

August 5, 2026

Dear Sponsors,

We hope you have had a restful summer and are ready for the 2026-27 School year!

The VJAS website is being redesigned and will be ready by September 1. Please check for helpful information.

VJAS is pleased to announce that we will continue ALL in person at Potomac Shores Middle School in Prince William County on May 22, 2027. The site is in a great and central location, but no housing will be available. There are a plethora of motels/hotels in the area. This should not be a problem if you plan ahead.

The Paper Submission Fee is \$35, due upon the submission of your paper.

The Symposium Fee that Prince William will collect is \$30. These fees are different as the Paper Submission Fee goes to VJAS for maintaining VJAS and the Symposium Fee goes to Prince William County and pays for registration, site usage, lunch and parking. The deadline for that registration will be announced closer to the time.

Mentorships are available to your students, email associate-director@vjas.org

Please make the VJAS Handbook *required reading* early in the school year.

The Phil Robinson Research grant applicants are due **Nov. 1, 2026**. It was evident in reviewing the DQ papers this year that students had failed to read the Handbook.

Please make this a priority because we want everyone to benefit from the readers' comments. Remember the Director is available to discuss at the Symposium to those not accepted how to improve their submissions for re-entries for the following year.

The link to [Reviewr](#) for School Registration, which is a **free membership**, will be open in late August. When you register your school, a dropdown will be available. If you do not see your school or would like your school to be listed other than as it is listed now, please contact associate-director@vjas.org. It is far less complicated to do this now than later. Please register early in the year as registration of your school ensures communication via the Sponsor Update between VJAS and the Sponsors.

All registrations and submissions are due **Feb. 21, 2027**.

As always, I wish you the best as I transition to a support role and welcome

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