Jan O Case* (jcase@jsu.edu), JSU MCIS Department, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, AL 36265. The Evolution of an Arts and Sciences Student Symposium.

For over ten years, Jacksonville State University's College of Arts and Sciences has sponsored a Symposium to showcase the best work of our students. The purpose of the Symposium is to develop and present research projects that are a part of our standard curriculum. While extracurricular work is allowed, the Symposium seeks to identify and reward those students who complete assigned class research projects with excellence. The proceedings of the Symposium are published and provided to each participant, all faculty mentors, each department and the library. The cover of the document is designed by a student. Over the years, the Symposium has had success as well as setbacks. By sharing the evolution of our program, we hope to encourage others who are interested in inspiring students to participate in experiences outside the classroom. This presentation addresses the organization and publicity of the program and the factors that are crucial to success. (Received September 14, 2006)