3rd Annual Interdisciplinary Student Research Symposium

Campus Update

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April 11 Ave Maria University's campus buzzed with intellectual energy as students from across academic disciplines gathered for the third annual Student Research Symposium. The event showcased the remarkable breadth and depth of scholarly work happening right here in our halls, from the sciences and business to theology and the liberal arts. With poster sessions, dynamic discussions, and the inspiring words of our keynote speaker Fr. David Pignato, the symposium proved once again that Ave Maria University students are engaged scholars committed to advancing knowledge in service of truth.

Walking through the symposium, attendees witnessed the fruits of countless hours of research, analysis, and creative thinking. Students stood proudly beside their posters, eager to discuss their findings with faculty, peers, and guests. The conversations that unfolded reflected the kind of rigorous intellectual exchange that defines a Catholic education and encourages inquisitive minds to ask important questions and seek answers rooted in faith and reason.

Fr. Pignato's keynote address set an inspiring tone for the day, reminding everyone gathered that meaningful scholarship flows from a deep commitment to understanding God's creation and serving humanity. His words underscored the university's mission and the significance of the work being presented.

The third annual Student Research Symposium stands as a testament to the collaborative spirit thriving at Ave Maria University. It reminded alumni, faculty, current students, and guests why we are so proud of this community. Whether you walked through the symposium last Saturday or have supported this event in years past, you are part of something truly special: a university where intellectual curiosity flourishes within the light of faith.

Read online for photos and videos:

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