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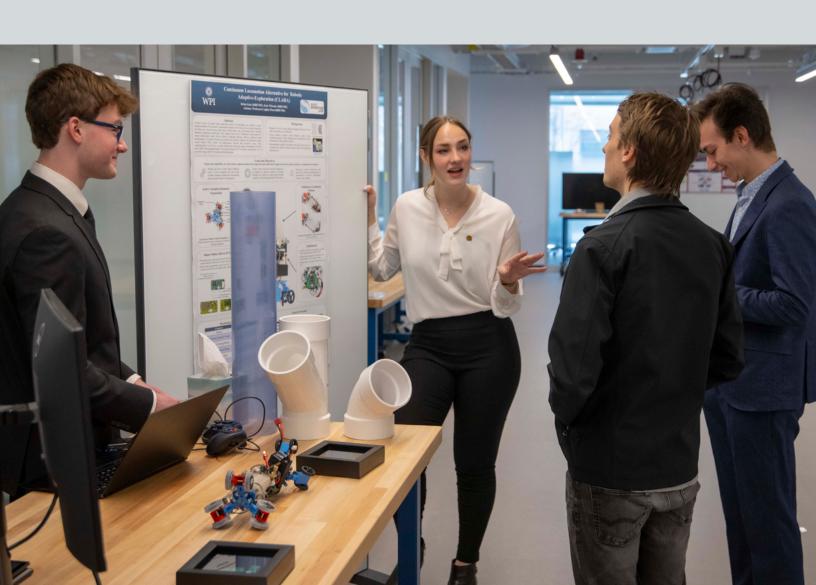
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### **Undergraduate Research Projects Showcase**

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The purpose of the change in the event name is to better reflect to the outside world, and to reinforce to our own community, that research, design, and creative scholarship are integral to our project-based approach to STEM-focused education," said Arne Gericke, interim dean of undergraduate studies.

A celebration of research, design, and creative theses—a requirement of every graduating senior through the Major Qualifying Project (MQP)—takes place each spring on campus. Classes are cancelled during the showcase so the entire community can appreciate the breadth and depth of undergraduate research activities—and their potential to change the world. Student teams representing all academic departments present their work to their faculty advisors, external sponsors, and the community-at-large, and the public is invited. One of three significant academic projects all WPI students complete, the MQP is the culmination of a project-based educational experience that prepares students for their journey after graduation.

The project experience provides students with the skills to lead team efforts, to communicate professionally, to meet deadlines and exceed expectations, to deal with ambiguity and unexpected difficulties, and to consider not just the technical, but the ethical and social dimensions of their work. The projects must be thoroughly documented in written reports, and virtually all teams make oral presentations of their results. These are the presentations you will see today.

Often MQPs lead to publications in peer-reviewed journals, presentations at regional and national conferences, and patents. Some become the foundations for entrepreneurial ventures. Others become useful innovations and products for their corporate sponsors. But no matter what becomes of an MQP, the chances are it has already served as an effective capstone to a WPI education and a profound steppingstone to a successful and rewarding career and life.

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# Aerospace Engineering Department

**Location: HL 218** 

#### 8:30am

### Structural Design Analysis of the Burnelli CBY-3 Loadmaster and DC-3

Aaron Boyer, Amaya Massari, Jacob Moore, Nicholas Paszczuk, Emily Raynowska, Gabrielle Tims

Advisor: Prof. Blandino

#### 8:50am

# Computational Fluid Dynamic (CFD) Analysis of the Burnelli CBY-3 Loadmaster

Nicholas Orlovsky, Maria Wojciechowski Advisor: Prof. Blandino

#### 9:10am

# Design of Micro Rover for Lunar Polar Exploration

David Acuna, Zachary Angell, William Fisher, Corbin Grubb, Watts Herideen-Woodruff, Lily Kinne, Marcela Mayor, Travis McGregor, Caleb Powell

Advisor: Prof. Karanjgaokar

#### 9:30am

#### Design and Testing of an Amphibious AUV

Michael Beskid, Ryan Brunelle, Calista Carrignan, Robert Devlin, Toshak Patel, Kofi Sarfo Advisor: Prof. Demetriou

Co-Advisor: Prof. Loris Fichera (RBE)

#### 10:00am

# Micro-Aircraft Design for 2023 AIAA DBF Competition

Julian Robles, Noah Mester, Sean McMahon, David Reynolds, Anwar Hughes-Crawford, Alex Psenicka Advisor: Prof. Yuan

#### 10:20am

# Design of an RC Aircraft for the 2023 AIAA Design, Build, Fly (DBF) Competition

Noah Cook, Nicholas Fiorenza, Dylan Gerisch, Tyler Guertin, Drake Hamblin, Newton Le, Nickolas Pellegrini, Joseph Salvato

Advisor: Prof. Olinger

#### 10:40am

## Design and Analysis of a High-Powered Model Rocket

Tiana Am, Emily Abbe, Bryce Bragdon, Paul Coccomo, Garrett Devlin, Logan Frandsen, Sarah Hildreth, Megan Malito, Jacob Roller, Kevin Schultz, Mason Thyng, Hunter Wagner Advisor: Prof. Taillefer

#### 11:00am

### Mitigating Boil-Off in Cryogenic Spacecraft Propellant Tanks

Jacob Borowsky, Jack Charbonneau, John Dougherty, Alexander Lagle, Nicholas Masse, Jacob Mitchell, Deep Patel, Rory Veguilla Advisor: Prof. Jayachandran

#### 11:20am

## **CubeSat Development for Identification of Space Debris**

Dinmukhammed Abdimash, Benjamin Brady, Dev Gujarathi, Matthew Liliedahl, Connor Moriarty, Kaitlyn Smith, Ryan Weeks, Benjamin Workinger Advisor: Prof. Demetriou, Prof. Gatsonis, Prof. Taillefer

# **Bioinformatics & Computational Biology**

# POSTER SESSION, 9:30am to 11:30am Campus Center, Odeum

Using Protein Interaction Modeling to Understand Exocyst Assembly and Tethering Dynamics in Exocytosis

Chloe Byrne

Advisor: Luis Vidali

# Simulating Intestinal Microbiotic Interactions with Agent Based Modeling

David Datta

Advisor: Liz Ryder, Reeta Rao

# **Defining the Role of RIC-8 in Neuronal Heat Shock Response**

Adam LaBombard

Advisors: Inna Nechipurenko, Liz Ryder

### Analysis of Metrowest Student Mental Health Data

Wesley Lo

Advisors: Ben Nephew, Dmitry Korkin

Investigating the Epigenetic Basis for Disease Tolerance Using scRNAseq Analysis of Influenza-Infected Mouse Lung Cells

**Emmaline Raven** 

Advisor: Jeremy Luban (UMMS), Liz Ryder

Expanding the Beecology Project's Data Analysis Capabilities for Butterfly Observations

Sophia Strano

Advisor: Carolina Ruiz, Liz Ryder

### **Biology & Biotechnology**

# POSTER SESSION, 9:30am to 11:30am Campus Center, Odeum

## **Estrogenic Effects of OTC Promensil on Breast Cancer Cells**

Gabrielle Paquette, Hannah Smith Advisors: Mike Buckholt, Jill Rulfs

### Determining How Infected Macrophages Evade Natural Killer Cell Antibody Dependent Cellular Cytotoxicity

Michelle Pan

Advisors: Kiera Clayton, Reeta Rao

### Exploring the effects of CBD on C. elegans with 6-OHDA induced Parkinson's Disease to determine potential therapeutic implications

Claire Behning, Amanda Holbrook

Advisors: Mike Buckholt, Jill Rulfs, Suzanne

Scarlata

# Effects of codon content and context on transcript stability and translation efficiency in *M. smegmatis*

Olivia Atkins

Advisor: Scarlet Shell

# The Role of The Map Kinase Pathway in *C. elegans* Immune Response Against *C. albicans*

Susanna Oppong Advisor: Reeta Rao

# Bat activity is related to habitat type and structure in managed barrens in New England

Natalie Kay, Amelia Sadlon Advisor: Marja Bakermans

### Suv420 Localization During Mitosis is Regulated by Phosphorylation

Hannah Shell

**Advisor: Amity Manning** 

### Exploring Exogenous Cannabinoids as a Potential Therapeutic for the Reduction of Oxidative Stress in C. Elegans Model Systems

Alexia Barcus, Hannah Kachadoorian

Advisor: Mike Buckholt, Jill Rulfs, Jagan Srinivasan

#### **Investigating the Common Loon Syrnix**

Kaylee Gladu

Advisors: Mike Buckholt, Jill Rulfs, Jay Mager (Ohio Northern), Mark Pokras (Tufts Vet School)

# Examining the Effects of Phytoestrogens on Prostate Cancer Cells

Ally Breen, Lia Kelly

Advisors: Mike Buckholt, Jill Rulfs

## Effects of 2,3-dihydroxybenzoate on Growth and Antibiotic Resistance in *E. coli*

Dana Littlefield, Tammie Zhu Advisor: Mike Buckholt

# Evaluating environmental interference in outdoor automated radio telemetry systems

Vinh Tran

Advisor: Marja Bakermans

### Little Balls of Stress: Understanding the Activation Pathway of Resveratrol-Induced Stress Granules

Katherine Stratton Advisor: Natalie Farny

### Characterizing the Kekkon Family as Adhesion Molecules

Hannah Allen Advisor: Joe Duffy

## Structural Analysis of Kek1's Interaction with the EGFR

Alex Boucher Jr Advisor: Joe Duffy

# Stressed Out! Role of GPER1 in BPA-Induced Stress Granule Formation

Hope Hutchinson Advisor: Natalie Farny

### fNIRS study on Tacit Knowledge in Manufacturing

**Alex Breiling** 

Advisors: Benjamin Nephew, Yihao Zheng

### **Fast Food Waste**

Alex Guerra, Wirt Jones

Advisors: Mehul Bhatia, Reeta Rao

### **Biomedical Engineering**

# Salisbury Labs Kinnicutt Hall Room 115

#### 9:05am

# 3D Bioprinting of an Aortic Valve with Cell-Laden Hydrogels

Gillian Ebeling, Priyanka Joshi, Chloe Naasz, Khushi Soni

Advisor: Sakthikumar Ambady

#### 9:25am

# Automatic Feeding Device for Premature Infants in Low-to-Middle Income Countries

Alexis Compton, Melissa Hauman, Samantha Havel, Kelsey Leach

Advisors: Dirk Albrecht, Solomon Mensah

#### 9:45am

## Developing a Behavioral Assay for Tinnitus Characterization

Myah Caplan, Jacob Mills Advisor: Adam Lammert

#### 10:10am

#### **Design of a UCL Regeneration System**

Carter Bach, Abigail Bartynski, Jonathan Coco, Julia Sherwin

Advisors: George Pins, Dr. David Magit (BIDMC)

#### 10:30am

# System for Reporting Malfunctioning Biomedical Devices in Accra, Ghana

Ana Grandgeorge, Elisabeth Lynn

Advisors: Solomon Mensah, Robert Krueger

### 10:50am

### Validating and Manufacturing a Bio-realistic Surgical Phantom for Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgical Training

Caitlin Bonavita, Binh Diec, Alex मुं॥, Andrew Sifferlen

Advisors: George Pins, Dr. Thomas Cataldo (BIDMC)

### Salisbury Labs Room 104

#### 9:05am

### User Study and Optimization of Wearable Transcutaneous Oxygen Sensor

Sydney Hobson, Abigail Leonardi, Ciara Murphy, Vanisha Rohera

Advisor: Ulkuhan Guler

#### 9:25am

# Improving Pulse Oximeters to Measure Blood Oxygen Saturation Accurately for All Skin Types

Khaled Jarad, Ian Lafountain, Kaylie Lunderville, Emily Pacheco, Marcel Paolillo, Casey Peris Advisors: Taimoor Afzal, Funmi Ayobami

#### 9:45am

# Designing an In Vitro Model of Uterine Myometrium to Study Intramural Uterine Fibroids

Zara Alkaff, Elizabeth Hicks, Micah Wilde Advisors: Catherine Whittington, Marsha Rolle

