The Washington Statistical Society

Annual Dinner

6 o’clock in the evening of Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Clyde’s
707 7th St, NW
Washington, DC
BUFFET DINNER MENU

**Salads (V)**
Clyde's House Salad, Caesar Salad

**Entrees**
Seasonal Vegetable Pasta (V), Pan Roasted Salmon, Roasted Chicken

**Sides (V)**
Parmesan Garlic Roast Potatoes, Farro Pilaf

**Dessert**
Assorted Petit Pastries

**Beverages**
Sodas, Iced Tea, Coffee, Host Bar

(V) denotes vegetarian food items
Special thanks are extended to all of the following people for their hard work and dedication to the Washington Statistical Society.

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The Washington Statistical Society also extends its sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who contributed to WSS-sponsored activities.
Opening remarks and presentation of awards
CHRIS MORIARITY, President 2015-2016

President’s Awards
COLLEEN CHOI, VINCE MASSIMINI, TOM MULE
MICHAEL FEIL, DAN JACOBS
LEE ABRAMSON, PROMOD CHANDHOK, MICHAEL MESSNER,
DAN SHERMAN

Past President’s Certificate
DIANE HERZ

2016 Gertrude M. Cox Award
BHARMAR MUKHERJEE

2016 Roger Herriot Award for Innovation in Federal Statistics
THESIA GARNER, KATHY SHORT
For their innovative work on alternative measures of poverty over the past 20 years that culminated in the publishing of the Supplemental Poverty Measure at the same time as the official U.S. poverty measure

2016 Julius Shiskin Memorial Award for Economic Statistics
JOHN ABOWD
For designing and implementing disclosure avoidance techniques, leadership at Cornell providing access to these data over the Internet, and developing econometric and statistical techniques to conduct labor market analysis.

Curtis Jacobs Memorial Award for Outstanding Statistics Project 2015-2016
NIHARIKA VATTIKONDA & SANJANA CHALLA
“The Effect of Vitamin B-12 Concentration on Planarian Learning Rate”
Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
Fairfax, VA
Advisor: Mr. Larson
WSS Poster Competition Winners

Grades K – 3

1st place
QUINN SHIELDS
“2nd Grade Predictions”
Carderock Springs Elementary, Bethesda, MD
Advisor: Ms. Stoszek

2nd place
XANDER SEHGAL
“Good Times?”
Mundo Verde, Washington, DC
Advisor: Ms. Poss

Grades 4 – 6

1st place
GRACE KO & ESZTER CSENTERI
“Does Specific Sound Boost Plant Growth?”
Willow Spring Elementary School, Fairfax, VA
Advisor: Mr. Van Hoose and Mr. Kyung Dae Ko

2nd place
NANDINI GHATTARAM
“Running or Passing Plays: Which Play Has Lead to Most Super Bowl Victory”
Jeffers Hill Elementary School, Columbia, MD
Advisor: Ms. Gopalakrishnan

Honorable mention
ANDREW XU
“Is Football the Most Popular TV Broadcast?”
Farmland Elementary School, Rockville, MD
Advisor: Ms. Murphy

MEREDITH TURCOTTE
“Olympic Marathon”
Orange Hunt Elementary School, Springfield, VA
Advisor: Ms. Jones
Grades 10 – 12

Honorable mention
IRAJA SUBRAMANIAM
“ZIKA-Prevention Is Better Than Cure”
Northwest High School, Germantown, MD
Advisor: Ms. Mitra


WSS Outstanding Graduate Student Awards

SEPIDEH MOSAFERI University of Maryland, Joint Program in Survey Methodology
BRANDON PARK George Mason University
XUAN YAO University of Maryland, Department of Mathematics
MINGXING “GEORGE” DU Georgetown University
XIAYING “JAMES” ZHENG University of Maryland, Department of Human Development, Learning, and Quantitative Methodology
LI CHEUNG George Washington University