

A large crowd of people is seen from behind, filling the lower two-thirds of the frame. They are looking towards a bright, hazy stage area at the top of the image. The lighting is soft and diffused, creating a sense of a large gathering in a dimly lit hall.

Annual Meeting 2026

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Tulsa Area Bioscience Education & Research Consortium (TABERC)

Heartland Physiological Society (HPS)

Society for Neuroscience, Tulsa Chapter (SfN)

AGENDA

Location: FOUNDERS HALL

8:30 – 8:50 AM Registration, Breakfast (Sponsored by HPS)

9:00 – 9:50 AM Poster Session #1

10:00 – 10:50 Poster Session #2

Location: **4th FLOOR TANDY CONFERENCE CENTER**

11:10 – 12:00 PM SfN Tulsa Chapter Session:

Adult Protective Experiences Dampen the Influence of Childhood Adversity on Neuro-Immune Disruptions

Dr Bart Ford, (OSU-CHS)

12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch (Sponsored by SfN Tulsa Chapter)

1:10 – 2:00 PM TABERC Session: ***Are you ready for the next step?***

Panel: Dr. Julianna Goelzer (Cytodiagnostics), Dr. Hector Gonzalez (NSU), Dr. Joel Gaikwad (ORU)

2:10 – 3:00 PM ***Graduate Student Seminar Competition***

Dr. Al Rouch, President HPS

2:00 – 2:10 PM Coffee Break

3:00 – 3:30 PM Award Ceremony and Closing

Registration & breakfast in FOUNDERS HALL

Dr. Vazquez-
Sanroman and Senait
Assefa preparing to
receive meeting
attendees and guests



Dr. Rouch
reviewing
judging
sheets at the
poster
session



Dr. Dolores
Vazquez-
Sanroman talking
about the Society
for Neuroscience
Tulsa Chapter and
introducing Dr.
Bart Ford.





Dr. Bart Ford from OSU-CHS gives the SfN Tulsa Chapter presentation “Adult Protective Experiences Dampen the Influence of Childhood Adversity on Neuro-Immune Disruptions”.

Dr. Janaki Iyer
presented on the
TABERC
organization
followed by an
outstanding panel
discussion titled
“Are you ready for
the next step”.



The panel included Dr. Joel Gaikward (seated on left) of Oral Roberts University, Dr. Juliana Goelzer (at podium) of Cytodiagnosics, and Dr. Hector Gonzalez (seated on right) of Northeastern State University.

Each panelist presented valuable information to students on how to proceed to their next career position with success.





Dr. Al Rouch gives the HPS presentation “Graduate Student Seminar Competition”



TABERC Students 2026

Dr. Rouch with PhD students from Oklahoma State University Diani Nanayakkara and UdayKiran Venugopal





Posters

Total 46

- Graduate Students: 12
- Undergraduate students: 13
- Medical Students: 6
- High School Students: 14
- Faculty: 1

Students were judged based on the following criteria:

- Organization and Structure
- Visual Design & Layout
- Clarity of Text & Graphics
- Scientific Content
- Significance and Impact
- Quality of Verbal Explanation

Award Winners

High School

1. Emma Carroll & Arin Tripathy
2. Nyla Tripathy
3. Divya Rammath

Undergraduate

1. Elena Alexander
2. Wyatt McClure
3. Devra Jameslin and Tyler Armstrong

Graduate

1. Songjukta Chakraborty
2. Alejandro Lopez and Souradip Mallick
3. UdayKiran Venugopal

Med Students

1. Addison Zurcher
2. Aul Connor
3. Shreya Rohatgi