AYURE 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 fall 2015 student awardees and faculty mentors are:

- Elizabeth Mallinson, Theatre Arts: Design and Technology, '16 (Mentor: Ken Goldstein, Theatre Arts)
- Dana Weintraub, Theatre Arts, ‘16 (Mentor: Ken Goldstein, Theatre Arts)
- Krista Arena, Theatre Arts, ’16 (Mentor: Andrea Varga, Theatre Arts)
- Rachel Amelia Rienecker, Theatre Arts, ‘17 (Mentor: Andrea Varga, Theatre Arts)
- Chevonne McInnis, Physics, ’16 (Mentor: Catherine Herne, Physics and Astronomy)
- Ann O’Brien, Physics/Mathematics, ‘16 (Mentor: Catherine Herne, Physics and Astronomy)
- Renato Lúcio de Carvalho, Chemistry, ’16
- Isadora Maria Vicente da Silva, Chemistry, ’16
- John Hoffman, Biochemistry, ’16 (Mentors: Maureen Morrow, Biology, Preeti Dhar, Chemistry)
- Abigail Fagan, Chemistry, 17 (Mentor: Pamela St. John, Chemistry)
- Bethany O’Hara, Biology, ’17 (Mentors: Maureen Morrow, Biology, Frantz Folmer-Anderson)
- Jessica Mortensen, Anthropology/Biochemistry, ’17 (Mentor: Kenneth Nystrom, Anthropology)
- Rachel Marra, Physics/Astronomy, 16 (Mentor: Anca Radulescu, Mathematics)
- Ari Pignatelli, Mechanical Engineering, ’17 (Mentor: Anca Radulescu, Mathematics)
- Angela Chen, ’15, Matthew Farragher, ’16, both Environmental Geochemical Science (Mentor: David Richardson, Biology)
- Kyle F. Law, Psychology/Economics, ’16 (Mentor: Corwin Senko, Psychology)
- Gabrielle Buck, EGS, ’16 (Mentor: Ekaterina Shemyakova, Mathematics)
- Simon Li, Economics/Mathematics, ’17 (Mentor: Ekaterina Shemyakova, Mathematics)
- Christina Johnson, Biology, ’16, Alvin Mathew, Biology, ’16 (Mentor: Spencer Mass, Biology)
- Maddie-Blair Wright, Biology, ’16 (Mentor: Aaron Haselton, Biology)
- Nicholas Golom, Biology, ’16 (Mentor: Jason Valens, Biology)
- Julie Planke, Psychology, ’16 (Mentor: Sarah Shuwairi, Psychology)
- David Weddle, History, ’16 (Mentor: Heinz Insu Fenkl, English)
- Christina Johnson, Biology, ’16, Alvin Mathew, Biology, ’16 (Mentor: Spencer Mass, Biology)
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**Upcoming RSCA Deadlines**
- Posters on the Hill: November 4, 2015
- NCUR: December 2, 2015
- Spring 2016 AYURE: December 3, 2015
- SURE 2016: March 31, 2016
- SRS Abstracts: April 7, 2016
- Faculty Mentor Award: April 14, 2016

**Summer Research Student Presentations**
The 2015 SURE students presented the results of the summer projects in September. During the 8-weeks of the SURE program, the students worked full-time on a project and also attended workshops. This group of 14 students are majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Geochemical Science, Geography, Graphic Design, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, and Sociology. The 2015 SURE Presentations Abstract Book is available at the SURE website: [www.newpaltz.edu/research/usr_sure.html](http://www.newpaltz.edu/research/usr_sure.html).

2015 SURE students
*Back row:* Josh Johnikutty, Ryan Baker-Urzua, Jared Flagler, Bryan Krebs, Sawyer McFadden, Christian Zoeger Boggiano, Dante Peluso
*Mid/bottom row:* Megan Doty, Olivia Seirup, Paulina Lustgarten, Sarah Sansone, Ari Pignatelli, Meredith Eldridge, Maddie-Blair Wright

**Student Research Presentations**
- **Izabela Mlynarska** (pictured here), Biology/Evolutionary Studies, ’15, presented her research at The Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology in West Palm Beach, FL.
- **Julie Planke** ’16 and **Shay O’Leary** ’15, both Psychology, traveled to the 27th Annual Association for Psychological Science Convention in NYC, to present their research.
- **Julian Mostachetti**, Political Science/History, ’15, presented the results of his research at the New York State Political Science Association 2015 Annual Convention in Plattsburg, NY.
- **Michael Facelle**, Computer Engineering, ’15, traveled to Montreal, Canada, to present his research at the CASI Aeronautics Conference and AGM.
- **Ryan Kropas**, Physics/Astronomy, ’15, presented his research at the Regional Society of Physics Students Meeting in Oswego, NY.
- **Bryan Krebs**, Biology, ’15 and **Valerie Stanson**, ’15, both Biology, traveled to Baltimore, MD, over the summer to present their research at the Ecological Society of America conference.

**Student Research Symposium**
The 21st annual New Paltz Student Research Symposium was held on May 1, 2015. SRS featured the scholarly work of 79 students representing 20 departments. SRS is held each spring as part of Minds at Work, the student achievement celebration. M@W featured the work of about 400 students in events: Celebration of Writing, Student Documentaries, Honors Thesis Presentation, and BFA Thesis Exhibit. The abstract book for the SRS presentations can be found at: [www.newpaltz.edu/research/srs/](http://www.newpaltz.edu/research/srs/). The 2016 SRS is scheduled for April 29th.

**Enhanced CUR membership**
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