

## PSYCHNEWS

Just a note to recognize all of our students who have presented research projects. Many students presented posters at the VU Celebration of Undergraduate Research. Our department was well-represented, and three of the posters won awards! The students' posters are on display in the department lobby - stop by to see them if you missed them at the CUS. Several students also traveled to Butler University with Prof. Winqvist, and represented VU well at the Butler Conference for Undergraduate Research. Last but not least, several students will be traveling to Chicago next week to present papers at the Midwestern Psychological Association convention. The names and titles of all of these projects are listed below - quite an impressive list of very interesting studies! Congrats to all student authors for their hard work - you make us proud!

~VU Celebration of Undergraduate Research~

Katie Hennessey, Digging for Buried Treasure: Searching for Learning Cues in the Sand (Sponsor: Prof. Vernon). Gerald Hughes, Assessing College Student's Attitudes toward Science (Sponsor: Prof. Carlson). Thomas Miller & Alysse Foster, Exploring Student Perception of the VU Honor Code: Creating an Instrument for Valid Assessment (Sponsors: Profs. Simpson & Vernon). **\*\*Board of Directors Award Winner\*\*** Catherine Renken & Elayna Strell (with Engineering students), Point Vibration Therapy Device for Individuals on the Autism Spectrum (Sponsor: Prof. Vernon). **\*\*Dean's Choice Presentation from the College of Engineering\*\*** Christina Roberts, Recycling in Relation to Political Ideology, Environmental Concern, Knowledge and Beliefs (Sponsor: Prof. Arkkelin). **\*\*Board of Directors Award Winner\*\*** Kris Serra, Choking Under Pressure: How Type of Focus Affects Athletic Performance (Sponsor: Prof. Carlson).

~ Butler Undergraduate Research Conference~

Ashley Lawrence & Anna Isaacson, The Relationship between Traditional Cheating, Digital Cheating, and Gender among College Students. Grace Arnold, An Analysis of Gender and College-Age Students' Self-Disclosure on Facebook.

~Midwestern Psychological Association~

Catherine Renken, Josh Fogus & Ashley Funk, Validation of Positive and Negative Beliefs About Rumination Scales. Christina Roberts, Recycling in Relation to Political Ideology, Environmental Concern, Knowledge and Beliefs. Be on the look out for another PsychNews regarding end-of-year announcements/events. But mark your calendars now for our Annual Psychology Spring Picnic, to be held in the Dickmeyer Courtyard on Reading Day, Wednesday, May 6, 4-6 p.m.! Regards, Dan Arkkelin Chair of Psychology