

Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon Conference, September 2016

The Medical Anatomy Center provided a team of COMP-Northwest students who had their research abstracts accepted through blind peer reviewed process for September 16-18. All students were mentored by Dr. Brion Benninger, Executive Director of the MAC. They provided oral and poster presentations. Research projects had a heavy focus on innovative approaches and teaching methods of ultrasound with medical students during years one and two. There was a novel implant research project which involved a 3D-printed prosthesis that could revolutionize severe forearm injury repair.

We would like to congratulate the following students for their outstanding research presentations:

Ali Abu-Alya, *OMS I*

Scott Goddard, *OMS II*

Gabriel Hocum, *OMS II*

Cody Laverdiere, *OMS II*

Robert Mousselli, *OMS II*

Petter Overton-Harris, *OMS II*

Taylor Pasavantis, *BA*

Sachi Patel, *OMS II*

Dylan Rogers, *OMS II*

Hilary Swift, *OMS II*

Dr. Benninger would like to extend congratulations to these individuals who received special recognition amongst extremely competitive judging.

Hilary Swift and Taylor Pasavantis delivered oral platform presentations and received the *Clinical Science Research Award* and *Basic Science Research Award* respectively.

Petter Overton-Harris received the *Clinical Science Research Award* for best poster presentation.

Dr. Benninger was grateful to the hard work and standards the students upheld during their presentations, which received numerous accolades for their professionalism. Special thanks to Wilson Chen for going above and beyond to aid the students in building and printing excellent posters.

Dr. Benninger introduced OPUS-Mini, an innovative robotic 3D haptic ultrasound simulator capable of invasive point-of-care procedures. He has been developing this technology and conducting research at COMP-Northwest. He would like to extend gratitude to Ciaran Smythe for facilitating attendees at OPSO in experiencing this technology. Ciaran is also conducting research with this technology.