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ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK

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STUDENT RESEARCH  
**SYMPOSIUM 2025**

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**Saturday, April 26**  
McGann Conference Center

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# SCHEDULE

## Check-in & Breakfast 9 a.m.

McGann Conference Center

## Opening Remarks 9:30 a.m.

**Welcome:** Tetyana Delaney, Ph.D.  
Director of Undergraduate Research

### Keynote Speakers:

**Speaker:** Tom Mainiero, Ph.D.

**Introduced by:** Victoria Hong, MBA, Ed.D., Department of Mathematics

**Talk Title:** *“Mathematical musings and discovery through wrongness”*

**Speaker:** Captain Matthew Berkhout '09, M.A.

**Introduced by:** Francis Antonawich, Ph.D., Department of Biology

**Talk Title:** *“Fishing for Answers: Hooked on Shark Genetics”*

## 2024 Student SURF Recipient - Oral Presentation 11 a.m.

**Deanna La Gala • Psychology**

*“The intersection of dialogue and culture in preschool teacher child interactions”*

**Faculty Mentor:** Lisa Tafuro, Ph.D.

## Multidiscipline Oral Presentations 11:30 a.m.

## Art Exhibition/Poster Session and Lunch 12:30 p.m.

## Raffle Drawing & Closing Remarks 1:30 p.m.

Tetyana Delaney, Ph.D.

Director of Undergraduate Research

## Oral Presentations (Breakout Rooms): 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### English - Room 319

**Moderator:** Lisa Tafuro

Brianna Denmeade

Daniella Graffeo

Kaitlyn Trocchio

Desire Williams

### Mixed Topics - Room 316

**Moderator:** Igor Ivanovski

Ryan Bendelson,

Jasmine Garcia

Jenna Hermann

Gabrielle Wells

## Posters/Art Session (McGann Conference Center): 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Kandice Aragon

Rhyan Christiansen

Julia Czubak

Lanna Delaney

Angel Herrera

Phoebe McCann

Gisela Cotrone

Alexandra Merz

Alison Monaco

Athanasios Krassas

Caroline O'Dea

Alexandria Pappas

Brandon Ronquillo

Ariel Valence