



Mapping Student Researches as Foundation for Development Programs: A Systematic Review of Student-Led Publications of the School of Education

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ABSTRACT

Student-led research is essential to academic growth, offering insights and meaningful reflections grounded in real educational experiences. However, many published works are left unused within institutional archives, leaving their potential impact untapped. The research utilized a structured review process that analyzed published student works to uncover patterns that inform the creation of student-centered development programs. The findings show that student-led publications reflect key areas of student growth, including intellectual, emotional, social, moral, and spiritual development. The reviewed articles highlight how student experiences and reflections offer valuable insights into their personal and academic journeys. These insights suggest that student research can be used to guide the creation of responsive development programs that align with students' real needs and institutional goals.

INTRODUCTION

In academic institutions, student-led research is widely encouraged and often required as a culminating activity in many undergraduate programs. These research efforts not only help students develop critical thinking and investigative skills but also contribute valuable insights relevant to their field of study (Taja-on & Simbulan, 2023; Taja-on et al., 2025a). While students often see research as a requirement, many of their findings show great promise and practical value. Unfortunately, student outputs are often underutilized beyond the classroom, missing opportunities to inform institutional growth and improvement. However, there is room to transform student research from academic compliance into a meaningful contributor to program development and educational enhancement (Weiss, 2021).

The School of Education's commitment to producing competent, reflective, and socially responsible educators aligns with the institutional goal of fostering holistic student growth (Simbulan & Taja-on, 2021). Complementing this, the Office of Student Affairs develops student leaders equipped with relevant competencies such as research and problem-solving—skills essential to leadership and personal identity formation (Potter, 2021). The institution offers programs and services that support student development in various dimensions, yet there remains a need to align these services with actual student experiences and data (Taja-on et al., 2023). As the institution emphasizes research productivity and quality outputs, student-led studies become key in creating evidence-based development efforts (Taja-on et al., 2024a).

Despite the availability of student research outputs, many remain archived with little consideration for their practical application. This situation echoes the academic dilemma of "*publish or perish*," where the value of research is measured by its presence rather than its use. Often, the insights and recommendations from student publications are not translated into actionable programs or institutional changes (Elbanna & Child, 2023). This gap between research production and practical use highlights the need for a systematic effort to bring these works into the center of institutional development.

This study aims to compile and review students' published works under the School of Education to assess their thematic contributions and practical relevance. Additionally, the study aims to derive meaningful insights that reflect student needs, concerns, and innovations that can be drawn, which may serve as the foundation for future development programs.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Student Researches and Publication

Student research is a core component of higher education, allowing learners to engage deeply with real-world issues and develop inquiry, analysis, and academic writing skills. Many institutions require undergraduate research as a capstone or thesis requirement, which has led to a steady increase in student publications, particularly in education programs where reflective and community-based inquiries are common (Taja-on & Simbulan, 2023). These student-led publications often explore relevant concerns in teaching, learning, and school-community relations, showcasing the students' growing awareness of their roles as future educators. Despite their potential, student publications remain within institutional repositories, rarely shared or applied beyond their original academic purpose (Bond et al., 2020; Hilton III, 2022). However, trends in academic institutions now show growing interest in promoting student research visibility through internal journals and open-access platforms, recognizing its importance in professional preparation and institutional knowledge-building (Elbanna & Child, 2023; Taja-on et al., 2025b).

Facets of Student Development

The growing emphasis on supporting students holistically through well-structured development programs is aligned with this trend. Chickering's Seven Vectors of Identity Development—covering competence, emotions, autonomy, identity, relationships, purpose, and integrity—provides a valuable framework for understanding the areas where students grow throughout their academic journey (Wise, 2017; Potter, 2021). These vectors reflect how students move from dependence to self-authorship and personal responsibility, which is evident in the content and themes of student-led research. Many of these publications reveal students' lived experiences, challenges, and aspirations across academic, social, emotional, and cultural dimensions (Rastogi et al., 2019; Abes et al., 2023).

