

Student Presentations

Student presentations are the centerpiece of every Alpha Chi convention; in fact, this focus on students distinguishes us from other honor societies. Here are a few benefits of presenting:

- Gain valuable presentation experience with a small, receptive audience of 20-40 people.
- Field questions from interested peers and faculty.
- Be eligible for a presentation prize.
- Add an excellent resume enhancement.



Alpha Chi's Professional Presenter Standards

- Wear business professional attire and behave professionally.
- Regardless of order, arrive before the start of the section and identify yourself to the Section Moderator.
- As a courtesy to your fellow presenters, we ask you to remain present for your entire section.
- Be sure your presentation fits comfortably within the time limit. (*most likely 12 minutes, followed by a mandatory 3-minute question/answer period*)
- Remember this is a presentation, not just a manuscript reading.
- Practice (preferably for an audience), so your presentation is smooth and audio-visuals well integrated. Most presentation rooms are small, and microphones aren't provided. Be prepared to speak clearly with good projection.
- Be prepared in case of technical problems; have a backup plan that will allow you to proceed if technology fails.

Student Presenters: Be Prepared

Convention presentation is not a required element of the Sledge/Benedict, Gaston/Nolle, or Pryor National Scholarship Competitions. However, *regional* scholarships and prizes may have similar sounding names but different rules. Consult your region for its requirements.

The total number of presenters per chapter isn't limited, but each student is limited to one presentation. If you are presenting on a Student Collaborative Research Project team, you may make one other regular presentation, but it must be in a different field or cover different material than your part in the collaborative project.

Deadline for Registering Presentations: February 15

You won't submit your entire presentation when you register—just a title and a brief description. The description is specifically for national office staff for verification of your proper field and program placement; descriptions aren't included in the program. Your title and academic field are all that other delegates will see when deciding which presentations to attend, so consider your title thoughtfully. Use proper grammar and punctuation and select the most applicable discipline and presentation type.

Audio-Visual Equipment Provided by Alpha Chi

Each presentation room will be supplied with an LCD projector & screen package, a laptop, and an easel board for affixing a poster. A keyboard, music stand, and audio equipment will also be available in the room assigned for performing arts presentations.

Judging Rubrics

Be sure to acquaint yourself with the judging rubrics on our website if you wish to be competitive. While rubrics will not be returned to presenters, any judge feedback deemed constructive will be communicated to you within a month of the convention.

Alpha Chi will contact registered presenters by email 2-3 weeks before the convention with any last-minute details. Once the program has gone to press, an email notification will be sent to all delegates and the program posted on the conventions page at AlphaChiHonor.org.

Varieties of Presentations: Performance, Poster, PowerPoint

Performances: A good performance presentation should include a discussion of the academics and/or process behind the piece performed. Discussions of creative presentations should help non-specialists understand the craft present in the work. These presenters may use PowerPoint, if so desired. Upon check-in at AX Central on Thursday, musicians, dancers, or other presenters who may need to practice/warm-up may arrange a practice time and place.

Posters: Students wishing to present a poster will do so as part of an oral presentation in a regular, timed slot on Friday or Saturday. During the intermission interval before a presentation, your poster may be affixed using binder clips and removed from the easel board immediately after your presentation. Poster presenters may ask their audience to assemble around their poster, if that is their preference. Posters should be 4' x 3' (horiz./vert. orientation doesn't matter). Poster Tips:

www.ncsu.edu/project/posters

PowerPoint Presentations should be compatible with the most recent version of Microsoft PowerPoint and brought on USB drive. ***The national office will not be collecting and loading presentations this year.*** Most of your audience will be at least 10 feet away from the screen, so plan your fonts accordingly. Due to the tightly-timed presentation schedule, we suggest you bring an extra copy of your media and a printed copy of your slides for your own use in case technical issues arise during your session.



Visual Art PowerPoints: Visual art presenters are asked to prepare a PowerPoint for presentation during a regular, timed presentation section this year. Do not bring your original artwork. Each artist may present up to five works during their presentation. One high-resolution image of each piece is allowed; 2 images allowed for each 3D work. Include a description of each piece with its title, medium, dimensions (H" x W" x D"), and year created.