COLUMBUS – A six-year old undergraduate research forum at The Ohio State University is continuing to broaden its scope.

Long-time university supporters and alumni Richard and Martha Denman began sponsoring the Richard J. and Martha D. Denman Undergraduate Research Forum six years ago at The Ohio State University to give students a venue to showcase their research and to teach them to become "self-motivators."

Richard Denman, a member of The Ohio State University Foundation Board of Directors, told the Board of Trustees on Friday, Oct. 5, about the "amazing quality" of student presentations at the undergraduate forum. During the meeting, the trustees also learned about Ohio State’s freshman research seminars, the characteristics of this year’s freshman class and the opening of classes.

Throughout the years, the undergraduate research forum has attracted the best and brightest undergraduate students at Ohio State. The forum, designed as a central university showcase for undergraduate research, has grown from about 70 student participants in its first year to more than 150 undergraduates last year.

Keith Alley, senior associate vice president for research, that the best undergraduate research projects in the Denman Research Forum were published in the inaugural edition of Ohio State’s Journal of Undergraduate Research Scholarship. The journal, designed and managed by a student editorial board with support from faculty members, soon will be available on Ohio State’s Web site.

The Journal of Undergraduate Research Scholarship has three main objectives that coincide with Ohio State’s Academic Plan, Alley said. Its goal is to encourage undergraduate
students to take part in future research projects; to provide Web-based documentation of the students' projects; and to promote the university's efforts to encourage undergraduate research.

"Originally, we wanted to get students interested in the questions of research," Alley said. "Now we are starting to build other things around the undergraduate research forum."

The freshman research seminar is another undergraduate initiative that complements the university's Denman Research Forum and its Academic Plan, said Kay Halasek, associate provost and director of the University Honors and Scholars.

Halasek said the 12 freshman research seminars, set to begin in winter and spring quarters, are inquiry-based models of learning for honors and scholars students that connect with the daily lives of the students and the community. In the past, undergraduate students were not offered this experience until their latter years at the university. By introducing the students to research at the start of their college career, Halasek said, "the seminars will fundamentally change the students' experiences in every other class."

Among the 12 research seminar topics are the Life and Times: Levels of Analysis and Social Behavior in Daily Life; an Introduction to Research in Behavioral Neuroscience and Health Psychology; and Global Climate and Environmental Change: Individuals Matter.

Halasek said the experience students gain from these seminars would better prepare them for any avenue they pursue in the future.

During their meeting, the trustees also learned about highlights from this year's Welcome Week and the freshman class characteristics. Richard Hollingsworth, associate vice president for student affairs, said more than 4,000 students arrived on campus during Welcome Week's Residence Hall Move-In Day and were assisted by 1,300 student Opening Welcome Leaders and 530 staff members. At this year's convocation, about 5,000 students were officially welcomed to the university, and between 13,000 and 15,000 attended the Student Involvement Fair, which represented 400 student organizations. On the day before classes began, about 1,100 students volunteered at 65 local agencies as a part of Ohio State's Community Commitment Day, which is believed to be the largest service-project on a college campus.

Martha Garland, vice provost and dean of undergraduate studies, told the trustees that this year's freshman class is the brightest and most diverse class in the university's history. For the sixth consecutive year, Ohio State's freshman class ranks higher in terms of school performance, test scores and other indicators of academic quality. Among the highlights are a greater

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percentage of incoming freshmen who are National Merit Scholars, more who are class valedictorians, more in the top 10 percent of their high school class and a higher than-ever average ACT score.

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Ohio State undergraduates to take part in research forum

Denman Forum attracts best, brightest university students

More than 130 students at The Ohio State University will present their research projects at the 7th annual Richard J. and Martha D. Denman Undergraduate Research Forum, which runs from noon to 5 p.m. on Tuesday (5/21) in the Ohio Union Ballrooms, 1739 N. High St.

