

Re: 2023-2024 Annual Report (Student Showcase Organizing Committee)

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On October 9 and November 2, 2023, the committee met to discuss plans and ideas for the Fall Student Showcase on November 15, 2023. This was the sixth Fall Student Showcase. Overall, the Fall Student Showcase for Research and Creative Inquiry 2023 went very well. We had 263 presentations- 55 oral presentations, 163 posters, 14 theatre performances/presentations, and 31 art display. Over 470 students participated in the event. We also had a 3-Minute Presentation Competition during the Fall 2023 Student Showcase and we awarded 1 Best Student Presentation Award.

The committee also met on February 22, 2024 to discuss plans and ideas for the Spring Student Showcase on April 17, 2024. This was the seventh Spring Student Showcase. More than 775 students presented at the Spring 2024 Student Showcase. There were 484 student presentations in total, with 314 poster presentations, 146 oral presentations, 1 art and graphic design show, and 5 theatre performances, and 3 musical performances. Other highlights of the Spring 2024 Student Showcase included a Keynote Address by Dr. Yaoying Xu from Virginia Commonwealth University and the Longwood Excellence in Research and Creative Inquiry and Incite Award Ceremony. There also was a special Inclusive Excellence Symposium on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Belonging research. This all-day special symposium featured student presentations on DEIB research topics. We also added new Career Development Workshops and opportunities for students to have their professional headshot taken as part of the 2024 Spring Student Showcase.

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

<https://www.longwood.edu/studentresearch/student-showcase-for-research-and-creative-inquiry/news/articles/fall-2023-student-showcase-program.php>

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