

Dear Dr. Christopher Crawford,

I hope all is well with you and that your REU program is off to a great start. This is just to follow-up on my earlier email to encourage you to spread the word to your students about our virtual symposium

*"Exploring Innovation in Appalachia: An Undergraduate Research Symposium"*

taking place on **August 11**. We have just extended the registration deadline through **July 16** and encourage your students to consider registering. The entire event is **free** and there will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd poster in each of three categories: Mathematics and Physical Sciences; Social Sciences; Humanities. Although the entire event will be virtual, we will be using GatherTown to emulate an in-person experience this year.

The event aims to showcase research from undergraduate students presenting in the areas of astronomy, biology, chemistry, communication studies, environmental geoscience, geography, geology, history, mathematics, physics or world languages, literatures and linguistics to present research, connect with fellow students across Appalachia and beyond, meet world-class faculty and graduate students, and learn about WVU's research facilities. Further information about the event can be found [here](#).

Please alert your REU students, and any others that you think would be interested, and encourage them to apply. I really appreciate your help. Do feel free to contact me if you have any further questions about the event.

With best regards

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