Hi!

Here's what's included in this week's message:

1. ASMEA Presentation Opportunity

   The Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) is pleased to offer its Poster Presentation Competition for undergraduate students at its *Thirteenth Annual Conference*.
   - Applicants must be juniors or seniors in the Fall 2020 academic year.
   - Interested students must submit an application via the online submission portal and include a 300-word abstract of original unpublished data.
   - Topics must be related to the Middle East and/or Africa.
   - Poster presentations will be held virtually.
   - The deadline to submit is **October 30, 2020**.

   Visit the [conference webpage](#) for more details and submission link.

   Questions can be directed to [info@asmeascholars.org](mailto:info@asmeascholars.org).

2. Virtual Presentation Opportunity- West Michigan Regional Undergraduate Science Research Conference

   Students and faculty are invited to attend the 14th annual West Michigan Regional Undergraduate Science (WMRUGS) Research Conference on Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7.

   Via virtual platform, students will share the story of their research project with other college students, faculty, research scientists and other college students, as well as build their network of peers with similar interests and experiences. Attendees will also hear stimulating talks on current topics in biology, biochemistry, bioinformatics, chemistry, computer science, engineering, geology, neuroscience, physics, and more. Graduate school, professional school and medical school recruiters will be on hand to discuss educational opportunities with their institutions. Internship and employment recruiters also will be available to discuss opportunities with their organizations.
This event is FREE for student presenters (poster presentations), student attendees, faculty attendees and administrative staff/leadership. Click here to register. The deadline to register is Monday, October 26, 2020. For questions regarding WMRUGS, please contact Michelle Love at undergrad@vai.edu.

3. Medical School Admissions Advantage Networking Event

Thinking about applying to Medical School? Medical School Admissions Advantage, a networking event for VT students and representatives from allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, will take place on Sunday, November 1, 2020, from 5:45 – 7:45 p.m. Students should plan to arrive to the waiting room by 5:40 p.m.

Meet and learn from representatives of various medical schools in five, ~15-minute small-group conversations. This year, the event will be hosted virtually via Zoom. This is a great opportunity to learn about various medical schools and find out what they look for in applicants.

Registration for this event is now open. Please register here by October 23rd at 4 p.m.

Please note that this is a professional commitment and that by signing up, you are agreeing to attend. Check your calendar before signing up; make sure you are not taking this opportunity away from another student as space is limited.

We hope to accommodate ~100-130 students for this event. However, please be aware that if student interest exceeds our capacity, we may need to place some students on a waitlist. Early during the week of October 26th, registered students will receive an email from us confirming registration or notifying the student of a waitlist placement.

4. CLAHS 2020-21 Research Grants Available

Doing research and need funds? Earn up to $600 of funding for your project! This grant is designed to help undergraduates with majors or minors in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences who are pursuing research projects or creative works. Apply here! Funds available for research expenses, virtual conference presentations, and performances. Share the required endorsement form with your faculty mentor here. Applications are reviewed monthly or as received.

Next Review Date: Sunday October 25, 2020, 11:59pm

Future Review Dates for 2020-2021:
Sunday, November 29, 2020, 11:59pm
5. **Philologia -- Now Recruiting Editors!**

*Philologia* is a student-run academic research/creative scholarship journal -- with both written and video submission options -- hosted by the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. We are currently looking for a Co-Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editors, a Marketing Editor, and Associate Video Editors for the 2020-2021 academic year. More information about each position is detailed in the [application](mailto:philologia@vt.edu). The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, October 14**. Contact philologia@vt.edu with questions. Apply today!

6. **New Wintermester Course on Design Based Biotechnical Learning**

SS: Design Based Biotechnical Learning, EDCI 2984 (CRN: 40437), is a unique presentation and use of technological/engineering design based biotechnical learning (T/E DBBL) to explore the integration of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) content knowledge and practices. The purpose of the course is to engage students in a minds-on, hands-on experience of the disciplinary connections among STEM content and practice knowledge as employed through the design and construction of working biotechnical prototype solutions, each of which address authentic human needs. An emphasis is placed on ethical decision-making based on technological solutions being designed appropriately for local and/or global communities.

**WHEN:** Winter 2021; 9:00AM - 1:00 PM; M, T, W, TH, F, S (3 Semester Hours)  
**PLACE:** On Campus/In Person: 112 Seitz STEM Education Collaboratory  
**CAPACITY:** 15 students

See attached course flyer for more information.

7. **National Undergraduate Research Opportunities- Funding, Presentations, etc**

- [Virtual Transnational Literature and Writing Conference](mailto:) | **Deadline October 14**
- [Call for Abstracts](mailto:), Black in Neuro Virtual Mini-Conference | **Deadline October 14**
- [Grants (maximum $1,000 ea.) from the American Psychology-Law Society for undergraduate empirical research addressing psycholegal issues](mailto:) | **Deadline October 15**
• **Call for Abstracts**, Virtual 2021, American Society of Addiction Medicine | **Deadline October 23**
• **Photo Contest, ArcticNet** | **Deadline October 23**
• **Call for Abstracts**, UNC-Greensboro Virtual Regional Mathematics and Statistics Conference | **Deadline October 25**
• **Call for Abstracts**, "Injury and Violence Prevention in a Changing World: From Local to Global," Virtual Conference, Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research | **Deadline October 30**
• **Call for Posters**, Virtual Annual Conference, Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa | **Deadline October 30**
• **Publication Grants, Textbook and Academic Authors Assn** | **Deadline October 31**
• **Call for Abstracts**, Virtual Conference, Texas Center for Working-Class Studies, Collin College | **Deadline November 20**
• **Call for Submissions**, *Undergraduate Journal of Service Learning and Community-Based Research* for a special issue, Service Learning and Community-Based Research in a Time of Disruption | **Deadline November 24**
• **Call for Abstracts**, Fifth Marianas History Conference, University of Guam and the Northern Marianas Humanities Council | **Deadline November 30**
• “Pitch It to Win It,” **Herman and Myrtle Goldstein Undergraduate Student Competition**, American Assn of Textile Chemists and Colorists | **Deadline January 26, 2021**
• **2021 RASC-AL Competition**, National Institute of Aerospace | **Deadline March 4, 2021**
• **Twenty-First Annual Steel Design Student Competition**, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture | **Deadline June 2, 2021**

Have a good week. **Be Committed. Be well.**

Best,
Keri

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