

INTRODUCTION

Valpo's Celebration of Undergraduate Scholarship (CUS) is an annual conference that allows undergraduate students to present their research projects, scholarly work, or creative activities in a poster format. The CUS began in 1998 as an idea from an interdisciplinary group of faculty who had attended national meetings on the role of undergraduate research in the college experience. Students from all disciplines are strongly encouraged to become involved in research and creative endeavors and present their work at the annual CUS.

One of the many joys of completing a research project or creative endeavor is to share the results with others. In a typical year, the Valpo CUS brings together over 120 students and 40 faculty sponsors to share their research experiences with the campus and local community. At the conference, all students present their work in a poster presentation format, and a small number of students give brief oral presentations during an afternoon program.

Students who have worked on class projects, senior projects and theses, or independent scholarship are encouraged to participate. Projects completed or near completion in the fall term are excellent choices for presentation at the Celebration. Spring term projects are also welcome provided they are close to completion.

All faculty-sponsored projects are accepted for a poster presentation at the CUS. Students and faculty should read the [Poster Presentations Guidelines](#) on this site for guidance on the development of poster presentations. Faculty sponsors should provide guidance and support for their students, both in developing the original research and in transmitting that research to a poster format.

To participate, an abstract of the proposed poster must be submitted via the [Abstract Online Submission Form](#) on this web site. Please follow the abstract submission guidelines included on the form.

Deans' Choice Oral Presentations

The Deans of Valparaiso University's five undergraduate colleges select students to represent their college at the Deans' Choice Presentations (one student per college except for Arts and Sciences which has three), and these students give oral presentations in an afternoon program. This program also includes an address by a faculty member who has involved students in his or her research program. Please refer to the [Oral Presentation Guidelines](#) for more information.

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