



Schedule for the 16th Annual Student Research Symposium
“INFLUENCE(R)”
(Updated: 4-6-2026)

8:30 - 9:45a • Registration Grant Center Lobby
Registration table located in the foyer of the gym.

9:00 - 10:00a • Student Presentations Student Union Stage

SRS Session #1 Individual Presentations: “Influencing Nations”

Session Moderator: Dr. Ryan Brasher

- ❖ Gage Hoyle
Senior, History
“General MacArthur and the U.S Occupation of Japan”
- ❖ Brennan Osborn
Senior, Political Science
“Invasion of Iraq Framing”
- ❖ Mackenzie Tataryn
Junior, Political Science
“Comparing the Regimes of India and Pakistan”

9:30 - 10:00a • Student Presentations Grant Center Front Arena

Session #2 Poster & Infographic Presentations: “Influencing Health and Engines”

Session Moderator: Dr. Berkeley Shorthill



- ❖ **Kayla Black**
*Senior, Nursing
with Ashonti Hawkings &
Emily Melo
"The Effect of Combined
Physical Activity and
Mindfulness Training on
Resilience and Burnout in
Nursing Students"*
- ❖ **Jose Miguel Cuellar
Duque**
*Senior, Engineering
"Influencing Sustainability
at a Nonprofit Mission
Through Wind Energy
Microgeneration"*
- ❖ **Dylan Grad**
*Junior, Engineering
with Aiden Grad & Gavin
Hughes
"An Engineering Approach
to Go-Kart Development"*
- ❖ **Glorianna Junokas**
*Junior, Biology
"The Influences of the
Immune System in Age-
Related Macular
Degeneration"*
- ❖ **Tessa Kinney**
*Senior, Biology
"Stress Induced Bacteria in
the Oral Microbiome and
How It Impacts the
Immune System"*
- ❖ **Naomi Lunceford**
*Senior, Nursing
with Brooklyn Labo & Lilly
Stahl
"Exploring the
Relationship Between
Screen Time, Mental
Health, and Academic
Performance Among
Nursing Students"*
- ❖ **Alexis Negrete**
*Senior, Nursing
with Ariana Reyes-Forde
"Preparedness for Clinical
Practice: Comparing
Nursing Students With
and Without Prior
Simulation Experience"*
- ❖ **Johanna Parvin**
*Senior, Nursing
with Morgan Wilson
"Honoring Life Through a
PAUSE"*
- ❖ **Hannah Pham**
*Senior, Nursing
with Susan Saechao &
Dakota Wahl
"Examining Nursing
Students' Preparedness to
Provide Culturally
Competent Care: A
Qualitative Study"*
- ❖ **Jacqueline Placencia**
*Senior, Biology
"The Link Between Oral
Inflammation and
Systematic Immune
Diseases"*
- ❖ **Sean Rodriguez**
*Junior, Engineering
with Juan Duque &
Brayden Franklin & Daniel
Summeril
"Be Inspired: Learn to
Build a Go-Kart"*
- ❖ **Bobby Rutledge**
*Junior, History
with Samuel Delgadillo
(Psychology)
"The Influence of Support"*
- ❖ **Isabella Salgado**
*Junior, Biology
"How Breastfeeding
Influences the Immune
System"*
- ❖ **Amanda Simpson**
*Senior, Nursing
with Kaedyn Bunn & Wendy
Macias Garcia
"The Role of Spirituality in
Preventing Stress, Burnout,
and Compassion Fatigue
Among Nursing Students
and New Graduates"*
- ❖ **Kevin Stapleton**
*Senior, Nursing
with Michael Ho & Joshua
Peralta & Serena Rodriguez
"Among Registered Nurses,
How Does Working in Acute
Care Departments Impact
Burnout?"*
- ❖ **Brianna Whitehurst**
*Senior, Nursing
with Jenna Lynn & Rachel
McQuoid
"Efficacy of Educational
Programs in Preparing
Nursing Students for
Transition to Practice"*
- ❖ **Baylee Zahniser**
*Senior, Nursing
with Jayden Bayani & Grace
Bowman & Isabella
Contreras
"Digital Learning Versus
Textbooks: Effects on
Nursing Student
Performance"*



