Falcon Promise
FY13 Annual Report

Falcon Promise Area: Falcon Grants
Project Manager: Molly Van Wagner

Please use the space below to briefly describe the use of funds in your Falcon Promise area.
Please keep responses to two pages.

A description of how funds were used:

Falcon Grants is a program designed to support and encourage students to participate in undergraduate research, scholarly and creative activities (URSCA). Funds are awarded through a competitive grant process for students to either attend a conference and present their findings or to support their projects with dollars for supplies and expenses.

A description of the location(s) where the funding was used:

The 2012-13 Falcon Grants supported students to travel all over the country to present their findings. The following is a list of locations:
Milwaukee, WI
Peoria and Chicago, IL
Denver, CO
Kansas City, MO
Kalamazoo, MI
Ruidoso, New Mexico
Cincinnati, OH
Orlando, FL
Oshkosh, WI
La Crosse, WI
Palm Desert, CA
Auburn, AL
Palm Beach, FL

Students receiving funding for project support typically utilized their funds while on campus.
Identify the amount of funds used for salaries and fringe benefits, supplies and expenses, equipment, and remodeling by location. Purchases in excess of $5,000 shall be individually itemized: There are no salaries, fringe, or equipment purchases over $5,000. A total of $4,280 was spent on supplies and expenses. These funds were awarded directly to students to support the URSCA projects/research.

Describe the goals/benchmarks for your area:
Falcon Grants was designed and is administered by SURSCA (the Society for Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities), a student organization dedicated to enhancing the culture of URSCA on our campus. To support this program our goals include:

- Promote URSCA through the new website, Falcon Daily, Axis TV, email blasts, campus announcements and engaging faculty and staff. The website was developed by Elizabeth Jordahl and can be found at http://www.uwrf.edu/URSCA/.
- Continued development of the SURSCA committee to enhance their student experience.
- Continue to streamline the Falcon Grant process and provide timely responses.
- Organize and support the Fall Gala to maximize attendance and include all disciplines.
- Support and coordinate the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) which is a major focus of the program.

If a competitive process was used to allocate funding among students, 1) describe the process for allocating funds and 2) identify the total number of students that applied for funding and the number of students that received funding.
Undergraduate students submit an application for review by the Society of Undergraduate Research, Creative and Scholarly Activities (student organization) twice a year. This group of students (SURSCA) scores each application using a judging rubric which is available on-line with the application. This process allows a student peer review process for all applications. SURSCA meets to discuss their scoring and determine whether a grant proposal is funded and the award amount. The process is overseen by Dr. Lissa Schneider-Rebozo and Molly Van Wagner. Letters are sent out to all applicants informing them of their award status.

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*The accumulated fund balance of $68,815.70 will assist with NCUR 2014 hosted at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. NCUR 2013 was hosted by UW La Crosse allowing us to save funds for NCUR 2014 which will most likely involve leasing a plane. Additionally students interested in attending the UW Symposium in Milwaukee during April of 2014 will be applying for funding for the first time. This balance will also allow for a higher number of students to be funded in 2014.