

Fifteenth Annual Celebration of Student Achievement
Main Event

Wednesday, April 25, 2012 (12:30 PM to 5:00 PM)

General Information

What is the Celebration of Student Achievement? This event is a month-long showcase for student scholarly and creative work, providing an opportunity for students to share their work with the TCNJ community. The Main Event of the Celebration features papers, panels, poster sessions, demonstrations, and other forms of scholarly and creative activities.

What kind of student work will be presented at the Main Event? The Celebration is appropriate for significant work that results from deep engagement in the scholarly or creative process. For the most part, students will be presenting work that they have already prepared or presented for another purpose such as Independent Research, a Senior Design, Thesis, or Capstone course, a conference presentation, or some other outstanding scholarly/creative experience. In many cases, this will be work done in collaboration with a faculty mentor, but the student must be the primary author and presenter of the work at the Celebration. Students must have the signature of a faculty sponsor to present their work.

Types of possible presentations include:

- Paper (15 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions). Student presenters and their faculty sponsors may ask that papers be grouped into panels by theme or issue. Panels may represent a single discipline or be interdisciplinary.
- Poster. A scholarly presentation in a visual format. The overall poster session is from 1:00 and 4:00 pm. In order to allow students not only to present their own work, but also to see the work of others, each student presenting a poster will be assigned a one hour period within the session. Although posters should be displayed for the entire three hours, students are expected to remain with their posters only during their assigned time to discuss their work or answer questions. Additional information on effective posters will be available on the Celebration of Student Achievement website www.tcnj.edu/~celebrat.
- Technical or engineering presentations
- Other (5-20 minutes)

Where do I go if I have questions about participating? If you have questions, see your faculty liaison, whose contact information is available at www.tcnj.edu/~celebrat/liasons.htm. For questions that liaisons are unable to answer, contact the Director of Faculty-Student Collaboration, Dr. Janet Morrison, at x3091, Dr. Nancy Freudenthal (freudent@tcnj.edu), or email fscollab@tcnj.edu

How do I register to participate? Students should complete the registration form (available at www.tcnj.edu/~celebrat/regform.doc). This can be filled out as an MS Word document. Return it to the departmental liaison no later than Friday March 23, 2012.

How should the form be filled out if there is more than one author or presenter on a project? The first author or presenter should fill out the form and will serve as the contact person for the group. List other presenters' names at the bottom of the form.

What technical resources will be available? Papers and panels will be given in "smart classrooms" that have computer and audio-visual capabilities. If other equipment or resources are needed, students normally are expected to provide their own. However, if you have a question or have special resource needs, contact your liaison.

How do I make an effective poster? Different disciplines may have their own standards and approaches to creating and presenting posters. However, general information about making an effective poster, is available at <http://www.tcnj.edu/~celebrat/GuidetoPreparingaPosterPresentation.pdf>.

What happens if I have special scheduling needs: If you need to make your presentation given at a certain time or are unavailable at specific times during the afternoon of April 25, indicate this on your registration form and also let your liaison know.

How will the times and locations for presentations be announced? The schedule with this information will be available online by Wednesday, April 18 at <http://www.tcnj.edu/~celebrat/schedule.htm> .

How rigorous is the 20-minute limit on papers and presentations? Because presentations are scheduled on a 20-minute basis (15 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions and answers), if you take too long, you are taking away time from the students who are scheduled after you. Therefore, please prepare your presentation with the time limit in mind.

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