



Virginia Junior Academy of Science
Sponsor's Update
April 2021

Dear Sponsors:

Thank you for the patience as VJAS processes the submitted papers for the May Research Symposium. Our current target for the acceptance list release is Monday, April 19.

Meanwhile, please be ready for the following:

- Re-check your calendars (students & sponsors) - live student presentations to judges via Zoom on Saturday, May 15, from 9am - 5pm. All Zoom sections will be open 15 minutes prior to start.
- Symposium registration will open April 26. Note: There is a registration fee of \$20 per student. Registration instructions will be posted next week after accepted papers go up on the vjas.org website.
Registration will close May 10.
- Accepted students will also need to log in to Reviewr to upload a pre-recorded presentation (linking a YouTube video of their recorded talk using VJAS guidelines like time limits). If there are significant live presentation issues, the judges will use these recordings. Instructions will be posted next week on the vjas.org website.
- When the accepted students log in to Reviewr again, students may apply for eligible Special Awards and Scholarships (example - VEE Scholarship, etc.), and apply to be a student officer by May 5.
- There will be a Zoom meeting for sponsors (Head Sponsors should attend, others are welcome) on Saturday, May 1 10-10:30. Zoom training, video presentations, applying for Special Awards, Student Officer application and Richard Grover will talk about his book. Here is the link;
<https://cwm.zoom.us/j/93933270911>
- There will be a Zoom meeting for students and sponsors on Saturday, May 1, 10:30-11 am. where we will go over very important details for the May Research Symposium. This will be recorded and will be available to view. Here is the link; <https://cwm.zoom.us/j/93933270911>
- VEE Judging will occur May 11-14.
- On Friday, May 14 from 6-8 there will be a VJAS General Session. The featured speaker is Dr. Joel Levine of William & Mary. VJAS General Session link;
<https://cwm.zoom.us/j/95391150859> - May 14, 6pm
- Special Judging will occur May 16-20.
- The Award Ceremony will be May 22 from 10-12. VJAS Awards link:
<https://cwm.zoom.us/j/94637985316> - May 22, 10am

Sincerely,

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