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IT'S BEEN A GREAT MARCH...

This spring, the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works (URCW) is working harder than ever to provide students with scholarly opportunities, novel tools, and helpful resources to ensure their success. Read on to learn more about URCW opportunities and the amazing work our students are doing!

RESEARCH ROOKIE OF THE MONTH



Isabel Boyles is our March Research Rookie of the Month! She has been working hard to complete the Research Rookies curriculum. Congratulations, Isabel!

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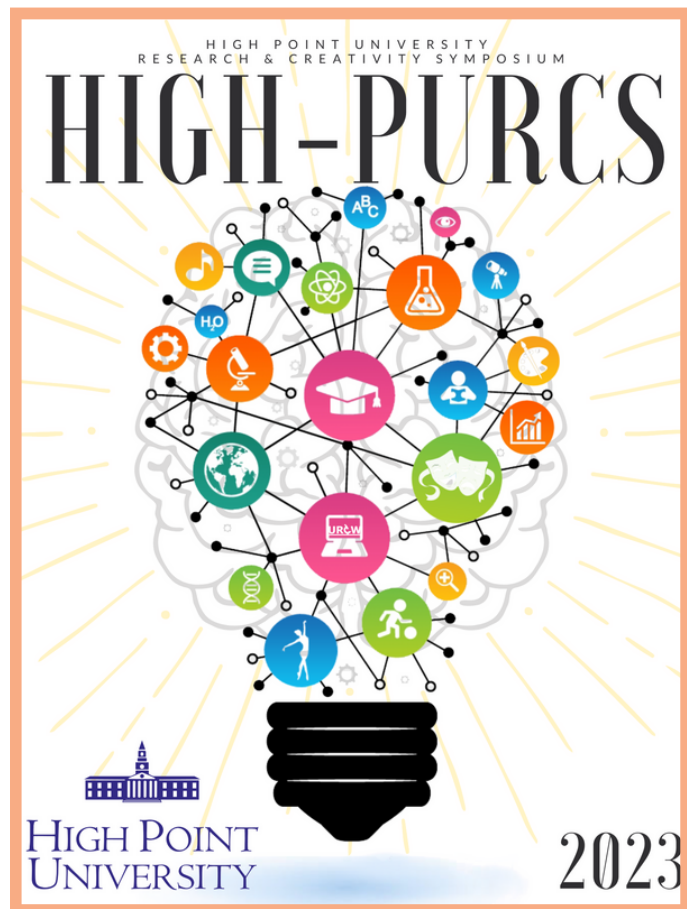


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Our Mission: To bring together undergraduate students and faculty members for the purpose of creating unique and collaborative projects. By fostering an imaginative research experience, we hope to promote the development of new competencies, encourage critical thinking skills, inspire students to add to the global sum of human knowledge, and help students develop the skills to be competitive in the marketplace.

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NETWORKING THROUGH RESEARCH: HIGH-PURCS



High-PURCS will be held on April 19th, 2023 at the Nido & Mariana Qubein Conference Center. There will be **154** presentations and performances from **255** students mentored by **77** faculty members from **30** different fields! High-PURCS offers an excellent opportunity to make new connections, learn about innovative projects, and see the excitement these students have about their new discoveries. Projects span from *The Portrayal of Social Class In The Hunger Games Novels and Films* to *Determining Phenolic and Flavonoid Concentration in Chardonnay and Merlot Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic Wines*. Students will also be showcasing their creative side through student-choreographed dances and acapella performances. We encourage you to attend High-PURCS to see the wide array of disciplines represented and support our students engaged in undergraduate research and creative work!



Now is the time to make connections with faculty members to plan research for the fall semester! Use ForagerOne to learn more about ongoing research projects and connect with faculty members.

www.forgerone.com

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STUDENTS SUPPORTED THROUGH GRANTS AWARDED BY URCW

PSYCHOLOGY

Catherine Waldeck and Jyll Herman are headed to the Association for Psychological Sciences conference in Washington, D.C. to present their research. Catherine will be sharing her research on the psychological benefit of group meals and Jyll will be sharing her research on the relationship between demographic factors and moral agency on predicting attitudes towards crime. These students are mentored by Dr. Kirsten Li-Barber, associate professor of psychology.

April Gessouroun, Alexis Cobb, Jyll Herman, Alyssa Dowdy, Shayleigh Tribuzio, and Margaret Weinbaum are headed to the Southeastern Psychological Association conference in New Orleans, LA to present their varied research projects on social relationships and mental illness. These students are mentored by Dr. Laura Nagy, assistant professor of psychology, Dr. Jana Spain, professor of psychology, and Dr. Elder, associate professor of psychology.

