

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION



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STUDENT RESEARCH POSTER COMPETITION JUDGES' NOMINATION

Individuals interested in serving as a judge for the Student Research Poster Competition should complete the [2018 Student Research Poster Presentation - Judge Nomination](#) link. Nominations will only be accepted via the online form until the February 2, 2018 deadline.

~~~ Attachments ~~~

(1) CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORMS & INSTRUCTIONS

(2) STUDENT RESEARCH POSTER PRESENTATION COMPETITION

- Poster Presentation Competition Guidelines & Submission Process
- Poster Presentation Rubric

Important Dates and General Conference Information at a Glance

Important Deadlines	Information	Additional Information
January 19, 2018	<p align="center">Due Date for Workshop Proposals</p> <p>The committee is seeking professionals to present workshops at the conference. Presenters should focus on the following themes: academic achievement, preparation for college, technology etiquette (<i>i.e., cell phone, e-mail and social networks</i>), financial literacy, peer pressure (<i>bullying</i>), self-esteem, internships, student responsibility, leadership skills, communication skills, setting goals, and personal success.</p>	Page 7
January 23, 2018 by 12:00pm	<p>Poster Abstracts for the Student Research Poster Competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Due to an increase in the number of students and institutions desiring to participate in the poster presentation competition, a maximum of 3 posters from each institution will be accepted. ▪ <u>ALL ABSTRACTS and LISTS</u> of references/bibliographies must be submitted by 12:00pm Tuesday, January 23, 2018 via the ONLINE SUBMISSION PROCESS. ▪ Abstracts that are more than 150 words in length will not be accepted for the competition. Abstracts that exceed the 150 words length <u>will be eliminated from the competition.</u> ▪ Institutions should not submit more than 3 abstracts for the poster competition. Institutions that <u>exceed the submission limit will have all abstracts eliminated</u> from the competition. ▪ The online submission site will remain opened to participants 24 hours a day 7 days a week until the 12:00pm January 23, 2018 deadline. 	Student Poster Competition Information <i>Attachment</i>
February 9, 2018	<p align="center">11th Annual College Fair Registration Deadline</p> <p>To increase the number of institutions participating in the 2017 STEP Statewide Student Conference College Fair on Saturday, March 24, 2018, STEP Programs paying the conference registration fee for attendees from <u>their institution will not be assessed an additional \$150.00</u> to have their Admissions Office participate in the fair. All non-registered institutions for the STEP Conference will have to <u>pay the \$150.00 fee in order to have their institution participate</u> in the fair.</p>	Pages 8—9

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<p>Refer to Dates</p>	<p align="center">Conference Registration Rates</p> <p>The registration rate will be determined by the deadlines listed below. The last day to register for the 2018 STEP Statewide Student Conference is 12 noon Friday, February 14, 2018! Any forms or payments received after Unfortunately, exceptions cannot be made for any institution.</p> <p>Registration Fees will ONLY be accepted in the form of INSTITUTIONAL CHECKS, Money Orders, or the <i>Electronic Transfer of Funds</i>. Personal Checks, Cash, and Credit Cards are not acceptable forms of payment.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="399 600 1247 1052"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="399 600 889 709">REGISTRATION FEES AND DEADLINES</th> <th data-bbox="889 600 1247 709">2018 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES (per person rate)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="399 709 889 821"> Early Registration Fee Deadline November 13, 2018 – January 24, 2018 by Midnight </td> <td data-bbox="889 709 1247 821"> \$175.00/per person </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="399 821 889 932"> Regular Registration Fee Deadline January 25, 2018 – February 7, 2018 by Midnight </td> <td data-bbox="889 821 1247 932"> \$200.00/per person </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="399 932 889 1052"> Late Registration Fee Deadline February 8, 2018 – February 14, 2018 by 12:00 noon </td> <td data-bbox="889 932 1247 1052"> \$225.00/per person </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>This conference registration fee <i>does not cover</i> hotel/lodging costs for students or staff. The hotel does not send out reservation forms.