Hi!

We will take a hiatus during the Thanksgiving Break so you will not receive a newsletter next week. But we have compiled some good information to keep you going until we return! Here’s what’s included in this week’s message:

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1. OUR Operations

Drop-in virtual Ambassador office hours will continue this week at these times:

- Mondays 6-7pm
- Tuesdays 4-5pm
- Wednesdays 9-10am
- Thursdays 3-4pm
- Fridays 10-11am

Zoom link: virginiatech.zoom.us/my/research (personal ID number: 540 231 3580)

However, the Ambassadors are heading home for the Thanksgiving break so there will be no office hours next week (Non 23-27). Virtual office hours will resume the following week (week of Dec 30).

Our website has a wealth of valuable resources to get your started, help you find a research opportunity, and so much more. Check out our newest resource: informational videos, which includes panel discussions and workshop presentations on topics ranging from finding a research position to applying to graduate school.

2. Congratulations to Sounak and Hannah-Victoria!

Congratulations to Sounak Chakrabarti and Hannah-Victoria Thielman, two undergraduates conducting research with Dr. Rolf Mueller, Professor in Mechanical Engineering. Sounak and Hannah-Victoria have
won an Honorable Mention Award at the Virginia Academy of Science (VAS) 2020 Fall Undergraduate Meeting with the poster/video presentation "Using Deep Learning to Observe Bat Flight Patterns"!

Learn more about VAS and this award on the VAS [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

3. **This Thursday: Webinar on Helpful tips for applying to a PhD program**

At the Van Andel Institute Graduate School, we recognize that everyone has been impacted by COVID-19 in some way. We also recognize that for students, this continues to present many different questions about what actions to take, especially when it comes to applying for graduate school. We want to help you by answering some of these questions and sharing a little about our program. Dr. John Vasquez and I will be hosting the following session to help demystify the graduate admissions process. Please share this with your students and advisors.

**Helpful tips for applying to a PhD program** on Thursday, November 19 at 5:30pm EST

If you are working on your graduate school application for a PhD program and you have questions, this webinar is for you! Get advice on writing your personal statement, who to ask to write your letters of recommendations, and more!

To register for this workshop, go to [zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OIkoXsSNSsepBiFDZQ9KcA](#)

4. **This Friday: Panel on Remote and Virtual Research in the Age of Disruption- Social Sciences and Business**
5. **Philologia** -- Now accepting written AND video submissions

*Philologia* is an undergraduate research journal that is operated by the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. Our mission is to publish great, insightful work sourced from students, grounded in research and creativity. We are committed to sharing your work with the community at large in hopes to grow appreciation for research in our fields. Submissions are accepted from work representing the departments and academic majors in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.
The *Philologia* journal is expanding to include not only standard publication opportunities, but presentation experience, as well. We are now accepting both written and video submissions. Submit your work by **December 6th, 2020!**

6. **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 November 29, 2020, 11:59pm**

Future Review Dates for 2020-2021:
- Sunday, January 24, 2021, 11:59pm
- Sunday, February 21, 2021, 11:59pm
- Sunday, March 21, 2021, 11:59pm

Have questions? Contact Dr. Monica Kimbrell at mkimbrel@vt.edu or 540-231-7602

7. **Giovanni-Steger Poetry Prize- Call for poetry submissions**

All undergraduate students at Virginia Tech are invited to submit an original poem to The Giovanni-Steger Poetry Prize contest, established by the late President Emeritus Charles W. Steger and University Distinguished Professor Nikki Giovanni. The first place prize is $1,100. The second place prize is $500 and third place is $300. The prize is administered by Professor Giovanni and judged by a committee of faculty from various disciplines at the university.

Writers of the **top ten poems** chosen by the Giovanni-Steger Poetry Prize Committee will be notified within three weeks of the submission deadline. All participants are welcome to attend a celebration on Tuesday, March 23rd, but the top ten must agree to attend (either virtually or in-person) and participate in the reading. First, second, and third place prize winners will be revealed at the event.

The top ten poets will read their poems publicly at the **Nikki Giovanni Celebration of Poetry on Tuesday, March 23rd at 5:00 pm**. Winners also give permission for their winning poems to be published at a later date by Professor Giovanni and for their poems (including audio) to be published on a forthcoming Giovanni-Steger website, but students otherwise retain all rights to their work.

Submission deadline: Friday, February 12th, 2021 (by 11:59 pm). See attached submission form.
8. Summer Research Opportunities

Did you know that there are full-time, paid research opportunities available during the summer?

