Skyline: The Big Sky Undergraduate Journal

The Big Sky Conference is a NCAA Division I athletic conference which boasts a vast footprint with fourteen member institutions located in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Colorado and North Dakota, and two institutions located in New York and Connecticut. The Big Sky Conference is continually looking for new ways to enhance its institution’s profiles both athletically and academically.

Skyline - The Big Sky Undergraduate Journal was developed to academically connect those institutions which have previously only had an athletic connection. Skyline is an open access journal, and publishes undergraduate research related to athletics in all fields by undergraduate students at Big Sky Conference institutions.

In 2014-15, the Journal looks to continue the success of the last two years in which 28 articles have been selected for publication in three categories: Creative Writing, Research and Journalism, as well as artwork chosen for the journal cover. Skyline is not limited to specific categories for submissions, and encourages all academic disciplines to participate in an effort to broaden its educational inclusion, while also highlighting the outstanding scholarship of undergraduate students at Big Sky Conference institutions.

2014-15 GUIDELINES

- Big Sky member institutions are allowed as many submissions as appropriate based on quality of work. However, full-member institutions will denote the top two (2) papers from each campus to receive an award. Affiliate members will denote one (1) paper to receive an award. All institutionally approved submissions will be published in the Journal.

- All institutions may submit one (1) piece of artwork for a “Cover Contest”. The Conference Office will form a committee to determine the winner. Honorable Mention for artwork may be awarded with publication only.

- Any topic in any discipline will be accepted, as long as it has an athletics nexus.

- Authors must be currently enrolled students at the institution at the time of submission to the campus entity reviewing submissions.

- Authors should review the Submission Policies for the Journal, including the Final Manuscript Guidelines prior to submission.
SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Determination and review of submissions to the Journal will be left to the discretion of each institution. It is recommended that such review involve the Campus Editorial Representative of the institution. At Sacramento State, the Campus Editorial Representative is the Faculty Athletic Representative, Steve Perez (sjperez@csus.edu).
- All accepted articles will be submitted via the platform for Skyline. Authors should create an account by clicking on Submit Article and then following the directions from there. NOTE: All submissions to the Journal must have been reviewed and approved by the on-campus editorial representative. For information on your institution's process and deadline, please contact the Campus Editorial Representative.
- An entry that has been published in a journal previous to the Big Sky Journal publication date will only be accepted if the entry was submitted concurrently to other journals. Official submission is the date in which the article was submitted to the entity on campus charged with reviewing the paper and submitting it to the Conference Office. Institutions should verify that the article has not been previously published and if so, determine if the article was submitted concurrently. If the article appears in another journal prior to the Big Sky Journal publication, the Conference must be notified so that it may include language in the submission of the article noting the replication.
- Articles published in Skyline will be permitted to be submitted elsewhere after publication. However, the subsequent publication should include language acknowledging previous publication in Skyline: The Big Sky Undergraduate Journal.

AWARDS

The Big Sky awards full member institutions $1,000 in October to allow flexibility in awarding authors ($500 to affiliates). Institutions are encouraged to structure the award scale as they deem appropriate. However, institutions are cautioned to ensure that awards only go to those entries that are worthy. Please note that cover art submissions will still be awarded by the Big Sky Conference in August.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Papers must be submitted by May 10th. Students interested in submitting a paper should contact Steve Perez, sjperez@csus.edu, to register that interest and recieve for more information.
- All finalized submissions are due June 1, 2015. Authors must submit their final papers through the Skyline platform. The Campus Editorial Representative will inform the Skyline editor regarding which submitted papers have received awards.