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LU Honors students competed in the Big South Undergraduate Research Symposium (BigSURS) which was held April 10-11 this year at Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina. The mission of the symposium is “to provide students with a wide variety of research, scholarly and creative opportunities that support and supplement other educational activities. The Program encourages students and faculty mentors to engage in the complete active research process, including design and implementation of projects and dissemination of results.” Director of LU Honors Jim Nutter mentored and drove the students to the conference.

Four of our students placed first:

Jon Bateman (Social Sciences): “‘A One-in-a-Billion Chance’: The Transformative Effect of Stan Lee and Spider-Man on American Popular Culture.”
Matthew Dalton (Biomedical Sciences): “Significant Up-regulation on Mir-17 in an Alzheimer's Disease Mouse Model.”
Anna Snyder (Linguistics): “A Comparative Study of Compounding and Noun Incorporation.”
John Flores (Accounting & History): “Funding Terror.”
Here is a list of all of the students from LU who deserve recognition because their abstracts were accepted and they also competed:

Jon Bateman (Social Sciences–TC)
Tyler Bunzey (English)
Matthew Dalton (Biomed Science)
John Robert Flores, Jr. (Accounting)
Will Hopchak (History)
Jamie Jones (Teaching English as a Second Language–TC)
Jon Lawson (Cell & Molecular Biology)
Andrew Murphree (History)
Jonathan Olmstead (Linguistics)
Elizabeth Rassmussen (Health Promotion)
Anna Snyder (Teaching English as a Second Language–TC)
Doug Stephens (English)
Cameron Swathwood (International Relations)

All students who competed are invited to submit their manuscripts for review by the Proceedings Board for possible publications. See [http://urp.unca.edu](http://urp.unca.edu). And they are invited to submit to *The Kabod*, the official journal of LU’s Honors Program.

At the same time that Honors students were competing in North Carolina with Dr. Nutter, Dr. Ayres and Mrs. Kline were attending the Virginias Collegiate Honors Council in Richmond, Virginia. VCHC hosts an annual competition as well, of research paper presentations, posters, and creative projects. Although LU Honors students did not compete this year, we hope to participate next year. Dr. Ayres was one of the judges for research presentations.