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HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

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March Marched On!

As this semester is wrapping up, URCW is busy preparing for its biggest event of the year, HIGH-PURCS! The Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Works is dedicated to providing our students with the necessary resources and opportunities to showcase their research abilities. Stay tuned for more information about how you can take part in this amazing event!

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, 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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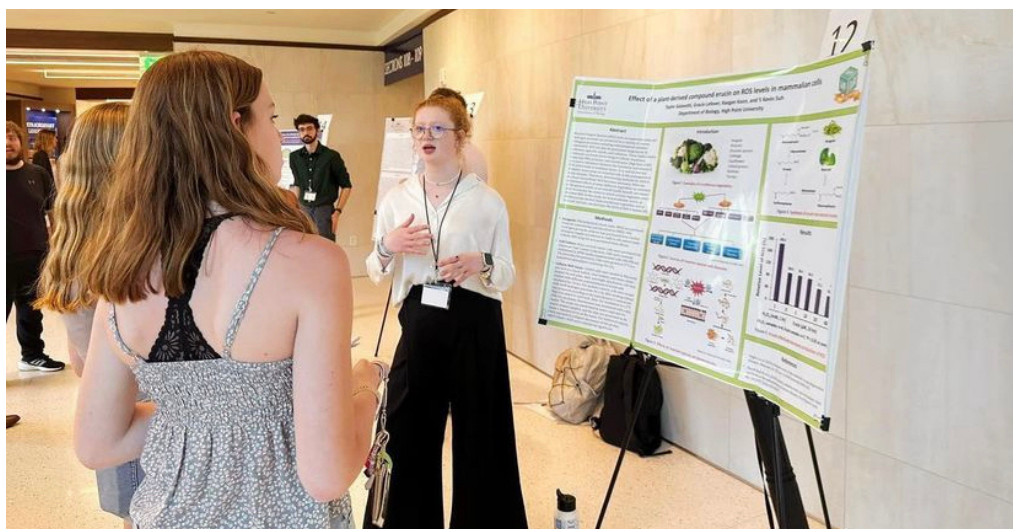
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HIGH-PURCS 2024



This year, High-PURCS will be held on April 16, 2024 at the Nido & Mariana Qubein Conference Center. There will be 299 students contributing to 196 projects, 56 oral presentations, 125 posters, 4 gaming exhibits, 10 theater/music/dance performances, all from 28 different departments. High-PURCS offers an engaging showcase experience for all those presenting and attending the event. We encourage you to attend High-PURCS to see the hard work completed by our students and support those participating in undergraduate research and creative works!

As a part of the High-PURCS event, we will be announcing the recipient of the URCW Scholarly Interdisciplinary Research Grant (SIRG). The award is up to \$1000 and can be used for research or creative works supplies and/or travel for fieldwork. Those projects that best articulate the interdisciplinary nature of the work will be given preference.



