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Fannin, Hatton/Walther, Woehlke Receives 2008-2009 Research Scholar Fellowships

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity (URSA) has selected the recipients of its 2008-2009 Research Scholar Fellowships. Each fellowship will provide the student-faculty team with a \$2000 student stipend, a \$500 supply budget, a \$500 faculty stipend.

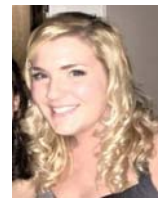
"The Research Scholar Fellowships at Murray State University provide an excellent opportunity for our undergraduates to develop the high-level thinking and analytical skills they will need throughout their careers. These faculty-mentored, research-based learning opportunities, organized by our Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity, enhance the excellence of undergraduate education at Murray State University" said Dr. Randy J. Dunn, Murray State University President. "The rewarding testimonials I've heard the past two years from our Fellowship program continues to speak to our strategic imperative of fostering excellence that defines Murray State."

The 2008-2009 Fellowship recipients are:

Ashley Fannin, senior psychology major in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts from Murray, Ky., for her proposal entitled "The Effects of Delay and an Intervening Task on the Retention of Implicit and Explicit Memory." Fannin plans to present her research at the annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society and/or the annual Association for Psychological Science conference. Dr. Paula Waddill, Professor in the Department of Psychology, will serve as faculty mentor.



Angela Hatton, senior English major in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts from Murray, Ky., for her proposal entitled "Mary Peach Collier Research." Hatton will be assisted by co-investigator Angela Walther, senior English major from Eminence, Ky. Hatton and Walther plan to submit their research findings to *Women's Writing*, an international journal focused on nineteenth century women's writing. Dr. Kevin Binfield, Professor in the Department of English and Philosophy, will serve as faculty mentor.



Joshua Woehlke, junior secondary English education major in the College of Education from Grand Rivers, Ky., for his proposal entitled "The Content and Usage Revision Engine: A New Approach to Grading English Compositions." Woehlke plans to present his research at the Kentucky Education Association annual meeting. Ms. Debbie Bell, Lecturer in the Department of English and Philosophy, will serve as faculty mentor.



Fannin, Hatton/Walther, and Woehlke will present their research at Murray State University's annual Scholars Week, being held April 20-24, 2009.

More information about URSA can be found online at <http://campus.murraystate.edu/services/ursa/> or by calling (270) 809-3192.