

## **VJAS Sponsor's Update August 2020 from the VJAS Team**

At VJAS we recognize the daunting task of executing a science project from conception to completion and writing up your research paper. This is even more complicated as we enter a virtual school year for many. By offering these programs we hope to encourage participation in VJAS and provide students the opportunity to develop positive relationships with VAS mentors, peer mentors and mentees. Questions: Contact S. Booth [susan.science@gmail.com](mailto:susan.science@gmail.com)

**Head Sponsor Paper Return**-if you want papers scanned back to you then please reply by 8/14.

<https://forms.gle/9UamPQuyp5tKgsaC6>

## **Handbook Update with Review and Synchronous Hybrid Research Symposium**

We will be going with online submissions and full reader and judge reviews. Once our new online Reviewr platform is finalized, the Handbook will be released with detailed instructions. At this time it is projected that we will have a Hybrid Research Symposium, where students can come to the site or present remote but this will be finalized in January.

## **Bioblitz: Save the Date (September 26, 2020)**

More information coming in hopes to assist you with generating and crunching data to enable project development.

## **Vaccine Research (7th grade students only)**

Participate in the Online Vaccine Educational Research Study Flyer

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## **VAS Mentorship Assistance Program**

If you are a **high school teacher** with an interest in having a mentor work with your class, please fill out the form found at: <https://secure4.hsc.edu/forms/view.php?id=116443>

## **VJAS Student-Student Mentorship Program – From Science to Service**

VJAS is proud to launch its first student-to-student mentorship program! We aim to connect experienced high school seniors with middle school students just beginning their journey in scientific research. Based on their interest, we will match interested middle school scientists with high school seniors who have experience participating in VJAS. Students will mostly communicate via email and, if necessary, may use a virtual meeting platform. Sponsors of both the mentors and mentees will be expected to supervise any interaction that occurs between the students. Details on sign-up and registration for the program will be forthcoming in September but here is a preview of anticipated roll-out: Sponsors sign-up, using a link on VJAS website. Receive a link for student(s) sign-up. Middle School students and High School seniors sign up, using a link that sponsors will provide. The VJAS student committee will process all registrations and try to assign matches based on interest and, when possible, in the same school district. VJAS will notify each group of students and sponsors.