



JACKIE WIRZ — ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, LIBRARY

OHSU held its first ever all-campus Research Week May 7-10 this year. The event was a great success. The event built on and expanded the existing Student Research Forum in the School of Medicine. It became so popular that as enthusiasm grew, ultimately included both the School of Nursing and School of Dentistry. Not only was the event extraordinarily well-attended, but it met its primary goals: raise the profile of the research mission and provide opportunities to identify new collaborators among faculty, staff and student researchers.

Jackie Wirz was the leader who made it all happen. Planning and management of the event began with a diverse grass-roots group of faculty, administrators and students who came together in support of the goal of creating a Research Week. Not only did Jackie chair the committee and corral the participants, she worked tirelessly at every aspect of the event, from setting up the abstract submission process to overseeing program development, facilitating judging to ordering food and drink and personally hanging up flyers around campus. Jackie is a champion of the research mission, and an example of a genuine collaborator who used her organizational skills, imagination and grit to bring together the diverse aspects of OHSU's research and educational missions under a single vibrant event. We can all learn from her example.

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