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

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Piedmont College

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

Underserved Population: Ethnicity

- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic
- Two or More Races
- White

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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 Furman for their Research Day/Pilot Athens Campus April 2018
Cynthia Neal Spence visit October 2018
Students notified of presentation March 2019
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](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

The Piedmont Research Innovation and Discovery Exhibition Committee is pleased to inform you that your proposal has been selected for presentation at the QEP Lion’s P.R.I.D.E. event on April 17, 2019.

Specific details regarding your presentation time and location are forthcoming. Congratulations on this esteemed achievement.

53 likes piedmontcollege Congrats to all the presenters! Everyone did an incredible job. Meet us in the FabLab in the Art Annex from 4-5 PM.
Undergraduate Research & Creative Inquiry

Participants by Year

Types Of Presentations
Research Day Program

Video on Research Day

FOCUS – Academic Showcase

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

"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

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?

Lessons Learned

• Clearer communication on how affect classes
• Keep track of guest attendance
• Workshops for students
Unforeseen Complications

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

Rebranding

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

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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