We encourage and support scholarship and creativity in our classrooms, laboratories, and studios on a daily basis. Today, we make this work public. In both morning and afternoon sessions you will see and hear the fruits of countless hours spent by students and their faculty mentors in science laboratories, library archives, editing suites, rehearsal halls, art studios, and in the community. In poster sessions, talks, and performances, students will show us how they’ve challenged themselves to think, to analyze, to stretch, to imagine, and to create. It certainly is cause for celebration.

The high quality of scholarly and creative work done by our undergraduates often wins them fellowships and scholarships as well as invitations to state and national undergraduate research conferences and artistic exhibitions. Above all, it gives these students the invaluable opportunity to work in close partnership with the artists and scholars who are our faculty.

Student presentations take place from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Both morning and afternoon sessions begin with poster presentations. Please take the time to have a bite of breakfast and explore the posters in the morning or have a cookie and a sip of lemonade as you talk with the poster presenters in the afternoon. The oral presentations begin immediately after the poster sessions in department specific locations. One of the new features this year is an on-line searchable schedule. You’ll find information about time and place, authors or subject areas with a simple click of the button. In this Year of Sustainability, print only what you need to help you to enjoy the day.

Please join me in congratulating and celebrating our students — the 500 and more who are presenting as well as the hundreds of others engaged in research and creative scholarship throughout the year. I would like to congratulate the faculty members who mentor, teach, and model scholarly excellence for our students. Thank you to Dr. Richard White, Dr. Greg Walker, Bev Radaich, Communication and Marketing Services, IT Services, and the Events Staff for their fine work organizing and managing this event.

(Text from a letter from the Provost, Dr. Rita Kneusel)

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