Hi!

Here's what's included in this week's newsletter:

1. **Attend VT's annual research conference this Friday!**
   You are cordially invited to celebrate undergraduate research and creative scholarship at Virginia Tech’s annual symposium hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Research on Friday, April 24, 2020. For over ten years, the Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship Conference has offered undergraduates the opportunity to gain experience communicating their work while engaging faculty and other students. This year, for the first time, the conference moves to a virtual platform showcasing student excellence across disciplines in asynchronous video presentations. You are invited to visit the conference Canvas site to view short research videos and interact with presenters between 10am and 3pm on April 24. We hope to "see" you there!

2. **Seeking student volunteers to participate in a survey about their experiences presenting research**
   Any student who will or has presented results of their research, creative, or scholarly work at a student symposium this spring is invited to participate in this national research project. Researchers are particularly interested in hearing from any student that presented at one of the many virtual conferences that are being organized and run during the Era of COVID-19.
   
   **Survey Link:** [https://survey.fgcu.edu/Learning-from-Presenting.aspx](https://survey.fgcu.edu/Learning-from-Presenting.aspx)
   
   This project started at the 2018 Council on Undergraduate Research Biennial conference when a CUR Dialogical Working Group formed to explore what (if any) learning gains students experienced after presenting their research at a conference or student symposium. The dialogical was extremely fruitful, first identifying possible learning gains that students might be expected to gain from the experience (e.g., communicating with a general versus specialized audience; defending an idea, and processing criticism), as well as a survey instrument to assess what students may learn, which has received IRB approval (FGCU Protocol ID# 2019-60).
   
   The survey takes only 5 - 15 minutes to complete.

3. **Undergraduate Research Excellence Program**
   There is still time to join the Undergraduate Research Excellence program (UREP) and get recognized for your engagement in undergraduate research. The program is open to any student, from any major, at any time in their academic career. This multi-tiered program allows students to track their journey through undergraduate research and receive recognition at graduation with a specially designed cord!
Learn more and sign up to join the program online. For Spring 2020 graduates, the deadline to complete all program requirements is **May 4, 2020 at 9am**.

Have a good week.

Best,
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