

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH & CREATIVE WORKS

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The Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works is excited to inform you of recent student accomplishments as well as future opportunities available within the realm of collaborative research and creative works. We hope to inspire you with student success and encourage you to enrich your own undergraduate experience with such projects.

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The logo for the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works (UR&CW) features the letters 'UR&CW' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The ampersand is stylized with a small figure of a person climbing a ladder or structure. The letters are set against a yellow background.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works at High Point University is to engage undergraduates in student-faculty collaborations that reflect individual and unique scholarly and imaginative experiences which promote the development of new competencies, foster critical thinking, and provide students with privileged opportunities to add to the sum of human knowledge.

High-PURCS

On April 26th, we celebrated HPU's 7th annual Research and Creativity Symposium. This event is held once a year to showcase a diverse spread of student scholarship. Presentations included posters, oral speeches, brief performances, and exhibits. With students presenting from every High Point University school, we had an exciting range of topics.

This year, we had 191 students mentored by 82 Faculty from 28 different fields showcasing 153 presentations!

Class Representation:
11 Freshmen, 31 sophomores, 31 Sophomores, and 88 seniors

Awards



At our High-PURCS awards ceremony, we recognized three of our recently inducted **Research Apprentices**: Camarie Schmidt, Madison Gotro, and Valerie Olzer (left to right). These students earned the title of Research Apprentice through completing the Research Rookies program.

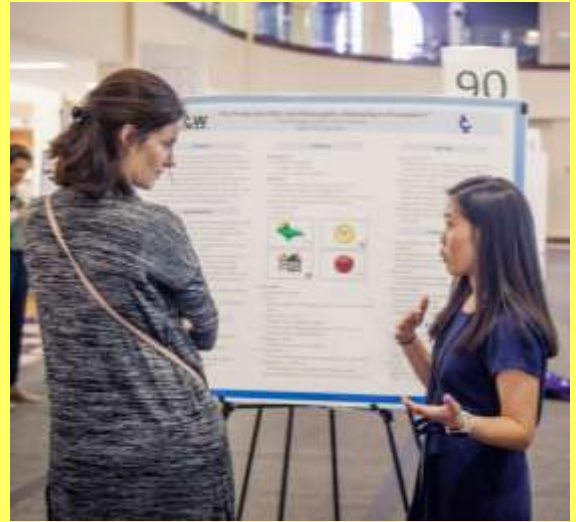
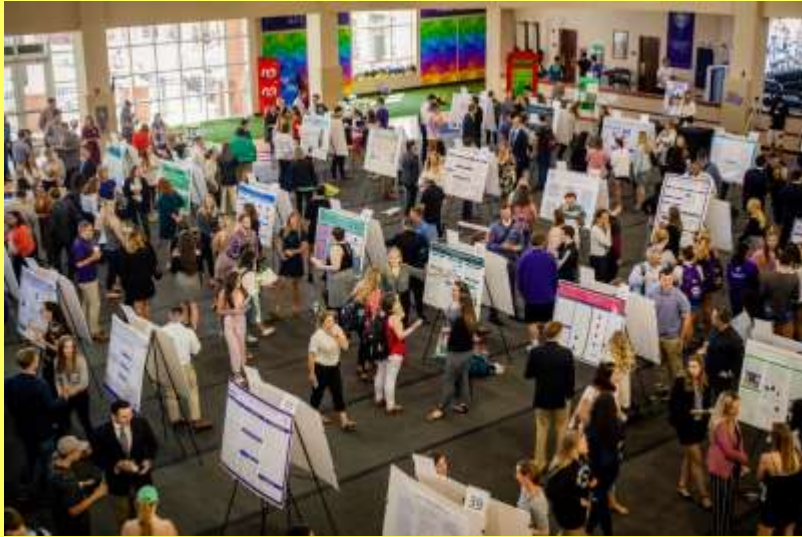
We also honored two students for their above-and-beyond presentations.

Best Digital Poster Presentation:
Mikaela Seemann (Left)

Best Digital Oral Presentation:
Emily Burke (Right)