</p> <p>The maximum number of registrants per institution is FIFTEEN (15). Registrants are composed of project administrators, students, staff, parents, instructors, volunteers, chaperones, faculty sponsors, project administrators' children and spouse, etc.</p> <p>This conference is only opened to middle and high school students enrolled in STEP Programs.</p>	REGISTRATION FEES AND DEADLINES	2018 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES (per person rate)	Early Registration Fee Deadline November 13, 2018 – January 24, 2018 by Midnight	\$175.00/per person	Regular Registration Fee Deadline January 25, 2018 – February 7, 2018 by Midnight	\$200.00/per person	Late Registration Fee Deadline February 8, 2018 – February 14, 2018 by 12:00 noon	\$225.00/per person	<p align="center">Conference Registration Form <i>Attachment</i></p>
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<p>February 14, 2018 by 12:00 noon</p> <p>The last day to register for the 2018 Conference.</p>	<p align="center">Conference Registration Process</p> <p>STEP 1: Conference Registration Fees Submit a completed registration packet (a total of 4 pages) with your registration fees (<i>institutional check or money order</i>) for a maximum of 15 participants directly to Syracuse University.</p> <p>STEP 2: Albany Marriott Hotel Reservation Form Submission The Albany Marriott Hotel Reservation Form will be emailed to institutions AFTER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES have been paid to Syracuse University. Each institution is responsible for registering all institution participants (<i>a maximum of 15 participants</i>) directly with the Albany Marriott Hotel by using the Hotel Reservation Form.</p>	<p align="center">Conference Registration Form <i>Attachment</i></p>								

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<p>February 23, 2018</p> <p><i>The last day to register for the 2018 Conference at the Marriott Hotel.</i></p>	<p align="center">Albany Marriott Hotel Reservations Deadline</p> <p>Hotel Package Rates (per person) include the cost of the hotel stay and all the meals during the conference. Each institution is responsible for registering all students and staff attending under the institution <u>DIRECTLY</u> with the Albany Marriott Hotel.</p> <p align="center">Package plan</p> <p>Two Night Stay Arrival Friday, March 23, 2018 and Departure Sunday, March 25, 2018</p> <p>Five Meals Friday 3/23 – Dinner; Saturday 3/24 – Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner; Sunday 3/26 – Breakfast</p> <p>Package Rates</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="412 709 1235 915"> <thead> <tr> <th>Per Person Rate with Tax</th> <th>Per Person Rate without Tax</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Single Occupancy: \$463.30</td> <td>Single Occupancy: \$415.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Double Occupancy: \$325.36</td> <td>Double Occupancy: \$294.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Triple Occupancy: \$279.37</td> <td>Triple Occupancy: \$254.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quad Occupancy: \$256.39</td> <td>Quad Occupancy: \$234.04</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>**The maximum number of occupants per hotel room is FOUR (4). Exceptions to the maximum number cannot be made for any institution.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of each institution to supply a copy of their respective organization's tax-exempt certificate to the Marriott Hotel. <u>This certificate must accompany the hotel reservation form</u> in order to receive tax-exempt status.</p> <p><u>THERE ARE NO MEALS ONLY PACKAGES AT THE HOTEL.</u> All participants must stay at the Marriott Hotel.</p>	Per Person Rate with Tax	Per Person Rate without Tax	Single Occupancy: \$463.30	Single Occupancy: \$415.54	Double Occupancy: \$325.36	Double Occupancy: \$294.54	Triple Occupancy: \$279.37	Triple Occupancy: \$254.20	Quad Occupancy: \$256.39	Quad Occupancy: \$234.04	<p><i>The Albany Marriott Hotel Reservation Form will be emailed to institutions AFTER REGISTRATION FEES have been paid to Syracuse University.</i></p>
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<p>February 14, 2018</p> <p><i>Names of Student Ambassadors received after the February 14, 2018 deadline will not be accepted. Unfortunately, exceptions cannot be made for any institution.</i></p>	<p align="center">Student Ambassador Program and Nomination Process</p> <p>The STEP Statewide Student Conference is designed as a student-centered event. To make this design a reality, Project Administrators are asked to select ONE student to represent their institution during the conference via the online process. Unfortunately, exceptions will not be made to the one student ambassador per institution. Ambassadors will be able to assist the Conference Planning Committee in the areas listed below during the three-day conference:</p> <p>Introductions of Workshop Presenters and Keynote Speaker</p> <p>Social Events on Friday and Saturday Evenings</p> <p>11th Annual College Fair on Saturday Afternoon</p> <p>Poster Competition on Saturday Afternoon</p> <p>Celebratory Dinner on Saturday Evening</p> <p>Sunday Morning Program Awards Ceremony</p>	<p align="center">Page 6</p>										

