



**Virginia Junior Academy of  
Science Sponsor's Update  
August 2021**

Dear Sponsor(s):

We are excited to start the new school year with you. We know you are busy so we are giving you links to make it easier when you have time to take a moment. Let us know what you might need as we travel this pathway together.

1. We have been asked what is the difference between Regeneron ISEF and VJAS / AJAS. Read *How is VJAS/AJAS Different from Regeneron ISEF?* **Link:** <http://vjas.org/about.html>. We strongly support all your endeavors to allow your student(s) to gain multiple experiences.
2. We have updated the **Handbook** to include multiple changes to include dates and a new process for sponsors to do a final check on student submissions. Check it out and read closely, especially the DQ list. **Link:** <http://vjas.org/handbook.html>
3. We want to let you know that there will be no price changes in membership and entry fees. There will be a **\$5 increase for the Research Symposium fee** to offset the costs of the Reviewr platform.
4. We are pleased to launch the **Virginia Academy of Science Mentorship Initiative** which matches classrooms with one or more mentors to guide students through the design and implementation of a long-term research project. **Link:** <http://vjas.org/resources.html>
5. The 2021 *VJAS Proceedings* are complete and posted on the VJAS website. **Link:** <http://vjas.org/vjas-proceedings.html>.

As always we are only an email away, just let us know what you need.

Sincerely yours,

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