

Re: 2024-2025 Annual Report (Student Showcase Organizing Committee)

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On October 7 and November 6, 2024, the committee met to discuss plans and ideas for the Fall Student Showcase on November 20, 2024. This was the seventh Fall Student Showcase and it was the first time the Fall Student Showcase was an all-day event (9:00-5:30). Overall, the Fall Student Showcase for Research and Creative Inquiry 2024 went very well. We had 319 presentations- 49 oral presentations, 236 posters, 12 theatre performances/presentations, and 22 art displays. Over 500 students participated in the event. Nine students participated in the in-person 3-Minute Presentation Competition during the Fall 2024 Student Showcase and we awarded 3 Best Student Presentation Awards. Another highlight of the Fall 2024 Student Showcase was the Keynote Address given by Dr. Sarai Blincoe, Director of Program Effectiveness and Professor of Psychology at Longwood University. We also added three new Career Development Workshops as part of the 2024 Fall Student Showcase.

The committee also met on February 26, 2025 to discuss plans and ideas for the Spring Student Showcase on April 23, 2025. This was the eighth Spring Student Showcase. More than 800 students presented at the Spring 2025 Student Showcase. There were 484 student presentations in total, with 317 poster presentations, 97 oral presentations, 39 art and graphic design displays, 10 theatre performances, and 21 musical performances. Other highlights of the Spring 2025 Student Showcase included a Keynote Address by Dr. Bethany Usher, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Radford University and Immediate Past President of the Council on Undergraduate Research and the Longwood Excellence in Research and Creative Inquiry and Incite Award Ceremony. We also organized four Career Development Workshops as part of the 2025 Spring Student Showcase.

Links to the programs for the Fall and Spring Student Showcase programs can be found here:

<https://www.longwood.edu/media/student-research/solomon/Fall-Showcase-2024-Program.pdf>

<https://www.longwood.edu/media/student-research/solomon/Spring-Showcase-2025-Program.pdf>