



HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

THE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND CREATIVE WORKS
MARCH NEWSLETTER

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MARCH HAS ARRIVED!

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.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!



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Register Your Research!



Remember to register your research projects at www.highpoint.edu/urcw. The numbers above reflect what has been registered for each school.

Wondering where to find Undergraduate Research News?

Well, this is the best place for it. But you can also find 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!

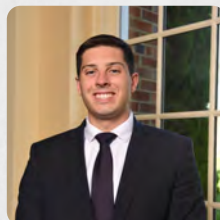


STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH HPU STUDENT PRESENTATIONS



Garrett Alewine
Mentored by
Dr. Fahrenholtz



Anthony Quagliata
Mentored by
Dr. Shore



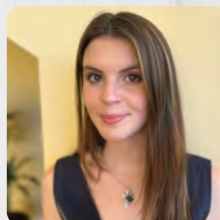
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Mentored by
Dr. Nagy



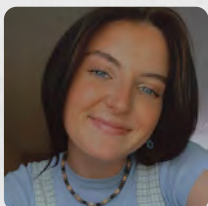
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Mentored by
Dr. Setzler



Samantha Warren
Mentored by
Dr. Setzler



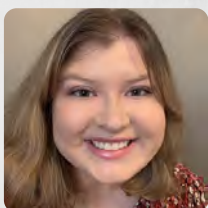
Shannon Conrad
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Dr. Setzler



Kelly Scheidel
Mentored by
Dr. Nagy



Mikayla Stuart
Mentored by
Dr. Altman



Mary Kate Purcell
Mentored by
Dr. Allen



Alexis LaBelle
Mentored by
Dr. Fueselier



Alexa Schuette
Mentored by
Dr. Vess



Paula Bender
Mentored by
Dr. Geiger



Vivian McAllister
Mentored by
Dr. Danzis

URCW Grant Recipients!

Listed below are the grant recipients and their mentors, for research, creative works, and travel!

RECIPIENTS

Zane Sobejana
Anastazia Novembre

Clara Primus
Alex Zimmerman
Brenna Ivory
Hannah Smith
Meaghan Robinson
Allison Tucker
Corinne Gumpman
Maggie Salley
Bailey McCormick
Michaela Cummings

Trinity Erjo
Sarah Smith
Cynthia Hunt-Mae
Samantha Ethier
Ashley Cottone
Robin Stempel
Michael Lee
Myles Markel
Jonathan Jansma
Emily Gonzalez

MENTORS

Jackson Sparks

Veronica Segarra

Heather Miller

Virginia Leclercq

PURPOSE

Southeastern Branch and
American Phytopathological
Society - Caribbean Division
Joint Meeting

83rd Annual Meeting of
Association of Southeastern
Biologists (ASB)

American Chemical Society
National Meeting

Sigma Tau Delta
International Convention



GRANT SPOTLIGHT

Collaborative Game Development

Senior Capstone Class with Professor Heagney



Photo courtesy of ecgconf.com

Students in Professor Heagney's Collaborative Game Development class have been working in groups to develop games for a conference next month.

Professor Heagney will be choosing at least one group to take their game to the East Coast Game Conference. According to Payton Grady, a senior student in the class, this conference will be "excellent publicity and networking" for their senior projects.

"I'm really proud of my team," Payton said. "Everyone is contributing major work and building off of one another. It's a huge group effort that is so much fun."

Students will be presenting their games at High-Purcs in April and have opportunities for summer research.

CAPSTONE GROUPS:

Cade Boden, Andrew Ellner, Dawson Baird,
Evan Thaler, Jesse Allion, & Leo Zhu

Jason Handwerk & Jacob Robertson

Chris Lenhart, Hunter Holbrook, Julia Oliver,
Christopher O'Brien, Ty Katz, & Zack Foy

Zach Andormetto, Jess Alston, Devin Long, and
Jaye Williams

RESEARCH ROOKIE of the month

CIERRA MAHONEY

Cierra was named the March Research Rookie of the month for her outstanding work in the URCW Research Rookies Program.

"Research Rookies has given me the opportunities to explore more about different disciplines and understand all the aspects that go into research."

If you're interested in being a Research Rookie, contact Dr. Altman at jaltman0@highpoint.edu



Thinking about

RESEARCH

for next year?

Check out ForagerOne and hit the ground running next fall!

LOOKING FORWARD TO HIGH-PURCS

276

Students Presenting at
High-PURCS on April 12th!

72

Faculty
Mentors

22

Departments
represented

50

Oral
Presentations

105

Posters

6

Performances

4

Exhibits

This year, High-PURCS will be held and Nido and Mariana Qubein Conference Center!
Check out the program at www.highpoint.edu/highpurcs

WHAT IS HIGH-PURCS?



High Point University undergraduate students from all majors minors are invited to participate in HPU's 10th Research and Creativity Symposium. Students present their work as posters, oral presentations, brief performances, or exhibits.

Projects are mentored, independent work that reflect originality and creativity and contribute something new to the field.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PROFILE

A CONVERSATION WITH VICTORIA TUMILTY '22

Senior Victoria Tumilty is a psychology major with a double minor in history and criminal justice. Victoria is planning on a career in forensic psychology, and she said High Point University is a huge part of her getting to where she's at. "I really felt like the small environment is what I would thrive in and I found it in High Point," Victoria says.

Finding genuine mentorship outside of her major with Dr. Kozma in the English department, Victoria spent two years working on research with Dr. Kozma, who encouraged her to focus her research on "something you care about." As a freshman, Victoria was able to develop a research project, implement it and get it published in *Innovations* two years later. In her junior year, she selected to be Dr. Elder's undergrad research assistant, but those plans were put on hold due to COVID-19. Instead, Victoria volunteered as her editorial advisor. Victoria said "Dr. Elder is one of the professors I feel the strongest relationship with because I've learned a lot about her over the year." By helping her edit and package entries for publication, she "was able to learn and see how research was supposed to be communicated and how it was presented."

Victoria has no limit on her involvement -- as a senior she's working with Dr. Wear in the psychology department on data collection about rekindling, which she plans to present at high-PURCS. Most recently, Victoria's abstract was selected to present at the Carolinas Psychology Conference. In reflecting on all she's gained in the last four years of research at High Point University, Victoria said "getting involved early on led me to discover I do have a passion for conducting research. And the professors helped me find that passion and go about conducting meaningful and ethical research." Moving forward, Victoria has been accepted to George Washington University to earn a Masters in Forensic Psychology.

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!