High-PURCS Photos



Photos courtesy of senior HPU senior Maggie Andrulis

High-PURCS Presenters List

**We are proud of the following students for their presentations
at this year's symposium:**

Brooke Allen	Jacob Dunn	Emmitt Kussrow	Erica Schimmel
Skylar Altimari	Lindsey Edwards	Natalee Laasch	Jake Schleppey
Sara Anderson	Ashley Elizeus	Claire Lauterbach	Christopher Schorn
Letzinger Grace Ann	Haley Fair	Dixon Hannah Lee	Sabrina Schrader
Amaiya Anthony	Eleonora Fallabrino	William LeFever	Sara Seaford
Phillip Armentrout	Ryan Felton	Meghan Lemmo	Mikaela Seemann
Janae Baiamonte	Gabrielle Ferrara	Sean Loftus	Harrison Seitz
Rachel Berndsen	Jordan Gannon	Daxton Loy	Sarah Seventko
Shane Berthoud	Monet Gilmore	Ericka Luongo	Raniya Shakir
Cassandra Billig	Joseph Godoy	Emily Lyon	Philip Sherwin
Julia Blumberg	Christopher Goudarzi	Sawyer Lyons	Isaac Shore
Loren Bowser	Eva Greengrove	Maricruz Macias-Villalpando	Eric Small
Ariana Breckinridge	Katelyn Greer	Victoria MacQueen	Jenna Smith
Kristen Brokaw	Riley Greer	Kennedy Marshall	Amelia Spanier
Josh Brown	Isabella Grifasi	Jordan McClung	Carson Spering
Emily Burke	Nathan Grinalds	Courtney McCorkle	Peyton St. John
Jasmine Bush	Brooke Guthrie	Brandon Meade	Samantha Stevens
Alec Campbell	Hannah Hagans	Lee Soo Min	Shaun Stevenson
Ashley Campbell	Billy Hagmeier	Jeremy Muhr	Travis Stop
Kaylee Campbell	Emily Hahn	Sam Mycroft	Katharine Storo
Ty Carlson	Kendra Hairston	Hannah Nemanic	Savannah Stoughton
Alexandria Cedrone	Caroline Hamrick	Cameron Newman	Candyce Sturgeon
Meredith Chapman	Sammi Harstad	Juliana O'Brien	Shauna Talbot
Sarah Clark	Chloe Hasden	Seyi Oladipo	Erika Tan
Lyndsey Clos	Piper Henderson	Matthew Olker	Niamh Tattersall
Alec Cohan	Lauren Herb	Valerie Olzer	Chad Thomas
Kathrine Connors	Hannah Hicks	Leanne Pagus	Maximillian Thomas
Julia Corrigan	Garrett Hill	Emmi Palenbaum	Raegan Thomas
Penn Cosler	Alison Ho	Lindsey Palmquist	Julia Trautman
Preston Cox	Joseph Hoelle	Allison Patrick	Christopher Trevisani
Hannah Cozart	Liv Huang	Lauren Perrone	Chris Trudeau
Sarah Culver	Ashton Huff	Lauren Pferdmenages	Jennifer Urena
Taylor Cunningham	Molly Hulver	Sarah Poiani	Leah Vadas
Nicholas Cutrona	Brandon Hunter	Isabella Postle	Alexandra Vaughn
Madison D'Ostuni	Brandon Inscoe	Regina Pruden	Julia Wallace
Joe Davidson	Kennedy Jackson	Meagan Pusser	Stephen Walser
Ambryia Davis	Kristina Jansen	Zach Quimby	Cailyn Walter
Karen Davis	Aurora Jaques	Kelsey Quinn	Haleigh Warden
Megan Deiling	Forte Sarah Jessica	Maegan Raboin	Lindsey Watts
Julia Dekovitch	Sarah Jiudice	Abigail Ray	Anika Weisbrod
Yasmene Dergham	Blake Jones	Madison Rivera	Laylah Welch
James Dew	Charlotte Kennedy	Ben Rolison	Michael Welter
Timothy Diaz	Sophie Kestner	Sebastian Roszczenko	Jordan Wise
Isabella Diez	Kathryn Kiefer	Nolan Roth	Corina Woodson
Frankie DiMatteo	Lucie Kirby	Kevin Rubin	Claire Zanolli
Gerard Dulac	Matthew Knipfer	Morgan Sandberg	Jennifer Zeleski
Morgan Dunham	Rachel Kordonowy	Sydney Sanders	Kendall Ziegler
Christina Dunn	Alexa Kummrow	Samantha Savrides	

Thank you for contributing and congratulations on a job well done!

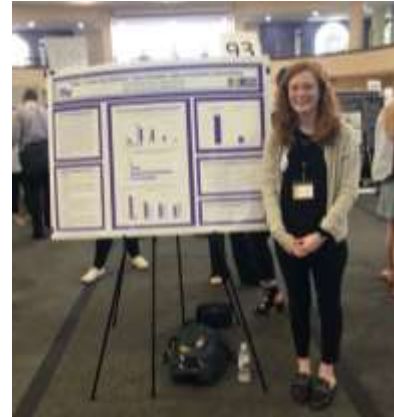
High-PURCS Profiles

FRESHMAN – Brooke Allen



In her first year at HPU, Brooke Allen, an English and biology double major, has already taken the initiative to present her literature research on the sexualization of the female body during the Renaissance period. This research will also be published in the upcoming edition of HPU's undergraduate journal, *Innovation*. Brooke is grateful for her experience in research because her mentor, Dr. Hedman, not only develops her academic abilities, but he also develops her character.

