Presentation Times
FALL 2022 PPOHA GRADUATE FELLOWS
Briscoe Administration Building  Room 317

3:00 pm
Preston McKee
Natural Resource Management
Hope, NM

3:10 pm
Olivia Gray
Range & Wildlife Management
San Antonio, TX

3:20 pm
Erin O’Connell
Range & Wildlife Management
Southern Pines, NC

3:30 pm
Brooke Bowman
Range & Wildlife Management
Baytown, TX

3:40 pm
Maya Ressler
Range & Wildlife Management
Grapevine, TX

3:50 pm
Caleb Hughes
Range & Wildlife Management
Grandview, TX

TBD
Benjamin Thomas
Biology
St. Louis, MO

4:00 pm
Melissa Zapata Montoya
English
Fort Stockton, TX

4:10 pm
Christina Ketring
Animal Science
East Grand Forks, MN

4:20 pm
Leanna Morin
Range & Wildlife Management
Hondo, TX

4:30 pm
Kiahna García
English
Del Rio, TX

4:40 pm
Kayla Waggoner
History
Lubbock, TX

4:50 pm
Andrew Deleon
Kinesiology
Roscoe, Texas

5:00 pm
Samiah Bass-Walker
Homeland Security
Lubbock, TX

"We want to sincerely thank you for your attendance and support.

We hope to see you at our future events!"

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Thank You
Meet Our Fellows

Caleb Hughes, MS
Range and Wildlife Management
"Being raised in a rural environment, activities such as hunting, and fishing developed a strong love for wildlife and wild places. This upbringing cultivated my interest in making a career out of studying and conserving natural resources."

Melissa Zapata Montoya, MA
Animal Science
"I hope to complete my educational journey so that I may become an educator at the community college level as I believe those institutions open up a world of opportunities for lower income families to complete their post-secondary education."

Erin O’Connell, MS
Range and Wildlife Management
"I developed a passion for science and research from spending summers outside at my grandparents’ farm in West Virginia. I now have the privilege to study iconic pronghorn at the Rocker B Ranch in West Texas."

Brooke Bowman, MS
Range and Wildlife Management
"I am grateful to continue my education in Sul Ross’s Range & Wildlife Management Master’s program studying the effects of oil & gas development on Scaled Quail movement and behavior!"

Leanna Morin, MS
Range and Wildlife Management
"I am the coolest aunt to two nieces and two nephews, so some of my favorite things to do is to share my love for nature is by taking them to parks, walking nature trails, and catching bugs together."

Maya Ressler, MS
Range and Wildlife Management
"I was drawn to the West Texas high deserts after I backpacked the Chisos Mountains at 16 years old. After that, I was hooked on the conservation of the natural world."

Kiahna S. García, MA
English
"In the future, my ultimate goal is to obtain my Ph.D. In English and teach English and/or Mexican literature at a university outside of the United States."

Kayla Waggoner, MS
History
"After I graduate I’m hoping to dive further into my research in whatever direction that takes me. That has been my favorite part of the graduate experience, the research."

Andrew Deleon, MS
Kinesiology
"I am currently working on my Masters in Sports Administration and currently in Orlando, Fl working for ESPN sport complex."

Samiah Bass-Walker, MS
Homeland Security
"Upon graduation this spring, Samiah plans to attend the Texas Game Warden academy and one day go on to get her Doctorate Degree from Texas Tech University in Addictive Disorders and Recovery Studies."

Benjamin Thomas, MS
Biology
"One day, when driving through Alpine, I thought I might just stay awhile. I don’t need much in this life, just a garden and some free time."

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