Welcome Back!

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works is excited to welcome students, faculty, and staff to campus for another extraordinary academic year here at High Point University! We would like to inform you of recent student accomplishments as well as future opportunities available within the realm of collaborative research and creative works. We hope to inspire you with student success and encourage you to enrich your own undergraduate experience with such projects.

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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works program at High Point University is to engage undergraduates in student-faculty collaborations that reflect individual and unique scholarly and imaginative experiences which promote the development of new competencies and foster critical thinking and provide students with privileged opportunities to add to the sum of human knowledge.
High-PURCS showcased student scholarship from 161 students mentored by 68 faculty from 23 different fields showcasing 145 presentations. Students presented their work as a poster, oral presentation, or brief performance. Projects were mentored, independent work that reflected originality and creativity as quality products that went beyond a course assignment.

*Congratulations to all of the student presenters on a job well done!*
SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAMS

THERE WERE THREE SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAMS ON CAMPUS THIS SUMMER:

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SuRF):
SuRF is a competitive program for research assistant positions with faculty in the Health Sciences. These awards came with free campus housing and a summer stipend. These students worked on projects in the fields of physical therapy, exercise science, and athletic training.

PARTICIPANTS 2018:
Madison Rivera, Samantha Swackhammer, Meghan Burr, Garrett Hill, Thomas Hockenjos, Gabby Mori, Jordan Krisfalusi, Brooke Smith, Anika Weisbrot, Christina Mullen, Jordan McClung, Elisabeth Holt, and Abby Godburt

Summer Research Program in the Sciences (SuRPS):
The Summer Research Program in the Sciences (SuRPS) is a competitive program for 26 research assistant positions with faculty in biology, chemistry, or physics. These awards came with free campus housing, meals, and a summer stipend.

PARTICIPANTS 2018:

Summer Research Institute (SuRI):
The Summer Research Institute (SuRI) is open to undergraduates in all disciplines. Students were required to identify a faculty mentor with whom they worked with during their summer research period on a described project goal, method, and timeline. They received free housing during their research. SuRI students presented their work at the Family Weekend poster session.

PARTICIPANTS 2018:
Kamil Abdul-Qahar, David Allen, Kaylee Campbell, Michael Corigliano, Sarah Culver, Julia Debecka, Hannah Lee Dixon, Ryan Felton, Greyson Jacobs, Aurora Jaques, Lucie Kirby, Jordan Krisfalusi, Dax Loy, Kayla Pennycuff, Ben Rolison, Kevin Rubin, Sara Seaford, Katharine Storo, Niamh Tattersall, and Jennifer West
GRANT RECIPIENTS

Students and mentors receive grants to present student work at disciplinary conferences.

Congratulations to the following URCW grant recipients!

**Upcoming Conference Experiences:**

Molly Hulver, Hannah Lee Dixon, Julia Trautman, Nick Cutrona, Mikaela Seemann, Juliana O’Brien, William Lefever, Kaylee Campbell, Soo Min Lee, Isabella Postle, and Katharine Storo will each present their chemistry research at the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society (SERMACS) under the mentorship of Dr. Heather Miller, Dr. Megan Blackledge, Dr. Andrew Wommack, Dr. Melissa Srougi, and Dr. Pamela Lundin.

Dr. Elizabeth Jeter will present with her student Alexandra Nicole Vaughn at the National Communication Association (NCA) conference to share their research on organizational communication.

Sarah Moss and Johanna Moore have been awarded a grant to attend the 11th Annual Association for The Study of The Middle East and Africa Conference.

Carson Spering will present at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) conference to share his research on the community foundations located within the Appalachian Region of the United States under the mentorship of Dr. Christine Cugliari.

Professor Lindsey Howie will present her choreographed dance “Fractured” at the Dumbo Dance Festival. Performing the piece are her students Jessica Homan, Kaylah Davis, and Grace Ann Letzinger.

**Upcoming Research Opportunity:**

Hannah Cozart and Ricki Luongo have earned support grant funding to travel to the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C to pursue their Esthonyx dental morphology research under the mentorship of Dr. Heather Ahrens.
SNCURCS - State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium is a statewide symposium that allows for any undergraduate student in North Carolina to be able to present their research or creative work. This is an opportunity to present among over 500 students across North Carolina. Choose to be seen!

Aurora Jaques won the SuRI summer elevator pitch style competition which was announced at the poster session.

Sara Seaford

Ben Rolison, Ryan Felton, Kevin Rubin, Travis Stop

Free Registration!

contact Dr. Joanne Altman by October 25th to reserve your spot!
jalman0@highpoint.edu

abstracts due October 19th
SNCURCS.ORG

Family Weekend Poster Session:
Research Rookies is a program for freshmen and first semester sophomores who desire to be incorporated into the research and creative works atmosphere of High Point University while still early in their undergraduate careers. Participants have two consecutive semesters to complete a variety of activities. Completing this program earns the title of Research Apprentice and shows that students are committed to independent work which will give them an edge later in job interviews or applications for graduate or professional schools.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:
Freshmen and first semester sophomores who wish to apply to the Research Rookies Program should contact Dr. Joanne Altman, Director of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works: jaltman0@highpoint.edu

REGISTER YOUR RESEARCH
One goal of the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works is to track all the independent scholarly and creative works HPU undergraduates engage in. If you are currently doing research, please register your work online at our website by clicking the “Register URCW Activity” link on the left-hand side of the page.

It only takes a few minutes. BE COUNTED!

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