

Hi Everyone:

Here are some well-earned kudos in time for Christmas.

- 1) Josh Inwood won the John Fraser Hart Award for the best PhD student paper at the recent SEDAAG meeting in Morgantown W. Virginia. I understand that he overcame very stiff competition. Well done Josh, this should help with the job search.
- 2) Hearty congratulations to Al Parker who received the 2006 SEDAAG Research Honors Award. Well done Al, keep those awards coming.
- 3) Geography senior undergraduates Mikey Levensgood won the MVP award for the World Geography bowl for the second consecutive year. Congratulations Mikey but what is the Georgia team going to do without you next year?
- 4) Senior undergraduate Emily Powers presented a poster on research she conducted with Kathy Parker in Mexico. We congratulate Emily on presenting research this early in her career. We are glad it went well.
- 5) Katherine Hankins, now an Assistant Professor at Georgia State, reports that before SEDAAG she and Emily Powers were invited to Columbus State University to give a colloquium presentation for Geography Awareness Week. They presented research on new urbanism, which Emily conducted over the summer with her CURO fellowship. Katherine notes that Emily's contributions were well received—and that there was even a reporter to document their visit. Congratulations to both of you on a successful presentation.
- 6) Jennifer Pierce, a senior undergraduate in Geography, won 2nd prize at the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) Mid South Region Student Paper Competition held November 10, 2006 at the National ASPRS Fall Conference in San Antonio. Her oral presentation was entitled, "An Internship: Rectification of Aerial Photographs for Mapping Vegetation of the Qualla Boundary". She won \$50 and a free one-year Student membership to ASPRS. Jennifer is also the President of the University of Georgia Student Chapter of ASPRS. Hearty congratulations Jennifer.
- 7) We also pass on our congratulations to Katie Price, one of our Ph.D. students. This past August, Katie was awarded an EPA-STAR Fellowship to support her Ph.D research, "Geomorphic and anthropogenic controls on stream baseflow discharge in the southern Blue Ridge Mountains". The fellowship will cover Katie's tuition, living expenses, and partial research expenses for three full years.
- 8) Let's also recognize Vern Meentemeyer's contribution to the Georgia Geography Bowl Team over the past several years, including this year. Vern tells me this will be his last year as organizer and mentor of the team. Thanks Vern, you did an absolutely outstanding job and you will be missed.

So, Christmas came early this year. Well done everyone and keep sending me new information on activities and awards.

Enjoy the weekend,

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