Skyline: The Big Sky Undergraduate Journal

The Big Sky Conference is a NCAA Division I athletic conference which boasts a vast footprint in the West. Thirteen member institutions are located in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Colorado and North Dakota. 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 in all fields by students at Big Sky Conference institutions.

In 2015-16, Skyline: The Big Sky Undergraduate Journal looks to continue the success of the last three years in which almost 40 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.

2015-16 GUIDELINES

• 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 athletically-related topic in any discipline will be accepted.

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

• Authors/artists 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 Steve Perez (sjperez@csus.edu).

- All articles/artwork should 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 your 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 in May, the Conference must be notified so that it may include language in the submission of the article noting the replication.

- Articles/artwork 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**

- Institutions may submit as many articles as it would like to the Journal in a given year, and will distribute the annual $1,000 stipend from the conference ($500 for affiliates) to authors/submissions at their own discretion.

- Artists submitting work for the cover competition will also be eligible for a $500 award should their work be selected for the cover.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- For information on your institution's process and deadlines, please contact your Campus Editorial Representative.

- All finalized submissions are due **June 15, 2016.** Authors must submit their final papers through the Skyline platform. The Campus Editorial Representative will inform the Skyline editor regarding which submitted papers will receive awards.

- 2016 Skyline Publication: **August 1, 2016**