#### 10:10am

#### **Artificial Tongue Actuation Device**

Tatyana Barthold, Hope Soucy, Luese Ufuah, Marc Voorhees, Declan Williams

Advisors: Dirk Albrecht, Pradeep Radhakrishnan

#### 10:30am

#### Metric to Characterize Baseball Pitcher Fatigue

Kyle Johns, Charlotte Kokernak, Crystal Murray, Amy Ngan

Advisor: Karen Troy

### Salisbury Labs Room 105

#### 9:05am

### Development of a Needle Insertion System for Ultrasound-Guided PCNL

Alexander King, Abhinav Palisetti, Cabot Priestner, Haohao Yi

Advisors: Haichong Zhang, Yihao Zheng

#### 9:25am

Modeling the Endothelial Glycocalyx Post Pneumonectomy in a 3D Fluidic Chip

Eric Johnson, Mia Long, John Martel, Megan

Ouellette, Sudish Vengat Advisor: Solomon Mensah

#### 9:45am

Haptic Feedback Controller for Robotic Neurointervention

Troy Mullenberg, Shiyue Wang, Ethan Wilke Advisors: Haichong Zhang, Yihao Zheng, Ziming

Zhang

#### 10:10am

Microfluidic Chip Design for Studying Ultrafiltration Failure in the Fibrotic Peritoneum

Cleo Caldwell, Alison Drapeau, Araceli Baeza Gonzalez, Gabriel Rivera

Advisors: Catherine Whittington, Diana Alatalo

#### 10:30am

Microfluidic Bioreactor to Simulate Fluid Flow in a Tissue-Engineered Heart Valve

Casey Chabra, Rachel Drasser, Emma Smith, Alexandra Taylor Advisor: Kristen Billiar

### Salisbury Labs Room 305

#### 9:05am

Neuroblastoma Tumor on a Chip: Groundwork for a Fluidics Model of the Hypoxic Tumor Microenvironment

Priscilla Anand, Gabrielle Healey, Santiago Rivero, Madison Sanborn, Tiffany Saunders Advisor: Jeannine Coburn

#### 9:25am

Automation of an Accurate, Auditory-Based Blood Pressure Monitor

Riley Baranowski, John Clewley, Abigail Maynard, Aaron Searth, Vy Tran Advisors: Dirk Albrecht, Pradeep Radhakrishnan

#### 9:45am

Developing a Standard Procedure for Comparing the Effects of *Artemisia annua*, Artemisinin, and Artesunate on Fibroblasts

Sarah Francis, Molly McGinn, Bella Vignola Advisors: Raymond Page, Pamela Weathers

#### 10:10am

Detecting and Alerting Risk of ACL Injury in Female Horizontal Jumps Due to Changes in Athletic Performance

Sarah Boynton, Cayla Jumpp, Dreya Martin, Michaela Mattson, Emma Shulenburg

Advisors: Funmi Ayobami, Zoe Reidinger

#### 10:30am

Injectable Glycosaminoglycan-Based Hydrogel Drug Delivery System

Christina Avakian, Emelia Carleton, Akhil Chilamkurthi, Andrew Voronin Advisor: Jeannine Coburn

#### **Business**

# POSTER SESSION, 9:30am to Noon Unity Hall 420

A Marketing Plan for an Alternative Method of Workplace Safety in the U.S Construction, Transportation, and Mining Industries Based on Realtime Impairment Detection

Franco Bazzini, Gevorg Khukeyan Advisor: Edward Gonsalves

Sponsor: Sobereye

# Analysis of Agricultural Development Opportunities in Buxton, Guyana

Abdoul Barry, Ralph Lambert, Michael Modine,

Benjamin Sseruwagi

Advisors: Walter Towner, Harold Walker (CEEV)

Sponsor: Kristophe Zephyrin

### Analysis of Stigma Towards the Mental Health Discussion via Social Media

Mark Buono, Rachelle Gonzales, Jada Hinds-Williams,

Josephine Kim

Advisors: Adrienne Hall-Phillips, Nima Kordzadeh,

Jeanine Skorinko (SSPS)

### Analyzing Housing Market Trends with Data and External Factors

Alex Bolduc, Reagan Brunelle, Aleksander Proko,

Yueting Zhu

Advisors: Robert Sarnie, Michael Elmes, Marcel Blais (MA), Wilson Wong (CS)

Sponsor: Angelo Gordon

#### **Chaos Engineering for Cloud Resiliency**

Nestor Lopez, Renee Sawka, Olivia Scola Advisors: Robert Sarnie, Wilson Wong (CS)

Sponsor: State Street Financial

# Continuing Development of a Cloud – Based Enterprise Resource Planning System for Gompei's Goat Cheese

Gabrielle Acquista, Victoria Buyck, Benjamin Sakac,

Sohrob Yaghouti

Advisors: James Ryan, Michael Engling (CS)

Sponsor: Gompei's Goat Cheese

#### **Design of WPI Townhouses**

Christopher Cavallaro, Aidan Murphy, Thijs Seppenwolde, Nicholas Willey, Noah Willey

Advisors: James Ryan, Nima Rahbar (CEAE),

Jessica Rosewitz (CEAE)

Sponsor: Worcester Polytechnic Institute

## Developing Marketing Recommendations for the LEAP at WPI/QCC

Gabrielle Puchovsky, Lilly Proulx

Advisors: Walter Towner, James Eakin (LEAP) Sponsor: Worcester Polytechnic Institute

# Development of Predictive and Prescriptive Analytical Models Using Customer, Revenue, and Usage Data

William Bazakas-Chamberlain, Abigael Kihu,

Michael O'Connor, Shiyu Wu

Advisors: Robert Sarnie, Marcel Blais (MA),

Wilson Wong (CS)
Sponsor: SaasWorks

# Efficiency Analysis of Partner Organizations: Poverty Stoplight

Kayla Brown, Rebecca Noris, Catherine Salvaggio,

Hayden Smith

Advisors: Andrew Trapp, Ryan Madan (PW),

Daniel Reichman (CS) Sponsor: Poverty Stoplight

## **Evaluating Economic Feasibility and Design of Modular Production Systems in the Steel Industry**

Elise Deshusses, Aaliyah Royer, Kenneth Savage,

Advait Surana

Advisor: Sara Saberi Sponsor: Gen-H

# Evaluating Quality, Environmental Impact, and Economic Sustainability In Support of Benchmarking Efforts At Twelve Guns Brewing

Domenic DiCenso, Danta Coccagnia, Mary Suckow

Advisors: Edward Gonsalves, Walter Towner,

Aaron Sakulich (CEAE)

Sponsor: Twelve Guns Brewing

#### **Fidelity: AI Based Anomaly Detection**

Aruzhan Koshkarova, Nathan Kumar, Mitchell Sirois,

Austin Zhou

Advisors: Robert Sarnie, Marcel Blais (MA),

Wilson Wong (CS)

Sponsor: Fidelity Investments

### Improving the Shipping & Receiving Process at Sjogren Industries Inc.

Isabella Landivar, Rayna Sharma

Advisor: Renata Konrad

Sponsor: Sjogren Industries Incorporated

#### Management Engineering Analysis of WPI Lunabotics Engineering Team

Jaden Meng, Corey Logan

Advisors: Walter Towner, Kenneth Stafford (RBE)

Sponsor: Worcester Polytechnic Institute

## Manufacturing Process Standardization at Affordable Interior Systems

Brianna Ankstitus, Martin Carrau, Malyssa Deranian,

Heather McGlauflin, Cherylle Eliza Sabilla

Advisor: Walter Towner

Sponsor: Affordable Interior Systems

#### **Process Improvement at Saint-Gobain**

Nicole Logrecco, Holly Mason,

Irune Sesma Matamoros, Gabriel Tamayo Uribe

Advisor: Sharon Johnson

Sponsor: Saint-Gobain Abrasives

### **Process Improvement at Sjogren Industries**

Gabriel Comenzo, Michael Souza

Advisor: Sharon Johnson Sponsor: Sjogren Industries

### Redesigning the Worcester Red Sox's Enterprise Mobile Application

Qui Nguyen, Kara O'Neil, Bridget Redgate

Advisors: Robert Sarnie, Sara Saberi, Wilson Wong (CS)

Sponsor: Worcester Red Sox

## Sustaining Agriculture through Social Networks in Central Massachusetts

Jeffrey Compere, Abraham Koffman

Advisors: Michael Elmes, Laureen Elgert (SSPS)

#### The Role of The Quorum Café on the WPI Campus

Calisto Betti, Kell Carlisle, Livia Thomollari Advisors: Purvi Shah, Sharon Johnson,

Oleg Pavlov (SSPS)

Sponsor: The Quorum Café

### Third Party Aggregator Development for FDX API Integration at Citizens Bank

Chelsea Chang, Kevin Inger, Jonathan Metcalf,

Jack Sullivan

Advisors: Robert Sarnie, Wilson Wong (CS)

Sponsor: Citizens Bank

# Utilizing Waste to Provide an Economically Viable Alternative to Roofing in Accra, Ghana

Jackson Baker, Michael Morin

Advisors: Debora Jackson, Walter Towner, Mustapha Fofana (ME), Robert Krueger (SSPS)

Sponsor: Academic City University

### Worcester IS Fab Lab MQP Blockchain and Machine Learning Report

Joshua DeBare, Mabel Konadu, Kelsey Moody,

Cameron Morreale, Qingbei Shang

Advisors: Robert Sarnie, Marcel Blais (MA),

Wilson Wong (CS)

Sponsor: FAB Lab for Social Good

### **Chemical Engineering**

### Poster Session 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Salisbury Labs 402

### **Encapsulation and Characterization of Bacteriophage Loaded in Liposomes**

Julia Afthim, Dylan Rapoport, Wasef Raza

Advisor: Christina Bailey-Hytholt

# Assessing Gene Expression in Trophoblast Cells after Delivery of Nucleic Acid Loaded Nanoparticles

Michela Benazzi, Matthew Shea Advisor: Christina Bailey-Hytholt

#### Fouling in a Diffusiophoretic Water Separations System

Albert Foun, Sam Qu, Maheer Quasem

Advisior: Andrew Teixeira

#### Pharmaceutical Catalysis: Continuous Flow Enantiopurification Reactor Design

Griffin Carloni, Zachary Carney, Robert Dec

Advisor: Andrew Teixeira

### Photocatalytic Degradation of Tetracycline using Batch and Flow Reactors

Michelle Barboza, Brent Ditzler

Advisor: Andrew Teixeira

#### **Metallic Alloy Design for Additive Manufacturing**

Patrick Devine, Grace Fitzpatrick-Schmitt

Advisor: Danielle Cote (ME)

# High Energy Density Magnesium-Air Battery for Shipping, Rail & Aviation Electrification & Grid Storage

Kurt Lindenthal, Edward Miller, Tyler Riggs, Jacqueline Simon Villacis

Advisor: Adam Powell (ME)

### **Development of Module for Fire Dynamics**

Alana Miska

Advisor: James Urban (FPE)

### Fire & Fracture Resistant Smartphone Case for First Responders

Noah Kantor, Jacob Morin

Advisor(s): Ali Rangwala (FPE), James Urban(FPE)

#### Development of a C-H Acylation Reaction in Batch & Flow

**Rachel Swanson** 

Advisor: Patricia Musacchio (CBC)

#### Valorization of Stranded Natural Gas

Elitumaini Swai

Advisor(s): Nikolaos Kazantzis, Michael Timko

### Techno-Economic Analysis of Ammonia Production in the Presence of Uncertainty

William Garvey, Paul Jasmin Nikolaos Kazantzis

### Lab Development of Electrical Resistance Heating for Soil Remediation

Rainier Vaughn

Advisor(s): David DiBiasio, Kristen Boudreau

Poster session 8:00AM – 12:00 PM Salisbury Labs 406

### **Modeling Interactions Between Carbon Dioxide & Biomolecules**

**Nathan Demers** 

Advisor: Aaron Deskins

#### **Modeling Carbon Nitride Materials**

Naomasa Tanaka

Advisor: Aaron Deskins

#### Surface Passivation of Hydride Fuel Cell for Process Safety

Abigail Calistra, Nathan Crock, Kristen Soden, Morgan Watson

Advisor: Stephen Kmiotek

### **Beverage Industry Optimization Project I**

Katelyn Bergeron, Edward Carrillo, Emily Donovan, Jessica Goode, Henry Liro, Lucas Wilson-

