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Students, Faculty, and Guests:

Welcome to the 8th Duquesne Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Symposium (URSS). This event recognizes the achievements of our undergraduate scholars and the support of their faculty advisors highlighting the scholarship which is fundamental Duquesne education.

The URSS has become over the last seven years a celebration of the breadth of topics explored by our undergraduate scholars. This year's event is one of the largest gathering of undergraduate scholars to date with 147 entries and over 210 participants.

I would like to thank all of our participating undergraduates for their hard work and the excellent posters and presentations they have developed. I especially want to thank our faculty who train and encourage young scholars and without whom this event would not be possible.

The URSS has depended on our sponsors who provide numerous awards in recognition for exceptional scholarship and on our judges who give their time to make this an outstanding experience for our students. Their continued support has been essential to the success of the symposium.

Finally I must thank the organizing committee and the Office of Research staff who devote their time to ensuring the success of this event.

Enjoy the day, celebrate your scholarship, and share that of your fellow undergraduate students across the all of the disciplines which are part of Duquesne University.

Sincerely,



Alan W. Seadler Ph.D.