

Students and Investigators from Around the State Present Their Work at The Summer Research Symposium

The Tenth Annual WV-INBRE Summer Research Symposium was held at the Memorial Student Center at Marshall University on Thursday, July 28, 2011. The morning session of the program began with oral presentations by three undergraduate student interns, a project investigator supported by ACoRN, a faculty fellow, and a high school teacher supported by the WV-INBRE/HSTA initiative. Following a luncheon, students and faculty presented their posters. There were a total of 56 posters. Participants presenting posters included summer undergraduate interns and faculty fellows from the Primarily Undergraduate Institutions who conducted research at WVU and Marshall University during the 9-week summer research program, and students and faculty conducting research at their home institutions. Several high school science teachers supported by the WV-INBRE/HSTA initiative also presented posters.

The symposium keynote speaker was Dr. Terrence J. Monks, Professor and Chair of Pharmacology and Toxicology, College of Pharmacy, University of Arizona Health Sciences Center. The title of his talk was "A career in Drug Metabolism – From Tea to Ecstasy". Dr. Monks described his successful career path from his beginnings as a graduate student in London studying the metabolism of caffeine and theophylline to his current interest in the neurotoxicity of ecstasy. His very enthusiastic presentation encouraged the students in the audience to pursue a career in biomedical sciences.

