STUDENT RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAM (ABT 395/399)

When: 1:00 PM, Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Where: Cameron Williams Lecture Hall – Plant Science Bldg.

Welcome and Introduction (Dr. Jamie Matthews)

1:00 PM Molecular Fingerprinting of the Gastrointestinal Microbiota of Foals and Their Dams **Andrew Durig**

Mentor: Dr. Laurie Lawrence, Department of Animal and Food Sciences, UK College of Agriculture

1:15 PM Nuclear Targeting of Plant-Adapted Rhabdovirus M Protein in Mammalian Cells **Jori Stanek**

Mentor: Dr. Rebecca Dutch, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, UK College of Medicine

1:30 PM BpaB (*Borrelia burgdorferi* ParB-analogue) Protein Binding **Sneha Pampati**

Mentor: Dr. Brian Stevenson, Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics, UK College of Medicine

1:45 PM Smoking Cessation Outcomes Among African-American Female Smokers in Response to the Breathe Free for Women Program: Results of a Pilot Study

Brittaney Obi

Mentor: Dr. Anita Fernander, Department of Behavioral Science, UK College of Medicine

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2:15 PM Molecular Elucidation of Carabid Beetle Foraging Behavior in Alfalfa **Mark Adams**

Mentor: Dr. James Harwood, Department of Entomology, UK College of Agriculture

2:30 PM The Evolution of the Heterostylous Breeding System in *Oxalis alpina* Populations from Sonoran Desert

Greg Joice

Mentor: Dr. Olga Tsyusko, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, UK College of Agriculture

2:45 PM Cloning, Expression and Characterization of Human Group X Secretory Phospholipase A2 **Kayla Talbott**

Mentors: Drs. Nancy Webb and Preetha Shridas, Department of Internal Medicine, UK College of Medicine

3:00 PM Expression and Localization of Matrix Metalloproteinase 10 (MMP-10) during the Ovarian Cycle

Lauren McCord

Mentor: Dr. Thomas Curry, Jr., Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UK College of Medicine

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When: 1:00 PM, Thursday, December 10, 2009

Where: Cameron Williams Lecture Hall – Plant Science Bldg.

Welcome and Introduction (Dr. Jamie Matthews)

1:00 PM

Comparative and Quantitative Genomic Analysis of *Tribolium castaneum* Immune Genes **Alisondra Maldonado**

Mentor: Dr. Subba R. Palli, Department of Entomology, UK College of Agriculture

1:15 PM Functional Characterization of Patchoulol Synthase - One Active Site Pocket or Two? **Satio Husodo**

Mentor: Dr. Joseph Chappell, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, UK College of Agriculture

1:30 PM Alterations in Glutamate Neurotransmission in the Striatum 48 Hours after Traumatic Brain Injury

Emily Cottrell

Mentor: Dr. Greg Gerhardt, Department: Anatomy & Neurobiology, UK College of Medicine

1:45 PM Production of Antimicrobial Protein in Algae *Chlorella vulgaris* for Oral Infections **Lauren Stone**

Mentor: Dr. Brad Huang, Center for Oral Health, UK College of Medicine

2 PM <u>AWARDING</u> of the <u>Glenn B. Collins Undergraduate Research Achievement Award in Agricultural Biotechnology</u> by Dr. Dan Howe - Atrium of the Plant Science Building *Hosted by: The Agricultural Biotechnology Program*