

MEMORANDUM

TO: Vice Presidents, Chancellors, Deans and Legal Counsel

FROM: Daniel J. Bernardo, Provost and Executive Vice President

SUBJECT: Showcase Events

DATE: March 18, 2019

As you know, Washington State University's Academic Showcase and GPSA Exposition will take place on Thursday, March 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Senior Ballroom, Compton Union Building. The Showcase Steering Committee and the Academic Showcase Subcommittee have planned events that will recognize and celebrate the achievements of faculty and staff engaged in the advancement of scholarship, research, and the arts. The Showcase events have evolved into Washington State University's annual opportunity to come together to celebrate the work we do and to highlight our accomplishments with our colleagues. It provides time for our university community to gain a better understanding of the work that is being conducted across our campuses.

I am writing for two reasons:

- 1. I am approving the use of three hours of work time for all university employees to attend the Academic Showcase and/or the Distinguished Faculty Address (Wednesday, March 27 at 3:30 p.m., Junior Ballroom, Compton Union Building). I would like you to encourage faculty, staff and students in your area to schedule their attendance with their supervisor so it does not disrupt university operations and so everyone may take advantage of the opportunity to view firsthand the body of work that will be displayed at the poster session and/or to attend the Distinguished Faculty Address.
- 2. If faculty members are teaching during the time of the Academic Showcase, they are welcome to encourage their students to attend the event in lieu of class if they believe the students might gain some benefit from attending.

I hope you and your colleagues will join us for all of the Showcase events, especially the Celebrating Excellence recognition banquet (Friday, March 29 at 5:30 PM in the Senior Ballroom, Compton Building Building). For more information regarding the events, please visit: https://showcase.wsu.edu/.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support of this important week.

Cc: Human Resource Services