

9th ANNUAL SRSU STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

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2026 KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
April 9th @ Noon - Dr. Masahiro Ohnishi
Distinguished SRSU Alumnus



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SRSU VIRTUAL STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, April 9th, 2026

12:00PM - 12:40PM

WELCOME AND KEYNOTE INTRODUCTION

Dr. Bonnie Warnock

Dean of the College of Ag, Life & Physical Sciences (ALPS)

9TH ANNUAL VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Masahiro Ohnishi

SRSU Graduate and Wildlife Scientist



MASAHIRO OHNISHI

Dr. Ohnishi is a wildlife scientist at Wildlife Management Office Inc. in Japan. His work focuses on wildlife population management, mitigation of human–wildlife conflicts, and the development of effective wildlife management systems and policies for large mammals, particularly sika deer and Asiatic black bears.

He studied wildlife management in the United States, earning his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Sul Ross State University and his doctoral degree from Texas A&M University–Kingsville. Through his academic training and field experience in North America, he developed expertise in applied wildlife management, including population control, habitat management, and the role of hunting in sustainable wildlife conservation.

In Japan, he works on research, policy support, and field-based wildlife management projects addressing issues such as deer overpopulation, bear management, broader human–wildlife conflict, and the development of multi-prefecture management policies. His work bridges international wildlife management practices and Japanese conservation policy, contributing to the advancement of science-based wildlife management in Japan.

1:00PM - 1:50PM

SYMPOSIUM STUDENT VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS

VIRTUAL ROOM 1

1:00PM - 1:20PM

Navigating the Nexus: Leadership Styles and Management Efficacy in Educational Administration in Rural Texas Public Schools

Tamara Smart **P**

Moderator: Dr. Jeanne Qvarnstrom

1:30PM - 1:50PM

Leading with Kindness: Proactive and Restorative Classroom Management in an 11th Grade History Classroom

Luis Duran

Moderator: Dr. Jeanne Qvarnstrom

VIRTUAL ROOM 2

1:00PM - 1:20PM

No Presentation Scheduled

1:30PM - 1:50PM

No Presentation Scheduled

2:00PM - 2:50PM

SYMPOSIUM STUDENT VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS

VIRTUAL ROOM 1

2:00PM - 2:20PM

Remote Monitoring for Livestock Production on Absentee Lands

Rosemary Ketring

Moderator: Xinyuan Qiu

2:30PM - 2:50PM

Capital Punishment

Paloma Jimenez

Moderator: Xinyuan Qiu

VIRTUAL ROOM 2

2:00PM - 2:20PM

No Presentations Scheduled

2:30PM - 2:50PM

No Presentations Scheduled

Affiliated Programs Legend

B Borderland Research Institute

M McNair Scholar

P PPOHA Fellow

N Noyce Scholar

3:00PM - 3:50PM

SYMPOSIUM STUDENT VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS

VIRTUAL ROOM 1

3:00PM - 3:20PM

Policy Diffusion and NIL Reform: Why a Federal Framework Could Level the Playing Field

Gannon Moore **M**

Moderator: Dr. Jessica Velasco

3:30PM - 3:50PM

Texas Water Policy and the Impending Shortfall

Raquel Contreras **M**

Moderator: Dr. Jessica Velasco

VIRTUAL ROOM 2

3:00PM - 3:20PM

No Presentations Scheduled

3:30PM - 3:50PM

Recovery Modality Effects on Neuromuscular and Perceptual Outcomes in Collegiate Basketball Athletes

Manuel Flores **M**

Moderator: Doug Renshaw

4:00PM - 4:50PM

SYMPOSIUM STUDENT VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS

VIRTUAL ROOM 1

4:00PM - 4:20PM

Smarter Supply Chains: How Artificial Intelligence Is Transforming Global Logistics

Aron Olague **P**

Moderator: Dr. Alicia Trotman

4:30PM - 4:50PM

I'm Only Human: Understanding Mental Health Literacy, Stigma, and Help-Seeking Behaviors Among Female Collegiate Athletes

Eliana Mata

Moderator: Dr. Alicia Trotman

VIRTUAL ROOM 2

4:00PM - 4:20PM

No Presentations Scheduled

4:30PM - 4:50PM

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Borderlands Research Institute **B**<https://bri.sulross.edu/>

As a unit of Sul Ross State University, it is inherent that education is a key element in the mission of the Borderlands Research Institute. The research projects that we conduct, not only advance our ability to manage the natural resources of the Chihuahuan Desert, but they allow us to train and educate the next generation of wildlife biologists, range conservationists, and ranch managers—an important component of our mission. Both undergraduate and graduate students are an integral part of our research team. The practical experiences gained by our students allow them to succeed as future resource managers. Our students frequently gain employment with state and federal resource agencies or with private consultants and ranches.

McNair Scholars Program **M**www.sulross.edu/mcnair-scholars-program/

The McNair Scholars Program is a federal TRIO program funded at 206 institutions across the United States and Puerto Rico by the U.S. Department of Education. It is designed to prepare undergraduate students for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. McNair participants are either, and have, demonstrated strong academic potential. The goal of the McNair Scholars Program is to increase graduate degree awards for students from first-generation low-income families.

Noyce Scholars en la Frontera **N**sites.google.com/view/srsunoyce/home

The Noyce Scholars en la Frontera aims to increase the pipeline of highly-qualified STEM teachers by 10% to serve in high need school districts located on the Texas-Mexico border. The SRSU Noyce Scholars Program Provides: Noyce Scholarships: 16 preservice teachers will be provided with a scholarship of up to \$24,002 a year for two years, mentoring, professional development workshops, high School and middle school STEM club support. Noyce Scholars must commit to teach in a high need public school for 2 years within a 6 year period following graduation.

SRSU Title V PPOHA AGP & AAO Graduate Fellowships **P**www.sulross.edu/graduate-student-support-center/

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