When these outputs are examined closely, they can offer insights into students' development processes and point toward areas where institutional programs can better support growth (Rajagukguk et al., 2022; Broido, 2023; Taja-on et al., 2023; 2024b). In this context, the connection between student publications and development programming becomes more relevant, as the themes of student research often align with areas where institutional support is needed. By mapping these themes and connecting them to student development frameworks, institutions can more clearly identify service gaps and create programs that address actual student experiences (Vander Putten, 2022; Taja-on & Simbulan, 2023).

Research-Informed Practices towards Student Development

Educational institutions benefit greatly from designing initiatives rooted in research-informed practices, especially when the data come directly from their student body (Taja-on et al., 2025b; Taja-on & Vergara, 2025). Research-based programs are shown to be more effective because they are built on evidence, shaped by stakeholder perspectives, and regularly evaluated for impact. When student-generated research is used this way, it bridges academic learning with practical action, turning insights into timely, relevant, and meaningful improvements (Bond et al., 2020; Hilton III, 2022; Elbanna & Child, 2023). The process ensures that development efforts are responsive and empowering, as they value student voices and position research as a tool for transformation within the academic community.

Theoretical Framework

This study is anchored on Chickering’s Seven Vectors of Identity Development (Chickering & Reisser, 1993). This framework outlines key areas of student growth during the college years. The vectors serve as a guiding lens in examining the content of student-led publications, as each research output often reflects personal, academic, and social dimensions of student development (Wise, 2017). The study aims to identify themes corresponding to these developmental areas by systematically reviewing the student-led publication, allowing the institution to design programs grounded in actual student experiences and aligned with the vectors of identity growth (Potter, 2021).

METHODOLOGY

Research Method and Design

The research used a systematic review method with a qualitative approach, applying text mining and content analysis to investigate student-led publications. The design examined patterns and emerging themes across published articles to explore their relevance to student development.

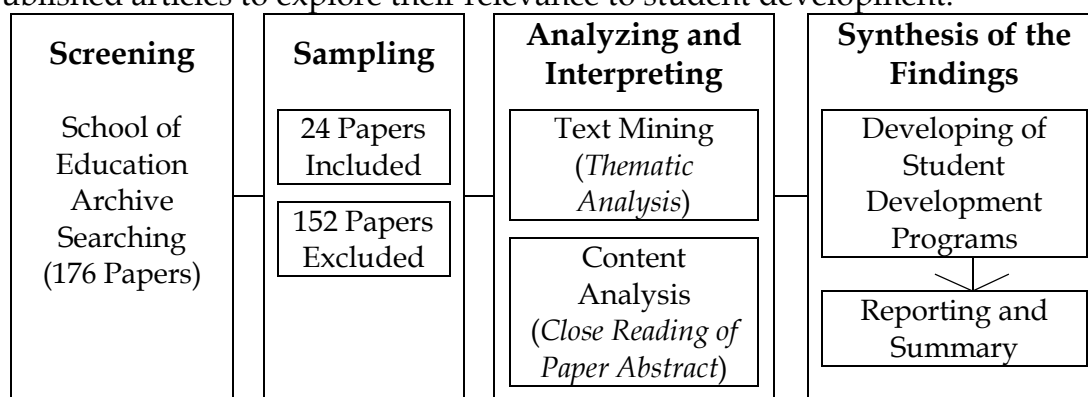


Figure 1. Schematic Diagram of the Study

The flow of the methodology followed a clear and structured schematic process. The study began by archiving 176 student papers from the School of Education, after which a screening phase was applied to identify 24 eligible publications while excluding 152 that did not meet the criteria. The selected studies were then analyzed using text mining through thematic analysis and content analysis through close readings of the abstracts. The synthesis phase involved identifying key development areas based on the findings and translating them into proposed student development programs.

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

The study followed a set of inclusion criteria to ensure relevance and focus. Only student research derived from theses, term papers, case papers, or mini-researches were considered, provided they were published locally, nationally, or internationally between 2019 and 2025. The selected studies had to be authored by college students under the School of Education, written in English or translated into English, available in full-text form, and conducted within San Isidro College. These criteria ensured that the reviewed publications reflected the academic, institutional, and developmental contexts targeted by the review.

Meanwhile, the study excluded publications that did not meet specific requirements to maintain the focus and integrity of the review. These excluded were faculty-authored research, unpublished manuscripts, studies outside the 2019–2025-time frame, works from departments other than the School of Education, and non-English texts without translations. These exclusions ensured that only student-driven, relevant, and institution-specific publications were included in the analysis.