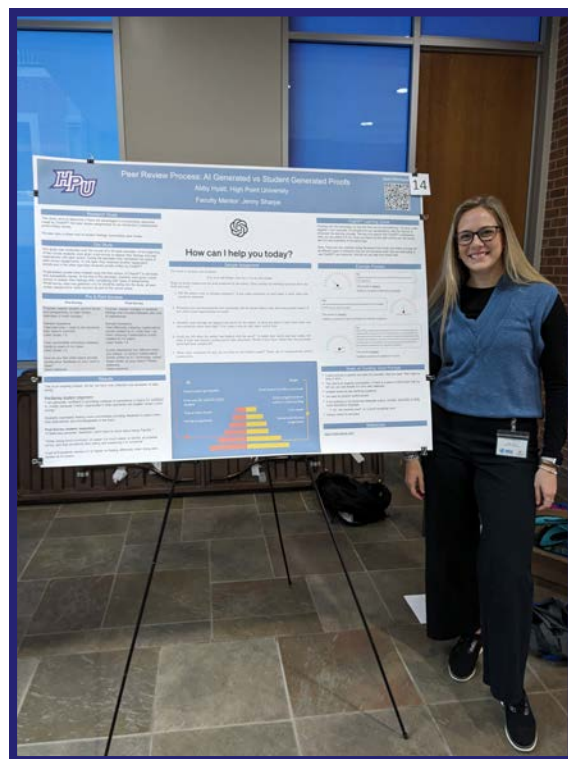
Grants

Department Name	Description	Location
Game Design	Steven Gast, Austin Edwards, Brett Ingram, Henry Wallace, Ashley Longbottom, Yunjing Li, Terry Evans, Zuri Smith traveled to PAX East with faculty member, Professor Brian Heagney.	Boston, MA
Theater	Barrett Odom, Tessa Lamb, Alyssa Vogt, Isabella Siegel, and Austin Novakovitch presented their work this month at the Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) under the mentorship of Professor Brandon Wallace. Hannah Parker, Domenica Paccione, and Mary Gomez also attended the conference.	Mobile, AL
Mathematical Sciences	Abby Hyatt traveled this month to attend and present her work at the Mathematical Association of America Southeastern Section Meeting at the University of Tennessee with her faculty mentor, Dr. Jenny Sharpe.	Knoxville, TN
History	Mac Mollins, Samantha Dunn, Kaitlynn Cruz, Laura Mackie, and Kayla Wylie will travel in April to UNC Pembroke for the North Carolina Association of Historians' Annual Conference with Dr. Amanda Allen and Dr. Shannon Lalor.	Pembroke, NC
Psychology	Arianna Gabriel will travel in May to attend the Association for Psychological Science with Dr. Kirsten Li-Barber.	San Francisco, CA

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A team of game design students attend the PAX East conference with faculty member, Professor Heagney, to showcase the games they have worked so diligently to create.



Abby Hyatt presents her work, “Peer Review Process: AI Generated vs. Student Generated Proofs” that she completed under the guidance of her mentor Dr. Sharpe.

Grant Summary for 2023-2024



URCW funds students and faculty to attend conferences and present their creative or scholarly work. Below is an overview of grants given in the 2023-2024 year.



Student Spotlight



Sadie Flagg '24

Sadie Flagg is an HPU senior chemistry major and physics minor looking to continue her research journey at the graduate level soon. She participated in our summer research program, SuRPS, under the guidance of her faculty mentor, Dr. Augustine. Sadie has had many opportunities to present her work and became a published author. Both Dr. Augustine and Dr. Lundin were exceptionally helpful during her application process that eventually led to her receiving the Goldwater Scholarship. She states,

“While I have gained many tangible skills through research such as instrumentation and laboratory techniques, I have also become more knowledgeable of experimental planning, further developed my ability in critical thinking, and gained presentation skills.”

Currently, Sadie is working on exploring the micro and nano porosity in thin films of poly methyl methacrylate. Her pursuit of a PhD will take place at one of the nine graduate programs she has been accepted into, most likely Georgia Tech, Northwestern or UC Berkeley. Her work will fall within the fields of Materials Science & Engineering or Materials Chemistry. We are so proud of Sadie’s accomplishments and we cannot wait to see the amazing work she will do in the future.

Find Your Mentor!

Don’t wait to connect with faculty for the fall semester. If you’re interested in research, make sure to sign up for ForagerOne to find your mentor and available research opportunities.



Congratulations to our March Research Rookie, Anyia!



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Research Rookie of the Month



Anyia Brooks-Manning

“Research Rookies has allowed me to explore outside of my discipline and learn about the diverse realms of academia by interacting with different topics of research. While exploring paths into research, I have been able to create a more holistic approach and understanding of the research process and how I approach the learning process.”

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REGISTER WITH URCW TODAY!

When we talk about undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative works, there are generally three forms:

- Students collaborating or assisting with faculty members' scholarship
- Students pursuing their own, independent projects, mentored by a faculty member
- Students conducting research, inquiry-based scholarship, or creative activity in the curriculum, developed into a presentation/exhibit

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Students in Research

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