



2013 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMAN SERVICES

The 2013 SSHS FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD goes to ADAM ASSOAIN.

Adam worked with Professor Shaziela Ishak on work entitled "Visual Guidance When Army-Crawling Under Barriers". The research experiment was based on Adam's concept that our visual perception is affected when objects are attached to the body. For example, a firefighter must make split-second decisions about which openings they can fit through while wearing equipment. Adam built the study apparatus, designed procedures, recruited participants, and assisted in writing a submission to the Vision Sciences Society conference. Adam and Professor Ishak will also be writing a manuscript based on his experiment to submit to the prestigious *Journal of Experimental Psychology*.

A special accomplishment, Adam has been accepted to three Psy.D. programs without having a Master's degree. This fall he will be attending Marywood University's Clinical Psy.D. program and will then pursue a Doctorate in Psychology.