

## Signature Project and Tackling a Wicked Problem Showcase

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

5pm – 7pm – Hartman Union Building

### FAQ (as of 11/13/25)

**Q: How do my students register to participate in the showcase?**

A: Complete this form by Friday November 14: [Signature Project & TWP Showcase Registration – Fill out form](#)

**Q: What types of student presentations can the showcase support?**

A: See the list below.

#### **Oral Presentation: Sharing work in front of an audience.**

- **Traditional Oral Presentation:** Involves speaker(s) presenting their project & learning using slides to a seated audience.
- **Lightning Talk:** A brief fast paced oral presentation that lasts only a few minutes. (5 slide restriction)

#### **Table Presentations: Involves presenters sharing their work in a small, fixed location at a table.**

- **Demonstration (demo):** Format for showcasing prototypes of project related materials or activities.
- **Digital Poster (ePoster):** Electronic poster that can be displayed on a screen that may include embedded multimedia like video or audio
- **Poster:** Presentation of project & learning presented in a large scale printed poster. (There is NO money for printing support.)

#### **Activities: These are interactive, hands-on experiences designed to engage an audience.**

- **Exhibits:** Object(s) or collection displayed for the public. Organized to tell a story about your project.
- **Performances:** Public displays of actions (performing arts) in front of an audience.
- **Learning Stations:** Audience members participate in an activity focused on a specific task to engage with project & learning in various ways.

**Q: How will students share the details and needs in preparation for the showcase?**

A: We will require students to share their details in a Microsoft form. This will also help the HoME faculty confirm logistics and create a digital program. We will ask for:

- Title of Project
- Names of Students
- Instructor and section detail
- Short description of project
- Preferred presentation type
- Tech needs

**Q: Is tech support available to students?**

A: General tech support is reserved and available.

- Once we understand the nature of student presentations, we will work with ITS to reserve equipment, etc.
- Students should be as self-sufficient as possible. (Bring a fully charged laptop, have your materials printed and ready to go, articulate tech needs early)

**Q: Is there money available for supporting student projects?**

A: No. There is no budget for this event. We encourage students to share work in ways that avoid printing or purchasing items.

**Q: Can you tell me about the space available?**

A: The showcase will take over the HUB.

- Entry level – Pawsway (Corridor in front of bookstore) & Fireplace Lounge
- Top floor – Room 109, Hage Room

- Based on the number and types of presentations students wish to share, we will organize spaces to the best of our ability.

**Q: How will students set up their materials:**

A: Students may set up their work between 4pm – 4:45pm.

**Q: Do my students need to stay for the entire event?**

A: Student work should be displayed for the entire event. However, time-based requirements for student participation are at the discretion of the instructor.

**Q: How do students pick up/clean up their materials?**

A: Students are required to remove all materials and tidy their stations at the end of the event.

**Q: Is the showcase mandatory?**

A: No. The showcase is not mandatory.

- We recognize that some faculty and student groups may choose not to participate in this experience.
- Some courses may end before the showcase happens.
- The showcase may not be the best way for your students to share their work with an external audience.

**Q: My project didn't go as planned, is it appropriate to share it (or a piece of it) in the showcase?**

A: YES! This showcase celebrates the process and demonstrates how students are growing their habits of mind. It will be acknowledged (in the digital program) that project success is not the primary and only marker of growth! We hope you'll share how you worked independently and collaboratively to stretch your Purposeful Communication, Problem Solving, Self-Regulated Learning and Integrated Perspective habits.

**Q: Who will attend?**

A: Students, faculty, staff, administration, campus partners, Plymouth community members. Please invite guests and project partners from off campus!

**Q: Why are we having a Signature Project and TWP showcase?**

A: This showcase is a pilot for Fall 2025.

- INCP courses specifically require external engagement in student projects.
- TWP instructors have suggested that a formal opportunity to gather students to share work would be valuable.
- Students taking courses in the Fall do not have the option of sharing their work in the Showcase of Student Research & Engagement.
- The faculty have expressed interest in creating opportunities for TWP students to interface with INCP students to offer inspiration and aspiration.

**Q: How does the showcase support the work of the HoME Program**

A: This experience is meant to be a celebration of student work as they grow their Habits of Mind within the bookends of the HoME Program.

- Celebrate the process over the product.
- Showcases the collaboration and work happening in TWP and Signature Project courses.
- Invites students to talk about their growth in the habits of mind.
- Recognizes that projects may be in many stages.
- Shares the spirit of interdisciplinarity, collaboration, and service.
- Provides an opportunity for students to share their work publicly.
- Creates a bridge between students, those at the start of their PSU journey in Tackling a Wicked Problem course and those nearing the end in Signature Project courses.
- Makes visible in the process of HoME Program (General Education) at PSU.

