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HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

THE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND CREATIVE WORKS
APRIL NEWSLETTER

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OUR LAST ISSUE OF THE SEMESTER!

In URCW, our mission is to bring together undergraduate students and faculty members for the purpose of creating unique and collaborative projects. By fostering an imaginative research experience, we hope to promote the development of new competencies, encourage critical thinking skills, and inspire students to add to the global sum of human knowledge. We'd love to connect with you through one of our numerous media outlets.

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HIGH-PURCS!

282

**Students presented at
High-PURCS on April 12th!**

72

**Faculty
Mentors**

22

**Departments
represented**

50

**Oral
Presentations**

105

Posters

6

Performances

4

Exhibits

On April 12th, 2022, the URCW held the 10th annual High Point University Research and Creativity Symposium at the new Nido and Mariana Qubein Arena, where 282 students presented, mentored by 72 faculty members. We were ecstatic to showcase the research and creative endeavors the undergraduate students here at High Point have been working on this year. This year's presentations included oral presentations, posters, performances, and exhibits spanning 22 disciplines.



Photo by Benita VanWinkle

THE INSIDE LOOK

This year High-PURCS was filled with posters, oral presentations, exhibits, and performances. Check out some of them here!



URCW AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to all of our award winners! This year at High-PURCS, students were awarded for their stand-out presentations and for receiving the competitive SIRG grant.

Anthony Quagliata

Best Oral Presentation Award



Liza Ragan

Best Poster Presentation Award



Rachel Watne

SIRG Grant Winner



Check out what students are saying
about High-PURCS!

I had a great experience coming to High-PURCS. Coming to this event inspired me to hopefully one day present my own research as it will be an amazing accomplishment and opportunity.

Gabby Ochoa '25

I was unaware that so many HPU students had conducted and were presenting undergraduate research across a variety of disciplines.

McIver Mann '25

I have learned how to apply professionalism to a lab setting, and I have also learned how having a mentor can improve my college experience.

Lena Hetrick '25

Thank You Volunteers!

None of this would've been possible without our volunteers! This year our Research Rookies played a huge part in making this event go smoothly.



"It was great to see all of the engagement and support from student presenters and conference attendees. I had never attended a research conference before, and having the opportunity to both attend and assist with High-PURCS was a beneficial experience that revealed the large scope of undergraduate research that is being conducted at HPU." -
McIver Mann '25, Research Apprentice

Wondering where to find Undergraduate Research News?

Well, this is a great place for it. But you can also find up to the minute Undergraduate Research News on the HPU Guides App, the best one-stop place for HPU updates. You can also follow all our social media accounts, listed on the front page!

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SUMMER RESEARCH

Check out our summer researchers! The URCW has 64 students participating in our summer research programs this year.



Jenny Aguirre
Halie Balogh
Zoe Brown
Kiara Busby
Chloe Cox
Katie Craun
Erin Davenport
Jalen Dixon

Joshua Ekanem
Sadie Flagg
Taylor Galavotti
Sophia Gregory
John Guglielmetti
Aaliyah Holloway
Owen Hunter
Tristan Kaz

Owee Kirpekar
Raegan Koon
Gracie LeFever
Thomas Lotito
Jenna Mastropolo
Samantha Mitchell
Abigail Nimmo
Hannah Pickett

Angelina Pierre
Zane Sobejana
Bailey Sobolewski
Rachel Spera
Morgen Story
Makenzie Wiseman
Elise Zerrifo

Garrett Alewine
Zachary Amigo
Bashnona Attiah
Maya Davis
Alyssa Deeds
Jacob Drew
Mary-Kate Easter

Miranda Gough
Parker Greene
Emerson Heckler
Marlo Hemerson
Jyll Herman
Cynthia-Mae Hunt

Kate McDuffie
Ethan Muckerheide
Kelly Polk
Madelynn Stokes
Payton Thomas
Henry Wallace



Nathan Conrad
Lillian Draper
Karissa Fryar
Lena Hetrick
Dylan Masalleras
Davis Ritenour
Carolina Rivera

Kaley Ross
Lauryn Saadeh
Isaac Shaw
Carly Smith
Alyssa Staggs
Colby Treschl
Ja'Niyah Williams



RESEARCH ROOKIE of the month

Thinking about
RESEARCH
for next year?

Check out ForagerOne and
hit the ground running next
fall!



**Congratulations to our new Spring 2022
Research Apprentices, who were recognized at
this year's High-PURCS!**



Jenny Nechyba



Morgen Story



Walter Crowley



Know a student who has gone above and beyond in their research or creative works? Email urcw@highpoint.edu with suggestions for our next Student Achievement Profile!

A Fond Farewell: **WITH STUDENT EDITOR SARAH DAHLBERG '22**

I came to High Point University in the fall of 2018 wondering if the promises of mentorship and high academic success would be too good to be true. I was a communications and English major -- what would research even look like for a student like me?

Now, as I look back on my four years at High Point University, I am so thankful for all the ways I was proven wrong. Not only did I build steadfast mentoring relationships with my professors and advisors, I am graduating with a portfolio of creative works and academic research that I am incredibly proud of.

In the spring of 2021, my advisor Dr. Virginia Leclercq encouraged me to present my paper on gender identity in Anna Karenina to present at High-PURCS. It was the first time that I was able to present my academic work to an audience of my peers and professors, and I'm thankful for the experience that equipped me to present that research a year later at the Sigma Tau Delta International Convention in the spring of 2022.

I also was able to produce my student work with funding from the URCW office. I wrote and directed a senior capstone short film over the course of my senior year, and got to collaborate with all the other senior pop culture and production majors in the school of communication. We were able to present on our capstone experience at the 2022 High-PURCS.

I'm thankful for the relationships I've built over the last four years as I head into my next steps following graduation. I'll be working in New York as I apply to graduate programs for my MFA in creative writing.

I'm so grateful for my time in both the communication and English departments, and I'm excited to put into practice the skills that have been so carefully taught and honed through my years at High Point University.

Cheers!
Sarah Dahlberg '22