

DISCOVER DAY 2026 OVERALL WINNERS

Poster Presentation - STEM Disciplines

Placement	Student Name(s)	School	Project Title
1st Place	Natalie Roberts	Louisiana State University	Directed Growth Responses of <i>Boytrix cinerea</i> to Plant-Derived Terpenes
2nd Place	Olivia Forsman	Louisiana State University	<i>De Novo</i> Biosynthesis of Peroxisomes in <i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i> and its Implication in Cellular Regeneration
3rd Place	Hannah Alm-Gibson	Louisiana State University	Self-Talk and Decision-Making: How do Overt and Covert Self-Talk Influence Confidence in Decision-Making?

Poster Presentation - Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Arts

Placement	Student Name(s)	School	Project Title
1st Place	Elena Whatley	Louisiana State University	Understimulated or Overstimulated?: Leveraging Sensory Sensitivities to Enhance Cognitive Performance in College Students
2nd Place	Marissa Goldthorp	Louisiana State University	Melodies and Meaning: Can Children's Music Implicitly Induce a Context?
3rd Place	Anna Mathews	Louisiana State University	Examination of Self-Esteem and Organizational Skills Across ADHD Presentations

Oral Presentation - STEM Disciplines

Placement	Student Name(s)	School	Project Title
1st Place	Ashleigh Godke	Louisiana State University	Measuring 25-Hydroxyvitamin D ₃ Concentrations in Captive Northern Blue-Tongued Skinks (<i>Tiliqua scincoides intermedia</i>) Fed a Cat Diet
2nd Place	Garrett Wainright	Louisiana State University	Hedonic Analysis of Invasive Aquatic Plants on Property Values in Louisiana
3rd Place	Tai Hua	Louisiana State University	Core Ionization Induced Femtosecond Valence Electron Dynamics

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Oral Presentation - Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Arts

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1st Place	Lucrezia Tomassetti	Louisiana State University	Implementing Gender-Based Provisions: An Analysis of the History and Challenges in Colombia
2nd Place	Joy Fayrweather	Louisiana State University	The Culinary Curtain: How Communism Shifted Central European Gastronomy
3rd Place	Saige Berthelot	Loyola University New Orleans	Platonic Parallels

Visual Display

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1st Place	Milain Marcel, Raedan Stephens, Brian Baudoin, Gavin Murray, Katherine Mull, & Anna Claire Ricks-Boyd	Louisiana State University	3D Printed Tactile Map of LSVI Playground Using Photogrammetry
2nd Place	Gerard Lorio, James Balart, Brennan Comeaux, Dylan Rousselle, & Luke Lissard	Louisiana State University	IM-CHIP: A Modular Impedance-Monitored Microphysiological Platform for Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Drug Screening

Visual and Performing Arts

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1st Place	Ethan Strunc	Louisiana State University	Those Who Fly Too Close to the Sun