



2017 SRM Student Awards - FEBRUARY 1, 2017 – St. George UT

## 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.



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### 1st Place – Danika Gordon, South Dakota

Presentation title: *"The Power of a Pasture Makeover"*



### 2nd Place – Ashly Oswald, Pacific Northwest Section

Presentation title: *"Interaction Between Domestic Wild Sheep and Goats"*



### 3rd Place – Letty Vega, Nevada Section

Presentation title: *"Keeping Up With Conservation"*



### 4th Place – Christian Boyd, Pacific Northwest Section

Presentation title: *"Can Grazing be Used to Increase Fire Suppression Effectiveness?"*



### 5th Place – Cade Francis, Nebraska Section

Presentation title: *"Nebraska Range Judging"*



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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 – Katlyn Uhart**  
Utah State University



**2nd Place- Brian Osterholzer**  
Colorado State University



**3rd Place – Britney Allen**  
Utah State University





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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 – University of Wyoming**



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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 – Texas A&M University – Kingsville**

Jose Mata, Tyler Wayland, Lisa West



### **2nd Place – Colorado State University**

Dixie Crowe, Tyrell Mares, Arielle Quintana, Thadd Strom



### **3rd Place – Sheridan College**

Jaycie Arndt, Jake Disney, Jordan Skovgard, Lacy Nelson





### 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.



*URME Sponsor Jack Alexander, Synergy Resource Solutions, Inc. and 2016 SRM President Val Jo Anderson pictured in all URME Team Award Photos.*



#### **1st Place – Utah State University**

Britney Allen, Christine Blubaugh, Todd Irish, Megan Jamison, Delaney Phariss, Justin Taylor, Katlyn Uhart, Brad Winger, Landon Carter, Ethan Hallows



#### **2nd Place – University of Saskatchewan**

Madison Boon, Michelle Ross, Katelynn Wychopen, Danean Edgar, Chelsea Gruber, Meredith Cholin, Jade Marshal, Victoria Nameth, Bronwen Plumer, Erin Anderson



#### **3rd Place – University of Alberta**

Jennifer Barry, Brendan Bischoff, Tristen Bisset, Shelby Buckley, Sylyanne Foo, Jaimie Forest, Jessica Grenke, Adam Iverson, Ryan James, Ashley Kocsis, Chloe Reid, Jessica Roberts, Kale Scarff Sally Thomas



#### **4th Place – Brigham Young University**

Justin Taylor, Evan Rees, Tom Bates, Rhett Anderson, Nicholas Anderson, Tyler Grazier, Alysa Defranco, Brie Hardy, Brook Tingey, Karma Phillips, Rachel Bartholomew, Rebecca Lee, Tyler Corg



#### **5th Place – Montana State University**

John Walker, Brandon Gould, Connor Hodgskiss, Weston Helle, Noah Davis, Loni Blackman



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## Undergraduate Range Management Exam – Individual Awards

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### 1st Place – Christine Blubaugh

Utah State University

*(Sponsored by USDA-Forest Service & the SRM National Capitol Section)*

*Pictured w/ USFS representative Range Program Manager Michael Hannemann, 2016 SRM President Val Jo Anderson and URME Sponsor Jack Alexander, Synergy Resource Solutions, Inc.*



### 2nd Place – Jade Marshall

University of Saskatchewan



### 2nd Place – Noah Davis

Montana State University



### 3rd Place – Amber Ford

University of Arizona



### 4th Place – Kale Scarff

University of Alberta



### 5th Place – Julian Mesick

Southern Utah University



Above: 2016 URME Award Individual Winners pictured with URME Sponsor Jack Alexander, Synergy Resource Solutions, Inc. and 2016 SRM President Val Jo Anderson.





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## Range Plant Identification Contest – Team Awards

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

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 – University of Alberta

Jennifer Berry, Brendan Bischoff, Tristen Bisset, Shelby Buckley, Sylyanne Foo, Jaimie Forest, Jessica Grenke, Adam Iverson, Ryan James, Ashley Kocsis, Chloe Reid, Jessica Roberts, Kale Scarff, Sally Thomas



### 2nd Place – Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro

Carlos Enrique de la Cruz Dionisio, Tsujmejy Gomez Navor, Sait Juanes Marquez, Carmela Sandoval Garcia, Juan Carlos Martinez Balderas, Julio Ramirez Vargas, Grecia Daniela Ortiz Hernandez, Jose Oscar Manuel Lopez Diaz



### 3rd Place – Texas A & M University

Amanda Lightsey, Veronica Urbanczyk, Karl Woelfel, Georgia Hansen, Alexandra "Lexie" Brooks, Marlo Lamb, Lanna Stapper, Rider Combs, John "Hunter" Thompson, Alexandra "Alex" DiMaggio, Austin Kelly



### 4th Place – Brigham Young University

Alysa Defranco, Brie Hardy, Justin Taylor, Evan Rees, Karma Phillips, Brook Tingey, Rachel Bartholomew, Rhett Anderson, Tom Bates, Rebecca Lee, Tyler Glazier



