Spring Research Symposium

Mark your calendar now for the symposium scheduled for April 19-26, 2016

The university’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), *Building Success through Discovery*, focuses on engaging students in undergraduate research, and the Spring Research Symposium gives students an opportunity to present their research to the university community. For more information, contact Dr. Lisa Keys Mathews at (256) 765-4640 or qep@una.edu.

**SPRING 2016**

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- Take a look at the schedule of events planned for the 2016 Research Symposium, and see photos from last year’s events, including Christian Bayens, who presented on the Fluorescence of emeralds.

- Jessica Rikard presented on songwriting as investigation.

- Jacob Ezell’s presentation was titled *Exploration of Transgender Gender Identity and Expression in the South*.

On the Cover

*The Effects of Linen Biocidal Compounds on the Presence of Staphylococcus aureus* was one of the presentations during Spring 2015 Research Day. UNA photo by Shannon Wells.

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Fall 2015 QEP Data Urgently Needed

Sincere thanks go to the faculty who provide data in support of the Quality Enhancement Plan—as a reminder, please submit your latest data to qep@una.edu as soon as possible if you have not already done so.
Three-Minute Thesis Competition

Overview:
- The UNA 3MT competition celebrates the stunning research conducted by UNA undergraduate and graduate students.
- Each student has up to three minutes to effectively explain their research in a language appropriate to a non-specialist audience.
- Students may present recently completed research projects or projects that will be completed by the University 3MT competition.

Events:
- **Individual College Pre-Final Competitions**
  - **Date:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016
  - **Times:** TBD
  - **Location:** Performance Center
  - **Contact:** Dr. James Jerkins (jajerkins@una.edu) and Dr. Cindy Stenger (clstenger@una.edu)

- **University Competition Finals**
  - **Date:** Tuesday, April 19, 2016
  - **Times:** TBD
  - **Location:** Performance Center
  - **Contact:** Dr. James Jerkins (jajerkins@una.edu) and Dr. Cindy Stenger (clstenger@una.edu)
Departmental Research Symposia

- **Dates**: April 19-21, 2016
- **Times**: Flexible times depending on department schedules
- **Locations**: Guillot University Center, the Stone Lodge, or Collier Library Collaboration Space
- **Contact**: Dr. Lisa Keys-Mathews or Ms. BJ Wilson (qep@una.edu or 256-765-4640)

Research Day Activities

- **Events**
  - **Student Poster Presentations**
    - Posters will be exhibited in the Atrium of the Guillot University Center
    - Poster sessions will last one hour and student presenters must be with their posters during the entire session.
  - **Student Oral Presentations**
    - 7-9 minute presentations with 3-4 minutes for questions
    - Presentation sessions will last one hour and student presenters must be in the session the entire time.
  - **Student Illustrated Paper Presentations (a new event)**
    - An illustrated paper is a short (3- to 5-minute) oral summary of
problem, data, method, and findings presented in poster format, followed by a one-on-one or small group discussion with interested listeners at the poster.

All oral summaries (8 to 12 per session) will be given at the beginning of each illustrated paper session before participants disperse to the poster boards around the room. Each presenter will post illustrations and other relevant materials on the provided corkboard.

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