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Student Poster Competition

Santa Ynez Valley, CA
Saturday May 3rd, 2009

The California Geographical Society invites students - undergraduate and graduate – to present an academic poster at our annual conference. The CGS offers a serious and supportive environment for students to display and discuss their posters. A panel of geographers will judge all entries. Students entering posters in the competition must be present during the judging period (time tba) to be eligible for an award. Winners and cash awards will be presented during the CGS Awards Banquet on Saturday night.

Awards

Joe Beaton Professional Poster Awards

- Three total awards for undergraduates and graduates (\$125, \$100, and \$75)

Poster Judging Criteria

1. **Abstract:** Abstracts should be clear, complete, and accurately reflect the content of presentation, including the purpose, methods, results, and significance of the project. Abstracts must be submitted via the conference online submission form and should not exceed 150 words in length. It should be clearly displayed on the poster.
2. **Geographic Content and Analysis:** A good poster presentation is lucidly presented in logical sequence and includes an abstract, introduction, statement of purpose, results section, conclusion, and works cited section.
3. **Graphics:** Use of student-generated visual elements is encouraged, such as photos, diagrams, graphs, tables, or maps. If these elements are not created by the presenter, their sources should be clearly cited on the poster, wherever the elements occur and in the “Works Cited” section.
4. **Design and Presentation:** A good poster presentation is designed creatively with an appropriate balance between text and graphic content. The information should be presented with a clear visual hierarchy. Overall, the presentation should be both effective and aesthetic.
5. **Check-in and Judging:** Presenters should check-in Saturday morning between 8:00-8:30 AM at the display area (location TBA in final conference program). At this time, presenters must schedule a 30-minute judging window to ensure that judges and presenters have the opportunity to interact.

Entering the Competition

1. Register for the conference (required for all presenters). See www.calgeog.org for details.
2. Submit a title and abstract for your poster using the online submission form at www.calgeog.org. **Deadline for submission is:** April 4th, 2009.

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