatchewan**
Team: Megan Wanchuk, Amy Wilson, Autumn Lawson, Ashly Dyck, Erin Anderson, Jessica Watson, Jullian Just, Katy Wychopen, Mattais Crooymans, Megan Giddings, Nicole Wensman, Robyn Kary, Tracy Niggli, Myles Butt, Holi Spittal

**2nd Place – Montana State University**
Team: Haylee Barley, Tristan Bess, Tori Chulyak, Noah Davis, Mackenzie Foust, Nicholas Hurtz

**3rd Place – Brigham Young University**
Team: Nic Anderson, Colten Brown, Clarissa Chipman, Sam Dearing, Ben Hoose, Tabitha Hughes, Sarra Jaramillo, Zachariah Jaramillo, Alex Larsen, Rachel Mayfield, Janae Radke, Mitch Thacker, David Tyron

**4th Place – University of Arizona**
Team: Clara Miller, Zachary Winston, Dustin Curley, James Pagan, Alonso, De La O, Jody Poole, Josephine Profy, Amanda Sacek, Brandon Mayer

**5th Place – Utah State University**
Team: Landon Carter, Debbie Clark, Ethan Hallows, Todd Irish, Megan Jamison, Delaney Phariss, Will Price, Dai Sundet, Katlyn Uhart, Emily Wilde, Logan Woodfall, Justin Taylor

*Not Pictured: URME Sponsor Jack Alexander, Synergy Resource Solutions*
Undergraduate Range Management Exam

Individual Awards

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1st Place – Noah Davis, Montana State University

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

Pictured with USFS representative Range Program Manager Michael Hannemann & 2017 SRM President Larry Howery;

2nd Place – Erin Anderson, University of Saskatchewan

3rd William Price, Utah State University

4th Place – Julian Mesick, Southern Utah University

5th Place – Rachel Mayfield, Brigham Young University

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Range Plant Identification Contest
Team Awards

Sponsored by Pawnee Buttes Seed, Inc. in memory of Janine Hijar

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. The contest specimens are selected by Dr. Stephan Hatch of the S.M. Tracy Herbarium in College Station, TX. Awards are given to the Top 5 teams and individuals.

1st Place – Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro
Team: (not in order) Tsujmejy Gomez Navor, Sait Juanes Marquez, Juan Carlos Martinez Balderas, Julio Ramirez Vargas, Juan de Dios Martinez Sanchez, Hugo Lisandro Gutierrez Sanchez, Areli Velazquez Flores, Lourdes Ortiz Ortiz, Grecia Daniela Ortiz Hernández

2nd Place – University of Alberta
Team: (not in order) Hayley Hedstrom, Ryan James, Presley Peacock, Kendra Reimert, Jessica Roberts, Hanna Schoenberg, Sally Thomas, Shelby Buckley, Della Jeffrey, Sarah Mortenson, Brent Rutley, Ashley Tod, Jennifer Weeks

3rd Place – Humboldt State University
Team: (not in order) Deedee Soto, Eric Garcia, Amanda Albright, Michael Rada, Tess Palmer, Corina Godoy, Alyssa Boyd, Thomas Mendoza, Sierra Berry, Melissa Chase, Abigail Price, Darren Pinnegar, Sarah Nolan, Miles Ritch

4th Place – Montana State University
Team: (not in order) Ben Roeder, Noah Davis, MacKenzie Foust, Victoria Chulyak, Michael Hamel, Aly Christians, Jimmy Kramer, Haylee Barkley, Nick Hurtz, Rachel McKenzie

5th Place – Brigham Young University
Team: (not in order) Nicholas Anderson, Clarissa Chipman, Ben Hoose, Tabitha Hughes, Alexandra Larson, Rachel Mayfield, Colton Brown, Sam Dearing, Sara Jaramillo, Zachariah Jaramillo, Jane Radke, Mitch Thacker, David Tyron

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Humboldt State University

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Individual High Combined Awards*
Placing in both URME and Plant ID Contests
*All places receive monetary awards sponsored by anonymous sponsor.

1st Place – Noah Davis
Montana State University

2nd Place – Clarissa Chipman
Brigham Young University

3rd Place – Presley Peacock
University of Alberta

4th Place – Sally Thomas
University of Alberta

5th Place – Samuel Dearing
Brigham Young University

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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.

Montana State University

SRM Class of 2018!