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This month, undergraduate students from Utah State University and the University of Utah will present their research to Utah legislators at Research on Capitol Hill. This event is held every year to celebrate the best of undergraduate research from the state's two premier research institutions.

The event will take place on February 28 in the Rotunda of the State Capitol in Salt Lake City. Research on Capitol Hill demonstrates to legislators the importance of research to an undergraduate education and the contributions students' work make in informing policy and understanding questions across disciplines. The event features only 25 students from each university, making in the event competitive.

The event, co-organized by USU and the U of U, is in its 17th year.

The presenters this year include:

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Micah Kwallek and Rissely Parra, Languages, Philosophy and Communication Studies Department
Morgan Sanford and Elise Maddox, English Department
Erin Searle, English Department

College of Science

Mikayla Austin, Biology Department
Joshua Hansen, Biology Department
Tyson Lumbrellas, Biology Department
Garrett Rydalch, Biology Department
Riannon Smith and Melena Garrett, Chemistry and Biochemistry Department
Matthew Thompson, Biology Department
James Withers and Loren Linford, Biology Department

College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences

Tess Armbrust and Canyon Neal, Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Sciences Department
Boston Swan, Plants, Soils, and Climate Department

Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services

Colten Brown, Psychology Department
Alyssa Collins, School of Teacher Education and Leadership
Audrianna Dehlin, Psychology Department
R.J. Risueño, Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education Department
Isabella Stuart, Psychology Department

S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources

Anders Hart, Wildland Resources Department
Andrea Johnson, Wildland Resources Department

College of Engineering

Kyle Hillman, Biological Engineering Department
Jack Kiefer and Paden Thompson, Computer Science Department
Andrew Walters, Biological Engineering Department

Jon M. Huntsman School of Business

Hayden Hubbard, Christopher Cottle, and Mcklayne Marshall, Economics and Finance Department
Jacklyn Sullivan, Economics and Finance Department

Caine College of the Arts

Ethan Seegmiller, Music Department

RJ Risueno, participant in Research on Capitol Hill 2018, said, "Undergraduate research has been a keystone of my college education. USU sees potential in their students and gives them the resources necessary to succeed. In the past year, I have applied for and received a research grant, submitted an IRB proposal, and even created and carried out my own case study. Through this experience, I have grown tremendously and have greater confidence in my ability to make a difference through research."