If you are considering summer research, now is a good time to explore your options so that you can meet the early spring deadlines. You can always do a web search for "summer undergraduate research" in your field but we have created a starting point for you on our Research Opportunities webpage, where you can learn about and apply to several summer programs at Virginia Tech and beyond.

9. Undergraduate Research Excellence Program

You are invited to join VT’s Undergraduate Research Excellence Program (UREP) and get recognized for your engagement in undergraduate research. The program is open to any student, from any major, at any time in their academic career. This multi-tiered program allows students to track their journey through undergraduate research, from training and engaging to disseminating and reflecting, and receive recognition at graduation with a specially designed cord! Learn more and sign up to join the program online. The deadline to complete the program for Fall graduates is December 7 at 9am.

10. National Undergraduate Research Opportunities- Funding, Presentations, Internships, Research Opps, etc

- Call for Abstracts, Virtual Conference, Texas Center for Working-Class Studies, Collin College | Deadline November 20
- Online Educational Content Assistant, Soldiers Memorial Military Museum, Missouri Historical Society | Deadline November 23
- 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
- Apply for a Goldwater Scholarship | Internal VT Deadline December 1
- Apply for a SMART scholarship | Deadline December 1
- Call for papers: **The Ethics & Social Justice Essay Prize**, Fordham Center for Ethics Education (for fourth-year undergraduates) | **Deadline December 1**

- **Call for Panels and Posters**, “Toxic Equilibrium: Structural Racism and Population Health,” 6th Annual RacismLab Symposium | **Deadline December 4**

- Call for abstracts, **Harvard's National Collegiate Research Conference** | **Deadline December 12**

- **Undergraduate Statistics Project Competition**, Consortium for the Advancement of Undergraduate Statistics Education/American Statistical Association | **Deadline December 18**

- Call for papers: **Student Paper Contest**, GIS-T Symposium, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials | **Deadline December 22**

- **Call for Abstracts**, 2021 Annual Undergraduate Conference, **LSE Undergraduate Political Review**, London School of Economics and Political Science | **Deadline January 3, 2021**

- **Mickey Leland Energy Fellowship Program**, US Department of Energy | **Deadline January 8, 2021**

- **Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships**, US Department of Energy | **Deadline January 12, 2021**

- **2021 Summer Program in Cancer Research**, MD Anderson Cancer Center, University of Texas (for undergraduates in biomedicine) | **Deadline January 14, 2021**

- Call for Proposals, Liberty University's public policy conference entitled "**Culture & Crisis: Reconciling Constitutionalism and Federalism in a Time of Crisis**" | **Deadline January 15, 2021**

- **2021 Summer Internships**, Sanford Underground Research Facility | **Deadline January 20, 2021**

- “Pitch It to Win It,” **Herman and Myrtle Goldstein Undergraduate Student Competition**, American Assn of Textile Chemists and Colorists | **Deadline January 26, 2021**

- Apply for **Summer Research Program in Computationally-Driven Experimental Biology** | **Deadline January 26, 2021**

- **2021 Summer Internship Programs**, National Academy of Social Insurance | **Deadlines January 5 and January 29, 2021**

- Apply for a **Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) Undergraduate STEM Research Scholarship** | **Deadline January 29, 2021**

- **Call for papers: NYU American Public Policy Review** | **Deadline January 31, 2021**

- **Summer Transportation Internship Program for Diverse Groups**, US Department of Transportation | **Deadline January 31, 2021**

- **Fralin Biomedical Research Institute's neuroSURF program** | **Deadline February 1**

- **Undergraduate Summer Research Internship**, Center for Precision Medicine, Wake Forest School of Medicine | **Deadline February 8, 2021**

- **Native American Research Internship**, University of Utah (for third- and fourth-year Native American undergraduates in biomedicine or health sciences) | **Deadline February 12, 2021**

- **2021 Biomedical Engineering & Informatics REU Summer Internship** at Wake Forest | **Deadline February 15**

- **2021 RASC-AL Competition**, National Institute of Aerospace | **Deadline March 4, 2021**
· **Call for Papers**, *Dies Legibiles: An Undergraduate Journal of Medieval Studies* | **Deadline March 2021**

· **Twenty-First Annual Steel Design Student Competition**, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture | **Deadline June 2, 2021**

· **Biomedical Research Internships** - catalog of 260 biomedical research internship opportunities offered nationwide, compiled by Fred Hutch | **Various deadlines**

· **Undergraduate Summer Research Opportunities in the Arts and Humanities** - sortable database | Various deadlines

Have a good week and Thanksgiving break! **Be Committed. Be well.**

Best,
Keri

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