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January 12, 2018	<p align="center">2018 STEP Statewide Conference Subcommittees Invitation</p> <p>The success of the annual STEP Statewide Student Conference is due in part to the support, commitment, and dedication of Project Administrators from across the state. To garner this energy, subcommittees have been formed to assist with the implementation of the 2017 Conference. It is the Conference Planning Committee's hope that each of you will volunteer to serve on one of these committees. To sign up for one of the committees, please send an e-mail directly to the Subcommittee Chair Person(s). The deadline to sign up to be a part of the subcommittees is <u>Friday, January 12, 2018</u>. Please refer to page 10 of this packet for the list of subcommittees and chairs.</p>	Page 10

TENTATIVE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

STEP Conference 2018

Friday ~ March 23th

TIME	ACTIVITY
3:00pm ~ 7:30pm	Registration
3:00pm ~ 7:00pm	Student Research Poster Competition Confirmation & Submission of <i>"Indication of Understanding"</i> Forms
4:15pm ~ 5:30pm	Student Concurrent Workshop Sessions
6:30pm ~ 8:30pm	STEP Pep Rally/Roll Call Buffet Dinner
9:00pm ~ 11:30pm	Coffee House/Talent Show/Games/Yoga Student Entertainment
9:30pm ~ 11:30pm	APACS Reception for Program Administrators & Chaperones

Saturday ~ March 24th

TIME	ACTIVITY
7:30am ~ 8:30am	Breakfast
8:30am ~ 8:45am	Plenary Session
8:45am—9:15am	Student Poster Display Setup
9:00am ~ 10:30am	Registration
9:30am ~ 11:00am	Poster Judges Meeting
9:30am ~ 12:00pm	Staff Professional Development Workshop
9:00am ~ 10:15am & 10:30am ~ 11:45am	Student Concurrent Workshop Sessions
12:20pm ~ 1:20pm	Lunch Buffet
1:15pm ~ 1:45pm	Setup for College Fair
1:30pm ~ 2:00pm	Setup for Student Research Poster Presentation
2:00pm ~ 4:00pm	11 th Annual College Fair
2:15pm ~ 5:00pm	Student Research Poster Presentations
6:30pm ~ 8:30pm	Celebratory Dinner Keynote Address
9:30pm ~ 12:00am	Student Entertainment

Sunday ~ March 25th

TIME	ACTIVITY
7:30am ~ 9:00am	Breakfast
8:30am ~ 10:30am	Awards Ceremony & Closing Plenary Session
10:30am ~ 11:30am	Check-Out

STEP STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The STEP Statewide Student Conference is designed as a *student-centered* event. To make this design a reality, Project Administrators are asked to select **ONE student** to represent their institution during the conference. This student should be someone who is *confident, articulate, and possess the ability* to act independently, as well as, work comfortably in group settings. We want every Ambassador to have the opportunity to represent their institution during the three-day conference, so please *do not submit* the names of more than one student.

During the 20th Annual STEP Statewide Student Conference, Student Ambassadors will **ASSIST** the 2018 STEP Statewide Student Conference Planning Committee with the following *Service Areas*:

- ✓ **Introductions**—[Keynote Speaker and Workshop Presenters on Friday Afternoon and Saturday]
- ✓ STEP Student **Pep Rally** on Friday Evening
- ✓ **Social Events** on Friday and Saturday Evenings
- ✓ 10th Annual **College Fair** on Saturday Afternoon
- ✓ Student **Research Poster Competition**
- ✓ **Saturday Dinner**—[Mistress and/or Master of Ceremony, Welcome, Introductions, etc.]
- ✓ **Sunday Morning Program**—[Awards Ceremony]
- ✓ All Ambassadors **will serve as ushers** during the Celebratory Dinner on Saturday Evening.

Once the conference schedule is set, Project Directors/Coordinators will receive student assignments and conference expectations as e-mail attachments. A **Mandatory Meeting for Student Ambassadors** will be held on **Friday, March 23, 2018 from 8:15pm to 9:00pm** (*tentative time*) in the Albany/Colonie Room. **Names emailed or faxed to Syracuse University will not be considered for this year's conference.**

To complete the registration process, please copy and paste into your browser the link below and follow the instructions on the website:

[2018 Student Ambassador Link](#)

The deadline to submit to names is **Wednesday, February 14, 2018**. Institutions *who fail to complete the registration form online* by the February 14th deadline **will not have a student** representative at the 2018 Conference; but will be eligible for participation at the 2019 STEP Statewide Student Conference.