### 5th Place – Humboldt State University

Deedee Soto, Mariah Aquiar, Amanda Albright, Steven Gilster, Kaelie Pena, Axel Sanchez, Eric Garcia, Monica Rodriguez, Tess Palmer, Darren Pinnegar, Melissa Chase



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University of Alberta

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*Pictured w/ BLM representative Senior Natural Resource Specialist Kimberly Hackettz and 2016 SRM President Val Jo Anderson.*



### 2nd Place – Veronica Urbanczyk

Texas A & M University



### 3rd Place – Tsujmejy Gomez Navor

Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro



### 4th Place – Jose Oscar Manuel Lopez Diaz

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Humboldt State University





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## Individual High Combined Awards \*

### Placing in both URME and Plant ID Contests



**1st Place – Christine Blubaugh**  
Utah State University  
(Sponsored by USDA-NRCS and the SRM  
National Capitol Section)

*Pictured w/ NRCS representative Rangeland  
Management Specialist Chuck Stanley and 2016 SRM President Val Jo Anderson.*



**United States Department of Agriculture**  
Natural Resources Conservation Service



**2nd Place – Noah Davis**  
Montana State University



**3rd Place – Ryan James**  
University of Alberta



**4th Place – Sylyanne Foo**  
University of Alberta



**5th Place – Kale Scarff**  
University of Alberta

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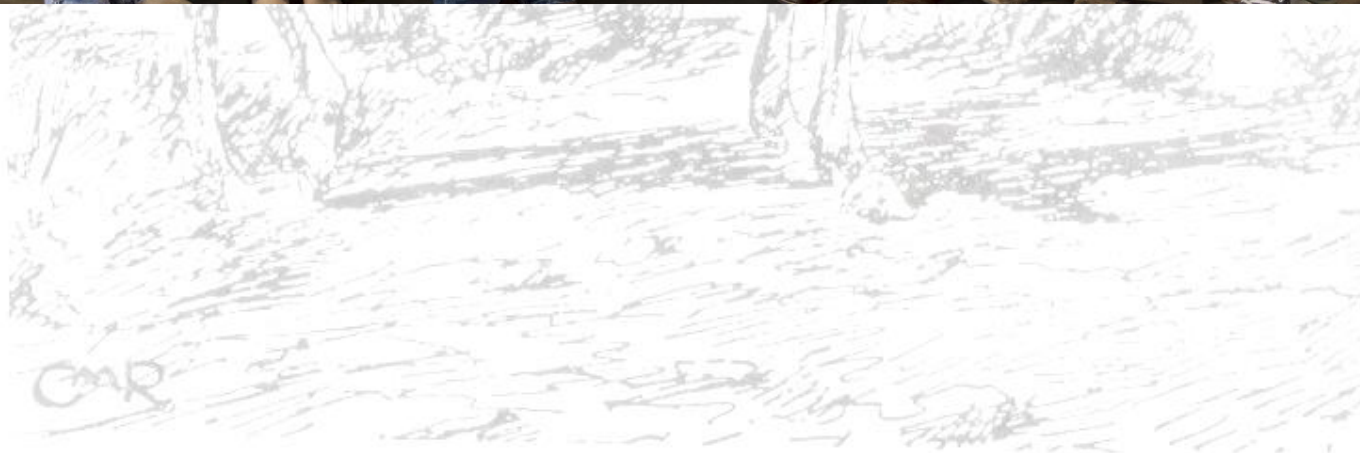


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## Collegiate Trail Boss Award

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.

### Utah State University







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## Graduate Student Paper Competition Awards

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### MS Oral Paper Presentation



#### **1st Place: Cayla Bendel**

North Dakota State University

Presentation Title: *"Investigating Plant-Pollinator Networks to Evaluate the Influence of Grassland Management Practices on Ecosystem Stability"*



#### **2nd Place: Nicky Lansink**

University of Alberta

Presentation Title: *"Testing Performance of RFI-selected Cattle Under Extensive Cow/Calf Production Systems"*

### PhD Oral Paper Presentation



#### **1st Place: Rory O'Connor**

Kansas State University

Presentation Title: *"Browsing Impacts Resprouting Shrub Physiology in A Woody Encroached Grassland"*



#### **2nd Place: Britt Smith**

Texas Tech University

Presentation Title: *"Impact of rangeland fire on dung beetles of the Texas Rolling Plains"*



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## Graduate Student Poster Competition Awards

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### MS Poster Presentation



#### **1st Place: Hennessy Miller**

University of Arizona

Presentation Title: *"Geomorphological Change Analysis of Ephemeral Rangeland Streams In The Altar Valley, Arizona: 2011-2016"*



#### **2nd Place: Chris Miller**

Angelo State University

Presentation Title: *"Preconditioning Procedures and Supplementation to Increase Redberry Juniper Consumption by Goats"*

### PhD Poster Presentation



#### **1st Place: Casey Spackman**

Utah State University

Presentation Title: *"Glyphosate Application and Cattle Grazing: An Integrated Approach to Control Medusahead"*



#### **2nd Place: Cheryl McIntyre**

University of Arizona

Presentation Title: *"Influence of Biological Soil Crusts on Grass Germination and Establishment of Native and Non-native Grasses"*