Signature Project and Tackling a Wicked Problem Showcase
Friday, December 11, 2026
2:00pm – 4:00pm – Hartman Union Building

FAQ

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

A: Complete this form by Friday November 13: Signature Project & TWP Showcase Registration – Fill out form

Q: What is the event schedule?

A: Agenda

2:00pm - 2:20pm ALL projects check in and set up (HUB Hage Room)
2:30pm - Welcome Address from Provost Bowditch (HUB Fireplace Lounge)
2:30pm - 3:15pm Project Rotation 1 (HUB Courtroom)
3:15pm - 4:00pm Project Rotation 2 (HUB Courtroom)
4:00pm - 4:15pm Event ends, clean up

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

A: See the list below.

Projects may be shared using one of the following presentation formats:

- **Poster Presentation:** Presentation of a project and related learning through a large-scale printed poster. Posters are encouraged to visually communicate the purpose, key information, outcomes, and/or takeaways of the project in a clear and engaging format. Presenters should be prepared to briefly discuss their work and answer questions.
    - There are no specific size requirements for posters.
    - Large easels will be made available for all posters.
    - Posters will be arranged at a shared table with at least 1 other.
    - UPS on Main Street in Plymouth can print posters up to 36 inches x 48 inches.
- **Tabletop Demonstration:** Presentation of a project at a designated table, allowing presenters to showcase project-related materials, activities, prototypes, or other

interactive components. This format provides an opportunity to demonstrate how something works, engage attendees in an activity, or provide a more hands-on representation of the project and learning outcomes.
    - Groups will share (1) 6-foot table with another project.
    - Be prepared to share your work in approximately 2-foot-wide by 3-foot-long space.

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 showcase committee 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
- Unique project needs

Q: Is tech support available to students?

A: Students are encouraged to be as self-sufficient as possible when preparing their presentations. Presenters should arrive with fully charged devices and all necessary materials prepared and ready to use.

- If a group requires specific technology or equipment for their presentation, **they are responsible for identifying their needs and making the appropriate reservation in advance.**
- Technology needs should be identified and addressed early to ensure that necessary equipment is available on the day of the event.

Q: Is there money available to support student projects?

A: Students should be prepared to cover any costs related to printing or materials. Should money become available to support print materials, we will communicate with instructors.

Q: Where can students print their posters, and what are the associated costs?

A: Students can print posters at the **UPS Store** in Plymouth by emailing their files or bringing them on a USB drive. Full-color printing costs approximately $60, while a $15 draft option is available for black-and-white posters containing only text and line drawings.

Q: Can you tell me about the space available?

A: The Showcase will primarily take place in the **HUB Courtroom**, which will be fully available for the 2026 event. Our goal is to consolidate projects within this space to create a centralized and engaging Showcase experience.

- Additional spaces within the HUB may be utilized for **overflow**, depending on the number of projects, presentation needs, and overall participation.
- Projects will be organized within the available spaces to best accommodate presenters and attendees.

Q: How will students set up their materials:

A: All project groups must check in and setup between 2:00pm - 2:20pm. Tentative check in location is the HUB Hage Room.

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

A: Student work should remain displayed and available for the duration of the Showcase. The 2026 Showcase will utilize **two presentation rotations within a 90-minute event** to provide a more engaging experience for both presenters and attendees.

- Students should plan to actively present during their assigned rotation.
- Participation outside of the assigned presentation time is at the discretion of the instructor.
- Specific rotation assignments and presentation times will be communicated as the event approaches.

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:

- 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.