Please **direct all calls and emails regarding the STEP Student Ambassador Program to **Lucas Prime**—Fulton Montgomery Community College at (518) 843—4932 ext 1171 or lprime@fmcc.edu.



CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

20th Annual STEP Statewide Student Conference

March 23, 2018 to March 25, 2018 Albany Marriott ~ Albany, New York

Hosted by the New York State Education Department and Syracuse University

The Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) is comprised of 54 colleges and universities across New York State, and one of its many purposes is to introduce students to practical experience in the scientific, technical, and health-related fields, and to prepare students for the rigors of college and beyond. Over 400 students and 125 program directors/advisors regularly attend the conference. Do not miss the opportunity to share valuable information in a forum that allows access to students and staff across New York State who helped to garner the *2003 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentorship (PAEMEM)*! More information about this award winning program may be found on the New York State Education Department's website at <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/kiap/step> or www.stepforleaders.org

CONFERENCE TOPICS

This year's STEP Conference will emphasize the importance of planning ahead, being persistent, and staying focused. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to: *academic achievement, preparation for college, technology etiquette (i.e., cell phone, e-mail and social networks), financial literacy, peer pressure (bullying), self-esteem, internships, student responsibility, leadership skills, communication skills, setting goals, time and stress management, and personal success.* Workshops will take place on either **Friday, March 23, 2018 or Saturday, March 25, 2018**, with each convening for **75 minutes**.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS & **ONLINE** SUBMISSION PROCESS

Workshop proposals should: (1) be relevant to the conference theme and student population (middle and high school students); (2) **not to exceed 150 words in length**; (3) be **submitted electronically** by **Friday, January 19, 2018 by 12 noon** (refer to the link listed below); and (4) be submitted as an abstract that includes the presenter's name, co-presenter's name, mailing address, work telephone number, home telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, business or academic affiliation, and workshop title. *The Conference will provide a LCD Projector and Screen for each workshop session. Workshop presenters are responsible for bringing their own laptops or iPads.* **Proposals mailed, emailed or faxed to Syracuse University will not be considered for this year's conference.**

***Presenters should not submit more than ONE workshop proposal for review and consideration by the 2018 STEP Statewide Student Conference Planning Committee.

To complete the registration process and to submit your workshop abstract, please copy or paste into your browser the link below and follow the instructions on the website:

[2018 Workshop Proposals](#)

Selected workshop presenters will receive hotel accommodations, meals, and an honorarium.

***Note: This does not apply to STEP Program Administrators.*

PROPOSALS are due by 12 noon **January 19, 2018** with *electronic notification* to be received by **February 16, 2018**.

For more information, please contact:

Dr. Leonese Nelson, Conference Chair—Syracuse University
Phone: 315-443-9171 Email: lenelson@syr.edu or
stepconference@syr.edu



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11TH ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR

The Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) of New York State invites **College Representatives** to attend a **College Fair** at our March statewide student conference! The College Fair will be one of the many exciting events that will take place during the **20th Annual STEP Statewide Student Conference from March 23 to March 25, 2018, at the Marriott Hotel in Albany, New York** (189 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12205 - (518) 458-8444.)

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The College Fair will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2017, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Set-up for the fair will be from 1:15pm to 1:45pm. The cost of providing valuable and timely information to this critical mass of students and project administrators is \$150.00. (This fee does not include hotel costs or transportation to and from the conference site in Albany, New York).

If your institution has a STEP Program paying conference registration fees for their students, the admissions office can participate in the fair for FREE. However, all non-registered institutions will have to pay the \$150.00 fee to participate in the fair.

Please notify the conference committee of your institution's intent to participate in this event by e-mailing or faxing the enclosed form by **February 9, 2018** to **Mary Stickney** sticknme@potdam.edu (preferred method) or (315) 267-3343 (fax number).

If necessary, please make all checks payable to Syracuse University, and mail to:

Mail Checks to:
Mary Stickney
SUNY Potsdam
44 Pierrepont Avenue
STEP Office 206 Sisson Hall
Potsdam, NY 13676

For additional information about the fair, please contact one of the College Fair Sub-Committee Co-chairs.

