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CS-47: Implementing a Showcase of Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry Projects

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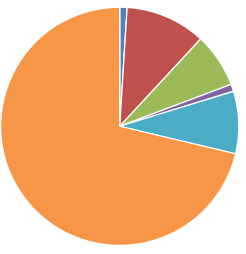
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- 2 campuses (Athens and Demorest, GA)
- Undergraduates: 1281
- Graduates: 1080
- Athens campus: 306 undergraduates
- Demorest campus: 961 undergraduates

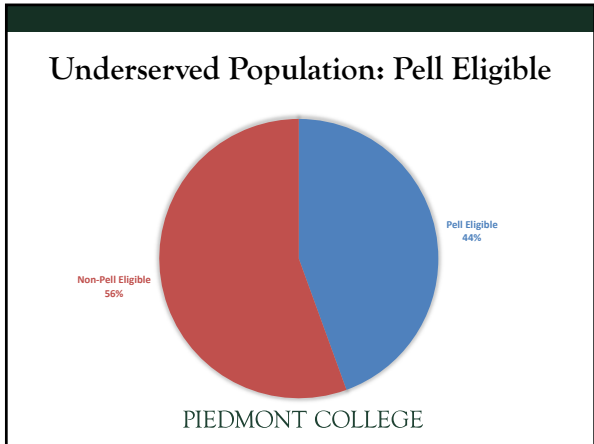
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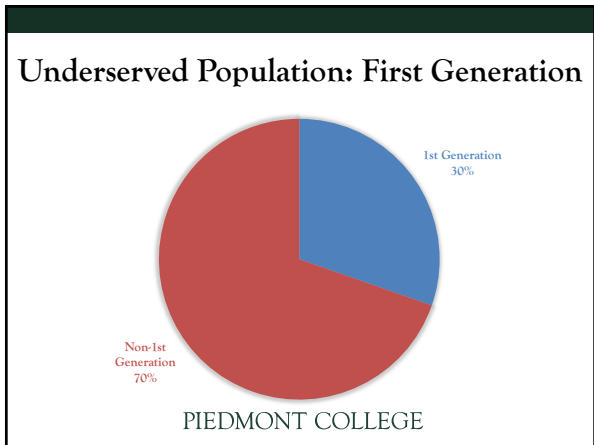
Underserved Population: Ethnicity

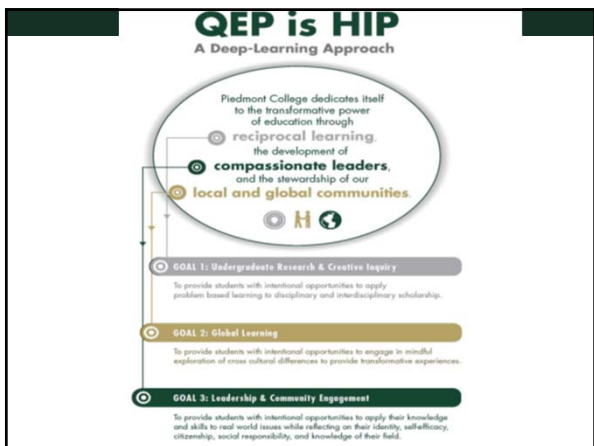


Ethnicity	Color
Asian	Blue
Black or African American	Red
Hispanic	Green
Unknown	Light Blue
Two or More Races	Purple
White	Orange

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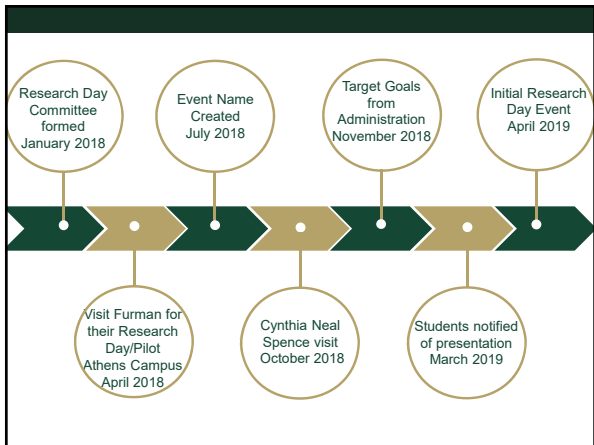






Initiatives to achieve goals

- Goal 3 – Leadership and Community Engagement
 - Athletics
 - Compass
 - Curriculum courses
- Goal 2 – Global Learning
 - Summer Travel Study
 - Alternative Spring Break
- Goal 1 – Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry
 - *No college-wide strategy*



Visit to Furman's Research Day

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Cynthia Neal Spence Visit



- Invited faculty with classes during the time
- Students came up with research projects

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Goals From Administration

- Target goals for each School
 - Arts & Science
 - Business
 - Education
 - Nursing & Health Sciences
- Target goals from other Initiatives on campus
 - Experiential Learning
 - Alternate Spring Break
 - Summer Travel Study
- Goal Total = 78
- Actual = 84

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Application

- School Representing
- Type of Presentation
- Title
- Abstract
- Faculty Sponsor
- Material Needs
- IRB number if applicable
- <https://www.piedmont.edu/piedmont-symposium>

