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## *Annual Event to Feature Variety of Undergraduate and Graduate Research Projects*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University will host the Life Of The Scholar Multidisciplinary Conference (LOTS-MC), an

Life of the Scholar Conference

annual showcase of students' undergraduate and graduate research on Saturday, March 3, in Tucker Student Center. This year marks the 21st anniversary of LOTS, which was established in 1997 by Dr. Les Brown, GWU professor emeritus in biology.

"The Life Of The Scholar Multidisciplinary Conference is often a student's first exposure to the kind of professional presentations they may be required to prepare and deliver in their future careers," said Dr. June Hobbs, a LOTS-MC steering committee member and director of GWU Undergraduate Research. "Professional presentations challenge students to hone their speaking and writing skills and their self-presentation. Several students this year are giving presentations at LOTS-MC that they will also give at the Alpha Chi national convention in Portland, Ore., in April."

Showcasing a range of stellar original research conducted by GWU students across a variety of disciplines, the conference will also feature presentations by students who participated in the GWU Undergraduate Summer Research Scholars program. In addition to Hobbs, the conference steering committee includes Dr. Nancy Bottoms, Dr. Bruce Moser, Dr. Meredith Rowe, Prof. Hannah Allford, and Dr. Shea Stuart.

Since its inception, LOTS-MC has allowed students to share their research with the community, stimulate creative thinking, and enhance their resumes with a professional conference credit. The event is sponsored by Life Of The Scholar (LOTS), an informal but dedicated group of GWU professors and students who work to take experiences from the classroom into the wider community. Other sponsors for the event are the GWU Undergraduate Research program and Gardner-Webb's chapter of Alpha Chi, the national multidisciplinary honor society.

The conference begins with registration at 8 a.m., opening remarks at 8:30 a.m., the first session at 9 a.m., the final session at 1:30 p.m. followed by refreshments and awards at 3 p.m. In addition, conference presenters, their mentors, and other guests will enjoy a

special presentation during lunch. All conference presentations are free and open to the public. Guests who wish to eat lunch with the student presenters and their mentors should register with Dr. June Hobbs at [jhobbs@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:jhobbs@gardner-webb.edu).

“We try to make everything as much like the professional conferences their professors attend as possible,” Hobbs reflected. “Students glean factual information, of course, but they also learn about effective presentation strategies firsthand through seeing what does and does not work. Sharing their scholarly work creates an infectious excitement and inspires our students to be lifelong learners.”

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