Wuestefeld

Advisor: Stephen Kmiotek

#### **Analysis of Pesticide Content in Cannabis Extract**

Abigail Cummings. Adam Lee, Brandon Nieto, Reya Singh

Advisor: Stephen Kmiotek

#### **CO2** Removal by Moss

Derek Baker

Advisor: Stephen Kmiotek

#### **High Energy Passive Solar Systems**

Sarah Abatiello, Emma Driscoll, Effelia Loscouski, Sydney Smith, Jade Veth Advisor(s); Stephen Kmiotek, Selcuk Guceri (ME)

#### Degradation of Per- and Poly – fluoroalkyl Substances via Advanced Oxidation Processes

Alexis Clark, Katherine Lacriox, Shayla Nguyen

Advisor(s): Stephen Kmiotek, John Bergandahl (CE)

#### **Residential PFAS Sources**

Christopher Harvill, Katherine Lacroix

Advisor: John Bergandahl (CE)

#### Characterization of a Well-Type HPGe Detector Using Standard

### John Alonzo

### **Not Presenting**

An Exploration of Tea Tannis Impact on Mouthfeel in Wine

Cameron Cronin, Toni Vigliotti

Advisor(s): Elizabeth Stewart, Eric Young

#### **Chemistry and Biochemistry**

# POSTER SESSION, 9:30am to 11:30am Campus Center, Odeum

### Discovery and Characterization of Novel Anelloviridae Protein Activities and Their Potential Cancer-Selective Toxicity

Aaron Wheeler, Chloe Byrne, Jessica Takami, and

**Shane Dancer** 

Advisor: Destin Heilman

### Silanes Form Strong Bonds to UiO-66 Metal-Organic Framework Surfaces

Abigail Berube

Advisor: Ronald Grimm

# Investigating the Role of Exosomes in the Development of Neuromuscular Junctions

Adam McKnight

Advisor: Suzanne Scarlata

### Exploring the effects of CBD on C. elegans with 6-OHDA induced Parkinson's Disease to determine potential therapeutic implications Amanda

Holbrook and Claire Behning

Advisor: Suzanne Scarlata, Jill Rulfs, and Michael

Buckholt

### Investigating the Role of Plasmalogens in C. elegans

Anna Hickman, and Sofi Murray

Advisor: Carissa Olsen

### Overexpression of ATF1 in Brewer's Yeast for an Increase in Production of Select Esters

Brandon Rein and Olivia Wallace

Advisor: Destin Heilman

### Phosphatidylinositol-4-Phosphate Domain Properties in Asymmetric Giant Unilamellar Vesicles

Catherine Reynolds Advisor: Arne Gericke

### Investigating an in vivo murine model of microglial senescence

Christina Tsillas

Advisor: Robert Dempski

### Establishing a Zebrafish Model for Venous Malformations

Eleni Bellas

Advisor: Destin Heilman

#### **Nicotinamide N-Methyltransferase Inhibition**

Eliza Mastergeorge

Advisor: Anita Mattson and Paul Thompson (Umass)

# Sustaining Silicon's Charge-Carrier Lifetimes through Nb20x5 and Organic Silane Passivation

Emma Pellerin

Advisor: Ronald Grimm

### Morphological Effects of Stretch on Actin Cytoskeleton in Cocultured Neuronal and Smooth Muscle Cells

Gismael Lopez

Advisor: Suzanne Scarlata

#### The Role of PLC\$1 in the Relocalization of EGR-1

**Grace Hadley** 

Advisor: Suzanne Scarlata

### Drug-Herb Interactions between Artemisia annua Tea, Caffeine, and Acetaminophen

Hannah Duncan and Sophia Togneri

Advisor: Suzanne Scarlata and Pamela Weathers

## The Synthesis and Properties of a Zinc Photocage Containing Aminoquinoline

Isaac Frederique

Advisor: Shawn Burdette

#### **Bioconjugation of Aliphatic Amino Acids**

Ishani Bedre

Advisor: Patricia Musacchio

### Synthesis of Zinc Photocaged Thioester Molecules for Biological Applications

Jason White

Advisor: Shawn Burdette

### Copper homeostasis in Salmonella enterica: cloning, expression, and purification of CopA transporter and CueO cuproprotein

Jeffrey Marsh

Advisor: Jose Arguello

### Determining the Relationship between DNA Double Strand Breaks and Apoptosis: Implications for Cancer Therapy

Jillian Earley

Advisor: Jose Arguello and Sharon Carter (Umass

Medical)

#### **Cellular Stress and Thioredoxin**

John Gabelmann

Advisor: Jose Arguello and Natalie Farny

## Coarse-grain lattice technique for studying protein-ligand binding

Jon Aronoff

Advisor: George Kaminski and Jennifer Mortensen

### Development of Method to Determine EDTA Concentration

Katherine Jones

Advisor: Christopher Lambert

### Interactions of Human VPS45 with Partner SNARE Proteins

Kimberly Huaman

Advisor: Arne Gericke and Mary Munson

### Investigation into Ionic and Photoredox Reactions of Sulfoxonium Ylides

Kyra Tripp

Advisor: Anita Mattson

#### **Trafficking of the Dopamine Transporter**

Lali Berelashvili

Advisor: Suzanna Scarlata, Jeanine Skorinko, and

Haley Melikian (UMass)

#### **Analyzing Cannabinoid Content in Hemp Plants**

Lauren Balukonis

Advisor: Anita Mattson

### Exploring the Role of GolT and GolB Proteins in Copper Homeostasis in Salmonella: Generation of E. coli Clones for Protein Expression

Leo Zhu

Advisor: Jose Arguello

### Bamboo for Mining Reclamation and Renewable Energy

Marissa Desir and Yiyi Wu

Advisor: Anita Mattson and Robert Krueger

## Differentiating SH-SY5Y Cells into Mature Human Neurons

Natalia Wierzbicki

Advisor: Robert Dempski

### Development of a C-H Acylation Reaction in Batch and in Flow

Rachel Swanson

Advisor: Patricia Musacchio and Andrew Teixeria

#### **Surface Functionalization of 1DL Materials**

Rebecca Ramthun Advisor: Ron Grimm

### Phosphatidylinositol Phase Behavior in the Presence of Bivalent Cations

Safiya Ali

Advisor: Arne Gericke

## Hypo-Osmotic Stress Impact on Cell Circadian Rhythms

Tovah Lockwood

Advisor: Suzanne Scarlata

### Civil Environmental Architectural Engineering

### POSTER SESSION, 12:30pm to 3:00pm Kaven Hall

#### **Solutions for an Unpaved Road**

Clara Dublin, Shannon Logan Advisor: A. Sakulich

#### **Beach Accessibility and Conservation**

Nadiya Chalak, Catie Coumounduros, Madison Garrity, Colette Webster Advisor: S. Lepage

#### **Framingham Stormwater**

Adele Brochu, Evan Rios, Kali Sander, Caitlin Strzegowski

Advisor: S. Lepage, P. Mathisen

# Improving Traffic Safety During Arrival and Dismissal at the Quinsigamond School

Rachel Flanagan, Morgan Ruoss Advisor: S. Lepage

### Route 122-Airport Rotary Intersection Redesign in Worcester

Mitchell Decelles, Theron Howe, Azat Mukhametkulov, Ritesh Prasannakumar Advisor: S. Lepage

#### Mental Health in a New WPI Residence Hall

Christopher Cavallaro, Aidan Murphy, Thijs Seppenwolde, Nicholas Willey, Noah Willey Advisor: J. Rosewitz, N. Rahbar, J. Ryan

#### **Designing Affordable Housing in Ghana**

Hannah Frieden, Kyle Mann, Eda Raycraft, James Scalise, Margot Schassler Advisor: S. Van Dessel, N. Rahbar, P. Kruger

### Tomorrow's Hurricane Resilient Hub; Designing Modular Shipping Containers for the Mountainous Region of Puerto Rico

Holly Hazelton, Makayla Delo, Emily Deptula, Aradhana Bissoondial Advisor: S. Van Dessel, T. El-Korchi, N. Ma

# Porous Concrete for Microflush Toilet Technologies

Justin Aguilar, Michael Peck, David Omura, John Lowther

Advisor: A. Sakulich, R. Kruger

# Design a Tiny House on Wheels for Wildfire and Indoor Air Quality Research and Teaching

Hannah Rodenbush, Hannah Frank, Nathalie Martin-Nucatola

Advisor: S. Liu, S. Van Dessel, N. Rahbar

### Thermal Performance of Nanoparticle Reinforced Enzymatic Construction Materials

Georgy Zhukov, Anne McNamara Advisor: S. Van Dessel, N. Rahbar

### **Tatnuck Brook Bridge Design**

Patrick Nieman, Elizabeth Valentine Advisor: L. Albano

#### **Performing Arts Center Design for WPI**

Adam Bartlett, Mark Delia, Emily Jorden, Fatimah Wattar

Advisor: L. Albano

#### Design of Terminal E at Logan Airport

Kristin Stilin, Melanie Castillo, Mike Maffeo, Jacob Gassenheimer

Advisor: T. El-Korchi

## Revised Affordable Housing for the Modern Family

Danforth Kennerson, Lucas Kamal, Talia Mamayek, Max Wojtas Advisor: S. Farzin, C. Brown, L. Albano

## Design a Net-Zero and a Resilient Building for Heatwaves

Stefanie Beaudry, Vanessa Bussiere, Sarah Johnson, Athina Theofilou

Advisor: S. Liu

#### Water Contamination from Fire Events

Emily Mullin, Dayna Tang, Luke Marcoux Advisor: J. Bergendahl, A. Rangwala, Jagan

# Regulating Human Emotional States in Build Environment

Gianna Viele, Phebe Cunningham, Sebastian

Villacorta, Hailey Anderson, Nicholas Whalen, Payton Dean Advisor: S. Farzin, A. Yousefi, L. Albano

#### **PFAS Phase Friction**

Shannon Henderson, Richard Widman, Ryan Trongone Advisor: J. Bergendahl, S. Kmiotek

# **Sudbury Renewable Renovations & Structures Project**

Keira Coulard-Smith, Sophia Callandrello, Derek Childs, Danielle Gonzalez, Lana Vilcinskas Advisor: P. Mathisen, C. Eggleston, S. Van Dessel

# Feasibility Study for Sustainable Development in the US

Adam Shi, Adam Dincher, Karris Krueger Advisor: S. Farzin, S. Van Dessel

### **Re-Evaluated WPI Campus Access**

Morgan Hughes Advisor: N. Rahbar

### **Computer Science**

#### **POSTER SESSIONS**

### **Innovation Studio, Second Floor**

10:00am-12:00pm

### PATHly Visualizer: Exploring Anycast Stability in IPv4 and IPv6

Jack Campanale, Jasper Meggitt, Yash Patel,

Cindy Trac

Advisor: Mark Claypool

Sponsor: Fastly

Project Center: Silicon Valley Project Center

10:00am-12:00pm

#### **Developing a 3D Food Printer**

Ashley Burke, Nupur Shukla

Advisors: Rodica Neamtu, Danielle Cote (ME)

10:00am-12:00pm

### Z^3 Wellness: An Enhanced Sleep Health Application for Better Sleep and Mental Wellness

Eri Kim, Patrick Mejia Advisor: Carolina Ruiz

10:00am-12:00pm

## Warden: Multi-Layered Control Flow Integrity in Web Applications

Keith DeSantis, Samuel Parks, Kush Shah

Advisor: Craig Shue

10:00am-12:00pm

#### Neurotype Cafe Visual Novel

Lena Dias, Harmoni Larrabee, Mitch Tanguay Advisors: Rose Bohrer, Ben Schneider

10:00am-12:00pm

### **Data-Driven Computational Approaches in Pain Medicine**

Aidan Burns, Lauren Flanagan, Smera Gora Advisors: Lisa Ann Conboy (Harvard Medical), Benjamin Nephew (Biology & Biotechnology), Carolina Ruiz