Literature Search and Inventory

The literature search resulted in a final set of 24 published student-led articles. Among these, seven followed a quantitative approach, sixteen employed qualitative methods, and one used a mixed-methods design. In terms of publication year, one article was published in 2021, three in 2023, eight in 2024, and twelve in 2025. The publication venues included one local journal, four national publications, and nineteen international journals. Geographically, the international publications were distributed across Southeast Asia (14), Western Asia (5), Europe (2), and North America (3), showing broad academic engagement beyond the local context.

Table 1. Categorization of Student Published Article Used in the Study (N=24)

Article	Author (Year)	Article	Author (Year)
Art-1	Taja-on & Vacalares (2021)	Art-14	Rosell et al. (2025)
Art-2	Cacay & Taja-on (2023)	Art-15	Edu et al. (2025)
Art-3	Lim et al. (2023)	Art-16	Dajero et al. (2025)
Art-4	Barete et al. (2023)	Art-17	Taja-on & Vergara (2025)
Art-5	Binghay et al. (2024)	Art-18	Macalam et al. (2025)
Art-6	Diana et al. (2024)	Art-19	Lumandas et al. (2025)
Art-7	Hadjirul et al. (2024)	Art-20	Vergara & Taja-on (2025a)
Art-8	Barete & Taja-on (2024)	Art-21	Vergara et al. (2025)
Art-9	Dag-um et al. (2024)	Art-22	Lumista et al. (2025)
Art-10	Daling et al. (2024)	Art-23	Taja-on et al. (2025b)
Art-11	Piscos et al. (2024)	Art-24	Vergara & Taja-on (2025b)
Art-12	Decierdo et al. (2024)		
Art-13	Ombayan et al. (2025)		

Table 1 presents the article numbers alongside the corresponding authors and publication years of the 24 student-led articles used in the review. These articles are arranged in chronological order of publication, allowing readers to trace the progression and frequency of student research outputs from 2021 to 2025. This categorization supports transparency and provides an accessible overview of the sources included in the analysis.

Data Analysis

Data analysis followed a multi-level approach to generate meaningful insights from the reviewed articles. Thematic analysis was first used to identify and categorize the key themes emerging from the studies. The analysis was followed by cross-study comparisons to highlight shared concerns or unique findings across the different research outputs. Lastly, a comparative analysis was conducted to assess the breadth and depth of each study on student development, helping determine which findings were most applicable in designing effective development programs.

RESEACH RESULT

Intellectual Development

Table 2 presents the article methodologies and data sources of the published student-led research regarding intellectual development.

Table 2. Article Methodologies and Data Sources on Intellectual Development

Article	Category	Methodology	Gathering Method	Data Sources
Art-1	Local	Quantitative	Survey	87 Students
Art-5	National	Qualitative	Interview	31 Seminarians
Art-6	National	Qualitative	Interview	6 Students

Art-8	International	Qualitative	Interview	6 Students
Art-14	International	Qualitative	Interview	11 Individuals
Art-15	International	Qualitative	Interview	4 Students
Art-23	International	Qualitative	Delphi Method	7 Experts
Sample Size				152
				Participants

Table 3 presents the article results of the published student-led research regarding intellectual development.

Table 3. Overview of the Articles Reviewed on Intellectual Development

Article	Result
Art-1	Watching anime is associated with enhanced critical thinking skills among students, indicating its potential as an informal educational tool.
Art-5	Seminary students develop intellectual discipline and academic resilience by balancing rigorous coursework with community expectations.
Art-6	Exposure to sacramental theology broadens students' understanding of religious concepts and fosters interfaith intellectual engagement.
Art-8	Relating mathematics to real-life situations enhances students' comprehension, motivation, and analytical reasoning.
Art-14	Contextualizing mathematics through daily applications deepens understanding and relevance, bridging theory and practice.
Art-15	Students' appreciation of mathematics grows when its real-world utility and role in developing cognitive skills are emphasized.
Art-23	Integrating 21st-century skills into math education fosters critical thinking, creativity, and intellectual adaptability in the digital age.

