



High School Youth Forum (HSYF) Awards

Sponsored by Bayer

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.



L to R: – April Alger, Cecil Shannon, Courtney Taylor, Bayer Representative Derek Sebastian, BaiLee McMillon, 2017 SRM President Larry Howery, and Maggie Justice

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



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



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



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

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.



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, Sara 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



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 – 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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*Pictured with BLM representative Sr. Ntrl. Resource Spec.
Kimberly Hackett & 2017 SRM President Larry Howery;*



2nd Place – Tsujmejy Gomez Navor,
Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro



3rd Place – Julio Ramirez Vargas,
Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro



4th Place – Juan Carlos Martinez Balderas,
Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro



5th Place – Deedee Soto,
Humboldt State University



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



1st Place also sponsored by USDA-NRCS and the SRM National Capitol Section;

Pictured with NRCS representative Acting National Rangeland Mgmt Specialist Charles Kneuper and 2017 SRM President Larry Howery



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



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!

