Wisconsin Association of Educators in Radiologic Technology

Greetings Program Directors, Coordinators, and Faculty!

We are excited to share the latest information on how this year's student exhibit competition will be run.

Here is what to expect:

- **This year, we kindly ask each program to provide contact information for at least two judges as we are hoping to expand the judging pool to help distribute the workload more and reduce the time commitment required of each judge.**
  Please keep in mind that Program Officials are only excluded from judging categories in which students from their own program are competing. **You are welcome to judge any category that does not include students from your program.**
  All judging, except for the Top 5 Essay Presentations, will be completed remotely. Judges will receive scoring rubrics and instructions and may contact Exhibit Coordinator Katie Church with any questions.

- **This year, we have simplified the application and exhibit submission process by streamlining deadlines and moving them earlier, giving students more time to decide whether they would like to participate in the competition.**

  The exhibit deadlines are as follows:

2027 EXHIBIT COMPETITON DEADLINES	
Application Deadline:	December 1st, 2026
Exhibit Submission Deadline:	February 1st, 2027
Judging Deadline:	March 1st, 2027
Tentative Presentation Date:	Morning of March 31st, 2027, at Symposium

- **Please remind students that if they choose to submit an Essay Exhibit and their essay is selected as one of the Top Five entries, they will be expected to present their topic at the Symposium on the final morning of the event.**
  Once the schedule is finalized, presenters will be notified of exact times. Tentatively, we plan to begin 1 to 1.5 hours before the first speaker of the day.

  Students will have time to test their equipment before presentations begin, so it's important that both students and judges arrive early. If your program has multiple student presenters, please have them load all presentations onto a single computer to streamline setup and reduce stress.

- **A change for this year's Scientific Exhibits is that references will be placed on a second slide** rather than in the notes section of the exhibit slide. This will allow exhibits to be viewed as PDFs, making it easier for judges to review them directly from the website.

- **All other exhibit categories will be judged prior to Symposium.** Students who enter the Scientific, Computer, or Video categories are not required to present anything; however, attendance at the awards luncheon is encouraged, as category winners will be announced and prize money will be awarded at that time.

- **The Scientific, Computer, and Video Exhibits will be displayed on the WSRT website anonymously to allow judging to take place.**
    - After the winners are announced, their exhibit titles, student names, and educational programs will be published on the website.
    - Videos should be up-loaded to YouTube® and link sent to the Exhibit Coordinator.

- **Awards for Top Three Exhibits in Each Category (Essay/Presentation, Scientific Exhibit, Computer Exhibit, & Video Exhibit):**
    - 1st Place: $200
    - 2nd Place: $150
    - 3rd Place: $100

- **Any identifying information must be removed from the exhibits**
  This includes the names of students, educational programs, clinical sites, hospitals, or patients. Editing comments or tracked changes that reveal the names of students, faculty, or program personnel are also considered identifying information. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in disqualification.

- **Please ask your students to complete the applications by typing in the provided fillable pdf.**
  This helps minimize errors caused by illegible handwriting or poor-quality document scans. To ensure all students can complete the form electronically, we have removed the student and Program Director signature fields from the application.

  As a result of this change, we ask that all applications be submitted from the student's school email address. Program Directors will be copied on the application receipt email to verify submission and maintain awareness of student participation.

  Students should complete the form electronically, save it to their computer, and email it to the Exhibit Coordinator at: **kchurch4@blackhawk.edu**.

  If more than one student is working on an exhibit, one student should be chosen as the "Contact Student" for the group. Their student email address will be listed on the application and will be what the Coordinator will use to contact the group for updates.

- **Once an application is received, the Program Director will be copied on the email notification sent to each student or group.** This ensures programs are aware of student participation from the start.
    - To participate in the competition, students must be a senior student who is planning to attend Symposium.

- **The judging rubrics have been updated to provide more objective scoring criteria and will be posted on the WSRT website for review.**

We'll continue sharing updates in a timely manner, but please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns.
Feel free to share this letter with your staff as needed.

Thank you!

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