



Project title:

*Empowering Freshman Students’
Research-based Skills and
Knowledge through Sustained
Mentorship and Campus-wide
Event*

FALL 2020 – PROGRESS REPORT

Team

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Our project consists of two initiatives:

Initiative 1: To offer sustained mentorship to ENGL1302 students after they exit our courses and help them submit their research projects at the Engaged Scholar Symposium

What Has Been Done: We piloted activity and 7 students submitted their work in the Spring 2020 semester. Unfortunately, they didn't present because event was cancelled. This semester the ES2 was offered virtually. We plan to recruit students this semester and help them apply for the ES2 in spring 2021.

Initiative 2: An end-of-the-semester campus wide digital event where currently enrolled ENGL1302 students will showcase their work to multiple audiences (UTRGV and high school students, faculty from various colleges, and members from our local community).

What Has Been Done: We are building an interactive website. ENGL1302 students will submit complete research projects in different modes (e.g. video, digital poster presentation, lightning talk, professional presentation, interactive infographic, podcast, dance, etc.). Event is scheduled for Spring 2021.

Link to website:

<https://tomasguerrero01.wixsite.com/novarhet>

Assessment:

- Student survey
- Student reflection
- Instructor reflection



QUESTIONS?/COMMENTS

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