

## CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS



### "BOLDNESS IN EXCELLENCE THROUGH ACADEMICS, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE"

The 64th Alpha Kappa Mu National Convention invites student researchers to share papers and projects supporting the convention theme: "Boldness in Excellence through Academics, Leadership, and Service." Grab that paper or research project/proposal you have submitted for a class and share it on **Friday, March 31, 2017, during our Second General Session.**

Your research and/or paper will benefit:

You the student

—improving your critical thinking and social interaction skills;

Your campus

—maximizing research talent and promoting interdisciplinary collaboration; and

Our society

—advancing research through innovative approaches and solutions

#### **Papers Guidelines**

The recommended paper should

- ✓ consist of no more than ten double-spaced pages;
- ✓ adhere to MLA, APA, Chicago, or Turabian documentation style; and
- ✓ be reviewed for grammar and/or punctuation errors.

#### **Poster Guidelines**

Posters should be electronically generated and printed in advance of the convention. An electronic copy may be uploaded with your abstract.

- ✓ The recommended maximum size for posters is 36" x 48". Poster board backing will be provided. Your poster will be on display during our Second General Session.

- ✓ You will need to have your poster set up before the start of the session. Allow yourself plenty of time for the set up in order to relax and enjoy the presentation. You are also responsible for the removal of your poster at the end of the session.
- ✓ Your poster should be constructed so that it presents the desired information in a self-explanatory manner.
- ✓ Keep your poster simple and brief. A poster is not a place for you to tack up your entire body of research for people to read. Instead, think of a poster as a series of highly efficient, organized “panels” (a storyboard) upon which appear synopses of the relevant information you want to convey - just enough to get your point across.
- ✓ Tip...Organize your poster materials using headings, such as “Introduction,” “The Research Question,” “The Methodology,” and “Findings.” These headings will help establish a logical flow to your poster.
- ✓ Use large enough fonts so people will not have to squint to read the material. For headings, use at least a 48-point font. For text, use nothing less than 18-point.
- ✓ Make your poster visually appealing. Have fun. Be creative. Incorporate color. Use photographs, graphs, charts, maps, and the like. Simplify charts and figures to include only relevant information. Be attentive to the layout and placement of your materials.
- ✓ Place the title of your work in a prominent position on your poster. Include your name and your school. You may wish to have handouts, business cards, and a way to collect names and contact information for anyone interested in receiving more details about your research.

### **Prizes**

1<sup>st</sup> place \$200  
2<sup>nd</sup> place \$100  
3<sup>rd</sup> place \$50

To enter a paper or poster presentation, students must email a formal project title and an abstract of 250 words or less to Dr. Veronica Yon, [veronica.yon@famuedu](mailto:veronica.yon@famuedu), or Dr. Makisha Cheeks, [makisha.cheeks@famuedu](mailto:makisha.cheeks@famuedu), **no later than March 10, 2017**. Students will receive confirmation and **acceptance by March 14, 2017**. All presenters should prepare to field questions from a panel of judges from diverse academic backgrounds.