Ten Spring 2013 AYURE Awards Funded
The Academic Year Undergraduate Research Experience program supports collaborative efforts on a great variety of projects (www.newpaltz.edu/research/usr_ayure.html).

Faculty mentors direct and provide guidance to participating students as they work on a project. Funds are provided for supplies and other activities related to the project. The student spring 2013 awardees and faculty mentors (in parentheses) are:

- **Barbara Cady**, Women’s Studies, ’14 (Benjamin Junge, Anthropology) "Margaret Mead's field photographs as a lens to 20th-century trends in Anthropology"
- **Juliana Hedeman**, Anthropology, ’13 (Benjamin Junge, Anthropology) "Using photography as an ethnographic research tool: The legacies of Margaret Mead"
- **Evan C. Hulick**, Political Sciences, ’13 (Jeff Miller, Political Science and Int’l. Relations) On the Struggle Between Environmental Conservation and Democracy
- **Roberto LoBianco**, Political Science & Journalism, ’13 (Jeff Miller, Political Science and Int’l. Relations) Information and Democracy in a Global Age
- **Josette Ramnani**, Political Science/Black Studies, ’13 (Jeff Miller, Political Science and Int’l. Relations) Self-Recognition and Autonomous Deliberation: Mitigating Political Exclusion
- **Minna George**, Biology, ’13 (Maureen Morrow, Biology and Hon Ho, Biology) Analysis of antibacterial activity of a new fungus
- **Maria Ortiz** and **Francy Hernandez**, Biochemistry,’14 (Maureen Morrow, Biology and Daniel Freedman, Chemistry) Analysis of the differential toxicity of Ru compounds
- **Jonathan Buckmaster**, Theatre Arts/Psychology, ’13 (Andrea Varga, Theatre Arts) “From Direction to Design: Making words come to life on the stage for a New Play Festival”
- **Miriam Ward**, History & Digital Media Production/French, ’15 (Michael Vargas, History) Visualizing a Medieval Career: Jean Gerson, Scholar-Regent-Diplomat

SURE & AYURE Student Research Presentations
- **Sarah Manuel**, Psychology, ’13, presented his results of his research at the 53rd Annual Psychonomic Society Meeting in Minneapolis, MN.
- **Kathleen Westervelt**, Chemistry, ’15, presented the results of her research at the Biophysical Society 57th meeting in Philadelphia, PA.
- **Brianna Murphy**, Visual Arts/Art History, ’13 and **Daniel Sangiacomo**, Ceramics, ’13, presented at the National Council on Education of the Ceramic Arts conference in Houston, TX.
- **Jena Goldberg**, Theatre Arts, ’13, presented at the U.S. Institute for Theatre Technology 53rd Annual Conference and Stage Expo in Milwaukee, WI.
- **Miriam Ward**, History, ’15, presented her research at the CUNY Graduate Center in NYC.
- **Elizabeth Koza**, History, ’13, traveled to New Mexico to present her research at the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies.
- **Lucia Milla** and **Nichole Gaucher**, both Biology, ’13, presented at the Northeast Regional Meeting of the Society for Developmental Biology in Woods Hole, MA.

Upcoming Student Conference Presentations
- **Elizabeth Sacchi**, Psychology, ’13, is traveling to Washington, DC to present at the 25th Annual Association for Psychological Science in May.
**Enhanced CUR membership**

New Paltz is an enhanced institutional member of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR). CUR supports and promotes undergraduate research and scholarship. This membership provides free individual membership for all students, faculty, and staff. Membership includes a subscription to the CUR Quarterly plus access to special information on funding to support undergraduate research. SUNY New Paltz’s CRREO program is featured in the Winter 2012 issue of the CUR Quarterly.

**RSCA offers new travel award**

In an effort to expand the dissemination of student research and creative activities, the RSCA program is offering a limited number of travel awards to students who have not been awarded SURE or AYURE funding. The Student Travel Award (STA) applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. To be eligible, the student must be presenting the results of faculty mentored work at a professional conference or similar venue. See the conference travel link at the RSCA web site: www.newpaltz.edu/research/travelfunds.html

**Student Travel Award (STA) News**

Undergraduate students, Remy LeDily ’13 and Aileen Dolan ’13 (both Communication Disorders) presented results of their work at the November 2012 American Speech and Hearing Association Convention in Atlanta, Georgia with the help of STA funds. Also, STA helped fund three undergraduate Theatre students. Genevieve Bozek ’13, Adam Harrison ’14 and Brittany Martel ’15, represented SUNY New Paltz by performing at the American College Theatre Festival in Hyannis, MA.

**Minds at Work event**

This student achievement celebration will be held on Friday, May 3rd (3p-6:30p). Minds at Work includes the 19th annual Student Research Symposium (SRS), the Annual Spring Foundation Art Exhibition, Honors Thesis Presentations, the Writing Board's Celebration of Writing (COW), Student Documentaries, and a Theatre Arts-Communication and Media collaborative student produced TV show. Last year, approximately 200 students participated in Minds at Work. web site: www.newpaltz.edu/research/srs/.

**Nine Students Accepted to NCUR**

The National Conference on Undergraduate Research (http://www.ncur.org), which annually hosts ~2,000 students to present their research through posters, oral presentations, visual arts and performances, was held at The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. The New Paltz students selected for this competitive conference were: Lani Nelson, Remy LeDily, Anastasia Psaras, Chen Zhou (Linguistics); Elizabeth Koza, Miriam Ward (History); Maria Ortiz (Biology); Francy Hernandez (Biochemistry); and Kathleen Brousseau (Art History).

**RSCA alumni news**

Anna Anandan (Biology, 12) has been accepted to the Veterinary Research Scholars Program at the University of Missouri where she is currently studying veterinary medicine. She will work in a lab that focuses on the effect of environmental toxins on the male reproductive system. Her new research project will have some similarities to her undergraduate project: The effects of xenoestrogens on planaria.

**Upcoming RSCA Deadline**
-Fall 2013 AYURE: September 4, 2013

**The mission of the RSCA program** is to encourage and support student- faculty collaboration on scholarly and artistic activities that generate new knowledge or works. The RSCA program is supported by the Office of Academic Affairs. www.newpaltz.edu/research/usr.html

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