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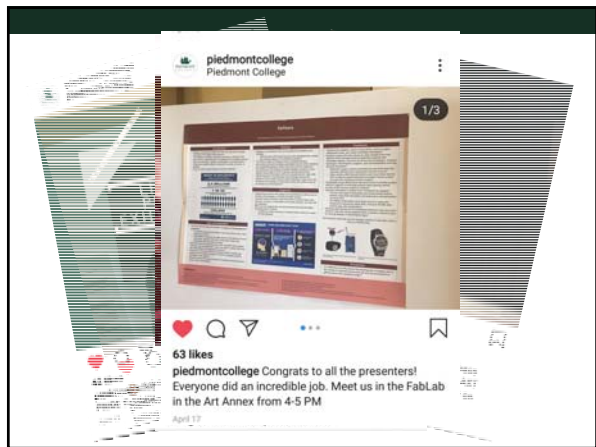
Communication Plan

- Highlighting student stories ahead of time
- Public notification of students
- Radio broadcast in the morning with interviews
- Radio broadcast during the event
- Instagram takeover
- Article in FOCUS – Academic Showcase Journal

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Presentation Acceptance





Undergraduate Research & Creative Inquiry

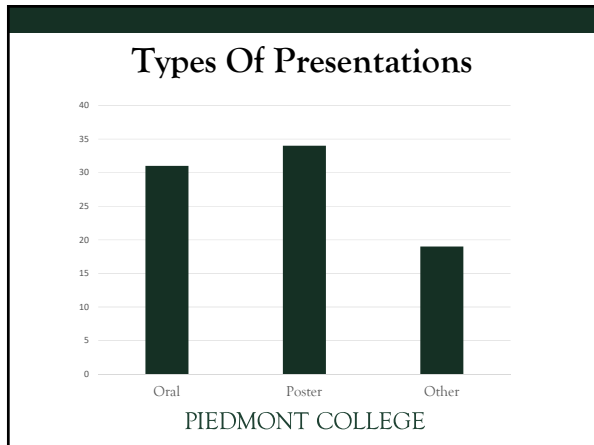
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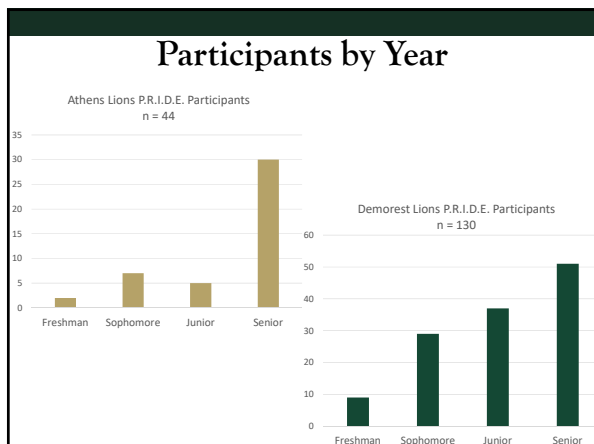
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Piedmont College will hold its first annual Lions P.R.I.D.E. (Piedmont Research Innovation and Discovery Exhibition) on the Demorest campus on Wednesday, April 17. Throughout this day, Piedmont students will discuss their research, describe how study away programs broadened their horizons, and perform works that inspire them. More than 120 students will participate through oral presentations, posters, and performances. <https://www.piedmont.edu/lions-pride>


Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology

Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology, is proud to be celebrating Undergraduate Research Week 2019 on April 8-12. Unique





Research Day Program



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
12-5PM | SWANSON CENTER
For more information, visit piedmont.edu/research

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Video on Research Day



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FOCUS – Academic Showcase

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Inaugural research day attrac

“This day was an example of what makes Piedmont unique: mentorship, personal relationships, and academic rigor.”
– VPAA

“This entire project pushed me to think on my feet because I had to field a lot of off-the-wall questions.”
— when I am ready to march by a

“It was exciting to see the numbers come in. The deans really pushed for it. The faculty encouraged their colleagues and students to take part.” –QEP Director



Quotes from Students



"Presenting an oral presentation was new to me. Breaking down the medical terminology to a language that non-medical people can understand is hard. The oral presentation helped me develop this skill, which will help me when I am ready to search for a job." - Junior

"This entire project pushed me to think on my feet because I had to field a lot of questions. And it also piqued my interest in conducting more research. I really enjoyed it." - Junior



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Brainstorming Session

- How do you visualize celebrating student research and creative inquiry at your school?
- What ways are you already engaging students in research and creative inquiry?
- Besides a college-wide initiative, what other ways do you engage students in research and creative inquiry at your school?

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Lessons Learned

- Clearer communication on how affect classes
- Keep track of guest attendance
- Workshops for students



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Unforeseen Complications

- Event overlapped lunch
- Cater Lunch
- Expand Lunch hour
- Food trucks



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Rebranding

- Name is being changed from year 1 to year 2
- How do we keep up the momentum built



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Expansion for Future Years

- Half day to full day
- Date added to Academic Calendar
- More open houses opportunities
 - Fab Lab
 - Wetlands
 - Conservatory of Music
 - Sim lab for Nursing
 - Theatre Diagrams
- Two Poster Sessions



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