

## Recruits Corner

Fellow Recruits,

It was a pleasure meeting many of you in San Diego during our Triennial meeting. We hope you enjoyed the first opportunity to meet with your NSA peers in two years. It was a very busy week, with nightly events, concurrent sessions, trade show, and poster sessions. Many NSA students who attended presented poster and oral presentations, and it was wonderful to be able to hear about their exciting research.



Throughout the meeting, NSA students participated in a number of events organized by the Aquaculture 2022 Student Steering Committee. Sixteen NSA students joined the student field trip to the San Diego Zoo, sponsored by Jones Fish and the Triennial Committee, for a guided bus tour, talk with a zoo aquarist, and afternoon of exploring. NSA students also participated in a Mentor-Mentee Breakfast, sponsored by the Ohio Soybean Council, where they were matched with mentors from industry, academia, government, and the private sector based upon their shared interests and mentor expertise. At the Student Spotlight Presentations, NSA students Lydia Bienlien, Hannah Collins, and Kayla Mladinich presented their research in concise and insightful 4-minute presentations. Kayla Mladinich was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place and a cash prize of \$200. Throughout the conference, a number of student teams participated in the Student Scavenger Hunt, collecting stickers from student representatives and signatures from society board members and past presidents. Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams who won gift cards provided by the Triennial Committee and sponsors Zeigler, Harrington, and Aquatic Equipment & Design, Inc. The student Discord channel was a hit, and allowed students to communicate throughout the week about interesting talks and sessions, student oriented events, and to coordinate opportunities for socializing in the San Diego sun.

A huge thank you to the student recruits who helped to staff the sales booth, sell raffle tickets, and run items at the NSA Auction. Students did a great job selling merchandise, including t-shirts, pewter and gold pins, hats, cookbooks, and much more.

We'd also like to give our congratulations to this year's student research award recipients. The student research grants provide \$1,250 for research funds and it is easy to apply; however, applications for these awards have been low in recent years. We highly encourage all students to apply for these grants. More information about the awards can be found on the NSA student members page (<https://www.shellfish.org/grants-and-awards>).

Finally, Alex Marquardt is stepping down from the position of Recruits Co-Chair. A massive thank you to Alex for her hard work over the past two years, and her enthusiasm for and commitment to the NSA. Fiona Boardman will be stepping into the co-chair role, so please join us in extending a warm welcome to Fiona! Fiona is pursuing her PhD at the University of Washington and will make a fantastic addition to the co-chair team.



As usual, email your Recruit Co-chairs Hannah ([hannah.i.collins@uconn.edu](mailto:hannah.i.collins@uconn.edu)) or Fiona ([fcboard@uw.edu](mailto:fcboard@uw.edu)) with any questions, ideas, or concerns. Good luck with the end of the semester and summer research projects!

**Hannah and Fiona**

## 2022 NSA Student Research Awards

The Association has a number of competitive grants for students that provide \$1250 in support student research projects as well as for the Outstanding Student Paper published in the *JSR*.

This year the **Michael Castagna Award** for student research devoted to the area of applied shellfisheries was awarded to Tara Plee, University of Rhode Island, for her proposal entitled, "Determining key factors that prevent sustainable growth of the threatened green sea urchin industry".



The **Sandra E. Shumway Award for Outstanding Student Paper** published in the *Journal of Shellfish Research* has specific selection and evaluation criteria:



(1) The lead author must have been a student when the work was completed, (2) the paper must present the student's work, not that of a co-author, (3) it will be evaluated on the quality of science and writing, and (4) the importance of the work to the field of shellfish research. A panel of

judges evaluated 23 papers, and the award was presented to Robin Fales for her manuscript:

Fales, R.J., Boardman, F.C., and Ruesink, J.L. 2020. Reciprocal interactions between bivalve molluscs and seagrass: A review and meta-analysis. *Journal of Shellfish Research*, 39 (3): 547-562.

Thank you, again, to all the students for submitting their proposals and for the reviewers for evaluating each these proposals and student papers so thoughtfully.

**Application deadline is November 1, 2022.**

Start planning now! Details are available at [www.shellfish.org](http://www.shellfish.org).

**John Scarpa**  
**Past-President**

### NSA Social Media Committee



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