

Students to present at an "academic conference"

SCSU prides itself on the fact that students work with professors on research and creative projects, which is rare at universities of comparable size. Not only that, students have the opportunity to present their work in a forum, the Student Research Colloquium, comparable to a professional-level academic conference.

Everyone is invited to be in the audience when students go on stage on Tuesday, April 13. Presentations will be made from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Atwood Memorial Center and Centennial Hall. Alumnus Dale Wahlstrom, Medtronic, Inc., will give the keynote talk at 12:30 in the Atwood Theatre.

Last year more than 230 students presented senior projects, starred papers and theses, research projects, internship reports, and creative works. Topics were far-ranging, including:

- An analysis of flowering dates at Saint John's/Saint Ben's and SCSU to determine whether spring is arriving earlier than in the past
- Results of a survey of 200 Central Minnesota seventh- and eight-graders on their opinions on the ozone hole
- Effects of human activity on the water quality in the St. Cloud Granite quarries
- An enactment of the Native American Peyote ceremony and comparison to rituals in other religions.

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