

The College of Arts and Sciences is pleased to announce the recipients of six *Honorable Mentions* for the 22nd annual CAS Spring Research Symposium held on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to these students whose presentations were highlighted for this special recognition by UNE faculty and professional staff based on the quality of their project, their presentation, and their engagement with the audience.

**Andrew Albano** (English and Secondary Education '22) (project mentor Cathrine Frank, Ph.D., Professor in the School of Arts and Humanities) for their oral presentation *Banned Books in the Classroom: How to Get Away with Teaching*.

**Carolyn Curley** (Biochemistry '23) and **Sarah Padellaro** (Biochemistry '23) (research advisor Amy Deveau, Ph.D., Professor in the School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences) for their oral presentation *Synthesis and Structural Characterization of Polyphenolic Ketones with Antimicrobial Properties*.

**Benjamin LaFreniere** (Marine Sciences-Marine Biology '22) (research advisor John Mohan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the School of Marine and Environmental Programs) for their poster presentation *Preliminary Age and Growth Estimation of White Hake (*Urophycis tenuis*) in the Gulf of Maine*.

**Lyle Massoia** (Biological Sciences '22) and **Justin Dixon** (Medical Biology '22) (research advisor Kristin Burkholder, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the School of Biological Sciences) for their poster presentation *Microplastics as Vectors for Pathogen Contamination of Seaweed*.

**Peter Neufeld** (Neuroscience '22) (project mentors Deena Small, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences and C. Marx Sadacharan, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the School of Biological Sciences) for their poster *In Vitro Modeling of Microplastic Contamination on Neuronal Growth and Neurite Development*.

**Aubrey Sahouria** (Neuroscience '22) (research advisor Caleb Speirs, Ph.D., Assistant Teaching Professor in the School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences) for their poster presentation *Investigating the Impact of Grading Scheme on Student Performance*.

The full program, including over 100 poster and oral presentations, can be found [here](#). Congratulations to all of our students on a job well done!