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HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

From the Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Works

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Happy October!

As the weather here in North Carolina is cooling down, our research students are busy warming up for their upcoming conferences and events. Next month, some of our outstanding students will be presenting at the SNCURCS conference at Wingate University. We are so proud of what they have already accomplished and look forward to all that they will do in the future!

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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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Research Apprentice Recognition Ceremony

On Friday, September 29th, 2023, twenty-three of our Research Rookies were newly promoted to Research Apprentices! These students, through hard work and dedication, successfully completed the program and earned a certificate and medal for their achievements. Our new **Research Apprentices** are:



Isabel Boyles

Jake Drew

Hailey Edwards

Abby Fort

Macie Fox

Catherine Gallagher

Gena Ghandour

Madison Hill

Emily Huitt

Sara Jameson

Cassidy Krieger

Caitlin McCray

Godwin Mondo

Jake Morgan

Adrianna Murray

Parker Nyboer

Jack Quintana

Gabriella Rodriguez

Cam Siler-Nixon

Sara Solomon

Emma Spanvill

Andrea Zaglin

Toheed Zaman



Research Grants

The following students and faculty members were awarded funding by the Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Works to attend and present at various research conferences.



Chemistry

Halie Balogh, Ryland Brady, Zoe Brown, Chloe Cox, Jalen Dixon, Emily Gillis, Madison Hill, Imogen Irons, Nadia Khan, Maggie Junkin, Garrett Laws, Owen Mader, Jake Morgan, Abby Nimmo, Parker Nyboer, Erik Peterson, Angelina Pierre, Kelsey Ryan, Rachel Spera, Robin Stempel, Gabriel Valenzano, Lauren Vossen, Makenzie Wiseman, Darryl Wright, Alexa Young, and Toheed Zaman traveled on October 25th, 2023 to the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Durham, North Carolina with faculty members **Dr. Kelsey Kean, Dr. Heather Miller, Dr. Sarmad Hindo, and Dr. Pamela Lundin.**

Psychology

Ethan Muckerheide, Hannah Taming, Catherine Gallagher, Catherine McKinney, Max Kresock, Cora Hicks, Courtney Collar, Halle Nichols, Daniel Pitt, and Luke Bantamoi will travel alongside faculty members **Dr. Stacy Lipowski, Dr. Briana Fiser, Dr. Adam Winkel, Dr. JW Turner, and Dr. Silvana Rosenfield** to Chicago, Illinois for the Annual Conference of the National Collegiate Honors Conference in November.

History

Kaitlyn Cruz, Samantha Dunn, Kayla Wylie, Nina Volpe, Emma Scrivo, Alyssa Clymer, Colton Marion, Benjamin Thomas, William Oakley, Julian Sardo, Quinn Fergusson, Mac Mollins, Braxton French will be traveling in November to the Southern Historical Association and Southern Conference on British Studies Joint Conference with faculty mentor, **Dr. Shannon Lalor.**

Archaeology

Zyncli Ramirez will be traveling with her mentor, **Dr. Silvana Rosenfeld,** for the Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting in April.

The State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium (SNCURCS)

Nineteen research students will travel to Wingate University on Saturday, November 11th, 2023 to present their work at the State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium. (SNCURCS)

Our student presenters will be accompanied by three faculty members, Dr. Altman, Dr. Summers, and Dr. Plume, as well as a group of our Research Rookies to cheer them on!

Students presenting their work are...

1. Alayna Adams
2. Kiara Busby
3. Darius Cummings
4. Mary-Kate Easter
5. Austin Edwards
6. Abby Fort
7. Shira Hold
8. Cydney Lafore
9. Katie Messick
10. Abby Nimmo
11. Kelly Polk
12. Jade Stewart
13. Marie Streng
14. Jane Thompson
15. Priya Thornton
16. Annika Waguespack
17. Ana Wein
18. Kailey Wrege
19. Alexandra Zimmerman



Group photo of HPU students at SCNURCS 2022

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Altman, Dr. Blackledge, Dr. Clark, Dr. Coover, Dr. Danzis, Dr. Fahrenholz, Prof. Heagney, Dr. Helsing, Dr. Kean, Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Nagy, Dr. Plume, Dr. Suh, Dr. Summers, Dr. Wiitala

Student Spotlights

This month, we would like to highlight two of our SNCURCS attendees and presenters: Alexandra Zimmerman (psychology) and Darius Cummings (philosophy).

Alexandra Zimmerman

Alexandra is an honors student majoring in psychology and English. Her research journey began in the biology department, where she helped write and publish two papers about diversity and equity in scientific societies. Her SNCURCS presentation analyzes the relationship between aspects of personality and communication with parents and in-laws in the context of romantic relationships.

“To engage in undergraduate research is to challenge the concepts of your prospective field and learn them.”
~ Cummings

“My mentor, Dr. Danzis, has helped me throughout this entire project...from choosing a topic to analyzing the data.”
~Zimmerman

Darius Cummings

Darius is a Junior majoring in sociology and anthropology, as well as philosophy. Darius started his research journey as a Research Rookie, and completed the program. His SNCURCS presentation focuses on the specificity of designs and messages conveyed in Tibetan Buddhist thangkas (scroll paintings.) He has been closely mentored by Dr. Helsing and Dr. Mitchell.

Upcoming Events

SNCURCS

November 11th, 2023

@ Wingate



NCUR

Submissions Close

December 8th, 2023



NCUR

April 8-10th, 2024

@ California St. U.



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April 16th, 2024

@ HPU



Congratulations Kaley!

October 2023
Research Rookie of the Month

Kaley Neal

Research Rookies is preparing me to think about life through multiple perspectives. I'm gaining skills like critical thinking and applying it to an array of topics as well as getting immersed into what is currently being studied. The more you desire to learn, the more opportunity to make an impact on others who have a similar struggle or passion.

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If you are interested in joining Research Rookies in the Spring, scan this QR code to be updated about interest meetings!



Students in Research

