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November has Come!

During the month of November we give thanks to what we have and the people around us. The Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works thanks everyone who has participated in our programs. You should also be thanking yourself for all the hard work you put into building your skills for the future. We are offering more events and opportunities for you to continue to build on those skills to become well-versed in the world of research.

Our Mission

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works' mission is to bring together undergraduates and faculty 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.

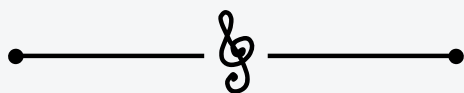


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URCW

URCW Supported Grants!

URCW Grants for the Arts



Students funded for performances!

DANCE

Dancers, **Nicole Amorocho, Natalee Balestra, Maryna Crawford, Caroline Cubas, Elizabeth Devine, Mary Gomez, Jessica Hagenbuch, Monica Kepins, Annabella Laden, Sophie Lebron, Kendall McDowell, Jessamina Piazza, Jordyn Perez, Emerson Schmidt, Cassidy Spencer, and Devlin Turner**, will be performing and learning from scholars and professional dancers at the American College Dance Association Conference at the University of Maryland College Park in March. They will be accompanied by Professor Lindsey Howie.

MUSIC

Acapella groups, **Petal Point, ToccataTones**, and **Offbeats**, will perform at Disney Performing Arts in January in front of a live audience. They will be accompanied by professors Louis Raymond-Kolker and Alex Richard.

Ten students performed with a leading choral director at the NC American Choral Directors Association's Collegiate Festival Choir in Charlotte in October. They were Haley Hedrick, Felecia Gonzalez, Joyce Mondo, Adam Southard, Annika Brown, Alyssa Vogt, Tessa Lamb, Rebekah Olls, Jaiden Coulter, Levi Wenger, and Scott Ialacci. The students were accompanied by Dr. Carol Earnhardt.



Let's hear what they have to say

"Multiple different groups of people with a similar love of music came together from all over the state to join in a common goal to bring the pieces to life. Stuff like that makes me love music more and I am grateful of my chance to participate in such a wonderful experience".

-Rebekah Olls

"Learning from Dr. Saez was such an amazing experience as she brought so much life and joy to the Latin American music that wouldn't have been there if she wasn't. She helped us connect to the music and learn new languages as we learned."

-Joyce Mondo



State and National Student Conference Opportunities

You can attend SNCURCS for free this December



The State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium (SNCURCS) will take place online this year on December 4-17. You can find the link to view presentations from all over the state at sncurcs.org.

There is still time to sign up to present at



NCUR

NCUR 2025 @Pittsburgh | April 7-9, 2025



Deadlines

Deadline for abstracts is Dec. 6, 2024

Registration closes March 7th, 2025

NCUR is now accepting abstracts from undergraduate students in over 50 disciplines. This is the largest undergraduate research conference in the country with over 4000 student presenters. Scan the QR code for more information.

Research Rookie of the Month



Research Rookies is a program where students get the opportunity to develop their research and collaborative skills in preparation for working with a mentor. This program strengthens critical thinking and confidence. This opportunity is a great start for your college journey and gives an opportunity to meet people similarly interested in research or creative work.

Freshmen can sign up to join our spring cohort. Look for an Interest Meeting on December 6th at 9am.

To RSVP for the December 6th Interest meeting, scan the QR code. Come back to the code for January meetings.



Upcoming Spring Events!

KEEP THESE EVENTS IN MIND FOR WHEN WE RETURN IN JANUARY!



Journal of Creative and Scholarly Works

Innovation: Journal of Creative and Scholarly Works is a compilation of published creative and scholarly works exclusively by the undergraduate students at High Point University. Papers are accepted from all majors and disciplines and will go through a professional peer-review process. You should expect to be asked to revise. The journal has an 85% acceptance rate. To submit a journal entry, visit <https://www.highpoint.edu/urcw/hpu-journal/>

Submissions are due January 31.



High PURCS

High PURCS (HPU's Research and Creativity Symposium) is an event, where undergraduate students from all undergraduate schools, majors and minors, showcase their work. The projects can be displayed as posters, oral presentations, performances, and exhibits. See our webpage for details: <https://www.highpoint.edu/highpures/>

Abstract submissions due in March.

High-PURCS will be held April 15th, 2025



Summer Research

The URCW offers three research programs during the summer:

- Summer Research Institute (SuRI)
- Summer Research Program in the Sciences (SuRPS)
- The Congdon School of Health Sciences (CSHS)
- Summer Research Fellowship (SuRF)

Students receive free housing, meals, and a small stipend. For more information visit our website.

The website will accept applications starting in the spring. Submissions are due March 1.



Student Profile:

Taylor Galavotti is a URCW superstar! She participated in many programs offered by URCW, including 2 summer research programs and she received grants for presenting at numerous conferences.

She began her research journey by participating in the summer research program, SuRPS (Summer Research Program in the Sciences), studying the “efficacy of a phytochemical called ercui against triple negative breast cancer cells,” in 2022, with Dr. Suh. This was her first step into the world of research, developing the skills required to improve her knowledge of the field. She also worked as the URCW newsletter editor in the 2022-2023 academic year, generating an understanding of the myriad of opportunities that are offered by the office of URCW, and furthering her skills, such as writing, editing, and design.

This past summer, she participated in an additional summer research program, this time SuRI (Summer Research Institute), and continued some research she began during her sophomore year “examining the impact of embryonic fluoride exposure on zebrafish behavior”, with Dr. Ackerman. At the end of SuRI, she honed an ‘elevator pitch’ where she presented complex work to people who were not experienced in her field of science and won the best pitch award. Using this skill, she presented her research at the Society of Neuroscience conference in October, as well the National Council of Honors Colleges conference in Kansas City at the beginning of November. The attendance at these conferences were partially funded by URCW. These experiences have allowed Taylor to experience the professional side of her field and build her professional development.

According to Galavotti, URCW has been beneficial for her pursuit of a PhD in neuroscience after graduating in 2025. All of these experiences have helped Taylor build professional credentials that will help make her a more competitive candidate for graduate school. We wish Taylor luck!



Taylor Galavotti

- **Senior**
- **Double Major in Neuroscience & English**
- **Member of the Honors Scholar Program**
- **Certified Taylor Swift Fan**



Students in Research

From the URCW Registry

Students who have connected with mentors



Total: 241



The best way to get your research registered in the student registry is to find a mentor! ForagerOne is our platform for assisting students in finding their faculty mentor. By making an account, you have the ability to not only find a mentor in your desired field, but also to see current openings for research. Go to foragerone.com and your account TODAY!