The results show that seven articles explored themes related to intellectual development and a combined sample size of 152 individuals. The articles consistently revealed that students developed critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and academic confidence through their engagement in research, mathematics, theology, and educational reflection. These outcomes reflect the growth of competence, which is a fundamental aspect of student identity formation. The reviewed studies highlight how intellectual challenges provided opportunities for learners to build knowledge, take academic risks, and gain confidence in their cognitive abilities, contributing to a deeper sense of personal and academic growth.

Psychosocial Development

Table 4 presents the article methodologies and data sources of the published student-led research regarding psychosocial development.

Table 4. Article Methodologies and Data Sources on Psychosocial Development

Article	Category	Methodology	Gathering Method	Data Sources
Art-2	International	Qualitative	Interview	6 Higa-onon's
Art-7	National	Quantitative	Survey	464 Students
Art-9	International	Qualitative	Interview	5 Students
Art-13	International	Qualitative	Interview	10 Students
Art-21	International	Qualitative	Interview	9 Students
Art-24	International	Qualitative	Interview	5 Individuals
Sample Size				499
Participants				

Table 5 presents the article results of the published student-led research regarding psychosocial development.

Table 5. Overview of the Articles Reviewed on Psychosocial Development

Article	Result
Art-2	Preserving and learning the Higa-onon language strengthens cultural identity and fosters a deeper connection to community heritage.
Art-7	Excessive social media use negatively affects students' sense of belonging, highlighting the need for balanced digital engagement.
Art-9	Married students develop social maturity and effective interpersonal skills by navigating dual roles in academic and family life.
Art-13	Mobile phone use influences the quality of student interactions, challenging their capacity to maintain meaningful social relationships.
Art-21	Supportive communities play a crucial role in fostering male students' emotional openness, self-awareness, and social integration.
Art-24	Left-handed individuals build psychosocial resilience and self-concept through navigating societal norms and identity formation.

The results show that six articles explored themes related to psychosocial development and a combined sample size of 499 individuals. The studies examined student experiences with social media, identity, relationships, and community engagement, pointing to the importance of social belonging and the challenges of maintaining healthy interpersonal dynamics. The results show that students often navigate tensions between connection and isolation, particularly in digital spaces, but also find strength in cultural identity and community support. These insights reflect how students develop mature relationships and

strengthen their sense of identity and interdependence, marking key aspects of personal and social growth.

Emotional Development

Table 6 presents the article methodologies and data sources of the published student-led research regarding emotional development.

Table 6. Article Methodologies and Data Sources on Emotional Development

Article	Category	Methodology	Gathering Method	Data Sources
Art-4	International	Qualitative	Document Analysis	Song Lyrics
Art-10	International	Mixed Method	Survey / Interview	106 Students
Art-12	International	Qualitative	Interview	5 Students
Art-13	International	Qualitative	Interview	10 Students
Art-16	National	Qualitative	Interview	10 Individuals
Art-17	International	Qualitative	Delphi Method	6 Experts
Art-20	International	Quantitative	Survey	735 Students
Sample Size				872
Participants				

Table 7 presents the article results of the published student-led research regarding emotional development.

Table 7. Overview of the Articles Reviewed on Emotional Development

Article	Result
Art-4	Contemporary music expressing mental health struggles promotes emotional awareness and validates students' personal experiences.
Art-10	Male students' emotional expression is hindered by stigma, emphasizing the need to create environments that support vulnerability and openness.
Art-12	Students facing poverty demonstrate emotional resilience and perseverance in managing stress and adversity during their academic journey.
Art-13	Phone use affects students' emotional well-being by influencing their feelings of isolation, disrespect, and social disconnection.
Art-16	Coffee rituals serve as emotional coping strategies, offering students comfort, routine, and relief from stress.
Art-17	Institutional mental health strategies promote students' emotional stability through inclusive and sustainable support systems.
Art-20	Mental health literacy enhances emotional intelligence by equipping students with the knowledge to understand and manage psychological challenges.

The results show that seven articles explored themes related to emotional development and a combined sample size of 872 individuals. The studies reveal students' experiences with mental health, coping strategies, stigma, and emotional expression, showing how they manage feelings and adapt to stressors. Across the articles, students shared stories of resilience, emotional awareness, and searching for supportive environments. These findings demonstrate how students learn to understand and regulate their emotions, an important step in their ability to function independently and maintain emotional stability in academic and personal settings.

