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RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITORS	PROJECT TITLE	GRADUATE PROGRAM	FACULTY ADVISOR
Elizabeth Gagne'	Malfoy, Draco Malfoy: Exploring Toxic Masculinity in Harry Potter	English Education	Laura Hakala
Amelia Simpson	Without and Within: Secondhand Trauma in Cynthia Ozick's "The Shawl"	English Education	Roger Ladd
Michael Fernandes De Almeida	Plant Extracts Stimulate the Autophagy-Lysosomal Pathway and Improve Synaptic Markers in a Brain Slice Model of Age-Related Protein Accumulation Stress	BioTech Center	Ben Bahr
Wesley Constandse	From Catastrophe to Growth: The Martin and Willie Handcart Companies and How the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Continually Grew Despite Such Great Failure	History and Social Studies	Scott Billingsley
Brittany Millson	Curriculum in Real World Experiences	Elementary Education	Kelly Ficklin
Meg Smith	Policy Paper: Solitary Confinement in American Prisons	Social Work	Summer Woodside
Brendan Bellavia	The Effectiveness of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy on Early Childhood Trauma	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Ki Chae
Samantha Asfour	Barriers to Medication-Assisted Treatment: Recommendations for Professional Counseling Practice	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Nicole Stargell & Gary Mauk
Sarah Shannon-Mohamed	Can Money Determine Happiness? A Regression Analysis on the Impact of Factors that Contribute to Happiness on Wealth.	Public Administration	Emily Sharum
Shauna Haslem	Unified Development Ordinance Adoption and its Impact on Social and Economic Growth on Municipalities in North Carolina	Public Administration	Sojin Jang

POSTER COMPETITORS	PROJECT TITLE	GRADUATE PROGRAM	FACULTY ADVISOR
David Pearce II	Global Flood Myths: An Evolution of Scholarship	History and Social Studies	Dennis J. Edgell
Brandy Geary	Transformational Leaders: Addictive Personalities Leads to Mass Casualties	Business Administration	Christine Bell
Andrew Diemer	Pines, Swamps and Fields: A Geographic Study of the Tory War	History and Social Studies	Dennis J. Edgell
Ean Ormsby	Relationship Between Athletic Ability and Motivation	Exercise & Sports Administration	Marian Wooten
Lauren Werner	Mindfulness and Global Attainment as a Performance Measure in Student-Athletes and Traditional Students at a Rural Division II College	Exercise & Sports Administration	Leah Fiorentino
James Locklear	Undergraduate Students' Knowledge of Pollinators and Pollinator Conservation	Science Education	Rita Hagevik
Kathryn Fonseca	Psychological Well-Being and Goal Attainment in College Student-Athletes	Exercise & Sports Administration	Leah Fiorentino
Timothy Hinton	Woodpecker Species as Bioindicators in Agricultural Landscapes	Science Education	Katherine Thorington
Steven Brown	Science Self-Efficacy in Undergraduate Non-Major Community College Students Using Citizen Science Projects	Science Education	Rita Hagevik
Ethan Gardner	Students Reasoning to Pursue an MBA Degree	Business Administration	Lydia Gan
Imani Coleman	Minorities Too!	Elementary Education	Kelly Ficklin
Francesca LaTorraca	Women in Higher Education	Exercise & Sports Administration	Marian Wooten
Amelia Gilette	Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools	Professional School Counseling	Jonathan Ricks
Sha'nee Wasson	Black LGBTQ+ Identified Young Adults in the Southeast United States Experiences of Identity Disclosure Within Their Family Systems	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Whitney Akers
Anthony Rose	Harm Reduction: What's the Fuss?	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Stephanie Robinson

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Ashley Hunt	Daily Positive Affirmations and School Pledges in Creating Student Success	Professional School Counseling	Shenika Jones
Jennifer Kerekes	Helping Children Cope with the Death of a Parent	Professional School Counseling	Shenika Jones
Laura McAliley	Short-Term Study Abroad Widens Horizons	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Kelly Ficklin
Emily DeSpain	The Achievement Gap & the Effects of COVID-19	Professional School Counseling	Jonathan Ricks
Toni Spell	Making a “Paws”itive Impact “Fur” Our Students	Professional School Counseling	Meredith Lloyd
Keschia Daussy	Signs of Suicide: Suicide Prevention Program Among Middle School Students	Professional School Counseling	Meredith Lloyd
Haley DeLiberto & Mackenzie Pereira	The Effects of Mindfulness Practices Within the Classroom on Academic Achievement	Professional School Counseling	Meredith Lloyd
Amanda Gallavan	ALEC Influence on Policy Making	Public Administration	Sojin Jang
Avvette Smith	Predicting School Counseling Student Success Through Non-Cognitive Factors	Professional School Counseling	Shenika Jones
Kaceia McDonald	Effectively Helping Young People Achieve Their Potential: An Overview of Recent Research Findings	Professional School Counseling	Shenika Jones
Kristin Rimberg	The efficacy of masks	Business Administration	Christine Bell
Crismira Egerton	Interparental Conflict and Adolescents' Social-Emotional Development	Professional School Counseling	Nicole Stargell
Kaylyn Fourtunia	The Effects of Social Media on Adolescents Body Image	Professional School Counseling	Meredith Lloyd
Kayla Kerns	Importance of Positivity in Schools	Professional School Counseling	Kristy Newitt
Jennifer T. Stewart	The Effects of Incarcerated Parents on School-Aged Children	Professional School Counseling	Shenika Jones
Meagan Lowery	The Impact of Research-Based Interventions on Academic Underachievement Among K-12 Students	Professional School Counseling	Jonathan Ricks

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Michelle Martin	Intellectual Disabilities in School-Aged Children	Professional School Counseling	Shenika Jones
Tia Clement	Working From Home During the COVID-19 Pandemic	Business Administration	Christine Bell
Brittany Coulsting	Combating Vicarious Trauma Through the Use of Exercise for Self-Care	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Stephanie Robinson
Michelin Henderson-Maldonado & Emily Nick	What Are We Missing?: Discussing Inclusion and Accessibility at UNC Pembroke	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Whitney Akers
Guy Silva Jr.	Terror Management Theory and its Effect on North Carolinians During COVID-19	Business Administration	Dena Breece
Paula Knox and Alexis Nappier	The Effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences on the Academic Performance of Students in Grades K-12	Professional School Counseling	Meredith Lloyd
Brittany Chess	Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia Nervosa During Adolescence A Primer for Elementary School Teachers, Counselors, and Administrators	Professional School Counseling	Shenika Jones
Darius Whitted	The Impact of Covid-19 on the U.S.	Business Administration	Christine Bell

3 MINUTE THESIS COMPETITORS	PROJECT TITLE	GRADUATE PROGRAM	FACULTY ADVISOR
Alhaji Keith	Treatment vs. Punishment: A Look Towards the Future	Social Work	Summer Woodside
Kristine Castelo	Women: An Underrepresented Asset in C-Suite Healthcare Roles in NC	Business Administration	Christine Bell
Rachel Jacobs	Student Experience in Faculty Led Study Abroad	Professional School Counseling	Kelly Ficklin
Sarah Shannon-Mohamed	Impacts to Opportunities: The COVID-19 Pandemic and the U.S. Water Sector	Public Administration	Emily Sharum
Abigail Cain	The Connection Between Parent Involvement and Student Success	Elementary Education	Kelly Ficklin

Congratulations to all participants!

The Graduate School appreciates your hard work, perseverance, and scholarly acumen!