POP CULTURE

Davis Ritenour is headed to the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association National Conference in San Antonio, TX to present her research on the relationship between Carl Jung's conceptions of the shadow and Scarlet Witch from the Marvel Cinematic Universe. She is mentored by Dr. Tony Kemerly, professor of exercise science.

GAME DESIGN

Randall Belcher, Noah Craddock, Aliya Feggins, Christian Grissom, Christian Hsieh, Jon Jackson, Ferris Lewis, Moses Onafowokan, Stephen Oswald, Nick Petters, Ryan Roy, Tyler Schmitt, James Stathakis, Kendrick Tran, Anthony Watson, and Kathy Xiao are headed to the East Coast Game Conference (ECGC) in Raleigh, NC to showcase the video games they designed. These students won a competition held here at High Point University to earn their spot at ECGC. These students are mentored by Mr. Brian Heagney, assistant professor of game design.

EXERCISE SCIENCE

Karissa Fryer and Nathan Conrad are headed to the 2023 Southeast Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine Conference in Greenville, SC to present their research on the effect of COVID-19 on cellular stress during prolonged cardiovascular exercise. These students are mentored by Dr. Matthew Kuennen, associate professor of exercise science.

URCW GRANT SUMMARY FOR 2022-2023

HISTORY

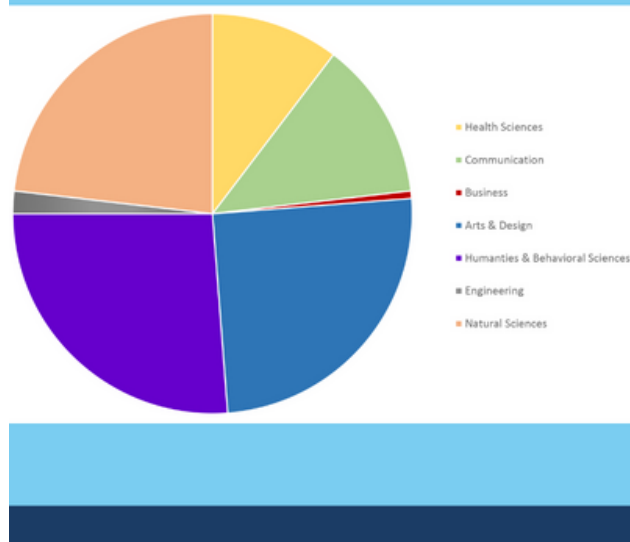
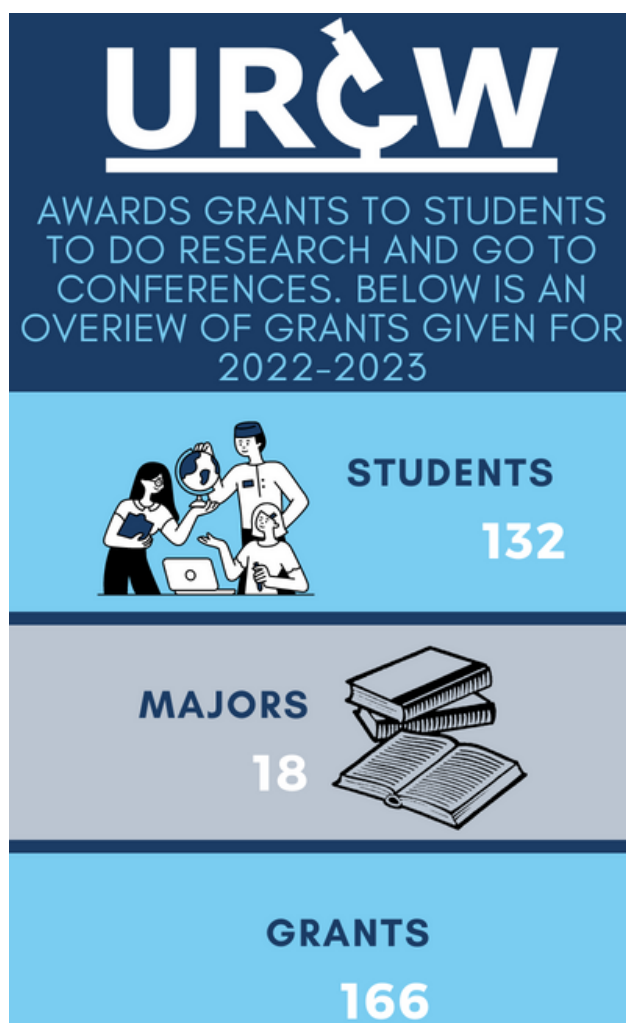
Kenan Althoff, Jayne Eaves, Bonnie Showfety, and Maeve O'Dea went to the North Carolina Association of Historians Annual Conference in Fayetteville, NC to present their research. Kenan shared his research on strategic bombing during World War II; Jayne presented her research on the delay of integration of Major League Baseball; Bonnie shared her research on the effect of steam railroads on workers' rights; and Maeve presented her work on the power imbalances of 19th century Europe. These students are mentored by Dr. Kennedy, instructor of history, and Dr. Tzavaras, instructor of history.