Moral and Ethical Development

Table 8 presents the article methodologies and data sources of the published student-led research regarding moral and ethical development.

Table 8. Article Methodologies and Data Sources on Moral and Ethical Development

Article	Category	Methodology	Gathering Method	Data Sources
Art-2	International	Qualitative	Interview	6 Higa-onon's
Art-6	National	Qualitative	Interview	6 Students
Art-18	International	Qualitative	Focus Group Disc.	10 Students
Art-19	International	Quantitative	Survey	118 Students
Art-24	International	Qualitative	Interview	5 Individuals
Sample Size				145
				Participants

Table 9 presents the article results of the published student-led research regarding moral and ethical development.

Table 9. Overview of the Articles Reviewed on Moral And Ethical Development

Article	Result
Art-2	Learning and preserving the Higa-onon language deepen students' respect for cultural heritage and reinforces ethical responsibility toward Indigenous identity.
Art-6	Studying sacramental theology fosters moral discernment and enhances interfaith understanding, promoting respect for religious diversity.
Art-18	Religious education instills moral grounding and perseverance, shaping students' ethical values through structured spiritual practices.
Art-19	Catholic devotional practices cultivate moral clarity, compassion, and purpose, guiding students' ethical decisions and personal conduct.
Art-24	The lived experiences of left-handed individuals highlight the ethical need for inclusivity and societal respect for diversity in physical and cultural traits.

The results show that five articles explored moral and ethical development themes and a combined sample size of 145 individuals. The reviewed research shows how students reflect on cultural values, spiritual beliefs, inclusivity, and ethical responsibility in language preservation, interfaith understanding, and identity acceptance. These studies emphasize how students clarify personal values and develop a sense of purpose and integrity as they engage with diverse perspectives. The findings show that these moral explorations contribute to ethical decision-making and promote respect for cultural and individual differences.

Career Development

Table 10 presents the article methodologies and data sources of the published student-led research regarding career development.

Table 10. Article Methodologies and Data Sources on Career Development

Article	Category	Methodology	Gathering Method	Data Sources
Art-5	National	Qualitative	Interview	31 Seminarians
Art-12	International	Qualitative	Interview	10 Students
Art-23	International	Qualitative	Delphi Method	7 Experts
Sample Size				48
Participants				48

Table 11 presents the article results of the published student-led research regarding career development.

Table 11. Overview of the Articles Reviewed on Career Development

Article	Result
Art-5	Seminary education equips students with academic discipline and time management skills essential for success in religious and pastoral vocations.
Art-12	Students from low socioeconomic backgrounds demonstrate perseverance and motivation that contribute to long-term academic and career aspirations.
Art-23	Transforming mathematics education to align with Education 4.0 fosters critical skills and innovation necessary for students' future careers in a digital society.

The results show that three articles explored career development themes and a combined sample size of 48 individuals. The studies focus on how academic formation, vocational calling, and perseverance through socioeconomic challenges prepare students for future careers. The participants described experiences of managing time, setting long-term goals, and connecting academic work to professional aspirations. These results highlight how students are beginning to define their purpose, set career directions, and take responsibility for their paths demonstrating the integration of identity with vocational commitment.

Spiritual Development

Table 12 presents the article methodologies and data sources of the published student-led research regarding spiritual development.

Table 12. Article Methodologies and Data Sources on Spiritual Development

Article	Category	Methodology	Gathering Method	Data Sources
Art-3	International	Qualitative	Interview	9 Ex-Seminarians
Art-5	National	Qualitative	Interview	31 Seminarians
Art-6	National	Qualitative	Interview	6 Students
Art-11	International	Quantitative	Survey	735 Students
Art-18	International	Qualitative	Focus Group Disc.	10 Students
Art-19	International	Quantitative	Survey	118 Students
Art-22	International	Quantitative	Survey	146 Students
Sample Size				1055
Participants				

Table 13 presents the article results of the published student-led research regarding spiritual development.

