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## Huntsman Post

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By Allie Jeppson

Utah State University honored three Huntsman students and the Huntsman Scholar Program with Robins Awards this year, recognizing them for their scholarship, contributions, and trips to the end zone.

#### Robins Awards Winners



It was only running back Kerwynn Williams, however, who was recognized for his accomplishments on the football field. Kerwynn, who majored in marketing, was recently drafted to play for the Indianapolis Colts. He was named this year's Male Athlete of the Year.

Each year the eight colleges nominate one student for the Scholar of the Year Award and this year, biochemistry and economics major Brooke Siler won that top honor.

Steve Gould, a business administration major, took home the Man of the Year Award — an honor that recognizes a male student for his accomplishments and contributions to the university.

The Huntsman Scholar Program was also honored with the Organization of the Year Award recognizing the group for its service to students and the university.

The Department of Economics and Finance has been recognized as the recipient of USU's Department Teaching Excellence Award in recognition of achievements in education and instruction, as well its "exemplary devotion to student success."

Other Huntsman students, faculty, and staff have been recognized by the Huntsman School of Business this year for their contributions at USU.

### **Huntsman Faculty and Staff Honored**



The university honored professor Daniel V. Holland, an assistant professor of entrepreneurship, as the Huntsman Teacher of the Year.

Assistant professor of finance, Ben Blau, was selected as this year's Huntsman Researcher of the Year for his research that revolves around the efficiency of financial markets, the effects of regulation, and the flow of information into asset prices.

John Gilbert, professor of economics, was named as the Huntsman International Professor of the Year.

Chad Albrecht, assistant professor of management, was awarded the Huntsman Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year and Tyler Brough, assistant professor of finance, was named Graduate Research Mentor of the Year.

Frank Shuman, accounting lecturer and faculty advisor for the Institute of Management Accountants, earned the Faculty Advisor of the Year award.

Taci Watterson-Balls, who is the senior staff assistant in the Management Information Systems Department, was honored as the Classified Employee of the Year and Ruth Harrison, director of undergraduate programs, was awarded Professional Employee of the Year.

### **Student Scholars and Leaders**



Luis Patino, an accounting major, was honored with the Legacy of Utah State Award for the Huntsman School of Business. This award is given to a student at each college who “represents the heart and soul of the university,” and “perseverance during times of adversity, and contribution behind the scenes,” according to USU.

Zachary Maxfield, who recently graduated in accounting, was named this year’s Huntsman valedictorian. During his time at school, Zachary was involved in many organizations such as the Finance and Economics Club and Beta Alpha Psi, and he worked at the Space Dynamics Lab.

Mike Burnham, a graduate in international studies and economics, was named the Undergraduate Teaching Fellow of the Year. His primary research interests include nationalism, ethnic conflict, identity politics, and security studies.

As a double major in economics and international studies, Megan Hansen was recognized as the Undergraduate Researcher of the Year. Megan has conducted research in the fields of international relations, economics, and energy policy.

Gina Baldazzi, a graduate student in management information systems, was named Graduate Assistant of the Year. She is customizing a cloud-based customer relationship management system to improve the communication between the Huntsman graduate programs and interested students.

#### **Other awards**

Carli Brienne Campbell, an accounting major and student athlete, was named Utah State University’s Whitesides Scholar Athlete of the Year. Brienne is on USU’s women’s track and field team and competes in the high jump.

Accounting student and chapter president of the Institute of Management Accountants, Mike Bills, was recently awarded the \$5,000 Stuart Cameron McLeod Society Scholarship. This is the top scholarship given by the IMA organization.