Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health Award for 2015 Student Poster Day

Students who submit abstracts to the Dean’s Office (sph06@albany.edu) for the 2015 Annual Poster Day by the deadline of 5 pm April 6 can be entered in the competition for the Alpha Gamma chapter of the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health. The Alpha Gamma chapter winners will have the opportunity to compete nationally for possible presentation of the student’s poster during the 2015 American Public Health Association (APHA) meeting in Chicago, IL Nov. 2-4 for possible awards and cash prizes. Separate from the Alpha Gamma/Delta Omega awards, posters will also be judged at Poster Day for possible awards by each academic department.

From the abstracts submitted to the Dean’s Office, winners will be chosen by Alpha Gamma chapter members. Judging will take place on the abstracts, not the posters. The students who win the Alpha Gamma chapter competition will work with chapter members to complete the abstract submission to the national Delta Omega Society, including any final updates to the abstract to meet Delta Omega requirements.

The following criteria have been used by local and national judges in previous years, and should be considered when writing the abstract. To obtain the most updated guidance on judging criteria, check the Delta Omega website at http://www.deltaomega.org/studentPosterSession.cfm.

TOPIC PROMINENCE: Illustrates the importance to public health.
PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES: The audience “Learning Objectives” are realistic and clear; and the subject’s objectives are clear and measurable
PURPOSE: Subject of proposed topic is clear and of high quality.
PRACTICE IMPACT: Provides evidence that academia and practice were necessary for results; and supports and improves the science of public health practice (cites appropriate methods, data, and measurable conclusions).
ACADEMIC IMPACT: Topic is significant to the domain to public health academia; imparts scholarship to advance academia's mission to improve education and policies for practitioners, researchers, and teachers. Provides evidence of supporting philosophy, theory, and data.
ORIGINALITY: Demonstrates originality and innovation.
TONE: Indicates a working knowledge of operations (e.g., development, challenges, infrastructure, etc.) toward improving public health education, training, or services.
OVERALL: Well written, concise, and effectively outlines and communicates abstract scope, context, and rationale

If you wish your SPH Student Poster Day abstract to be considered by the Alpha Gamma chapter of Delta Omega for the possible national award, you must mark the checkbox on the abstract form indicating your entry into the Delta Omega competition. Only chapter winners will be submitted to the national office for consideration--students cannot submit their own abstracts without first being chosen as one of the three chapter winners. You should format your abstract to be limited to 250 words within the following headings: Objectives/Research Questions; Methods; Results; Conclusions; Implications for Public Health; Student Role in the Project. A tutorial on abstracts and posters will be available for UAlbany School of Public Health students during the MPH Capstone Seminar on Friday, March 6.