



**DOMINICAN ACADEMIC SCHOLARS PROGRAM
ACADEMIC SHOWCASE
and
POSTER EXHIBITION
April 20-27, 2007**

The Dominican Academic Scholars Program has been established to honor students who have demonstrated high academic achievement in scholarship, research, or creative activity. The Showcase consists of two events: The Academic Scholar Showcase and the Showcase Poster Exhibition.

Academic Scholar Showcase:

Each spring Dominican Academic Scholars are selected from a pool of undergraduate students nominated for the award by faculty. The Academic Scholars will share their work with the Dominican community during the Dominican Academic Showcase in April. In addition, the Academic Scholars will be honored by President Joseph Fink at a Scholar-Mentor Dinner, where they will receive a certificate and a gift.

Requirements – Dominican Academic Scholars

Each Scholar will be expected to:

- provide an abstract of no more than 300 words written in clear, cogent prose, by March 15.
- attend a presentation workshop to learn how to use PowerPoint (if desired), limit the talk to a particular time; dress for success, etc.;
- work with his/her faculty mentor to develop a professional, timed presentation;
- deliver a 15 minute presentation (10 minute talk + 5 minutes of Q and A) during the April Showcase.

Qualifications

1. Day and Pathways applicants may be members of any class, Frosh through seniors.
2. Applicants must be nominated by a faculty mentor. The project nominated may be one of scholarship, research, or creative activity. More advanced projects will be expected of student applicants in their junior and senior years.

Selection

Selection of the Dominican Academic Scholars will be made by a committee consisting of the AVPAA, faculty, and the Dean of Students. Poster selection will be made by a separate committee consisting of faculty and administrators.

Showcase Poster Exhibition

The 8th Annual Dominican University of California Academic Showcase Poster Exhibition will be held on April 23, 2007 as a part of the week-long celebration of student and faculty research/scholarship/creative activity. Five Dominican Academic Scholars will be chosen from the posters presented by undergraduate students. While poster presentations are welcome from graduate students they are ineligible for consideration for Academic Scholar Program. The Poster Academic Scholars will be honored by President Joseph Fink at a Scholar-Mentor Dinner, where they will receive a certificate and a gift.

Eligibility Requirements:

Students of all undergraduate class levels, freshman through senior, may submit posters of research/scholarship/creative activity that is either completed or in progress. All entries must be sponsored by a faculty mentor. All posters, even those based on group research teams, must have a single author for the purpose of the exhibition.

Posters must conform to the Poster Presentation Guidelines in order to be eligible for judging. A faculty/staff poster selection committee will designate five students as Academic Scholar Awardees. Honorable mention awards will also be presented.

Expectation of Exhibitors:

1. Exhibitors are expected to attend the Poster Preparation Workshop and work with their mentors to produce posters that adhere to the Poster Guidelines.
2. Exhibitors will deliver their posters to Conlan Recreation Center **by 12:00 noon on April 23, 2007.** Posters will be judged between noon and 4:00 p.m. Posters not in place by 12:00 p.m. will not be considered in the judging. Graduate posters must be delivered and hung during this same time in the area dedicated to Graduate Presentation. Graduate posters are not eligible for Academic Scholar judging.
3. All exhibitors will be present during the entire Showcase Poster Exhibition, standing by their work and talking to attendees about their research.
4. Certificates of Participation will be handed out and announcement of Academic Scholar winners will be made at the conclusion of the Exhibition.
5. The Academic Scholars will mount their posters in Bertrand Hall on April 24, 2007 (see below).

Award Winner Wall of Fame:

If a poster is selected as an Academic Scholar winner, the exhibitor will be asked to display it on one of the Academic Scholar bulletin boards in Bertrand Hall. The Scholar posters stay on exhibit throughout the summer and the academic year to advertise our undergraduate research program and the wonderful work accomplished by Dominican students.

The Poster Presentation Guidelines will be used by the Academic Scholar Poster Selection Committee in judging the posters for Dominican Academic Scholar awards. Five awards will be granted for student work in research/scholarship or creative activity. Both in-progress and completed work is eligible for presentation.