Caronna Kuiz

10:00am-12:00pm

# Efficiency Analysis of Partner Organizations: Poverty Stoplight

Kayla Brown, Rebecca Noris, Catherine Salvaggio,

Hayden Smith

Advisors: Ryan Madan (PW), Daniel Reichman,

Andrew C. Trapp (IE/DS)
Sponsor: Poverty Stoplight

10:00am-12:00pm

#### A Visual-Based Educational Support Platform for Teaching and Learning Neural Network-Based NLP Analytics

Jack Gomes, Daniel Johnson, Garrett McMerriman,

John Prominski, Henry Yoder Advisor: Chun-kit Ngan (DS)

10:00am-12:00pm

### **Understanding and Optimizing Mistake Messages** in Mathematics

Shannen Lin, Siddhartha Pradhan, Chayanne

Sandoval-Williams

Advisors: Neil Heffernan, Stacy Shaw (SSPS)

10:00am-12:00pm

## Advancing Diffusion Models for Human Activity Recognition

Sirut Buasai, Jason Dykstra, Dillon McCarthy,

Cindy Trac

Advisor: Elke Rundensteiner (DS)

10:00am-12:00pm

#### Exploring the Effects of Latency Compensation Techniques on Player Performance and Experience in FPS Games

Ivan Klevanski, Alexander Mitchell, Yihong Xu,

Sitsanok Young

Advisor: Mark Claypool Sponsor: NVIDIA

10:00am-12:00pm

#### Fidelity: AI Based Anomaly Detection

Aruzhan Koshkarova, Nathan Kumar, Mitchell

Sirois, Austin Zhou

Advisors: Marcel Y. Blais (MA), Robert Sarnie (BUS),

Wilson Wong Sponsor: Fidelity

10:00am-12:00pm

### Patients Views of Cancer Immunotherapy on Social Media and Online Forums

Sidney Goldinger, Florkenthia Jolibois, Sierra Mangini, Mago Sheehy, Tiffany Wee Sit

Advisor: Ngan Chun-kit (DS)

10:00am-12:00pm

#### **Mobile Device Software-Defined Networking**

Matthew Hlushko, Ivan Martinovic, Jacob Salerno

Advisor: Craig Shue

10:00am-12:00pm

Developing a Wildlife Crime Media Aggregator

Julie Andrade, Michael Geary, Bao Huynh

Advisors: Kyumin Lee, Renata Konrad (MG), Oren

Mangoubi (MA)

Sponsor: Meredith Gore, Patricia Raxter

10:00am-12:00pm

Feature Recognition of Aerial Images Using Machine Learning

Ryan Firenze, Margaret Munroe, Sebastian Pineda,

Amos Roche, Arman Saduakas Advisors: Oren Mangoubi (MA), Gregory Noetscher (ECE) Sponsor: DEVCOM Soldier Center

10:00am-12:00pm

Sailbot

Samuel Alden, Douglas Moore, Cameron Pelletier,

Owen Pfannenstiehl, Joshua Unger

Advisors: William Michalson (RBE), Kenneth

Stafford (RBE)

10:00am-12:00pm

NASA Lunabotics Competition 2022-23

Alex Brattstrom , Carter Bullock , Roopsa Ghosh,

Patrick Hagearty, Helen Le, Joshua Moy

Advisors: Kenneth Stafford(RBE), Joshua Cuneo(CS),

Sponsor: NASA

10:00am-12:00pm

Fair Ranking Under Uncertainty

Marie Tessier, Sai Varun Vadlamudi,

Brinda Venkataraman

Advisors: Jon Abraham (MAC), Elke Rudensteiner

10:00am-12:00pm

USDA Foodborne Illness Outbreak Detection and Visualization

Katy Hartmann, Timothy Kwan, Jasmine Laber,

Anne Lapsley, Liam Rathke Advisor: Elke Rundensteiner

10:00am-12:00pm

Coalition Formation and Scheduling for Heterogeneous Robot Swarms with Ant Colony Optimization

William Babincsak Advisor: Carlo Pinciroli

10:00am-12:00pm

Applying Explainable AI to Taxi Driver Classification

William Burke, Ian Coolidge, JinRyoul Kim

Advisor: Yanhua Li

10:00am-12:00pm

**Evolving Neural Networks** 

Gregory Conrad, Gabriel Deml, Aidan Horn

Advisor: Joseph Beck

10:00am-12:00pm

FinTech Project B22 - Woo Sox - Improving Polar Park's Total Fan Experience via the Woo Sox Mobile App.

Qui Nguyen, Kara O'Neil, Bridget Redgate Advisors: Sara Saberi (Business), Robert Sarnie

(Business), Wilson Wong Sponsor: Worcester Red Sox

Project Center: FinTech Project Center

10:00am-12:00pm

Worcester IS Fab Lab MQP Blockchain and Machine Learning

Joshua DeBare, Mabel Konadu, Kelsey Moody,

Cameron Morreale

Advisors: Marcel Blais (MA), Rob Sarnie (BUS),

Wilson Wong

Sponsor: Embue, Cyvl, Worcester IS FAB Lab

10:00am-12:00pm

**Audio Journal Android App** 

Anna Cherkinsky, Vansh Patel, Reily Siegel Advisors: Lane Harrison, Rodica Neamtu

Sponsor: Audio Journal

10:00am-12:00pm

ScreamaeraX: Modeling Laryngeal Surgical Robots Using Differential Dynamic Logic

Natalie McClain

Advisors: Rose Bohrer, Loris Fichera (RBE)

10:00am-12:00pm

The Way

HChen, JColley, FShen, JSmith

Advisors: MAhrens, Walt Yarbrough(IMGD)

10:00am-12:00pm

Third Party Aggregator Development for FDX API Integration at Citizens Bank

Chelsea Chang, Kevin Inger, Jonathan Metcalf,

Jack Sullivan

Advisors: Robert Sarnie (BUS), Wilson Wong

Sponsor: Citizens Bank

Project Center: Wall Street FinTech

1:00pm-3:00pm

Developing Quality of Life Features for the E-TRIALS Platform

Emily Gorelik

Advisor: Neil Heffernan

1:00pm-3:00pm

Goatconnect - developing a student-athlete network application

Loren DiLoreto, Jacob Feiss, Harrison Kyriacou

Advisor: Rodica Neamtu

Sponsor: Chris Robertson (Head Football Coach)

1:00pm-3:00pm

Chaos Engineering for Cloud Resiliency

Nestor Lopez, Renee Sawka, Olivia Scola Advisors: Robert Sarnie (BUS), Wilson Wong

Sponsor: State Street

Project Center: Wall Street/FinTech Project Center

1:00pm-3:00pm

**GPU-Accelerated Simulations for Artistic** 

Performance

Evelyn Tran

Advisor: Charles Roberts

1:00pm-3:00pm

Exposing the Imposter's Hunger for Power: Hardware Keylogger Attack Detection

Brianna Roskind

Advisors: Patrick Schaumont (ECE), Robert Walls

1:00pm-3:00pm

Simulator for Teacher-Student Classroom Interactions

Mary Braen, Gabriel Camacho, Emily Lin, Ryan Luu,

Aidan Mulcahey, Jonathan Palmieri Advisor: Jacob Whitehill(CS)

1:00pm-3:00pm

**Generating Solitaire Games** 

Patrick Eaton, Benjamin Gilchrist, Alex Martinho,

Kyle McFatter, Jason Odell Advisor: George Heineman

1:00pm-3:00pm

**Robot Escape Room** 

Olivia Bell (IMGD/CS), Liang Lu (RBE/CS), Zachary

Sarrett

Advisors: Berk Calli (RBE), Melissa Kagen (IMGD),

Gillian Smith

1:00pm-3:00pm

**Small-Size Soccer Robots** 

Spencer Belleville, Conner Christensen, Ashley Espeland, Logan Rinaldi, Nathan Rogers, Benjamin

Schwantes, Evan Vadeboncoeur, Yifei Zhao

Advisors: Stephen Bitar (ECE), Joshua Cuneo, Alireza

Ebadi (ME), Siavash Farzan

1:00pm-3:00pm

Sewn Into Memory: Reliving Memories Through An AR Quilt

Amanda Jones, Megan Letendre, Elise Nerden

Advisors: Gillian Smith, Erin Solovey

1:00pm-3:00pm

Remote-Controlled Mixed Reality Driving Experience

Greg Klimov, Samuel Kwok, Cole Manning, Mason

Powell, Sam Rowe, Adam Yang

Advisor: Tian Guo Sponsor: NSF

1:00pm-3:00pm

SocialSight: Analyzing Social Media

Carlie Flanagan, Kiara Munz Advisor: George Heineman

1:00pm-3:00pm

Distribution-Driven Augmentation of Real-World Datasets for Improved Cancer Diagnostics With Machine Learning

Stephen Price

Advisors: Rodica Neamtu, Winston Soboyejo (ME)

1:00pm-3:00pm

BCI

David Danielian

Advisors: Ally Howell (BCB), Erin Solovey

1:00pm-3:00pm

Learning Debiased Representations for Long-Tailed Visual Recognition

Prudence Lam

Advisor: Ziming Zhang (ECE)

1:00pm-3:00pm

**Creating the Pwnable Claw Machine** 

Arthur Ames, Charlotte Clark, Evelyn Dube,

Declan Murphy

Advisors: Robert Walls, Loris Fichera (RBE)

1:00pm-3:00pm

**Piniverse: General Content Creation Framework** 

Gabriel Buonomano, Shiming De, Alexander Kwan,

Yongcheng Liu, Yihong Xu

Advisors: Tian Guo, Gillian Smith

1:00pm-3:00pm

Analyzing DASH Video Streaming over Geostationary Satellite Networks

Daniel Quackenbush, Kristi Prifti, Zijian Guan

Advisor: Mark Claypool

Sponsor: Viasat

1:00pm-3:00pm

7Factor 2022-2023: Staffing Tool

Keval Ashara, Othniel Bondah, Nicholas Li

Advisor: Joshua Cuneo

Sponsor: 7Factor Software, LLC

1:00pm-3:00pm

#### **Built Environment MQP**

Hailey Anderson, Phebe Cunningham, Payton Dean, Gianna Viele, Sebastian Villacorta , Nicholas Whalen Advisor: Leonard Albano (AE) Soroush Farzin (AE) Ali Yousefi

1:00pm-3:00pm

#### **Electric Triumph Spitfire MKIV (1972)**

Blaise Pingree, Bradley Sprunger, Grace Magnotta, Pat Flanigan, Sean McMillan, Shane Donahue, Wynn Roberts

Advisors: Craig Putnam (RBE), Donald Brown (ECE), Joshua Cuneo, Nicholas Bertozzi (RBE),

1:00pm-3:00pm

### **Incremental Earley Parsing of Incomplete Inputs for Structured Editing**

Finn Wander Advisor: Gary Pollice

1:00pm-3:00pm

### **Expanding Beecology Project's Data Analysis Capabilities for Butterfly Observations**

Sophia Strano

Advisors: Carolina Ruiz, Elizabeth Ryder (BCB)

1:00pm-3:00pm

# Audio Journal: empowering visually impaired people to access exhibits at the Worcester Museum of Art

Zane Carey, Vrandol Perez, Daniel Rabinovitz, Marko Vila, Michael Zeolla

Advisors: Lane Harrison, Rodica Neamtu

Sponsor: Worcester Art Museum

1:00pm-3:00pm

### Bismuth: A Programming Language for \_ Distributed, Concurrent & Mobile Systems

Alex Friedman

Advisors: Rose Bohrer, Yunus Telliel (PW)

1:00pm-3:00pm

### Development of Predictive and Prescriptive Analytical Models Using Customer, Revenue, and Usage Data

WBazakas-Chamberlain, AKihu, MO'Connor, SWu

Advisors: Robert Sarnie, Wilson Wong

Sponsor: SaaSWorks Project Center: FinTech 1:00pm-3:00pm

#### Modular Package for Autonomous Driving

Rohan Anand, Martin Bleakley, Allison Colon,

Ian Khung, Ishan Rathi

Advisor: Pradeep Radhakrishnan (ME)

1:00pm-3:00pm

#### **Imperius**

Matthew Hendrickson, Benjamin Martin Advisors: Joseph Beck, Ben Schneider (IMGD)

1:00pm-3:00pm

#### Implementation of a Cloud-Based Enterprise Resource Planning System for Gompei's Goat Cheese

Gabrielle Acquista, Victoria Buyck, Benjamin Sakac,

Sohrob Yaghouti

Advisors: Michael Engling, Jim Ryan (Business)