2018 STEP STATEWIDE STUDENT CONFERENCE COLLEGE FAIR SUB-COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:

Cecelia Russo	St. John's University	russoc@stjohns.edu	(718) 990—6667
Mary Stickney	SUNY Potsdam	sticknme@potdam.edu	(315) 267—2584



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11TH ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR REGISTRATION FORM

Institution Name _____

*Name of Representative Attending College Fair: _____
** This name will be included in the conference book.

Representative's Title _____

Mailing Address _____

School's/Program's Website URL: _____

E-Mail _____ Telephone _____ FAX _____
(All further correspondence will be via e-mail.)

The College Fair will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Albany, New York on **Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**. Set-up for the fair will be from 1:15pm to 1:45pm.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

{ } Please register our school for the STEP College Fair—**Saturday, March 24, 2018**.
My institution's STEP Program has submitted its conference registration fees, which covers my fee.

STEP Program Director/Coordinator: _____ Email Address: _____

{ } Please register our school for the STEP College Fair—**Saturday, March 24, 2018**.
My institution does not have a STEP Program or our program will not be attending. Enclosed please find the non-refundable registration fee of \$150.00 payable to Syracuse University.

Checks should be made payable to: Syracuse University

Mail Checks to:

Mary Stickney
SUNY Potsdam
44 Pierrepont Avenue
NCSTEP Office 206 Sisson Hall
Potsdam, NY 13676

****Registration is **NOT** confirmed until the fee is paid. The **official registration deadline is February 9, 2018**, but we encourage early registration, as we will only be accepting a maximum of 30 institutions.****

SUBMIT REGISTRATION FORMS BY **February 9, 2018** to:

E-mail as a PDF document sticknme@potsdam.edu Subject: STEP Statewide Student Conference College Fair
(Preferred Method)

FAX # 315-267-3343 Attention: STEP Statewide Student Conference College Fair

For additional information, please contact one of the College Fair Sub-Committee Co-chairs.

2018 STEP STATEWIDE STUDENT CONFERENCE COLLEGE FAIR SUB-COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:

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Mary Stickney SUNY Potsdam sticknme@potsdam.edu (315) 267-2584

2018 STEP STATEWIDE STUDENT CONFERENCE SUBCOMMITTEES INVITATION

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2018 STEP STATEWIDE STUDENT CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

<i>Committee Members</i>	<i>Institutions</i>	<i>E-mail Addresses</i>	<i>Contact Numbers</i>	<i>Regions</i>
Etwin Bowman ENTERTAINMENT (CO-CHAIR)	SUNY Albany	elbowman@albany.edu	(518) 442—9083	Capital District
Briseida Cortez RESEARCH POSTER COMPETITION (CO-CHAIR)	Hostos Community College	bcortez@hostos.cuny.edu	(718) 518-6774	Bronx/ Manhattan
Barbara Jones Jones STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CHAIR)	Mercy College	bjones@mercy.edu	(914) 674—7204	Mid-Hudson
Diandra Jugmohan RESEARCH POSTER COMPETITION (CO-CHAIR)	Hostos Community College	djugmohan@hostos.cuny.edu	(718) 518-6773	Bronx/ Manhattan
Renee Mapp ENTERTAINMENT (CO-CHAIR)	SUNY Buffalo Biomedical Program	Rmapp2@buffalo.edu	(716) 829-2813	Buffalo
Lucas Prime STUDENT AMBASSADOR (CHAIR)	Fulton Montgomery Community College	lprime@fmcc.edu	(518) 843—4932 ext. 1171	Capital District
Cecelia M. Russo COLLEGE FAIR (CO-CHAIR)	St. John's University	russoc@stjohns.edu	(718) 990—6667	Long Island
Mary Stickney COLLEGE FAIR (CO-CHAIR)	SUNY Potsdam	stickme@potdam.edu	(315) 267—2584	Northern New York
Claudine-Lonje A. Williams ENTERTAINMENT (CO-CHAIR)	New York University	clr2@nyu.edu	(212) 998-5665	Not Applicable
Dr. Leonese Nelson	Syracuse University	lenelson@syr.edu	(315) 443—9171	Conference Chair