SOPHOMORE – Sara Seaford



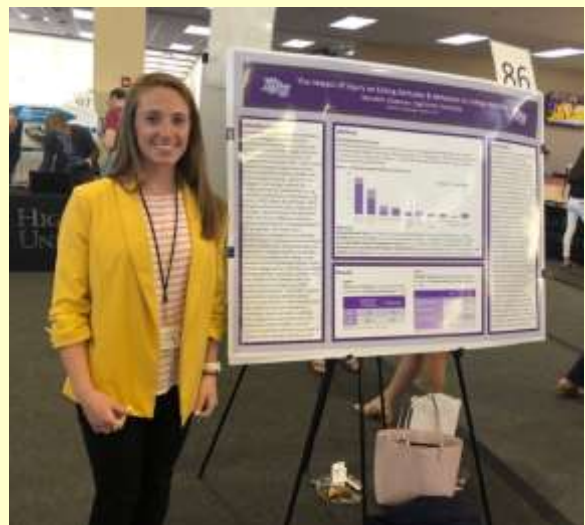
Sara, a psychology and nonprofit double major, created an online survey to help a mattress association understand retailers' impressions of the consumer's knowledge and interest in bed support systems. Sara is a Research Apprentice and completed summer research in SURI. She is grateful for her mentor, Dr. Altman, for being a trusted source for her many questions throughout her research.

JUNIOR – Morgan Sandberg



Morgan, an interior design major, was excited to pursue the research opportunities available at HPU after transferring from a local community college earlier this year. She and her mentor, Professor Boggs, adapted a British K2 phone box into an educational urban recycling station as a way to inform people of how to recycle in a unique way. She is grateful to her mentor for revealing to her how creative research can be.

SENIOR – Meredith Chapman



Meredith, a biology and psychology major and a lacrosse player at HPU, used her knowledge in these three areas to contribute to her research. She presented on the relationship between eating attitudes and injuries in college athletes. Meredith is excited to continue this research project under the mentorship of Dr. Lootens while she pursues her MBA at HPU next academic year.

Grants

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works awards grant funds to students and mentors to present work at disciplinary conferences.

Sigma Tau Delta International

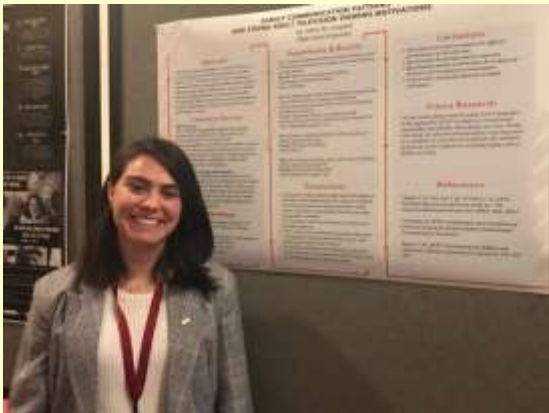
Emily Burke, Emmi Palenbaum, Meagan Pusser, Raegan Thomas, and Julia Wallace recently traveled to St. Louis, Missouri to present their literary research at the Sigma Tau Delta International Convention (March 27th-30th) under the mentorship of Dr. Carlson.



Pictured: (Left to Right) Meagan Pusser, Julia Wallace, Emmi Palenbaum, Raegan Thomas, and Emily Burke

"The Sigma Tau Delta International Convention was a great opportunity to meet like-minded students from around the country and learn about a variety of topics and opportunities." Meagan Pusser

Eastern States Communication Association



Pictured: Ashley Campbell

Ashley Campbell recently traveled to Providence, Rhode Island to present her television viewing motivations research at the Eastern States Communication Association (April 12) under the mentorship of Dr. McDermott.

Grants Cont.

National Conference on Undergraduate Research

Nolan Roth and Raniya Shakir recently traveled to Georgia to present their research at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), the largest national undergraduate conference in America. Cheering these students on was Dr. Fiser.



"This was a wonderful experience that gave me the opportunity to educate others on my research as well as a chance to grow in my professionalism." Raniya Shakir

Pictured: Raniya Shakir

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Ha'Leigh Warden, Raniya Shakir, Brandon Meade, and Skylar Altimari recently traveled to Baltimore, Maryland to present their criminal justice research at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 56th Annual Meeting (March 26th-30) under the mentorship of Dr. Swanson.



Pictured: Skylar Altimari

"I was able to connect with students all over the country with similar interests and I was able to learn new concepts through their varying research topics. Overall, the conference was a validating, rewarding experience in which I was able to share my research, learn from others, and meet likeminded students and professionals from all over the country."
Skylar Altimari

Thank you for representing HPU well!

Research Opportunities

FAREWELL!

Congratulations on an extraordinary year! As you prepare for summer and the upcoming fall semester, we encourage you to begin thinking of how you can engage in research.

Take advantage of the opportunity to stand out among the crowd!

HPU's research programs are an incredible opportunity to sharpen your ability to think critically, communicate clearly, and solve complex problems. Getting involved in undergraduate research develops these crucial skills necessary for life after college.



Pictured: Students presenting research from Dr. Alex Marshall's pharmacy lab.

Don't wait! Start thinking about the research you want to do for Fall 2019, today.

Want to search for participating faculty members and research opportunities? ScholarBridge helps connect students and faculty who share research interests. At **www.scholarbridge.com**, professors create profiles highlighting their academic histories, and students search for research opportunities. Find projects that spark your curiosity.

However, your options are not limited to ScholarBridge. Don't be afraid to reach out to a professor to ask them how you can help with their research. Professors love getting students involved with their projects; don't wait for fall but act quickly so you and your professor can establish a plan for the upcoming semester!

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

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This newsletter was brought to you by graduating senior Keaton Case.