Throughout the years, the undergraduate research forum has attracted the best and brightest undergraduate students at Ohio State. The purpose of the forum is: to encourage undergraduate participation in research; to develop the abilities of undergraduate students to make a contribution to society; and to provide an opportunity to showcase interdisciplinary student research projects.

The student projects, which will be presented on poster boards, will be judged during the forum. The winners, who will be announced between 4 and 5 p.m., will receive a cash award, a medallion and a certificate.

Richard and Martha Denman, who are longtime supporters of the university, sponsor the forum. For years, Richard Denman has been actively involved with Ohio State, including his membership to The Ohio State University Foundation Board of Directors. He also is the recipient of the university's Distinguished Service Award.

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Established in January 2006, the Undergraduate Research Office helps students pursue research opportunities at The Ohio State University, a top public research institution. Research can be conducted independently, as part of a team, in collaboration with faculty, here at the university or elsewhere. The URO staff also serves as a resource for advisors, technical staff, postdoctoral fellows, faculty and others who are part of the rich research environment at Ohio State. The 2008 URO Report contains more detailed information about the office and its efforts.

The Office maintains this website including information about getting started with research, how to find research opportunities, what's involved in presenting your work, and a variety of other information sources for undergraduates interested in making research a part of their college experience. The URO is assisted by two committees: A Faculty Advisory Committee, and a Student Advisory Committee.

We highly recommend that students begin to explore undergraduate research opportunities early in their academic careers. This website and our office are here to help in the journey!

Who We Are

Director: Dr. Allison Snow is a Professor in the Department of Evolution, Ecology, & Organismal Biology. In addition to directing the Undergraduate Research Office, she teaches courses, supervises graduate students, obtains grants, and studies invasive plants and genetically engineered crops in the USA and abroad. She received her B.A. from Hampshire College and her Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts.

Program Manager: Helene Cweren
Helene holds a B.S. in Anthropology from Brandeis University, an M.A. in Sociology from UCSD, and a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard University. Helene is involved in all aspects of the URO, and is responsible for outreach and communication as well as for student programming and advising. She often represents the URO on and off campus.

Graduate Associate: Holly Wagner
Holly is currently pursuing a master's degree in nursing. Prior to returning to school, Holly worked as a science writer at Ohio State, reporting on faculty research in the life sciences and medicine. Holly's primary responsibilities include marketing the URO across campus and working with students interested in pursuing research opportunities.
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SURI is organized by the URO to provide student researchers with a strong sense of community by networking, developing professional skills, and having fun during Summer Quarter at Ohio State. SURI is open to students participating in formal, organized undergraduate research programs and to undergraduate researchers who are not affiliated with a formal program. While most students involved in SURI activities will be from Ohio State, students from other universities who are conducting research on our campus this summer are welcome to participate as well.

For more information, check out this year’s SURI participants:
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Join SURI now!
Are you doing research on campus this summer? Would you like to meet other students who are also doing research projects? Would you like to receive notification about professional development workshops, social events, and helpful information on research topics? Whether you are part of a formal program or working on your own, you are welcome to join the summer community of SURI scholars. Sign up to join SURI today and qualify to win one of three Barnes and Noble gift certificates!

Also, check out SURI 2008 for more information.

Calendar of Events
- SURI Kickoff Dinner
  Weds., June 24 at 5 p.m.
- Graduate/Professional Student Panel, TBA
- Resumes & Cover Letters, TBA
- Personal Statements, TBA
- Poster Presentation Basics
  Part I: Poster Components
  Tues., July 14 or Mon., Aug. 10
  4:30 - 6 p.m.
  Part II: Talking about Research
  Tues., July 21 or Mon., Aug. 17
  4:30 - 6 p.m.
- Communicating Your Research Using Multimedia,
  Thurs., Aug 6, 9 - 10:30 a.m.
  Breakfast served!
- Ice Skating and Ice Cream, TBA
- Weekly Brown Bag Lunches

Topic of the Week:
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