

On Friday April 5, 2019 a group of Sam Houston State University students and faculty attended the Conference of Texas Statisticians at Lamar University in Beaumont, TX. At the conference, they were able to listen to a variety of research presentations, along with the opportunity to present their own research. Eight SHSU students presented their research posters at the conference and 2 students placed; Richard Ekem was awarded 2nd place and Duwani Wijesinghe Katumullage was awarded 3rd place. Several faculty members accompanied the students at the conference, including Dr. Ferry Butar, Dr. Di Gao, Dr. Ram Kafle, Dr. Melinda Holt, and Dr. Doo Young Kim. On Saturday, Dr. Kim gave a presentation entitled “New Statistical Approaches in Clustering Financial Time Dependent Information.” Two SHSU graduate alumni also attended and brought students to the conference. Dr. Jacob Tucker, now an Assistant Professor at Stephen F. Austin State University, gave a presentation on “An Investigation of Correlation Structure Misspecification for Longitudinal Gene Expression Studies” and Dr. Kalanka Jayalath, now an Assistant Professor at the University of Houston – Clear Lake, presented a research poster on “A Bayesian Approach for Survival Analysis with the Inverse Gaussian Data.”

