Get Ready for the Showcase: A Guide for Students

Plymouth State's Tackling a Wicked Problem (TWP) and Integrated Capstone Signature Project (INCP/SP) Showcase is a significant University-wide event celebrating your learning journey.

Event Details

Friday, December 11, 2026

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Hartman Union Building (HUB)

Agenda

2:00pm – 2:20pm ALL Student Check-in and Set-up (HUB-Hage Room)

2:30pm Welcome Address and Event Begins (Fireplace Lounge)

2:35pm – 3:15pm Rotation 1 Projects

3:15pm – 4:00pm Rotation 2 Projects

4:00pm Event Ends and Clean up

Scope and Purpose

- **What You'll See:** Signature Project (INCP) and Tackling a Wicked Problem (TWP) students will share their project development process, their final work, and how they are growing their habits of mind. Each student group will choose to present

using either a traditional poster or an interactive tabletop display featuring slide decks, activities, and project artifacts.

- **Target Audience:** The showcase features work from TWP students beginning their academic journey and SP students ending their time at PSU.

- **Learning Focus:** The event is a space to demonstrate growth in the four Habits of Mind: Purposeful Communication, Self-Regulated Learning, Integrated Perspective, and Problem Solving. Demonstrations of crucial learning, iteration, and managing challenges constitute success. Projects that don't quite achieve goals aren't considered "failures" but should be viewed as valuable learning opportunities.

Logistics: When, Where, and Who

- **Size:** Expect a large event! It will feature 100 projects, over 400 students, and up to 100 visitors.

- **Location:** Hartman Union Building (HUB)
    - Check in: Hage Room
    - Welcome Address: Fireplace Lounge
    - Showcase: Courtroom

- **Attendees:** You will be presenting to a large on-campus group (students, staff, faculty, administrators) as well as off-campus guests, including community partners from the greater Plymouth area and the state. Students who work with stakeholders are strongly encouraged to invite them!

Showcase Vibe: Preparing Your Professional Self

- **Dress Code:** There is no mandatory dress code; however, the vibe leans toward "business casual." This is a professional setting where you represent yourself, your peers, and your work.

- **Networking Opportunity:** Treat this as a chance to practice how you speak about your work, network, and socialize. Dress and prepare in a way that makes you feel confident and ready to engage.

Prepare to Share: Talking About Your Work

Guests will walk through and linger briefly. Be ready to give a quick, impactful summary and engage in a deeper conversation.

Practice your answers to these prompts ahead of time.

Tackling A Wicked Problem (TWP)

The focus for TWP students is on defining a complex problem, identifying a feasible scope, and learning how to work effectively while growing the habits of mind.

Conversation Focus	Key Prompt to Answer
Problem & Scope	Share your **"wicked problem"** and the **opportunity** you saw to work on a specific piece of it.
Project Summary	Describe your project in **three sentences or less.**
Success & Failure	Describe a part of the project that **worked well.** Share a **challenge** and how you **made a pivot.**
Habits of Mind	Provide an example of how you or your group practiced **one Habit of Mind** (e.g., Integrated Perspective) during your process.
Gratitude	Share your gratitude for the people who helped make your project possible.

Integrated Capstone: Signature Project (INCP)

The focus for INCP students is on high-level integration, bringing skills from their distinct disciplines into collaborative spaces with peers to design interdisciplinary projects for impact, all while continuing to grow the habits of mind.

Conversation Focus	Key Prompt to Answer

Theme & Inspiration	Share the **theme of your course** and the **opportunity** that topic inspired.
Project Summary	Describe your project in **three sentences or less.**
Impact	Describe the **impact** of your project (e.g., on a community partner, the institution, or a body of knowledge).
Future Vision	Share a **challenge** related to the project and how you made a pivot **OR** how you would **iterate in the future.**
Habits of Mind	Provide an example of how you or your group practiced **one Habit of Mind** (e.g., Purposeful Communication) during your process.
Gratitude	Share your gratitude for the people who helped make your project possible.