FROM PANDEMIC ALTERNATIVE TO PURPOSEFUL ARCHIVE

Student Research Reaches New Audiences in Misericordia Digital Commons
MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY

- Small, Catholic institution in Dallas, Pennsylvania
- Founded 1924
- 3 colleges
- Full- & part-time undergraduate, Masters & doctorate programs
- 2240 current enrollment
- Strong in health sciences programs
STUDENT RESEARCH AT MISERICORDIA

FUNDED PROGRAMS
CAPSTONE PROJECTS
GRADUATE COURSEWORK
FACULTY MENTORS
PROFESSIONAL SKILLS
PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Above: Students at 2021 Healthcare Professions Day; below: Students at 2016 Student Research Poster Day
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Student research and scholarly output included in this repository has been selected and deposited with support from faculty advisers.
**BENEFITS STUDENT WORK IN INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORIES**

**STUDENTS**
- Stable location for scholarship
- Global reach for scholarship
- Can provide career opportunities
- Research is crawled by Google

**INSTITUTIONS**
- Recruitment
- Retention
- Raise profile of institution
- Highlight strengths in research opportunities
- Highlight strong faculty-student relationships
- Contribute to open-access scholarship

NIRD 2021
VIRTUAL ALTERNATIVES

EASE OF USE
Learning curve for both students and faculty on a short timeframe

STAFF TIME
Working remotely
Create a new system?

COST
Purchase new platform?
Length of intended use?
PROCESS

PEER-REVIEW FUNCTION
Faculty approval **required** for deposit

DIGITAL AGREEMENT
What an IR is, acknowledgement of student's own work

TROUBLESHOOTING & COMMUNICATION
Learning curve, provide instructions to both faculty and students, minor technical difficulties, better communication/education in 2021
## Student Research Poster Day Series (2020 and 2021) To Date

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Students this year got creative with audio overviews of their posters!
LESSONS LEARNED & NEXT STEPS

EDUCATION & OUTREACH
- What an IR is/is not
- Share reports with stakeholders
- Increase visibility of IR

COMMUNICATION
- Be proactive with faculty regarding process
- Update best practices

NEXT STEPS
- Student Scholarship Advisory Committee
- Enhance series pages
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