I was very excited and grateful to have the opportunity to travel and present my research at a graduate conference in California!

-Maddie Stokes '23

The conference was amazing and made me so excited at the potential to attend future conferences! I am so thankful that this grant made it possible for me to attend.

-Alyssa Dowdy '23



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: ALYSSA DOWDY



Alyssa Dowdy
Student Researcher

Alyssa Dowdy is a senior at High Point University, majoring in psychology with minors in criminal justice and sociology & anthropology. She's been doing research with Dr. Elder, associate professor of psychology. Alyssa's work is based on earlier studies that show a relationship between people who rekindle old romances and their experience of violence in the relationship. She is working to understand some of the driving factors behind these individuals' desire to engage in those abusive relationships again. She explains that they are *"exam[ining] the correlation between romantic rekindling and attitudes or perceptions of intimate partner violence"*. She found a positive correlation between the number of times people rekindled a relationship and their tolerance of violent, abusive, and/or controlling behaviors in that relationships. From this research project, Alyssa has gained new insight into the connection between what she's learned in the classroom and real-world issues. She said, it's been *"really awesome to see all [her] disciplines come together"* in a project that's helping her impact the research space surrounding the issue of domestic violence.

Following graduation, Alyssa plans to pursue a Master's degree in counseling from University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill's Clinical Rehabilitation Program. She said that, *"this research has not only really prepared me for a graduate school program, but also gave me insight into these individuals that I might encounter in the future,"* in her work as a counselor for domestic violence victims.

Because of a URCW research grant, Alyssa was able to attend a national conference - The Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference - held in Atlanta, GA. By attending this conference, Alyssa was able to advance her presentation skills and learn an incredible amount about the discipline of psychology. She is incredibly grateful to URCW because this grant, *"gave [her] the freedom to do something that would dramatically advance [her] career."*

UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGH URCW

URCW SCHEDULE

NCUR

April 13-15, 2023
University of Wisconsin -
Eau Claire

High-PURCS

April 19, 2023
High Point University

SuRPS, SuRF, and SuRI

June 5th - July 28th, 2023
High Point University

ARE YOU COUNTED IN THE REGISTRY OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH?

Are you counted in the graphic displayed here, which comes from the URCW Registry? It's important that we have records of students who are involved in projects to be able to share valuable information with you and to recognize you and your mentors. Visit highpoint.edu/urcw and click "Register URCW Activity". Congratulations to chemistry for leading the pack!

STUDENTS IN RESEARCH

30

ARTS & DESIGN

Art & Graphic Design - 1
Home Furnishings & Interior
Design - 1
Music - 23
Theatre & Dance - 5

Marketing & Sales
Mgmt & Entrepreneurship - 1
Accounting & Finance
Economics

1

BUSINESS

29
COMMUNICATION

Event & Sport Mgmt - 2
Game Design - 20
Media Production - 1
Strategic Comm - 6

Dental Medicine

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DENTAL MEDICINE

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EDUCATION

Educator Preparation

Electrical & Computer
Engineering
Computer Science - 3
Mathematical Sciences - 1

4

ENGINEERING

25
HEALTH SCIENCES

Athletic Training - 3
Exercise Science - 19
Physical Therapy - 3

Psychology - 39
Political Science - 1
Criminal Justice - 1
English - 22
Religion & Philosophy - 10
History - 4
Sociology & Anthropology - 3
World Culture - 16
HR & Non-Profit - 6

102

HUMANITIES & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

87

NATURAL SCIENCES

Biology - 39
Chemistry - 42
Physics & Astron. - 6

Basic Pharmaceutical
Sciences - 12

12

PHARMACY