10:20 - 11:35a • Plenary Session..... Grant Center Main Stage

SRS'26 Keynote Address: "Beyond Virality: Content Creator Strategies for Impact Beyond Engagement"

Dr. Alexandria Arrieta – Invited Speaker

*Visiting Assistant Professor of Digital Media at Biola University
Author & Musical Artist*

- ❖ Dr. Norm Hall - Welcome
President, Simpson University
- ❖ Dr. Michael Salmeier – Speaker Introduction
Provost, Simpson University
- ❖ Dr. Thomas Middlebrook – Closing
*Assistant Professor of Old Testament, A.W. Theological Seminary
Chair of Student Research Symposium*

11:45 - 12:45p • Lunch BreakCAF, Emeriti Dining Center

12:55 - 1:40p • Student Presentations..... Student Union Stage

SRS Session #3 Exhibition, Panel, & Individual Presentations: "Influencing with Art"

Session Moderator: Prof. Rosealine Lemette

- ❖ Anastasia Hartman
*Senior, Psychology & History
"Mission Churches in Santa Fe as Religious and Cultural Centers"*
- ❖ Panel: Jordan Aldape, Raymond Corral, Cristian Cruz Valencia, Michael Ford, Julia Gehrke, Julian Hart, Mikah Kindell, Dane Lowden, Pedro Maldonado, Tony Mariano, Evan Molina, Jesus Montoya, Karan Poudeli, Craig Rowen, Brooke Sarahina, Kylie Schultz, Andrew Sherrell, Madison Thill, Jonathan Torrente, Faith Tucker, & Harley Wilson
*Digital Media & Communication
"Digital Photography Class Artist Panel"*



1:50 - 2:50p • Student Presentations Student Union Stage

SRS Session #4 Individual Presentations: “Influence and Division”

Session Moderator: Dr. Scott Barnett

- ❖ Emily Bianchini
Senior, Biblical Studies
“Proverbs 31 for Men and Women”
- ❖ Tyler Diaz
Senior, Political Science
“The Partisan Mirror”
- ❖ Alannah Lucin
Senior, Political Science
“Conflict in Northern Ireland During the Troubles Period”

3:00 - 4:00p • Student Presentations Student Union Stage

SRS Session #5 Individual & Creative Presentations: “Influencing, Producing”

Session Moderator: Dr. Michael Nicodemus

- ❖ Jacqueline Placencia
Senior, Biology
“The Role of Gum in Recall: Flavor Consistency and Memory”
- ❖ Glorianna Junokas
Junior, Biology
“Ranking Cryoprotective Agents by Vitriifiability”
- ❖ Logan Haskell, (featuring Ines Moreno and Blue Williams)
Senior, Communications
“Jungala”

4:10 - 5:20p • Student Presentations Student Union Stage

SRS Session #6 Individual Presentations: “Influence and Change in History”

Session Moderator: Dr. Kelli Napp

- ❖ Elizabeth Aleo
Senior, Political Science
“How Do High-profile School Shootings Influence Changes in US School Safety Policies?”
- ❖ Ezekiel Anderson
Senior, Political Science
“Contradiction of Patriotism: South Carolina and the Shattering of Revolutionary Identity, 1776-1861”
- ❖ Bella Heaney



Sophomore, History
"Influence of the Vikings"

- ❖ Kevin Stapleton
Senior, Nursing
"Among Registered Nurses, How Does Working in Acute Care Departments Impact Burnout?"

6:00 - 7:00p • Banquet (by invitation only)..... Collord-Humphries Room

Buffet dinner for student presenters, faculty mentors, and administration.

- ❖ Dr. Norm Hall – Welcome
President, Simpson University
- ❖ SRS Committee Members – Announce Awards
Melanie Howard
Rosealine Lemette
Heather McCulley
Thomas Middlebrook (chair)
Benjamin Omwando
Tim Orr