

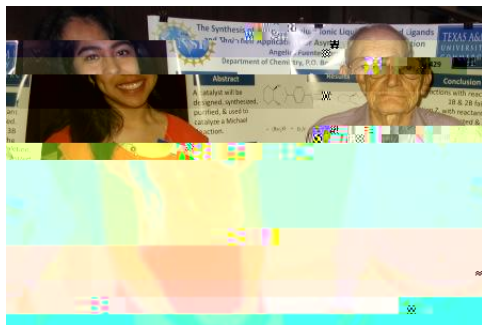
Winners of the 2016

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Left to Right above: Cassie, and judges (former NTCC Presidential Scholars) Andrea Cruz, and Lauren Fennimore.

The contest was open to any university, college or high school senior who wished to compete. Again, however, NTCC Presidential Scholars monopolized the winners circle. Elizabeth Griffin from Pittsburg came in second place (\$300) with a poster on creativity in music. She argued that “groundbreaking musical events” depend on composers who know enough to break the right compositional rules at the right time. She is the daughter of Dr. Steven and Joy

In third place (\$200), came Angelica Fuentes. She reported on research performed last summer in a special REU fellowship at Texas A&M Commerce on the "Synthesis of Ammonium Ionic Liquid Supported Ligands and their Application in Michael Reaction." Fuentes, the president of the BioChem student association on campus, was one of the fifteen students of the nation to win a coveted 2016 Guistwhite Award for academic achievements. She is the daughter of Jose and Angelica Fuentes of Mount Pleasant.



Above: Angelica Fuentes with poster judge, Frank Adams of Mount Pleasant.

Finally Cailee Davidson came in fourth place (\$100). She is the daughter of Caleb and Jami Davidson from Upshur County. Her work was on Texas Governor Pappy O'Daniel. She typified the unusually electable politician, O'Daniel, as a "Fabulist" for an appeal that was based neither on reality or history, but on the stories he popularized as a singer, and radio personality.



Above Cailee Davidson with poster.

