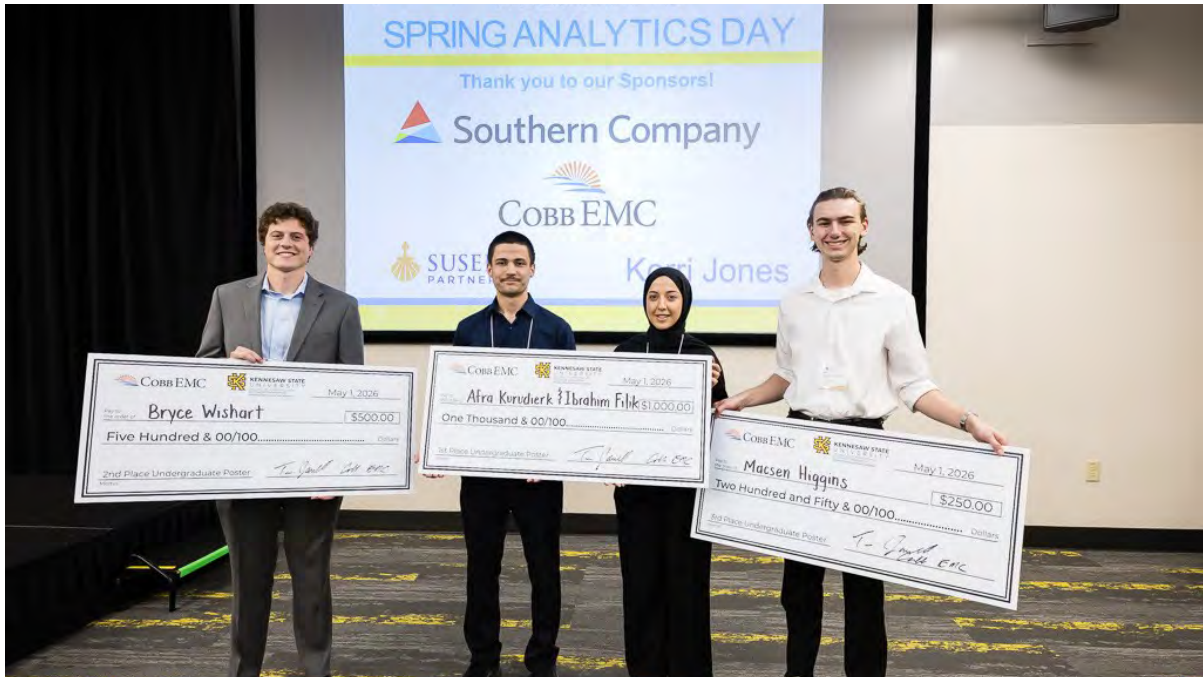


Spring Analytics Day at KSU

Friday, May 1, 2026 | 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. | KSU Center

Congratulations to our Poster Winners!



Undergraduate Students

1st Place Afra Kurudirek and Ibrahim Filik, "[RIN: Resilient-Influential Node Detection in Complex Networks](#)", Dr. Mehmet Aktas

2nd Place - Bryce Wishart, "[Steam Marketplace: Deep Model Prediction of Video Game User Ratings](#)", Dr. Muhammad Imran

3rd Place - Macsen Higgins, "[Using Differentials in GLM-Predicted Success to Analyze Opioid Rehabilitation Treatment Decisions](#)", Dr. Xinyan Zhang

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Graduate Students

1st Place Ph.D. - Chad Bishop, Nnenna Ifeanyi, and Brandi Jones, "[Recency-Aware Multi-modal Fusion for Irregular Time Series: Extending IMM-TSF from Forecasting to Classification](#)", Dr. Bin Luo

1st Place Masters - 1st place - Liam Townsend, "[Finding the "Perfect" Restaurant](#)", Dr. Jiajing Huan

2nd Place Masters - Muhammad Awais Arshad, "[Influence of Speech Disfluencies and Prompt Optimization on LLM-Based Alzheimer's Detection](#)", Dr. Seyedamin Pouriyeh

3rd Place Masters - Amandeep Sohal and Liam Townsend, "[Risky Business: Identifying Good and Bad Risk Credit Card Prospects](#)", Dr. Sherry Ni

Agenda

7:30 - 8:30 Student Poster Competition (sponsors & judges only)

8:30 - 10:30 Student Poster Presentations and Breakfast

Theme: Responsible by Design: Data Science That Organizations Can Trust

10:50 - 11:00 Sherry Ni, Ph.D. Director, School of Data Science and Analytics and Professor of Data Science and Analytics, KSU- "Welcome"

11:05 - 11:35 George Kinyua
VP Information Technology, CPRS
"KSU Partnerships: From Project to Business Value"

11:40 -12:10 Tim Jarrell
EVP Power Supply and Emerging Technologies, Cobb EMC
"Building Trust as Data Scientists in an Organization"

12:15 - 12:20 Undergraduate Poster Presentation Winners

12:25 - 12:30 Graduate Poster Presentation Winners

Keynote Speaker

George Kinyua



As the Vice President of Information Technology, George leads the IT Team with a focus on solutions architecture, data delivery pipeline optimization, client data capture, reporting, process improvement, and business unit relationship management. He oversees the development and execution of the CPRS IT strategic vision – managing infrastructure, data services, software and product development, and delivery across both onshore and offshore teams. Outside of work, he and his family enjoy attending basketball and football games!

Tim Jarell



Tim Jarrell serves as Executive Vice President of Power Supply and Emerging Technologies at Cobb EMC, bringing extensive experience in operations, project management, and organizational strategy. He holds both Six Sigma Black Belt and Project Management Professional (PMP) certifications.

Tim is an Industry Advisory Board member for the Kennesaw State University School of Data Science and Analytics, where he helps align academic programs with evolving industry needs. He is a recognized leader in the energy sector, serving on the boards of the Smart Energy Consumer Collaborative and the Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance, and in advisory roles with the NRECA Distributed Energy Resources group and the SAS Advisory Board.

His leadership has been recognized with numerous honors, including the PMI Atlanta Project of the Year award. Tim is also a graduate of Leadership Cobb, Class of 2012.

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