Sponsor: Gompei's Goat Cheese

1:00pm-3:00pm

#### Library Technology

Brandon Scanlon, Oliver Yasuna Advisor: George Heineman

1:00pm-3:00pm

### Jitter and Latency in Cloud Game Streaming

Ryan Darcey, Botao Han, Sean O'Connor,

Wenjie Zhang

Advisor: Mark Claypool

1:00pm-3:00pm

#### The Way

HChen, JColley, FShen, JSmith

Advisors: MAhrens, Walt Yarbrough(IMGD)

1:00pm-3:00pm

# Assessing Path-Planning Algorithms for Collaborative Multi-Robot Exploration with Memory Constraints

Nicholas Grumski, Abigail Hyde Advisor: Carlo Pinciroli (RBE)

1:00pm-3:00pm

### Creating a Multi-Robot, Multi-Human, Multi-Platform System

Samantha Braun, Alyssa Magaha Advisors: Jane Li, Carlo Pinciroli

1:00pm-3:00pm

#### **Marching Band Simulator**

Braden Arnold, Sydney Gardner, David Mahany, Jacob Matthews

Advisors: Joshua Rosenstock (HUA), Gillian Smith

1:00pm-3:00pm

# **Detecting Clouds and Forecasting Power of a PV System**

Erin Carter, Emma Pruitt, Olivia Rockrohr, Megan Hanlon Advisors: Tian Guo, Gregory Noetscher (ECE), Ziming Zhang (ECE)

1:00pm-3:00pm

# Convert a Windows-based software (BoGL) to a Web-based system

Margaret Earnest, Jakob Misbach, Anthony Vuolo III Advisors: David Brown, Pradeep Radhakrishnan

### **Data Science**

# POSTER SESSION, 1:00pm to 3:00pm Location: Unity Hall 500

# Advancing Diffusion Models for Human Activity Recognition

Cindy Trac Dillon McCarthy Sirut Buasai Jason Dykstra

Advisor: Elke Rundensteiner

# Understanding player movement in the NFL, from Scouting Combine to games

Matthew Dzwil Mia Hopman Katie Housekeeper

Advisors: Yanhua Li and Kenny Ching

# USDA Foodborne Illness Outbreak Detection and Visualizations

Katy Hartmann Timothy Kwan Jasmine Laber Anne Lapsley Liam Rathke

Advisors: Elke Rundensteiner and Oren Mangoubi

# Data-Driven Computational Approaches in Pain Medicine

Lauren Flanagan Smera Gora Aidan Burns

Advisors: Carolina Ruiz, Benjamin Nephew, and

Lisa Conboy

#### Developing a Wildlife Crime Media Aggregator

Julie Andrade Michael Geary Bao Huynh

Advisors: Kyumin Lee, Renata Konrad, and Oren

Mangoubi

# Efficiency Analysis of Partner Organizations: Poverty Stoplight

Hayden Smith Rebecca Noris Catherine Salvaggio Kayla Brown

Advisors: Andrew Trapp, Daniel Reichman, and

Ryan Madan

# Interpretability of Deep Neural Networks for Pre-Symptomatic Pathogen Exposure Detection

Maceo Richards

Advisors: Xiaozhong Liu and George Heineman

#### **Clinical Trial Prediction**

Calvin Rambacher

Advisors: Xiaozhong Liu and Fabricio Murai

### Analysis of Stigma Towards the Mental Health Discussion on Social Media

Mark Buono Rachelle Gonzales Jada Hinds-Williams Josephine Kim

Advisors: Adrienne Hall-Phillips, Nima Kordzadeh,

and Jeanine Skorinko

#### **Fidelity: AI Based Anomaly Detection**

Aruzhan Koshkarova Nathan Kumar Mitchell Sirois Austin Zhou

Advisors: Marcel Y. Blais, Robert Sarnie, and

Wilson Wong

Sponsor: Fidelity LLC

### Development of Predictive and Prescriptive Analytical Models Using Customer Revenue and Usage Data

William Bazakas-Chamberlain

Abigael Kihu Michael O'Connor

Shiyu Wu

Advisors: Marcel Y. Blais, Robert Sarnie, and

Wilson Wong

Sponsor: SaaSWorks

# Worcester IS FAB Lab MQP on Blockchain and Machine Learning

Qingbei Shang Joshua Debare Kelsey Moody Mabel Konadu Cameron Morreale

Advisors: Marcel Y. Blais, Robert Sarnie, and

Wilson Wong

Sponsor: Worcester IS FAB Lab

### Analyzing Housing Market Trends with Data and External Factors

Alex Bolduc Reagan Brunelle Aleksander Proko Yueting Zhu

Advisor: Marcel Y. Blais, Robert Sarnie, Wilson

Wong, and Michael Elmes

Sponsors: New York City-based Alternative

**Investment Firm** 

### Risk Indifference Pricing of American Put Options: Deep Learning for Reflected Backwards Stochastic Differential Equations

Fredrick "Forrest" Miller Advisor: Stephan Sturm

## Answering Unique Questions Pertaining to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Steven Tran Tia Mehta Dylan Shanes

Advisor: Torumoy Ghoshal

### Machine Learning with User-Friendly Data Generation for Computer Vision-Based Navigation

Amos Roche Ryan Firenze Margaret Munroe Sebastian Pineda

Arman Saduakas

Advisor: Oren Mangoubi

### A Visual-Based Educational Support Platform for Teaching and Learning Neural Network-Based NLP Analytics

Garrett McMerriman Daniel Johnson Jack Gomes Henry Yoder John Prominski

Advisor: Chun-Kit Ngan

### A BERTopic Platform for Perceiving Patients' Views of Cancer Immunotherapy on Social Media and Online Forums

Mago Sheehy Sierra Mangini Florkenthia Jolibois Tiffany Wee Sit Sidney Goldinger Advisor: Chun-Kit Ngan

# Multi-Class Classification of Bets and Parlays for DraftKings Sportsbook

Ryan Dieselman Jack Fredo Jackson Lombardi Cameron Tomko Advisor: Rick Brown

**Grace Casey** 

### Understanding and Optimizing Mistake Messages in Mathematics

Siddhartha Pradhan Chayanne Sandoval-Williams Shannen Lin

Advisor: Neil Heffernan and Stacy Shaw

# **Electrical and Computer Engineering**

# POSTER SESSION, 9:00am to Noon Atwater Kent Labs, Hallway Floor 1

#### Electric Jet ski

Matthew Fredo, Patrick Hyland, Antonio Torres, Isaac Tufts, Samuel Boudreau (ME), James Hammel (ME), Mathieu Michaud (ME), Blake Pedersen (ME), Zachery Therrien (ME) Advisors: Mehul A. Bhatia (ME), Stephen J. Bitar

### Playing Pong for Stroke Rehabilitation Therapy Using a Real-Time Wireless Wearable Electromyogram Sensing System

Dilan Altiparmak, Alexandria Miera, Alicia Salvalzo Advisor: Ted Clancy

### Open Source 5G Networks, Spoofing Attacks and Proof-of-Concept Multi-Node Continuous Spectrum Analysis

Kena Dudac, John Matthews, Matthew Zoner, Eric Heinemann (CS), Conor McDonough (CS), John Petrarca (CS)

Advisors: Alexander Wyglinski, Robert Walls (CS)

# User Study and Optimization of Wearable Transcutaneous Oxygen Sensor

Abigail Leonardi, Vanshika Rohera, Sydney Hobson (BME), Ciara Murphy (BME) Advisor: Ulkuhan Guler

# Open Source IC Design for Post Quantum Cryptography

Alexander Demirs, Bruce Huynh, Matthew Wong Advisors: Patrick Schaumont, Herman Servatius (MA)

# High Altitude Balloon for Measuring Environmental Pollution - HAB 4.0

Connor Borsari, Nicholas Chantre, Jonathan Lopez, Drew Solomon

Advisor: Gregory Noetscher

# POSTER SESSION, 9:00am to Noon Atwater Kent Labs, Hallway Floor 2

#### Formula Electric SAE for 2022-2023

Daniel Ali (ME), Jared Bushnell (ME),
Sophie Chretien (ME), Edward Clifford (CS),
Javier Espinal, Eric Gustafson (ME),
Ori Katz, Emily Kelley (RBE),
Henry Livingston, Pranjal Mann (ME),
James Mitchell (RBE), Macy McEnaney (ME),
Peter Murray (ME), Matthew Reynolds (CS),
Michael Rideout, Alan Robertson, Thomas Walsh
(ME), Sam Sands (ME),
Alexander Wessel, Noah Wolf
Advisors: William Michalson (RBE),
David Planchard (ME)

# Detecting Clouds and Forecasting Power of a PV System

Megan Hanlon, Emma Pruitt, Olivia Rockrohr, Erin Carter (CS),

Advisors: Gregory Noetscher, Tian Guo (CS)

### Ropeless Lobster System: Resurfacing Oceanic Locator

Caylee Butler (ME), Slater Campbell, Trevor Parks (ME), Charlie Snow (CS) Advisor: William Michalson (RBE)

### Photon Emission and Laser-Assisted Side-Channel Analysis of Hardware Implementations

Evan Wu

Advisor: Shahin Tajik

# **Electrical and Computer Engineering**

### POSTER SESSION, 9:00am to Noon Atwater Kent Labs, Pumpkin Lounge, Floor 1

# Virtual Conference with Augmented Technology

Weizhe Wang

Advisor: Xinming Huang

# WPI Center for Well-Being Electrical System Design

Thuyen Nguyen

Advisor: Stephen J. Bitar

### Automate Model Data into a Physics-Based Analytic Software

Maya Ellis

Advisor: Shamsnaz V. Bhada

Sponsor: MITRE

#### **Small-Size Soccer Robots**

Benjamin Schwantes Advisor: Stephen J. Bitar

#### **Audio-Based Object Recognition**

Zhuolin Liu, Michael Rothstein

Advisor: Bashima Islam

### Vulnerability Analysis of Security ICs Against Laser Fault Inject

Kyle Mitard

Advisor: Shahin Tajik

# Real-Time Temperature Controlled Microalgae Incubator Testbed

Max To, Katerina Angjeli Advisor: Stephen J. Bitar

# Open Source FPGA Implementation of Number Theoretic Transform for CRYSTALS-Dilithium

Brandon Voci

Advisor: Patrick Schaumont, Herman Servatius (MA)

#### **Humanities and Arts**

# PRESENTATIONS, 12:00pm to 1:30pm Higgins House

#### 12:20pm

Integrating Herbal Medicine into Modern Healthcare Systems: A Case Study on *Artemisia* annua in China, the US, and Kenya Sophia Togneri, Major in Intl/Global Studies Advisor: John Galante

#### 12:40pm

**Semiconductors in Taiwan** Abigail Leonardi, Minor in Chinese Advisor: Jennifer Rudolph

#### 12:50pm

#### Inosculation

Shannon Henderson, Minor in Creative Writing Advisor: Kate McInryre

#### 1:00pm

### An Analysis of Regency Era Romance in Sense and Sensibility

Alex Jozitis, Minor in Drama/Theater Advisor: Laura Eckelman

#### *1:10рт*

Gender in Dance: How Salsa and Mambo Reflect Heteronormativiry Jay Yen, Minor in Spanish Advisor: Aarti Madan

#### 1:20pm

The Bureaucracy of the Nr Rocket Garrett Devlin, Minor in History Advisor: Joe Cullon

# Interactive Media and Game Development

### **FL Upper Perreault Hall**

#### 10:00am

#### **Imperius**

Matthew Hendrickson, Kurtis Kiai, Benjamin Martin, Aaron Waldman Advisors: Joe Beck (CS), Ben Schneider (IMGD)

#### 10:15am

#### The Way

Oliver Chen, Joe Colley, Shen Fang, Jaden Smith-Borne

Advisors: Matt Ahrens (CS), Walt Yarbrough (IMGD)

#### 10:30am

# Exploring the Crossroads: Augmented Reality and Tabletop Roleplaying Games

Warren Andress, Shawn Finnigan, Alex Jozitis Advisors: Melissa Kagen (IMGD), Kevin Lewis (HUA)

#### 10:45am

#### Jitter and Latency in Cloud Game Streaming

Ryan Darcey, Botao Han, Sean O'Connor, Wenjie Zhang

Advisor: Mark Claypool (IMGD/CS)

### 11:00am

### Break

#### 11:15am

#### **Marching Band Simulator**

Braden Arnold, Sydney Gardner, David Mahany, Jacob Matthews

Advisors: Josh Rosenstock (IMGD/HUA), Gillian Smith (IMGD/CS)

#### 11:30am

#### **Piniverse: General Content Creation**

#### Framework

Gabriel Buonomano, Shiming De, Alexander Kwan,

Yongcheng Liu

Advisors: Tian Guo (CS), Gillian Smith (IMGD/CS)

#### 11:45am

#### **Robot Escape Room**

Olivia Bell, Nathan Clune, Lillie DeHaemer, Liang Lu, Grace O'Reilly, Zachary Sarrett Advisors: Berk Calli (RBE), Melissa Kagen (IMGD), Gillian Smith (IMGD/CS)

#### 12:00pm

#### **Lunch Break**

Stay for more presentations in the afternoon, starting at 1:30!

