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Please see below the **Hot Topics** for the Sponsor's Update:

1. Please send **pictures of 2020 VJAS Research Symposium winners** with certificates!
2. **2020 VJAS Proceedings** are available <http://vjas.org/vjas-proceedings.html>
3. The VJAS Committee decided that in **2021 the Symposium will be a Virtual Symposium**. Students will make virtual presentations based on answering a question set instead of a typical presentation that can be live but will be possibly uploaded as a prerecorded backup.
4. **School Membership** is open at [Microsite Virginia Junior Academy of Science Research Symposium](#). School membership is open from Sept. 1-Jan. 15. Please see the video instructions on vjas.org
5. **Individual Membership** will be open from Dec. 15-Jan. 15 at [Microsite Virginia Junior Academy of Science Research Symposium](#). Please see the video instructions on vjas.org.
6. Please note due to budget constraints that there will be **no research grant monies**.
7. **Electronic Paper submissions only will be received online via the Review platform. The Handbook has been updated** to include instructions. Available at <http://vjas.org/handbook.html>
8. Dr. Sujan Henkanaththe Gedara has provided two handouts for citizen science resources and program information after his session at the 2020 Virtual VAST PDI. Available at [http://vjas.org/uploads/3/5/6/5/35657139/handout\\_1\\_program\\_summary.pdf](http://vjas.org/uploads/3/5/6/5/35657139/handout_1_program_summary.pdf)  
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9. **General Session** speakers will be done virtually as a webinar.

*In closing, we cannot thank you enough for your support and want you to know that we are here trying to continue to make a difference like you and working to create a platform that will work for all.*

*Sincerely,*

*The VJAS Team*