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UC Santa Barbara Undergraduate Researchers Will Present Their Discoveries

Undergraduate researchers at UC Santa Barbara will present their discoveries and creative accomplishments at the annual Undergraduate Research Colloquium on Thursday, May 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Corwin Pavilion.

The event is free and open to the public.

The student researchers will be available to discuss their work.

This year's event will feature 152 poster presentations that showcase the work of undergraduate scholars.

In their research, students address subjects ranging from the UCSB super-mileage car, which obtained a fuel consumption rating of 735 miles per gallon, to social networking on Facebook and Twitter, to preserving bone for transplantation.

Projects in the fine arts are also well represented, including "Ripped Off," a multimedia documentary about the impact of the UC budget crises on students, and "My Last Day," a student film about redemption.

"The research and creative work from some of our most talented students will be on display," said Mary Nisbet, acting dean of undergraduate education in the College of

Letters and Science.

"We are particularly pleased this year that the McNair Scholars Program is so well represented. This national program is relatively new to UCSB and prepares qualified undergraduates for entrance to a Ph.D. program in all fields of study. The McNair Scholars Program aims to increase the number of first-generation, low-income and/or underrepresented students in Ph.D. programs. Their work demonstrates the diversity of opportunities available to all students at this extraordinary research university."

More than half of all UCSB undergraduates are now involved in original research with graduate students and faculty members.

Students compete for grant funding to support their mentored research each year.

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.

About UC Santa Barbara

The University of California, Santa Barbara is a leading research institution that also provides a comprehensive liberal arts learning experience. Our academic community of faculty, students, and staff is characterized by a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration that is responsive to the needs of our multicultural and global society. All of this takes place within a living and learning environment like no other, as we draw inspiration from the beauty and resources of our extraordinary location at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.