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The spring semester kept our Scholars and staff busy with many campus events and activities for the newly established Center for Undergraduate Research. Activities hosted by the Center included a workshop series to further engage Scholars in undergraduate research initiatives, the TTU Undergraduate Research Conference, and Spring Banquet.

The TTU Undergraduate Research Conference, formerly known as TTU Research Days, provided undergraduate researchers an opportunity to present their research to the TTU and area communities. This spring over 75 undergraduates represented from the Center, HHMI, and the Honors College presented their research findings. Mark your calendar to attend next spring March 29-April 1, 2010, and encourage your undergraduate researchers to present their research findings at this annual event!

The spring banquet also provided a wonderful opportunity to recognize Outstanding Undergraduate Researchers, Faculty Mentors, and May 2009 graduates. Nine students were selected as recipients of the Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher awards and six faculty were selected for the Outstanding Faculty Mentor awards. Recipients received a recognition plaque provided by the Center and a letter of appreciation and support from U.S. Senator John Cornyn.

To become involved in undergraduate research initiatives at TTU, please stop by the Center located in room 341 of the Administration Building to discuss undergraduate research here on campus!

To join the Center for Undergraduate Research mailing list email: denise.hinojosa@ttu.edu and receive updates and program highlights throughout the semester!

Wishing you all well this summer!

Regards,

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**SUMMER 2009****May 2009 Graduating Scholars**

Michael Morse graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He has accepted a position in Houston, TX.



Mehr Singh graduated with a B.A. in History with a minor in Political Science. He is currently reviewing his graduate school options.



Miranda Woodruff graduated with a B.A. in Social Work with a minor in Addiction Disorders & Recovery Studies. She will begin graduate school this fall in New Mexico.

Save the Date!**Library Series Workshops**

New this fall, the Center will host a workshop series for undergrads in coordination with the Library.

More details coming this fall!

September 16 – October 28, 2009

TTU Library

SACNAS Conference

Society for the Advancement of Chicanos & Native Americans in Science

October 15 – 18, 2009

Dallas, TX

<http://www.sacnas.org>

We want to hear from you!

Let us know what you're working on, provide us with updates, news, or ideas for newsletter articles email denise.hinojosa@ttu.edu with details.

The Center for Undergraduate Research**Websites of Interest:**

Council on Undergraduate Research

<http://www.cur.org/>

National Conference on Undergraduate Research

<http://www.ncur.org/>

We have a new Facebook page!

www.facebook.com (TTU Center for Undergraduate Research)

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Summer Events & Activities hosted by the CUR:

June 9, 2009 Shake Hands with Your Future & Run on the Wind Ice Cream Social - hosted by the CUR.

June 10-11, 2009 TTU Summer Institute - CUR Scholars will discuss the importance of undergraduate research to Lubbock youth and share 'their story'.

June 23, 2009 Youth Corps Luncheon - CUR will host a luncheon for Youth Corps Staff to discuss the importance of undergraduate research.

July 8-12, 2009 The CUR will host the National Hispanic Institute, Great Debate. Provides ninth grade future leaders from around the United States from Latino Communities the opportunity to come together in a competitive and educational environment where they are given the experience of working as a team and enhancing their leadership capabilities while learning the skills of communication and debate. Over 175 students in attendance!

July 12-17, 2009 P2B Undergraduate Research Week - The CUR will host an Undergraduate Research Week series that will include: workshops, socials and events to encourage SPC Plains to Bridges students to further engage in undergraduate research activities.

July 20, 2009 Ideal Ice Cream Social - The CUR will host an ice cream social for students attending the summer IDEAL camp and discuss the importance of Undergraduate Research.

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