RESEARCH DAY 2015

Fort Valley State University held their Fifth Annual Research Day on April 16, 2015 in the C.W. Pettigrew Center. The event began with an opening ribbon-cutting ceremony. Dr. Andrew Lee, Dr. Ian Toppin, and Dr. Jessica Bailey, FVSU’s Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, all gave words of encouragement to the undergraduate and graduate students who presented their research at the event, which lasted from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Students gave oral, poster, and artistic presentations before a panel of judges.

A Research Day Luncheon was held to honor participants. FVSU’s President, Dr. Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith attended the luncheon and expressed his delight after seeing the quality of students’ work. He reminded them that “Research is formalized curiosity, It is poking and prying with a purpose.” He also advised faculty to continue to encourage students to participate in research endeavors on campus. The keynote speaker was Dr. Obie Clayton Jr., distinguished professor from Clark Atlanta University. Clayton defined research as an organized inquiry that is a “win-win” for students and faculty. He encouraged faculty and students to continue to grow their research interests.

Student’s who received outstanding researcher awards were:

**Humanities:**
- **First Place:** Kiarrica Favors
- **Second Place:** Brenda Rivera-Brignoni

**Behavioral Science:**
- **First Place:** Yasmin Ceacal
- **Second Place:** Pierre Williams
- **Third Place:** Garrette Baker, Nicholas Finely, Tanisha Leonard, Tarka Levatte

**Undergraduate STEM (Poster Presentations)**
- **First Place:** Ashley Childs
- **Second Place:** Latisha Pryor
- **Third Place:** Frank Ivey

**Graduate Oral Presentation Winner:** Daniel Ekefre

**Graduate Poster:**
- **First Place:** Laura Hill
- **Second Place:** India Brown
- **Third Place:** Peter Iomoyera

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