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Newsletter

Undergraduate Research Program

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Congratulations!

The Undergraduate Research Program (URP) Team would like to thank each of you for an amazing year! All of your accomplishments and hard work has been clearly demonstrated through the various research projects you have all worked so hard to complete. We are continuously impressed with our students every year!

We are so proud of all of you for doing such great work in research, and are looking forward for what the future holds. Thank you for your commitment to URP and curiosity in research! Please enjoy our end of year recap and have a great summer!

With gratitude,
The URP Team

Student Spotlight

Renee De Bellis

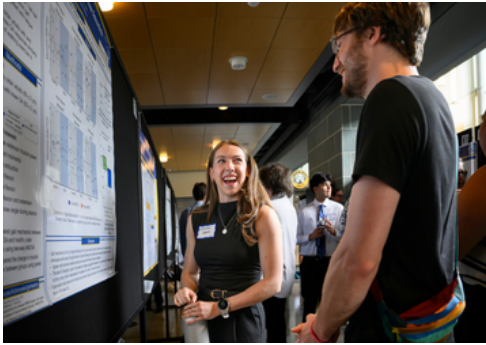
Renee De Bellis's first conference experience was attending the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Richmond, Virginia. Renee highlighted, "I especially valued the opportunity to discuss higher education and research experiences with peers from diverse backgrounds. Presenting my work also helped me build confidence in communicating complex ideas in ways that feel accessible and engaging. More than anything, the conference reminded me that students in my generation are already shaping what comes next, and it made me excited to continue contributing to that work."



Summer Symposium Recap

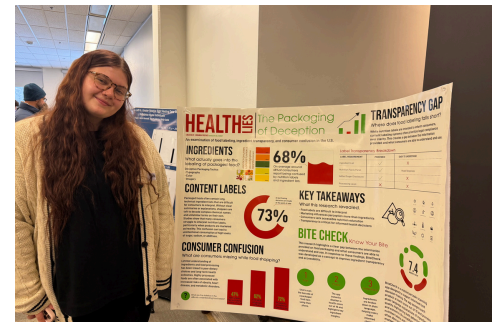
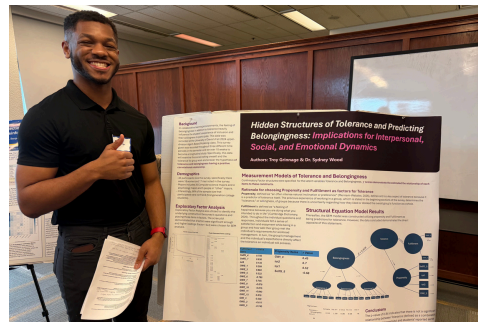
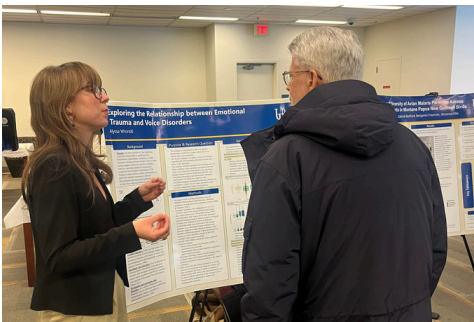
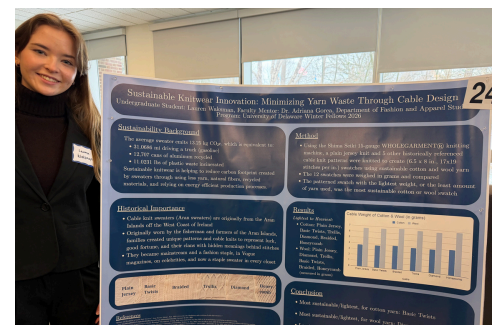
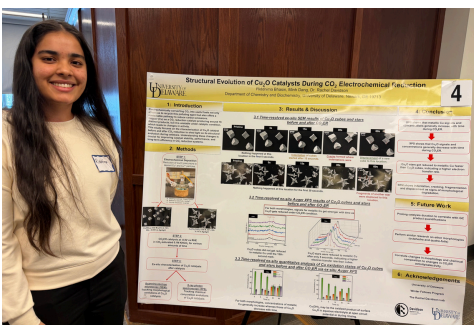
Our annual Summer Symposium took place on August 14th, 2025 with 523 undergraduate researchers presenting their work! All the researchers did astounding work over the Summer culminating in presenting oral or poster presentations!

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Symposium on August 13th, 2026!



Winter Showcase Recap

Our Winter Showcase, in partnership with the Library, Museums, and Press, took place on February 11th, 2026 in Morris Library. We had a successful day filled with 120 undergraduate researchers presenting their work. There was a wide variety of disciplines with engaging poster presentations and lightning talks! The titles of the students' research presentations can be found on our website [HERE](#)



This Year in Numbers!

In 2025-2026

We had **124** Winter Fellows, **223** Summer Scholars, **53** Summer Fellows, **79** UDRAW students, and **122** completed Senior Thesis

We had an increase in participation in Winter Fellows, Summer Fellows, and Senior Thesis from last year!

Senior Reflection

Undergraduate Research Program Ambassador: Alyssa Wronski

My time at the University of Delaware has truly been incredibly rewarding with some of the most impactful experiences involving undergraduate research. Eager to be involved, I began working in my first research lab freshmen year, across Dr. Klintsova's lab in Psychological & Brain Sciences, and Dr. Johnson's lab in Biomedical Engineering, providing me with extensive neuroscientific-based research skills. Next, I shifted to the Voice and Motor Lab in Communication Sciences & Disorders with Dr. Katherine Verdolini Abbott and Dr. Aude Cardona which was enriching both personally and for my future career aspirations. All of my research experiences were supported by UDRAW, allowing me to pursue research with financial support. Through the URP, I completed a Senior Thesis over the past year exploring the relationship between emotional trauma and voice disorders in a Scoping Review, and presented a poster at the Winter Showcase featuring work towards my thesis.

Research has fostered such a fulfilling learning environment in my education and has been key to my success. I graciously thank the Undergraduate Research Program for their support throughout every endeavor! Upon graduating from UD, I will be attending the MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston for my Master's in Speech-Language Pathology and plan to pursue a concentration in voice disorders, and will continue to pursue research.

I wish all of you the best of luck in the rest of your education at UD and beyond! It has been very inspiring highlighting your accomplishments through social media and the newsletter! My personal advice would be to take advantage of every opportunity, and enjoy every single moment, because it will be over before you know it!

With gratitude and great appreciation ,
Your writer of the URP newsletter, Alyssa Wronski

Meet with Us!

If you have any questions about undergraduate research, want to talk through a research idea, or need any help at all you can always set up an appointment with our office. Fill out an appointment request through the following link and Yoo Jin will reach out to you: [HERE](#)