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## **UCSB Undergraduate Researchers Showcase Their Work**

Undergraduate researchers at UC Santa Barbara will present their discoveries and creative accomplishments at the annual Undergraduate Research Colloquium on Thursday, May 12, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in Corwin Pavilion. The public is invited.

Students will be available to discuss their work and to hear UCSB Professor Finn E. Kydland, winner of the 2004 Nobel Prize in economics and the Jeff Henley Professor of Economics at UCSB.

He will present the keynote address at 4 p.m. in Corwin Pavilion.

This year's event will be the largest ever, with more than 120 poster presentations that showcase the work of undergraduate scholars. In their research, students addressed subjects ranging from AIDS to retinal disease to urban creeks and water pollution.

Projects in the fine arts, including documentaries and performance art, are also well represented.

"Our students have worked more independently than in traditional classes and have applied all their imaginative energies to help create new knowledge," said Al Wyner, dean of undergraduate studies in the College of Letters and Science.

"In many ways, they represent the epitome of how a major research university ought to educate students."

Student oral presentations begin at 2 p.m. in the Multicultural Center Theater.

A reception and award ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. in the Lagoon Plaza.

The campus provides more than \$200,000 each year to support undergraduate research, and it is estimated that one of every four students is involved in an organized research program. Research, conducted under the supervision of professors who are eminent in their fields, fosters critical thinking skills and helps prepare students for future careers and advanced study.

"Undergraduate participation in the research and creative mission of UCSB is a hallmark of our undergraduates' educational experience," said Wyner.

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