Title: Shared Knowledge Conference

Office of Origin: Office of Academic Affairs

Description: Information on the annual Shared Knowledge Conference, hosted by Graduate Studies. Includes screenshots from the conference’s webpage on the two main events, the LoboBITES Competition and the Poster Sessions.
The Shared Knowledge Conference is a yearly celebration of UNM graduate students and their outstanding research and scholarship. The conference provides a venue for students to engage with the UNM and larger New Mexican communities, to cross the borders that too often divide academia from the larger world and in so doing spark conversations and work together for a world of equity, innovation, discovery, and growth.

The most recent conference, held on November 8, 2017 at Hodgkin Hall, featured graduate student work through two powerful showcases:

1. **LoboBITES**, a “three-minute thesis”-type competition. Graduate students explain their thesis or dissertation without jargon to a non-academic audience in three minutes or less. Prizes include up to $1000 in scholarships and a chance to represent UNM at a regional “three-minute thesis”-type competition in Las Vegas, Nevada. [Click here to view abstracts for the LoboBITES presented at the Fall 2017 conference, and here to see the winners of the competition!](#)

The event was free to attend and open to the UNM community and beyond, and was sponsored by Graduate Studies, the Vice President for Research, and UNM Alumni Affairs. Stay tuned for details about next year's conference!
LoboBITES Competition

LoboBITES, Fall 2017

LoboBITES is a forum to celebrate undergraduate research (UIR) and creative work. Our goal is to encourage sharing of experiences, ideas, and new knowledge. To this end, we welcome all students from the University of New Mexico to participate in our annual symposium held during the Fall Semester.

Visitors are encouraged to attend the symposium, which is held on the University of New Mexico campus. The symposium features presentations by students who have completed UIR that is relevant to their major or minor field of study.

LoboBITES has two primary components:

1. Shared Knowledge Conference: A day-long event where students present their research to the public.
2. Preparation Toolkit: A series of workshops and seminars designed to help students prepare for the symposium.

Click here to browse abstracts for the 2017 LoboBITES competition!

Previous Winners

Preparatory Toolkit

Rules

1. Presentations must be made in 3 minutes or less. Two presentations will be deducted from total time for every talk exceeding 3 minutes.
2. The presentation must be original work. Plagiarism is grounds for disqualification.
3. A pre-peer or visual aid is allowed, but may only serve as a supplement to the larger presentation, not the core of the presentation.
4. The presenter must ride the computer in the business or business casual attire.
5. The presentation must be made to the audience in a clear and concise manner.
6. A maximum of 10 slides are allowed for each presentation.
7. Presentations must include a professional resume that includes a list of research opportunities.
8. Participation must present on a thesis, dissertation, or other substantial research project.
9. Judges and audience members are not allowed to ask questions following presentations. The only questions that are allowed are those related to the validity of the research and specifically pertinent to the presentation.
10. Participants must complete a survey following the symposium.

Judges Criteria

LoboBITES presentations are judged by a panel of expert members from the UNM and UNM community. Presentations are evaluated using a 3-point scale, based on the following criteria:

1. Significance: The originality of the research and its potential impact on the field.
2. Clarity: The presentation should be clear and easy to understand. Ideas and concepts should be presented in an organized manner.
3. Creativity: The presentation should be creative and unique. Ideas and concepts should be presented in an original and innovative manner.
4. Engagement: The presentation should be engaging. The audience should be able to follow the presentation and understand the ideas presented.

Previous Winners

First Place 2009: Jessica Schultz
Second Place 2009: Matthew B. Jones
Third Place 2009: Christopher F. O’Leary

For more information about the preparation toolkit, please visit the website.