Table 13. Overview of the Articles Reviewed on Spiritual Development

Article	Result
Art-3	Seminary formation nurtures spiritual discernment and growth, guiding students in deepening their relationship with God and understanding their vocation.
Art-5	Seminary life integrates spiritual discipline into daily routines, fostering both religious commitment and holistic development.
Art-6	Learning about sacramental theology strengthens interfaith respect and encourages personal spiritual reflection among non-Catholic students.
Art-11	High levels of spiritual well-being and intelligence among students highlight the role of spirituality in fostering inner peace and purpose.

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- Art-18 Religious practices such as prayer and retreats support students' spiritual development by nurturing faith, resilience, and moral integrity.
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- Art-19 Catholic devotional practices shape students' spiritual identity and provide emotional and moral support through life's challenges.
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- Art-22 Bible reading enhances students' spiritual life by offering emotional comfort, relational guidance, and a deeper connection with faith.
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The results show that seven articles explored spiritual development themes and a combined sample size of 1055 individuals. The research discusses the role of prayer, religious practices, and spiritual reflection in shaping students' beliefs, resilience, and sense of meaning. The participants reported that spiritual activities provided emotional support and helped guide their decisions and actions. These insights show that students are exploring their belief systems, deepening their values, and forming a sense of purpose—processes that are central to identity development and the formation of personal integrity.

DISCUSSION

The results show that student-led publications significantly reflect various dimensions of growth, with intellectual development emerging as a consistent theme across the reviewed articles. Students demonstrated an increasing ability to apply critical thinking, problem-solving, and analytical reasoning in real-life contexts, especially in mathematics, theology, and education studies (Rosell et al., 2025; Lumandas et al., 2025; Macalam et al., 2025; Taja-on et al., 2025b). The result shows that students are not only meeting academic requirements but are actively engaging with complex ideas that challenge their thinking. These insights point to the need for development programs to enhance academic confidence and cognitive skill-building, allowing students to take greater ownership of their learning process and intellectual progress (Hilton III, 2020; Potter, 2021; Weiss, 2021; Vander Putten, 2022).

Psychosocial and emotional development were also widely represented in the reviewed studies. Students frequently addressed identity formation, cultural belonging, and relationship management themes, especially in research discussing social media use, cultural identity, and mental health (Cacay & Taja-on, 2023; Hadjirul et al., 2024; Ombayan et al., 2025; Taja-on & Vergara, 2025). Emotional development was evident in the way students shared their struggles with stigma, anxiety, and resilience, showing how they are learning to regulate emotions and find supportive spaces (Lim et al., 2023; Daling et al., 2024; Dajero et al., 2025; Vergara et al., 2025; Vergara & Taja-on, 2025b). These findings imply that student development programs should focus on fostering inclusive communities, peer connection, and safe platforms for emotional expression, particularly as students navigate personal and social challenges during college life (Wise, 2017; Rastogi et al., 2019; Elbanna & Child, 2023; Taja-on & Vergara, 2025).

Moral, ethical, and career-related themes further emphasize the role of student research in shaping values, direction, and purpose. Research on spirituality, cultural practices, and life challenges highlighted students' growing concern with personal integrity, ethical responsibility, and goal setting (Cacay & Taja-on, 2023; Binghay et al., 2024; Dag-um et al., 2024; Diana et al., 2024). Many students reflected on the importance of their values in guiding decisions and their aspirations toward becoming responsible professionals. The result underscores the need for programs that strengthen moral reflection and career planning, especially those that provide real-world exposure, mentorship, and opportunities to explore ethical dilemmas in professional contexts (Rastogi et al., 2019; Bond et al., 2020; Hilton III, 2020; Elbanna & Child, 2023; Taja-on & Vergara, 2025).