#### 1:30pm

#### **Gnome Hollow**

Diego Arce, Kirsten Roethel, Alan Roush, Garrett Sheehan

Advisors: Gillian Smith (IMGD/CS), Ralph Sutter (IMGD)

#### 1:45pm

### Exploring the Effects of Latency Compensation Techniques on Player Performance and Experience in FPS Games

Ivan Klevanski, Alexander Mitchell, Yihong Xu, Sitsanok Young

Advisor: Mark Claypool

### 2:00pm

#### Retro Video Game Project

Zihang Chen, Alexandra McFann Advisor: Adryen Gonzalez (IMGD/HUA)

#### 2:15pm

#### **Django Unplugged**

Nadiyah Garris, Geoff Garsson, Yaseen Nagib, Victoria Rindeiko, Hanwen Xu Advisor: Farley Chery (IMGD)

### 2:30pm

#### **Break**

#### 2:45pm

### **Last Chance: Graphic Novel**

Daniel Pacheco-Cruz

Advisors: Adryen Gonzalez (IMGD/HUA), Ed

Gutierrez (IMGD/HUA)

### 3:00pm

### Jazz History Database Virtual Museum

Thi Quynh Ha Nguyen, Niko Pelletier Advisors: Charlie Roberts (IMGD/CS), Ralph Sutter (IMGD)

### 3:15pm

#### **Neurotype Café**

Lena Dias, Harmoni Larrabee, Mitch Tanguay Advisor: Rose Bohrer (CS/IMGD), Ben Schneider (IMGD)

### 3:30pm

### **Purradise City**

Kateri Bajer, Zack Koval, Erin Marczewski, Percy Rynkowski

Advisor: Rose Bohrer (CS/IMGD), Adryen Gonzalez (IMGD/HUA), Ben Schneider (IMGD)

#### MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

### **Unity Hall 520**

8:30am-Refreshments

9:00am

**Project Title:** An Application for Generating Bond

Graphs on the Web.

**Students:** Margaret Earnest (CS), Jakob Misbach (CS, math minor), Anthony Vuolo III (MA/CS) **Advisors:** Brigitte Servatius, David C, Brown.

Pradeep Radhakrishnan

9:15am

Project Title: Risk Indifference Pricing of

American Put Options.

**Students:** Frederick "Forrest" Miller

Advisors: Stephan Sturm

9:30am

Project Title: Multiscale Muscle Modeling

**Students:** Liz Cole **Advisors:** Sam Walcott

9:45am

**Project Title:** Extracting and Visualizing Wildlife Trafficking Events from Online News Articles **Students:** Julie Andrade, Michael Geary, Bao

Huynh

Advisors: Oren Mangoubi, Renata Konrad,

Kyumin Lee

10:00am

**Project Title:** Tiling of Prime and Composite

Kirchhoff Graphs.

Students: Jessica Wang

Advisors: Joseph D. Fehribach

10:15am Break

10:30am

**Project Title:** Methods for Learning What Works

in Educational Technology

**Students:** Anshika Jain, Brendan King

**Advisors:** Adam Sales

10:45am

**Project Title:** Open-Source FPGA Implementation of Number Theoretic Transform for CRYSTALS-

Dilithium.

Students: Brandon Voci

Advisors: Herman Servatius, Patrick Schaumont

(Electrical and Computer Engineering)

11:00am

Project Title: Non-Linear Dimension Reduction of

Crypto-Currency Data.

Students: Lyra Layne, Cole Peterson, Ben Rajotte,

Taenler Tavares

Advisors: Stephan Sturm, Fangfang Wang

11:15am

Project Title: Fidelity: AI Based Anomaly

Detection

Student Names: Aruzhan Koshkarova, Nathan

Kumar, Mitchell Sirois, Austin Zhou

Advisor(s): Marcel Blais, Robert Sarnie, Wilson

Wong

**Sponsor:** Fidelity

11:30am

Project Title: Make Business Data Actionable

Students: William Bazakas-Chamberlain, Michael

O'Connor. Abigail Kihu, Shiyu Wu

Advisors: Marcel Blais, Robert Sarnie, Wilson

Wong

11:45am

**Project Title:** Feasibility of PIPS Device for Applications in Neutron Radiation Measurement

**Students:** Nicole Dombrowski

Advisors: Marcel Blais, David Medich

12:00pm

**Project Title:** An M-Estimator for the Survivor

Average Treatment Effect **Student:** Lora Dufresne

Advisors: Adam Sales, Alexander Smith

12:15pm

**Project Title:** Machine Learning with User-Friendly Data Generation for Computer Vision-

based Navigation

**Students:** Ryan Firenze, Margaret Munroe, Sebastian Pineda, Amos Roche, Arman Saduakas

Advisors: Oren Mangoubi

### 12:30pm

Project Title: Bamboo for Mining Reclamation and

Renewable Energy **Students:** Yiyi Wu

**Advisors:** Sarah Olson, Robert Krueger (SSPS, Director of Ghana Project Center), Berk Calli

(RBE).

Sponsor: Ghana Project Center

# Mechanical and Materials Engineering (MME) Department Projects

Time: 8.30am – 12pm (Alden Hall)

### 1. Design and Prototyping of a Wankel Engine

Students: Patrick Leach, William Hopkins,

Ryan Gillett, Yutai Han Advisor: Selcuk Guceri

# 2. Design, Simulate, Build, and Test an RC Airplane

Students: Kalle Asaro, Delaney Cox, Heather

Oxford, Everett Wonson Advisor: Alireza Ebadi

Sponsors: BAE Systems, Aimtek, Oxford

Consulting

#### 3. Smart Mechanical Backstop

Students: Emily Doucette, Marissa Lamprey,

Joseph Salvon, Adam Marsh, Jeffrey

Brennan

Advisor: Christopher Brown

#### 4. Locker with Accessible High Shelf

Students: Annika Keck, Colin Canniff

Advisor: Eben Cobb

# 5. Reconstruction of a High-Rise Fire Using Experimental and Computational Techniques

Students: Abigail Benoit, Grace Cummings,

Matthew Guarneri, Peter Guertin Advisor: Milosh Puchovsky (FPE)

# 6. An Improved Actuation System for an Artificial Tongue Prosthesis

Students: Luese Ufuah, Tatyana Barthold, Hope Soucy, Marc Voorhees, Declan

Williams

Advisors: Pradeep Radhakrishnan, Dirk

Albrecht (BME)

Sponsor: Women's Impact Network

# 7. Modular Package for Autonomous Driving (mPAD)

Students: Rohan Anand, Martin Bleakley, Allison Colon-Heyliger, Ian Khung, Ishan

Rathi

Advisors: Pradeep Radhakrishnan, Kaveh

Pahlavan (ECE, CS)

### 8. High Energy Density Magnesium-Air Battery for Shipping, Rail and Aviation Electrification and Grid Storage

Students: Kurt Lindentha, Tyler Riggs, Edward Miller, Jaqueline Simon-Villacis

Advisor: Adam Clayton Powell

# 9. Mechanism Design for Avoiding Ice Deformation in Fixed Docks

Students: Tim Loosigian, James Barrera,

Cole Rabe

Advisor: Alireza Ebadi

#### 10. Smart Net

Students: Michael Sposato, Noah Skinner, Joseph Durocher, Aidan Lynn, Noah Litzinger

Advisor: Alireza Ebadi

# 11. Small Jet Engine Test Fixture, Design and Fabrication

Students: Amanda Forgione, Bradley Markiewicz, Alexander Almazan, Matthew

Lovoi, William Stottlemyer Advisor: Selcuk Guceri

#### 12. Electric Jet Ski

Students: James Hammel, Zachery Therrien, Blake Pedersen, Mathieu Michaud, Samuel Boudreau, Isaac Tufts, Antonio Torres, Patrick Hyland, and Mathew Fredo

Advisors: Mehul Bhatia, Steven Bitar (ECE)

# 13. Robot Ecosystem for Monitoring Climate Change

Students: Kalina Bonofiglio, Lauryn Whiteside, Maya Angeles, Matthew Haahr,

Brandon, Simpson, Josh Palmer

Advisor: Markus Nemitz

### 14. BoGL Web: An Application for Generating Bond Graphs on the Web

Students: Margaret Earnest, Jakob Misbach,

**Anthony Vuolo** 

Advisors: David C. Brown (CS), Pradeep Radhakrishnan, Brigitte Servatius (MA)

#### 15. Fast Food Waste

Students: Alexander Guerra, Wirt Addison

Jones IV

Advisors: Mehul Bhatia, Reeta Rao

# **16.** Realistic Shoulder Model with Soft Tissue Attachments

Students: Kelly Miller, Fiona McEvilly,

Marilyn Senger Advisor: Fiona Levey

# 17. Development of 3D Printed Humanoid Robots, Koalby and Ava, as Lab Assistants

Students: Aashish Singh Alag, Zeñia Alarcon, Emily Austin, Tessa Lytle, James Van Milligen Advisors: Pradeep Radhakrishnan, Kaveh

Pahlavan (ECE)

# **18. Getting 3D Printed Humanoid Robots,** Koalby and Ava, to Stand and Walk!

Students: Joshua Fernandez, Erin Lee, Tessa Lytle, Finbarr O'Sullivan, Casey Snow Advisors: Pradeep Radhakrishnan, Kaveh

Pahlavan (ECE)

#### 19. Developing a 3D Food Printer

Students: Nupur Shukla, Ashley Burke, Julia

Toplyn

Advisors: Danielle Cote, Rodica Neamtu (CS)

#### 20. Low Profile Home Speaker

Students: Abigail McLean, Aidan Nunes,

Brandon Cote, Joseph Martin

Advisor: Joseph Stabile

# 21. Utilizing Waste to Provide an Economically Viable Alternative to Roofing in Ghana

Students: Michael Morin, Jackson Baker Advisors: Robert Krueger (SSPS), Debora Jackson (BUS), Walter Towner (BUS),

Mustapha Fofana

# 22. Design, model and manufacture an internal combustion engine

Student: Qianchen Zeng Advisor: Alireza Ebadi

#### 23. Elevator Rope Sway Monitoring

Students: Jack Johnson, Sage Ortega-Shue, Martin Wadzinski, David Bilis, Jay Yen, Kyle

Lopez, Tyler Sanderville

Advisors: Pradeep Radhakrishnan, Cosme

Furlong

Sponsor: OTIS Elevator Company

#### 24. Army Exoskeleton

Students: Roe Hendrick, Alexander Strickland, Luke Reid, Francesco Valagussa, Liudmila Serebrennikova, Nicholas Biliouris Advisors: Mehul Bhatia, Songbai Ji (BME),

Haichong Zhang (RBE/CS)

## 25. Design of an Air Blower System for Fuel Cells

Students: Sarah Homsy, Evan MacGregor,

Grace Blackadar, Jane Spear Advisor: Ahmet Subuncu

Sponsor: Honeywell International, Inc.

