High School Youth Forum (HSYF) Awards

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 – Matea Gordon, SD Section
(with Douglas County Open Space Representative Michael Butterfield and Land Stewardship Services LLC Representative Hoyt Seidensticker, and 2019 SRM President Clayton Marlow)

Presentation title: “Fire – Fear Not! A Tool to Enhance Our Rangelands”

2nd Place – Jacob Flick, ID Section
(with Douglas County Open Space Representative Michael Butterfield and Land Stewardship Services LLC Representative Hoyt Seidensticker, and 2019 SRM President Clayton Marlow)

Presentation title: “EAJA – Negative Impacts of a Positive Bill”

3rd Place – Emily Kramer, UT Section
(with Douglas County Open Space Representative Michael Butterfield and Land Stewardship Services LLC Representative Hoyt Seidensticker, and 2019 SRM President Clayton Marlow)

Presentation title: “The Disappearance of American Rangelands”

4th Place – Braden Wedel, CO Section
(with Douglas County Open Space Representative Michael Butterfield and Land Stewardship Services LLC Representative Hoyt Seidensticker, and 2019 SRM President Clayton Marlow)


5th Place – Austin Marsh, CO Section
(with Douglas County Open Space Representative Michael Butterfield and Land Stewardship Services LLC Representative Hoyt Seidensticker, and 2019 SRM President Clayton Marlow)

Presentation title: “Wild Horses on the Range”
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 – Tzirel Leiser
University of Arizona

2nd Place – Sara Jaramillo
Brigham Young University

3rd Place – Blake Duncan
University of Nevada-Reno

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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
Team: Poly Range & Wildlands Club including Jacob Dixon (President) and Katie White (pictured)
(Marc Horney, Advisor)
https://poly-range-wildlands.my-free.website/

2nd Place – University of Idaho
Team Members: Matthew Delbar (President) & Tyler Thomas
(Karen Launchbaugh/Jason Karl, Advisors)
https://www.uidaho.edu/cnr/departments/forest-rangeland-and-fire-sciences/future-students/student-clubs/range-club

3rd Place – No Award

Masonic Range Science Scholarship

The Society for Range Management (SRM) Masonic-Range Science Scholarship offers financial assistance and recognition to a high school senior, college freshman or college sophomore planning to major in/presently majoring in range science and/or closely related field. The recipient of the scholarship must be planning to attend or be currently in attendance at a college or university with a range science program.

2019 Scholarship recipient:
Chali Ann Simpson, NM Section
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 – University of Arizona
“Breeds to feed the future”
Team (not in order): James Bradley, William Gray and Tzerial Leiser

2nd Place – University of Wyoming (Team A)
“Doing More With Less: Extracting Value From Invaded Rangelands”
Team (not in order): Tyler Jones, Jake Disney, Cora Knowles, and Callie Clingman

3rd Place – University of Nebraska - Lincoln
“Where Range and Row Crops Meet: Transformative Technology to Feed the World”
Team (not in order): Kaitlyn Dozler, Nick Sanders, Nicole Strand, and Asha Scheideler

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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.

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1st Place – University of Arizona
Team (not in order): Cameron Burleson, Brian Koppy, William Gray, Claire Bigelow, Mitchell Ziegigansberger, Austin Gonzales, James Bradley, Corwin Carroll, Alex Binford-Walsh, Jacob Brown, Tzirel Leise

2nd Place – University of Saskatchewan
Team (not in order): Courtney Taylor, Brittany Schreiner, Amy Carruthers, Erin Anderson, James Le Noury, Jourdyn Sammons, Karin Roen, Marcus Comfort, Mattias Crooymn, Nicole Wensman, Scout Butler, Sheldon Daniel, Tracy Niggli

3rd Place – Montana State University
Team (no order): James Kramer, Nick Hurtz, Justin Dahl, Cooper Schicke, Kara Novakavitch, Kyrsten Wolterstorff, Haylee Barkley, Keegan Lancaster

4th Place – University of Wyoming
Team (not in order): Michael Edwards, Andrew Weathermon, Cora Knowles, Nancy Webb, Tyler Jones, Karen Lambert, Nate Nixon, Lucas Mirassou, Callie Clingman, Julie Bullick, Andy Tapparo, Ryan Benjamin, Tate Bettingfield, Elijah True, Jake Disney, Zimri Oseland

5th Place – University of Alberta
Team (not in order): Anabel Dombro, Brea Burton, Connor Lainchbury, Hailey Webster, Kaitlin Holden, Mary Villeneuve, Rosheen Tetzlaff
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1st Place – Erin Anderson
University of Saskatchewan
1st Place Sponsored by USDA-Forest Service and the SRM National Capitol Section;
Pictured with Acting National Director of Forest Management, Range Management & Vegetation Ecology at USFS WO, URME Sponsor Jack Alexander and 2019 SRM President Clayton Marlow

2nd Place – Cameron Burleson
University of Arizona

3rd Place – Tzirel Leise
University of Arizona

4th Place – Alex Binford-Walsh
Utah State University

5th Place – James Kramer
Montana State University

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1st Place – Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro
Team: (not in order) Julio César Najera Meneses, Arlley Eduardo Gomez Alfonzo, Juan de Dios Martínez Sanchez, Maria Del Carmen Guzman Lemus, Isaac Gonzalez Durantes, Royer Quevedo Ortiz, Damian Bernal Miguel, Francisco Javier Ventura Hernandez, Karina Anahi Rodriguez Ruiz, Nancy Yecel Vasquez Lopez, Martin Torres Mora

2nd Place – University of Alberta
Team (not in order): Anabel Dombro, Brea Burton, Jessica Roberts, Connor Lainchbury, Hailey Webster, Kaitlin Holden, Mary Villeneuve, Rosheen Tetzlaff

3rd Place – Universidad Autónoma Agraria Chihuahua
Team: (not in order) Sebastian Ochoa Rodriguez, Yareli Nohemi Solis Juarez, Adriana Ronquillo Leyva, Sara Gabriela Saenz Gonzalez, Jaime Carnero Calderon

4th Place – Montana State University
Team (not in order): Ben Roeder, Lara Macon, Kyrsten Wolterstorff, James Kramer, Nicholas Hurtz, Carson Kane, William Reinking III

5th Place – Universidad Autónoma Agraria Chapingo

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Range Plant Identification Contest

Individual Awards

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1st Place – Arlley Eduardo Gomez Alfonzo, Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro
1st place sponsored by USDI-BLM & the SRM National Capitol Section
(pictured with BLM Representative John Ruhs and 2019 SRM President Clayton Marlow)

2nd Place – Juan de Dios Martinez Sanchez, Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro

3rd Place – Julio César Najera Meneses, Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro

4th Place – Royer Quevedo Ortiz, Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro

5th Place – Anabel Dombro, University of Alberta
Individual High Combined Awards*

Individuals placing in top 20% in both URME and Plant ID Contests

*All places receive monetary awards sponsored by anonymous sponsor.

1st Place – Anabel Dombro
University of Alberta
1st Place also sponsored by USDA-NRCS and the SRM National Capitol Section;

2nd Place – Rosheen Tetzlaff
University of Alberta

3rd Place – Mary Villeneuve
University of Alberta

4th Place – Brie Hardy
Brigham Young University

5th Place – James Kramer
Montana State University

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2020 SRM Non-Student Awards – February 16-20, 2020 – Denver, CO (HS/UG only)

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 Arizona

Congratulations SRM Class of 2020

Complimentary 1-year membership for graduating students.