

The Department of Economics is proud to announce that two Economics students won awards at the Texas A&M Student Research Week for 2019. Aaron Ross, a senior Economics Major, won first place in the Liberal Arts, Undergraduate Oral presentation category. Caroline Lee, an Economics and Statistics double major, won first place in the Liberal Arts, Undergraduate Poster category.

For a list of all the TAMU Student Research Week winners – click [HERE](#)

Aaron is participating in the Department of Economics Economic Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (EUROP) and completed his undergraduate thesis “Multivariate Analysis Applied to the California Health Interview Survey” with Dr Dennis Jansen as his primary Research Advisor.

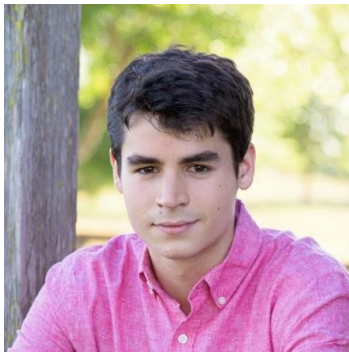
In addition to his thesis, Aaron has co-authored several other PERC (Private Enterprise Research Center) studies:

<http://perc.tamu.edu/publication?id=85>

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After graduation, Aaron will begin work with Targa Resources in Houston, Texas.

Congratulations Aaron!



Caroline Lee is also participating in the Department of Economics Economic Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (EUROP) and her research project was titled "Evaluating the Statewide Effects of HIFA Waivers on Substance Use Disorder Treatment."

In this research, she wanted to see whether healthcare policy reforms could help more people get treatment for drug addiction/substance abuse. Caroline focused on Bush-Era HIFA healthcare waivers that allowed states to expand Medicaid to previously non-

eligible individuals and looked into whether states with these waivers were successful in increasing drug addiction/substance abuse treatment admission rates. In addition to doing policy research, she also did some statistical analysis from a substance abuse treatment admissions data set. Dr. Jennifer Doleac helped her to blend both of my academic backgrounds, and as a result, Caroline was able to produce research that looked at the effectiveness of policy from both an economic and statistical point of view.

Congratulations Caroline!