## 26. A Transfection Device for Mammalian Cells

Students: Walter Conway, Anthony Bozza,

Shelby Tweedie, Luis Sandoval

Advisors: Sakthikumar Ambady (BME), Ahmet Can Sabuncu, Aswin Gnanaskandan

# 27. Boot Insole-Based Triboelectric Power Generation in Military Applications

Students: Robert Hyers, Andrew Ferrecchia, Kyle MacPherson, Katherine Morissette Advisors: Pratap Rao, Gregory Noetscher (ECE)

Sponsor: U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Soldier Center

#### 28. Solar Agribots

Students: Taylor Frederick, Ashley Pavlov, Noelle Crump, Philgen Simpson, Jay Piyajarawong, Travis Thompson, Lin Guan, Tianshu Wang, Vasil Bozdo

Advisors: Mehul Bhatia, Nicholas Bertozzi (RBE), Joseph Bec (CS), Markus Nemitz (ECE)

# 29. Development of Formative Stress Models and Projects

Student: Emily Coughlin

Advisors: John Sullivan, Sarah Jane Wodin-

Schwartz

#### **30. Saving Bicycles**

Students: Hannah Boucher, Michaela Kelly,

Molly MacAllister, Kian Tuma

Advisor: Fiona Levey

### 31. Design of Adjustable Rehabilitative-Assisted Mechanism for Rodents Suffering from Spinal Cord Injury

Students: Yanbo Dai, Xianhan Jia, Zhengrong

Tang, Haojun Yan

Advisors: Yuxiang Liu, Xiangnan Kong (CS)

#### 32. Smart Wearable Football Helmet

Students: Amanda Smith, Regan Krizan, Julie Lee, Mitchell DeVillers, Adam Olson Advisors: Mehul Bhatia, Songbai Ji (BME)

# 33. Design, Optimization and Testing of an Electric Formula SAE Vehicle

Students: Thomas Walsh, Alex Wessel, Alan Robertson, Jared Bushnell, Sam Sands, Ori Katz, James Mitchell, Edward Clifford, Daniel Ali, Michael Rideout, Javier Espinal, Peter Murray, Macey McEnaney, Emily Kelley, Pranjal Mann, Matthew Reynolds, Eric Gustafson, Sophie Chretien, Henry Livingston, Noah Wolf Advisors: William Michaelson (RBE, CS, ECE), David Planchard Sponsors: Solidworks, Peterson Steel, Aimtec, SendCutSend, Hoerr Racing Products, Palmer Raceway, Forgione Engineering, Enhanced Street Performance, Autodesk, CBRE

# 34. Repurposing PLA into 3D Printing Filament

Students: Adam Murrison, Collin Levin,

Connor Cumming, Ethan Knight

Advisor: John Sullivan

#### 35. Clearing Ocean Plastic Trash

Students: Daniel Correa, Sakeena Ghandour, Khalil Haboub, Kaitlin Kelley, John Muirhead, Lily Spero, Shane Stevens, Eli

Zimmerman

Advisors: Joseph Beck (CS), Nicholas

Bertozzi (RBE), Selçuk Güçeri

#### 36. Fuel Cell Cooling System

Students: Karl Ghosn, Alferid Hussin Shifa

Advisors: Ahmet Can Sabuncu

Sponsor: Honeywell International, Inc.

# 37. Developing a Household Level Smart Composter

Students: Sola Hoffman, Emily Giancola, Hayley Gray, Rebecca Marion, Grace Rydout

Advisor: Sarah Jane Wodin-Schwartz

# **38. Design and Manufacturing of a Wankel Engine**

Students: Daniel Colgate, Kevin Pine, Ferris Florman, Patrick Keiran, Christopher Martin,

Deniz Terek

Advisor: Selçuk Güçeri

# **39. EHD Driven Smart Vapor Compression** Cycle

Student: Ashton Lyon Advisor: Jamal Yagoobi

# 40. The Design of New Synthesis Approach for Low-Cost, Low Environmental Impact Boride

Students: Edwin Joseph, Sanjeet Pawar,

Brian Montenegro

Advisors: Yu Zhong, Jize Zhang, Rui Wang

Sponsor: Saint Gobain

#### 41. Alpine Ski Edge Sharpness and Slicing

Students: Richard J. Kern, Dylan Z. Flegel

Advisor: Christopher A. Brown

# **42.** Device to Aid in Mechanical Ventilation of Obese Patients

Students: Giulia Herszage Rocha, Mackenzie

Damon, Kelly McDonald, Rachel Chan,

Madelyn Thrasher Advisor: Kristen Billiar

Sponsor: Dr. Farrukh Ahmad, Saint Vincent

Hospital

# 43. High Energy Passive Solar System Design in Santa Fe, New Mexico

Students: Emma Driscoll, Jade Veth, Maren Cork, Sarah Abatiello, Effelia Warden,

Sydney Smith

Advisors: Selcuk Guceri, Stephen Kmiotek

(CE), Elisabeth Stoddard (IGSD)

### 44. Detecting Ice Nucleation in Supercooled Red Blood Cell Samples

Students: Madison Gass, Grace Jolin, Isabel

Nearing, Kathryn Woodland

Advisors: Sakthikumar Ambady (BME),

Ahmet Can Sabuncu

Sponsor: Massachusetts General Hospital

### 45. Electric Triumph Spitfire MKIV (1972)

Students: Bradley Sprunger, Blaise Pingree, Grace Magnotta, Wynn Roberts, Shane Donahue, Sean McMillan, Rachael Smith, Patrick Flanigan

Advisors: Nicholas Bertozzi (RBE/ME), Joshua Cuneo (CS), Donald Brown (ECE),

Craig Putnam (RBE)

# 46. A Robotic Platform for At-Home Ultrasound Diagnostic Imaging

Students: Abbey Blauser, Madeline Brady, Christopher Thomas, Elizabeth Viveiros Advisors: Yihao Zheng, Ziming Zhang (ECE)

# 47. Transfection Device to Modify Mammalian Cells

Students: Steven Defreitas, Emily Frick, Benjamin Nguyen, Gianluca Panza Advisors: Sakthikumar Ambady (BME), Aswin Gnanaskandan, Ahmet Can Sabuncu

#### 48. 6-Axis Mobile Construction 3-D Printer

Students: Aaron Longo, Christian Stilwagen

Advisor: Mohammad Mahdi Agheli

Hajiabadi

# 49. Non-linear spring systems for managing loads in sports

Students: Jenny Albores, Dylan Ham, Walter

Rodriguez, Skyler Wise

Advisor: Christopher A. Brown

# **50.** RoboCup Small Sized League Soccer Robots

Students: Spencer Belleville, Ashley Espeland, Evan Vadeboncoeur, Yifei Zhao, Miya Judy, Logan Rinaldi, Conner Christensen, David Lapointe, Noah Page, Nathan Rogers, Benjamin Schwantes Advisors: Siavash Farzan (RBE), Alireza Ebadi, Stephen Bitar (ECE), Joshua Cuneo (CS)

# 51. Medical Simulation Testbed for Interventional Cardiology and Neurology

Students: Nick Miragliotta, Michael Nason, Victor Paiz, Marc Rosenthal, Isadora Sorpol Advisors: Yihao Zheng and Ziming Zhang

(ECE)

### **Physics Department**

#### Olin Hall 107

9:30am

STEM Education Research: Impacts of

**Ungrading** 

Mike MacGregor Advisor: Ben Pollard

9:45am

WPI Hybrid Power/Research Reactor:

**Developing the Facilities to Perform Small** 

**Angle Neutron Scattering** 

Clark Apuy, Aaron Demers

Advisor: David Medich

10:00am

 $Feasibility \ of \ Using \ a \ PIPs \ Detector \ for \ Neutron$ 

Detection

Nicole Dombrowski (MA) Advisor: David Medich

10:15am

**Spectroscopy of Cosmological Molecules** 

Amy Welch

Advisor: Douglas Petkie

10:45am

 ${\bf Laboratory\ Spectroscopy\ of\ Glycolal dehyde\ for}$ 

**Interstellar Applications** 

Mara Decesare, Alex Kiely Advisor: Douglas Petkie

11:00am

**Microwave Photonic Integrated Circuit** 

Characterization

Nathaniel Gamboa, Thomas Emrick (MME)

Advisor: Douglas Petkie

11:15am

**High Frequency Moisture Detection for Pulp** 

and Paper Applications

Sahana Venkatesh Advisor: Douglas Petkie 12:30pm

**Adapting Taylor Dispersion to Microfluidics** 

Scale

Geneva Isaacson

Advisor: Francesca Bernardi (MA)

12:45pm

Modeling Diffusion in Microchannels with

**Dead-End Pores** 

Spencer Francis

Advisor: Francesca Bernardi (MA)

1:00pm

**Intro to Acoustics Course Development** 

**Rhys Forster** 

Advisor: Joe Stabile (MME), Rudra Kafle

1:15pm

**Black Hole and Quantum Heat Engines** 

Maxwell Dargie

Advisor: Padmanabhan Aravind

1:30pm

**Effects of Physical Confinement on Cancer Cell** 

**Mechanics** 

Mason Miguel Advisor: Qi Wen

1:45pm

**Quantum Sensing of Magnetic Biomaterials** 

Camille McDonnell Advisor: Raisa Trubko

### **Professional Writing**

# POSTER SESSION, 11:00am to 12:00pm Higgins House

Analysis of Poverty Stoplight's Organizational Questionnaire and the Relationship between Survey Design and Response Rate

Kavla Brown

Advisors: Ryan Madan (PW) and Andrew Trapp (IE)

Sponsor: Poverty Stoplight

### A Rhetorical Framework for Programming Language Design

Alex Friedman

Advisors: Yunus Telliel (PW) and Rose Bohrer (CS)

#### Incidence of Female Reproductive Cancers in Correlation with Socioeconomic Status in NY State as a Marker of BPA Exposure

Hope Hutchinson

Advisors: Brent Faber (PW) and Natalie Farny (BBT)

#### A Public Health Study on the Unintended Impacts of Marijuana Legalization in the United States

Khaled Jarad

Advisors: Brent Faber (PW) and Afzal Taimoor (BME)

#### Creating an Inclusive & Accessible Patient Education Booklet for a Decellularized Wound-Healing Patch

Anastasia Mina

Advisors: Shana Lessing (PW) and Sakthikumar

Ambady (BME)

### Exploring Standardization: The Implementation of SOPs in Physics

Sahana Venkatesh

Advisors: Kevin Lewis (PW) and Douglas Petkie

(Physics)

### Exploring the Crossroads: Augmented Reality and Tabletop Role-playing Games

Shawn Finnigan

Advisors: Kevin Lewis (PW) and Melissa

Kagen (IMGD)

### Robotics Engineering Department

### **Unity Hall – Room 243**

8:30am

**Bird Deterrent Robot** 

Name(s): Brandon Chong; Jack Leserman; Jake

Mercier; Jeremy Trembley; Jolie Walts

Advisor Name(s): Professors Greg Lewin; William

Michalson; Jing Xiao

8:45am

CLARA – Continuum Locomotive Alternative

for Robotic Adaptive exploration

Name(s): Derik Pignone; Blaise Schroeder Advisor Name(s): Professor Cagdas Onal

9:00am

**Robot Escape Room** 

Name(s): Olivia Bell; Nathan Clune; Lillie DeHaemer;

Liang Lu; Grace O'Reilly; Zachary Sarrett

Advisor Name(s): Professors Berk Calli; Melissa

Kagen; Gillian Smith

9:15am

Symbiotic Multi-Agent Construction 3.0

(SMAC 3.0)

Name(s): Jacob Leavitt; Kayla Lepping; Jose Rivera;

Brian Shin

Advisor Name(s): Professors Greg Lewin; Carlo

Pinciroli

9:30am

**Upper Body Motion Mechanism** 

Name(s): Jacob Bernard; Ryan Kievra

Advisor Name(s): Professor Mohammad Mahdi

Agheli Hajiabadi

9:45am

**Wheeled Bipedal Robot** 

Name(s): Brian Boxell

Advisor Name(s): Professors Mohammad Mahdi

Agheli Hajiabadi; William Michalson

10:15am

**Robot Ecosystem for Monitoring Climate Change** 

Name(s): Maya Angeles; Kalina Bonofiglio; Matthew Haahr; Joshua Palmer; Brandon Simpson; Lauryn

Whiteside

Advisor Name(s): Professor Markus Nemitz

10:30am

**Bone-in Soft Hand** 

Name(s): Brian Fennell; Mason Figler; Ndenda Mutsaku Fierro; Joelynn Petrie; Ethan Turett Advisor Name(s): Professors Mohammad Mahdi

