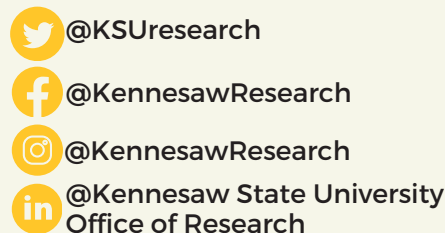


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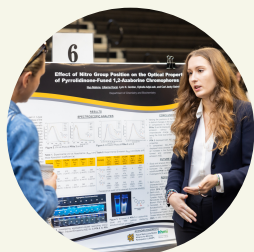
Dad's cancer diagnosis inspired Kennesaw State student's award-winning research

One of the most important lessons students who venture into data science are taught is that the data they analyze tell stories. At Kennesaw State University's Fall Analytics Day, **Desyne Martinez's** project told a powerful personal story through data.

Martinez, a senior, presented his semester research project on stage 3 of multiple myeloma, a rare form of bone marrow cancer. It was exactly what his father, who Martinez idolizes, had been diagnosed with in 2020 and is still battling.

It served as the inspiration for his Analytics Day project, a semester-end event in the School of Data Science and Analytics where both undergraduate and graduate students have poster presentations of their research projects.

<https://www.kennesaw.edu/news/stories/2024/ksu-student-inspired-for-award-winning-research.php>



The **Spring Symposium of Student Scholars** dates are set. More details here:

<https://research.kennesaw.edu/our/symposium-student-scholars/spring-edition.php>

Upcoming Deadlines

February 8, 2024: [Peer Mentor Workshop](#): How to Write an Abstract (Kennesaw Campus & Virtual)

February 14, 2024: [Peer Mentor Workshop](#): Insightful Numbers (Marietta Campus)

February 16, 2024: [Peer Mentor Workshop](#): Insightful Numbers (Kennesaw Campus & Virtual)

February 16, 2024: [First-Year Scholars Program](#): Check-in Session (Kennesaw Campus)

February 19, 2024: [Undergraduate Research Club](#) General Meeting

February 21, 2024: [First-Year Scholars Program](#): Check-in Session (Marietta Campus)

February 23, 2024: [Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor Award](#) applications due

February 28, 2024: [Peer Mentor Workshop](#): How to Write an Abstract (Marietta Campus)

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor Award

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) is pleased to announce the Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor Award, which is given to a KSU faculty or staff member who exhibits sustained exceptional mentoring of undergraduate researchers at KSU.

Any faculty or staff member who has worked at KSU for a minimum of 3 years, during which they have a demonstrated track record of mentoring undergraduate researchers, is eligible to apply!

Submissions are due [here](#) Friday, February 23, 2024 at 11:59 PM EST.

Visit <https://research.kennesaw.edu/our/presenting-publishing/mentor-award.php> for more information.

Talon'ted Undergraduate Researcher

Lexi Bailey is a senior undergraduate student working on her bachelor's degree in biology. Bailey was chosen for the Summer Undergraduate Research Program where she worked with Dr. Todd Pierson on his research with green salamanders.

Bailey is currently working on a study in Dr. Troy Mutchler's lab involving invertebrates living on native and invasive seagrasses in Puerto Rico.



Click [here](#) to read more!

Get Involved

Here are some quick ways to get started through the Office of Undergraduate Research:

- **[First-Year Scholars Program:](#)** Designed to pair first-year students with faculty mentors who will guide them on research in their disciplines.
- **[Undergraduate Research Club:](#)** Any student can join and conduct research as part of an interdisciplinary team.
- **[Current Research Projects:](#)** Listing of projects to help undergraduates find faculty who are looking for assistance on their research activities.
- **[Vertically Integrated Projects \(VIP\) Program:](#)** Any student can complete a student application to work on a large-scale research project with faculty and other students.

You do not need to have a specific idea in mind when approaching a faculty member to do research. Many students work with faculty members on their research, especially at first. Undergraduate research opportunities are often competitive, so be sure to engage in behaviors that make you stand out from the crowd.

Undergraduate Research Club

The [Undergraduate Research Club \(URC\)](#) is a Registered Student Organization dedicated to promoting undergraduate research and creative activity at KSU.

Here are just a few things you can do as a member of URC:

- Learn more about how to get started in undergraduate research, how to find a mentor, how to publish and present your results, and how to get funding for your project.
- Help sponsor the Symposium of Student Scholars each year.
- Conduct research as part of an interdisciplinary team.

