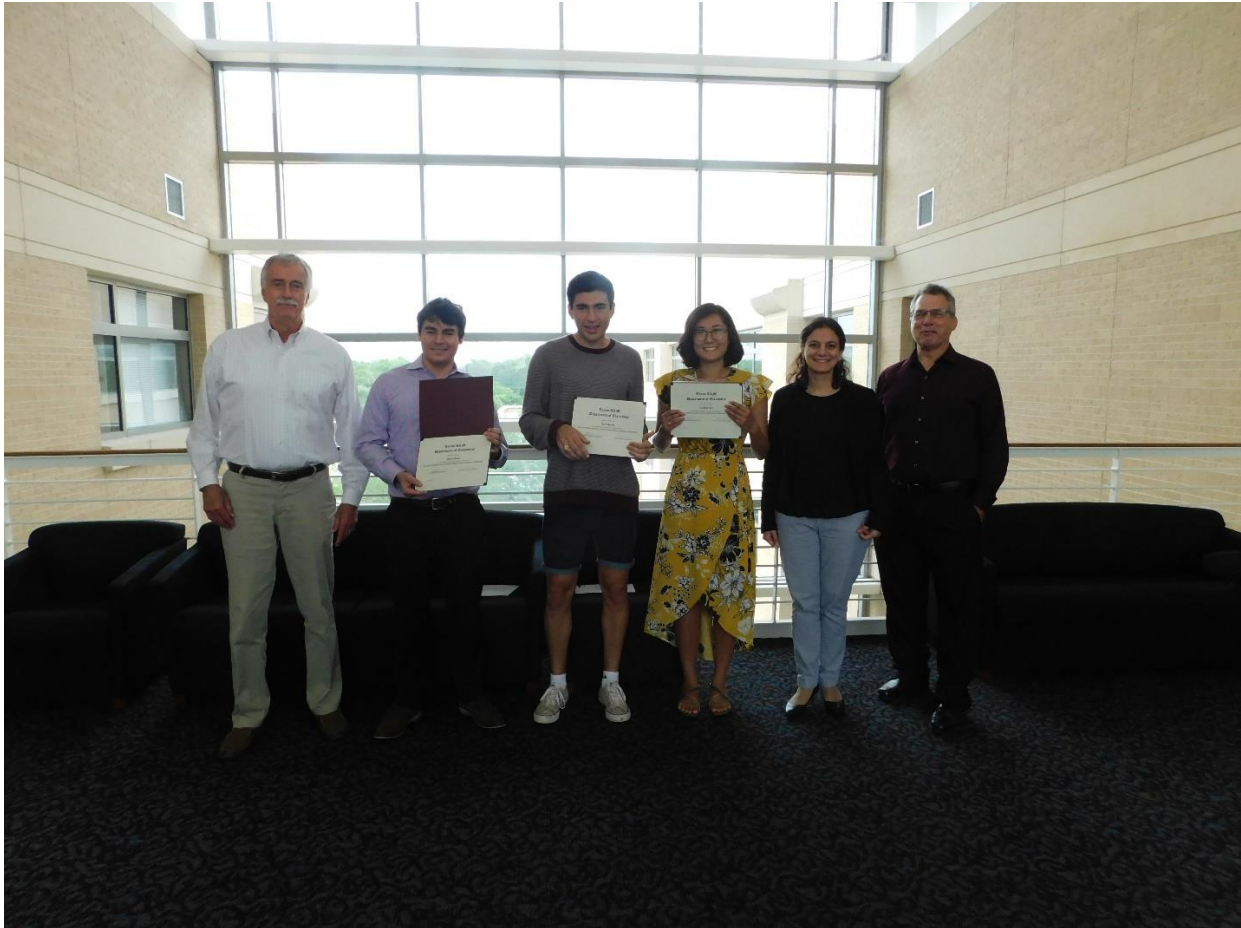


## **ECON Students Complete EUROP (Economic Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program)**

Private Enterprise Research Center (PERC) funds the Economic Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, a program designed to provide an intensive year-long research experience to highly qualified undergraduate students. EUROP is directed by Professor Dr. Tatevik Sekhposyan. This year four students completed the program, which involves writing an undergraduate honors thesis under the mentorship of a faculty member and presenting that research in a public setting.



*L to R: Dr. Tim Gronberg (ECON Department Head), Aaron Ross, Kyle Spears, Caroline Lee, Dr. Tatevik Sekhposyan (EUROP Director), Dr. Dennis Jansen (Director of PERC), Jonathan Tillinghast is not pictured*

This year's EUROP class is:

Caroline Lee (mentor: PERC Professor Jennifer Doleac) – “Evaluating the Statewide Effects of HIFA Waivers on Substance Use Disorder Treatment.” Caroline won first place in the undergraduate poster division in liberal arts at Texas A&M University’s Student Research Week. Caroline will be a senior double major in economics and statistics in September 2019 and will work as a research assistant in Mays Business School during the summer.

Aaron Ross (mentor: PERC Director Dennis Jansen) – “Multivariate Analysis Applied to the California Health Interview Survey.” Aaron won first places in the undergraduate oral presentation division in

liberal arts at Texas A&M University's Student Research Week. Aaron graduated in May 2019 and has taken a job as a data analyst for Targa Resources in Houston.

Kyle Spears (mentor: PERC Professor Jonathan Meer) – “Earnings Trajectory of Low-Wage Workers in the United States.” Kyle will be a senior economics major in September 2019. This summer he will be interning at VMG Health in Dallas. He intends to continue working on this research project with Professor Meer and economics PhD student Joshua Witter into the next year.

Jonathan Tillinghast (mentor: Professor Jason Lindo) – “Demand for Empirical Course Data.” Jonathan will be starting the Ph.D. program in Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University in September 2019. He will be continuing his work in this research area jointly with Dr. Lindo and economics PhD student David Prichard.

Congratulations to all four of our EUROP students!