Agheli Hajiabadi; Markus Nemitz

10:45am

Humanoid Nursing Robot Research Platform (Gopher)

Name(s): Maanav Iyengar; Yveder Joseph; Hoang

Nguyen

Advisor Name(s): Professors Jane Li; Bashima Islam

11:00am

Super-elastic Continuum Robot for Endoscopic Articulation and Manipulation (SCREAM 5.0)

Name(s): Christopher DeMaio; Julia Farnum; Ananya

Gopalan; Jacquelyn Lopez

Advisor Name(s): Professors Loris Fichera; Yuxiang

Liu

11:30am

Assessing Path-Planning Algorithms for Collaborative Multi-Robot Exploration with Memory Constraints

Name(s): Nicholas Grumski; Abigail Hyde Advisor Name(s): Professor Carlo Pinciroli

11:45am

Creating a Multi-Robot, Multi-Human, Multi-Platform System

Name(s): Samantha Braun; Alyssa Magaha

Advisor Name(s): Professors Jane Li; Carlo Pinciroli

12:00pm

Khepera IV Gripper Module for Multi-Robot Self-Assembly and Collective Transport

Name(s): Yasmine Aoua; Chandler Garcia; Julian Poindexter; Zachary Rivernider; William Stanley Advisor Name(s): Professors Carlo Pinciroli; Gregory

Lewin; Stephen Bitar

12:15pm

**Small-Size Soccer Robots** 

Name(s): Spencer Belleville; Conner Christensen; Ashley Espeland; Logan Rinaldi; Nathan Rogers; Benjamin Schwantes; Evan Vadeboncoeur; Yifei Zhao

Advisor Name(s): Professors Siavash Farzan; Stephen Bitar; Alireza Ebadi; Joshua Cuneo

#### 1:30pm

#### Beach Swarm - Phase IV

Name(s): Lucia Bernard; Sophia Cheng; Cooper

Ducharme; Benjamin Watkin

Advisor Name(s): Professors Nicholas Bertozzi;

Haichong Zhang

#### 1:45pm

#### **DigSafe Autonomous Cable Detection**

Name(s): Victoria Heffern; Grace Holden; Zach

Jester; Leo Morris

Advisor Name(s): Professors Gregory Lewin; Jing

Xiao

#### 2:00pm

### Electric Conversion of a Triumph Spitfire MKIV (1972)

Name(s): Shane Donahue; Patrick Flanigan; Grace Magnotta; Sean McMillan; Blaise Pingree; Wynn Roberts; Rachael Smith; Bradley Sprunger Advisor Name(s): Professors Nichola Bertozzi; Donald Brown; Joshua Cuneo; Craig Putnam

#### 2:15pm

#### Modular Package for Autonomous Drive (mPAD)

Name(s): Rohan Anand; Martin Bleakley; Allison Colon-Heyliger; Ian Khung; Ishan Rathi Advisor Name(s): Professor Kaveh Pahlavan;

Pradeep Radhakrishnan

#### 2:30pm

#### NASA Lunabotics Competition 2022 – 23

Name(s): Alexander Brattstrom; Carter Bullock; Roopsa Ghosh; Patrick Hagearty; Helen Le; Joshua

**Advisor Name(s):** Professors Kenneth Stafford; Joshua Cuneo; Hektor Kashuri

#### 2:45pm

#### Sailbot

Name(s): Samuel Alden; Douglas Moore; Cameron Pelletier; Owen Pfannestiehl; Joshua Unger Advisor Name(s): Professors William Michalson; Kenneth Stafford

#### 3:15pm

#### Bimodal Quadruped Robot (BiQu)

Name(s): Hushmand Esmaeili; Yuen Lam Leung;

Freud Oulon; Aadhya Puttur

**Advisor Name(s)**: Professors Mohammad Mahdi Agheli Hajiabadi; William Michalson; Andre Rosendo

#### 3:30pm

#### Development of 3D Printed Humanoid Robots, Koalby and Ava, as Lab Assistants

Name(s): Aashish Singh Alag; Zeñia Alarcon; Emily

Austin; Tessa Lytle; James Van Millegen **Advisor Name(s):** Professors Kaveh Pahlavan;

Pradeep Radhakrishnan

#### 3:45pm

### Getting 3D Printed Humanoid Robots, Koalby and Ava, to Stand and Walk!

Name(s): Joshua Fernandez; Erin Lee; Tessa Lytle;

Finbar O'Sullivan; Casey Snow

Advisor Name(s): Professors Kaveh Pahlavan;

Pradeep Radhakrishnan;

#### 4:00pm

### HURON: Full Sized Humanoid Robot (Lower Body)

**Name(s):** Rachel Dancy; Jonathan Gong; Aislin Hanscom; Cameron Huneke; Peter Lam; Curtis Lee; John Marcotte; Rahil Parihkh; Angelo Ruggeri;

Brendan Sang; Kyle Staubi

**Advisor Name(s):** Professors Mohammad Mahdi Agheli Hajiabadi; William Michalson; Markus Nemitz;

Cagdas Onal; Karen Troy

#### 4:30pm

### PRIMO (mobile printer): 6-axis 3D Printing Construction Robot

Name(s): Aaron Long; Christian Stilwagen
Advisor Name(s): Professors Mohammad Mahdi

Agheli Hajiabadi; Markus Nemitz

#### 4:45pm

### **Automated Quality Analysis of Disc Golf Discs**

Name(s): Vanessa Cardaropoli; Ayden Duncan; Greg

Marshall; John Robinson

Advisor Name(s): Professors Gregory Lewin; Jing

Xiao

#### 5:00pm CNC Alarm Resolution and Work Cell Monitoring with a Robotic Arm

Name(s): Brian Francis; Mayank Govilla; Niko

Neather

Advisor Name(s): Professors Siavash Farzan; Greg

Lewin; Jing Xiao

#### 5:15pm

#### **Machines Building Machines**

Name(s): Elena Bachman; Jared Minnich; Ronald

Pfisterer

Advisor Name(s): Professor Markus Nemitz

### **Social Science & Policy Studies**

# POSTER SESSION, 9:30am to 11:30am Salisbury Labs 411

# Analysis of Stigma Towards the Mental Health Discussion via Social Media

Rachelle Gonzales, Jada Hinds-Williams, Josephine Kim, Mark Buono

Advisors: Jeanine Skorinko, Adrienne Hall-Phillips,

Nima Kordzadeh

# **Understanding and Optimizing Mistake Messages in Mathematics**

Shannen Lin, Chayanne Sandoval-Williams, Siddhartha Pradhan

Advisors: Stacy Shaw, Neil Heffernan

### Experiences of Worcester Polytechnic Institute Undergraduate Robotics Students with Rest in Academics

Kersten Prince, Brianna Meisser Advisors: Jeanine Skorinko, Stacy Shaw

# Revised Affordable Housing for the Modern Family

Max Wojtas, Lucas Kamal, Talia Mamayek, Danforth Kenerson Advisors: Crystal Brown, Leonard Albano, Soroush

Farzin

# Monitoring Ocean Microplastics Through Citizen Science

Colby Frechette, Iris Morin

Advisors: Laureen Elgert, George Heineman

# High Energy Passive Solar System Design in Santa Fe, New Mexico

Sydney Smith

Advisors: Elisabeth Stoddard, Selçuk Güçeri,

Stephen Kmiotek

### Some Characteristics of Agricultural Social Networks in Central Massachusetts are Affecting Implementation of Sustainable Agriculture

Abraham Koffman, Jeffrey Compere Advisors: Laureen Elgert, Michael Elmes

# Designing Wayfinding Signage for the Sandwich Fish Hatchery

Julia Naras

Advisor: Laureen Elgert

# The Impact of Language on US Abortion Legislation

Catherine Stevens Pittelli

Advisors: Crystal Brown, Rebecca Moody

# An M-Estimator for the Survivor Average Treatment Effect

Lora Dufresne

Advisors: Alexander Smith, Adam Sales

### Exploring the Effect of CBD on C. elegans with 6-OHDA-induced Parkinson's Disease to Determine Potential Therapeutic Effects

Claire Behning, Amanda Holbrook Advisors: Jim Doyle, Jill Rulfs, Mike Buckholt, Jagan Srinivasan, Suzanne Scarlata

#### Leadership and Performance: Flight Simulator

Michaela Champagne

Advisors: Jeanine Skorinko, Jim Doyle, Michael Radzicki

#### **Trafficking of the Dopamine Transporter**

Lali Berelashvili

Advisors: Jeanine Skorinko; Suzanna Scarlata; Haley Melikian, UMass Chan Medical School

#### Investigating microglial senescence

Christina Tsillas

Advisors: Jeanine Skorinko; Angela Incollingo Rodriguez; Robert Dempski; Dori Schafer, UMass Chan Medical School

#### **Temperament, Self-Deception & Personality**

Austin Jandrucko

Advisors: Jeanine Skorinko, Jim Doyle

#### **Predictors of Dissociative Experiences**

Gabrielle Willett, Assumption College

Advisor: Maria Kalpidou, Assumption College

# **Quality of School-Based Mental Health Services** and **Student Well-Being**

Angelina Davis, Assumption College

Advisor: Maria Kalpidou, Assumption College

### **Trait Mindfulness and Memory Performance**

Kyra Belden, Assumption College

Advisor: Leamarie Gordon, Assumption College

# The Effect of Gratitude and Compassion on Persuasion Processing

Patrick Otto, Assumption College

Advisor: Maria Parmley, Assumption College

### **STEM Education Center**

### **Innovation Studios 105**

SESSION – Major Qualifying Projects (MQPs)/RET Presentations & Posters

10:15-11:45 am

Genetically Engineering a Plasmid to Develop a Live-Dead Reporter System in Mycolicibacterium smegmatis Elizabeth Lemay

Advisor: Scarlet Shell

Hydrothermal Liquefaction: Green Waste = Green Energy

Joelis Velez Diaz Advisor: Mike Timko

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The projects program at WPI is the university's signature approach to undergraduate education, combining theoretical study with practical problem solving. It brings together the brilliant minds and talents of our student teams and faculty advisors with a wide variety of corporate, government, and nonprofit organizations. Collaboratively, it addresses real business needs, synergizing to create meaningful results.

Project work is one of the most distinctive aspects of a WPI education and has been at the core of WPI's undergraduate curriculum for more than 50 years. It provides students the opportunity to gain professional skills, a talent for teamwork, and the confidence to dive right in. Together with our corporate partners, we are making progress, one project at a time.

WPI welcomes sponsorship for our Major Qualifying Projects. If you are interested in discussing company engagement strategies, including projects such as these, please contact Lisa Drexhage, Associate Director, Corporate Relations, University Advancement, at <a href="mailto:cro@wpi.edu">cro@wpi.edu</a>.

General guidelines for project sponsorship:

- The best types of projects support or enhance current activities.
- A project cannot be "mission critical" or on the "critical path."
- Most MQPs consist of a team of students (2–4) and a faculty advisor, although in some cases—depending upon the scope of the project and the disciplines of the student team—there may be additional advisors.

For more information about sponsoring a project, visit <u>wpi.edu/+engage</u>.

To contact a specific academic department, please refer to the list below. (Note: All numbers begin with 508-831-).

Aerospace Engineering – 5221

Bioinformatics and Computational Biology - 5357

Biology and Biotechnology - 5543

Biomedical Engineering - 5447

Business - 5218

Chemical Engineering - 5250

Chemistry and Biochemistry - 5371

Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering - 5294

Computer Science - 5357

Data Science - 4883

Electrical and Computer Engineering - 5231

Humanities and Arts - 5246

Integrative & Global Studies - 5547

Mathematical Sciences - 5241

Mechanical Engineering - 5236

Physics - 5258

Professional Writing - 5198

Robotics Engineering - 6665

Social Science and Policy Studies - 5296

STEM Education Center - 5512

### **ABOUT WPI**

WPI is a premiere STEM-focused university and a recognized pioneer and global leader in project-based learning. Founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems, WPI's continued mission is to transform lives, turn knowledge into action to confront global challenges, and revolutionize STEM through distinctive and inclusive education, projects, and research. WPI's project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. Today WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more.

