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To SUNY Poly Students, Faculty, and Staff,

I am proud to write to you to share the results of the Student Project Showcase which highlighted the collective capabilities and year-long research efforts of students from both campuses.

While this year's event had to be adapted due to the pandemic, I am extremely appreciative to all of the students and their advisors, as well as the Showcase organizers, who worked to maintain this important tradition. We look forward to holding an in-person event with even wider participation from both campuses next year.

Each year, this engagement provides an opportunity for students to share their academic accomplishments, offering a unique and valuable chance for peer review. A critical tool for teaching how to further bolster the clear communication of research accomplishments, this Showcase highlights the strong intellectual efforts and capabilities of you, our students, and your instructors. It is a testament to the expertise and guidance that our faculty members provide throughout the year.

I am thrilled to share with you the award winners for the 2021 Student Project Showcase. Below are the award categories and winning student presenters, their project advisors, and presentation titles:

- **Best Poster (First Place)** – Marie Francoise Millares, Hunter J. Frost, Matthew Chebuske, and Kevin Shah; Dr. Harry Efstathiadis; “Structural Analysis of $\text{Li}_{1-x}\text{Al}_x\text{Ti}_2\text{-x}(\text{PO}_4)_3$ Thin Films for All-Solid-State Li-ion Battery Applications”
- **Best Poster (Second Place)** – Mike Ormanoski; Dr. Carolyn Rodak; “Microbial Source Tracking (MST) on the Mohawk River”
- **Best Lightning Talk (First Place)** – (Not attributed; the team that would have won this category received Engineering & Technology - First Place)
- **Best Lightning Talk (Second Place)** – Tyler Atwater and Kevin Carangui; Dr. Naren Peddibhotla; “Protroller, the world's greatest universal game controller!”
- **Engineering & Technology (First Place)** – Uhuru Manana; Dr. Harry Efstathiadis; “Silicon-Graphite Composite Anodes”
- **Engineering & Technology (Second Place)** – Jason Crandall; Dr. Asif Ahmed; “Carbon Emissions in Construction”
- **Social Sciences (First Place)** – Ernest Santiago, Stevie Ray, and Hser Tee; Dr. Linda R. Weber; “Assessing the Impact of COVID19 on Economic Development in one Rural/ Agricultural Community in the Mohawk Valley”
- **Social Sciences (Second Place)** – Molly Burdick, Kierra Connor, and Kirsten Nicholson; Dr. Naren Peddibhotla; “A Hint of Home”

Congratulations to the awardees, as well as all the students and advisors who took part in this event, which marks an important milestone as we come to the conclusion of this successful academic year.

Sincerely,

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