CURCE (pronounced kur-see) was officially launched on July 1, 2018. With CURCE, we are now more representative of the diverse University at Albany academic portfolio. We are working collaboratively with faculty, staff, research centers, institutes, labs, and administrative offices/units to connect students with information, resources, opportunities, and support. Join us throughout the semester at events, and learn how to get involved!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
FALL 2018 EVENTS

September

CURCE LAUNCH PARTY
SEE PAGE 3 FOR A RECAP OF OUR FIRST BIG EVENT

October

FALL FAIR
OCTOBER 10, 3:30 - 6:00 PM
CAMPUS CENTER BALLROOM
Learn how you can "Make Your Imprint" through research, scholarship, and creative activities

STUDENT FUNDING THROUGH CURCE & BEYOND
OCTOBER 16, 5:30 - 7:00 PM
ASSEMBLY HALL
Learn about funding opportunities for undergraduates

November

BE A GLOBAL SCHOLAR!
STUDENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
NOVEMBER 6, 4:30 - 6:00 PM
ASSEMBLY HALL
Learn about international fellowships, scholarships, and study abroad opportunities.

BE A LIBRARY PRO:
LIBRARY E-SEARCH SKILLS WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 15, 4:30 - 6:30 PM
UNIVERSITY LIBRARY ROOM B-48
Learn how to master the world of library sources

SAVE THE DATE!

16th Annual Undergraduate Conference
April 26, 2019
CURCE LAUNCH PARTY

SEPTEMBER 6TH - LC CONCOURSE

This month we celebrated the launch of the Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Engagement (CURCE) with a party in the LC Concourse! Hundreds of students stopped by to learn more about getting involved, enjoyed snacks, and posed at the photo booth. The event concluded with a ribbon cutting ceremony, including special remarks by Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education Dr. Altarriba, University President Dr. Rodríguez, and Provost Dr. Stellar.

Cheers to a GREAT new center and semester!
In addition to research at Yale University this summer, Peri traveled to Israel for three weeks with a tourism program and extended her trip to participate in a week long community service program in South Tel Aviv (the poorest part of Israel’s 2nd largest city). The community service program varied in its public outreach. I was introduced to asylum seekers and refugees from Africa and other countries who told me about their experiences traveling long and dangerous distances to Israel for safety and a new life. I was placed at the Lasova Soup Kitchen where local residents and refugees came to eat. Next, I was assigned to work transforming a dump into a community garden at The Orchard of Abraham’s Children (a mixed pre-school - Arab and Israelis). Finally, I was sent to Kuchinate African Women’s Refugee Center to learn more about the refugees and how they sustain themselves and their children in Israel. This provided me with a more global perspective on life and education.

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When I returned from Israel, I started the summer with a new research assistant position at Yale-New Haven Hospital in a study researching an alternative approach to combatting the allergic inflammatory disease called Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE). Instead of the standard treatment of EoE which requires anesthesia, Colorado Children’s Hospital and Yale (the only two hospitals in the U.S conducting these research studies), use endoscopes to diagnose and treat EoE without the use of anesthesia. My duties include conducting qualitative interviews with patients asking about their experience in the study and observing endoscopic procedures.

I’ve also resumed my work as a research assistant in a study at the Yale School of Nursing researching the biological relation between sleep and stress in toddlers. As a research assistant, I assist in recruiting families at pediatrician’s offices, and attending home visits to collect hair and saliva samples from the subjects. My work also includes electronic tracking of the subjects’ sleep and activity with a wrist device called an ‘Activwatch’. Building on last summer’s work in this, I learned to further clean and analyze study data.
Hayley Peterson

Hayley took advantage of an amazing opportunity this May, and participated in the Puerto Rico Disaster Relief service trip.

Along with other students from the College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security, and Cybersecurity majors, I participated in various reconstruction efforts around the island. Our four day service trip (and part of Governor Cuomo’s “Puerto Rico Recovery and Rebuilding Initiative”) allowed us to work with other colleges such as SUNY ESF and SUNY Maritime to assist in several storm recovery actions sorely needed after Hurricane Maria. The hurricane, happening almost a year ago, left an immense amount of damage in both Puerto Rico and surrounding islands – the destruction was heartbreaking, especially to witness on a first-hand account.

The relief trip was incredible as we were able to join the efforts of so many hardworking, dedicated individuals who were eager to help make a positive change. It was truly inspiring to be a part of the recovery process on the island. In addition to my group, many other UAlbany students were also able to join the relief efforts in the following weeks. We are looking again to return to Puerto Rico or surrounding islands that were affected in hopes of helping the recovery efforts that are taking place.

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