2018 Carolyn & Norwood Thomas Undergraduate Research and Creativity Expo

~ Award Winners ~

Arts, Humanities and Education

1st Place: Sarah Duncan (Classical Studies)
Faculty Mentor: Joanne Murphy
_Akhenaten and Collapse in the Ancient State_

1st Place: Curran Fitzgerald (Anthropology)
Faculty Mentor: Donna Nash
_Archaeoastronomical Analysis of Wari Ritual Spaces in the Osmore Valley, Peru_

3rd Place: Dixie Ortiz (Music Education) and Jessica Lewis (Music)
Faculty Mentor: Rebecca MacLeod
_Near Peer Mentorship as a Model for Private Music Instruction_

Honorable Mention:
Joshua Kellum, Michael Newman and Jordan Speas (Theatre)
Faculty Mentors: Denise Gabriel
_MAMA "Mindfulness Arts Mindful Actions"

Economics, Behavioral and Social Sciences

1st Place: Payton McGarry (Economics)
Faculty Mentor: Stephen Holland
_UNCG and Intergenerational Mobility_

2nd Place: Sierra Rufino (Psychology)
Faculty Mentor: Rosemary Nelson-Gray
_Do facial emotion recognition affect friendship?: Borderline Personality Disorder_

3rd Place: Mengyun Li, Ruitong Li, Jessica Navarro, and Haley Morris (Human Development and Family Studies)
Faculty Mentor: Jonathan Tudge
_Developing Connective Gratitude: A Intervention Study_

Honorable Mention:
Dahlia Alharoon (Psychology)
Faculty Mentor: Paul Silvia
_Daydreaming Styles and Brain Functional Connectivity_

Jordan Richmond (International & Global Studies and Political Science)
Faculty Mentors: Roberto Campo and Lynda Kellum
_Crisis in Myanmar and Bangladesh: Sociocultural Underpinnings and Political Barriers to the 2016-2018 Rohingya Ethnic Cleansing Crisis_

Alexus Threatt (Nursing)
Faculty Mentors: Sandra Blaha and Leslie Davis
_How Meditation Works: Understanding the Mechanisms Behind the Practice_
Mathematics, Life and Physical Sciences

1st Place: Saman Baral and Shilpa Bhatia (Biology)
Faculty Mentor: Olav Rueppell
*Virus Resistance in Honeybees*

2nd Place: Amanda Barclift (Kinesiology)
Faculty Mentor: Louisa Raisbeck
*The Effects of Attentional Focus in a Fine Motor Skill and Task Difficulty Interaction*

3rd Place: Manead Khin (Chemistry)
Faculty Mentor: Nadja Cech
*Macleaya cordata as a potential cure for MRSA*

Honorable Mention:
Mark Perez (Chemistry & Biochemistry)
Faculty Mentors: Mitchell Croatt and Mohammed Al-Hunti
*Palladium Catalyzed Deoxygenation of Alcohols*