The high volume of publications on spiritual development reveals the depth of student engagement with faith and purpose. Through reflections on prayer, religious education, and spiritual well-being, students expressed how these practices contribute to emotional stability, resilience, and a meaningful life direction. The result suggests the importance of sustaining faith-based and reflective spaces within student services where individuals can explore their beliefs in connection to their identity and values (Diana et al., 2024; Piscos et al., 2024; Lumandas et al., 2025; Lumista et al., 2025; Macalam et al., 2025). The findings offer a strong basis for designing holistic development programs that respond to the real experiences and growth areas revealed through student-led research.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The results of the review reveal that student-led publications contain valuable insights that reflect students' academic, social, emotional, ethical, and spiritual development. These studies are expressions of academic fulfillment and mirror students' personal journeys, challenges, and growth across various dimensions of their college life. By mapping these publications, the study uncovered patterns of student experience that align with key areas of development, suggesting that these outputs can serve as a rich foundation for designing programs that directly address students' evolving needs. The result highlights student research's relevance beyond academic submission, showing its potential to inform meaningful, student-centered initiatives that support holistic development and enhance institutional responsiveness.

Based on the findings for intellectual development, the study recommends that academic support programs could be enhanced further to develop students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills, particularly through integrating research-based learning into regular coursework. Research writing workshops, peer mentoring, and subject-specific inquiry projects could be strengthened to give students more opportunities to apply their academic learning. Institutional initiatives could also promote the publication and presentation of student research to encourage intellectual growth and confidence. These practices reinforce the role of students as active contributors to knowledge and help deepen their engagement with academic content.

Based on the findings for psychosocial development, the study recommends that the institution develop programs that can foster a stronger sense of belonging and support students in managing interpersonal relationships. Initiatives such as inclusive peer support groups, cross-cultural activities, and guided dialogues on identity and communication would be valuable in nurturing student connection and social confidence. Support services could also address the effects of digital interaction on social engagement, ensuring students are guided in managing online and real-world relationships effectively. These efforts can help reinforce a healthy psychosocial environment that values diversity and connection.

Based on the findings for emotional development, the study recommends that the institution strengthen mental health programs that address emotional awareness, expression, and support. Providing regular access to counseling, peer-led mental health awareness activities and coping strategy workshops can help students navigate emotional stress and stigma. There could also be safe and open platforms for students to share experiences related to mental health, supported by faculty and staff trained in psychological first response. Such efforts can contribute to an emotionally supportive academic environment, prioritizing student well-being.

Based on the findings for moral and ethical development, the study encourages the design of programs that engage students in reflective dialogue on values, cultural practices, and ethical decision-making. Activities such as values formation seminars, intercultural awareness sessions, and ethics-based discussions could be implemented to build understanding and respect for diverse beliefs and identities. These programs can also be integrated into classroom discussions where appropriate, allowing students to explore real-life moral challenges in academic and professional contexts. The institution supports responsible and value-driven behavior by grounding student development in ethical reflection.

Based on the findings for career development, the study recommends that career development services provide more targeted support for students in setting academic and vocational goals. Programs such as career mentoring, goal-setting workshops, and exposure to real-world professional settings through internships or alumni talks can guide students in shaping their future careers. Students would also benefit from academic advising that connects their educational experiences to long-term career planning. Supporting students in this way helps align their academic identity with their emerging career paths.

Based on the findings for spiritual development, the study recommends continuing and enhancing faith-based programs and reflective spaces that nurture spiritual growth. The institution could offer retreats, prayer gatherings, and spiritual reflection workshops encouraging students to explore their beliefs and values. Collaboration with campus ministries or religious organizations can ensure that students from various faith backgrounds feel welcomed and supported. These programs could emphasize spiritual practice, personal meaning-making, and purpose, contributing to holistic development.

Although no studies directly focused on physical development were identified, the study recommends that future student researchers be encouraged to explore topics related to physical wellness, fitness, and lifestyle. Faculty and research advisers can promote these themes by highlighting the importance of physical health in student life and well-being. Institutions can also support this by integrating health and wellness concerns into research agenda discussions and providing platforms for presenting findings related to physical development. Encouraging such work can help complete the understanding of student growth across all key areas.

ADVANCED RESEARCH

Further studies are encouraged to expand the review of student-led publications by exploring other facets of development not widely represented in the current findings, such as physical and social wellness. Future research may also look into the long-term impact of student publications on personal and academic growth and how these outputs influence institutional practices over time. It is likewise recommended that other academic departments conduct similar systematic reviews of their student research outputs to identify patterns, generate development insights, and support evidence-based programming aligned with their respective fields. Broadening this effort across departments can contribute to a more comprehensive institutional strategy that values student research as vital to educational advancement.

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