NASAC’s Student Guide to SETAC SCICON\textsubscript{2}

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Dear Students of SETAC,

As Chair and Vice-Chair of SETAC North America’s Student Advisory Council (NASAC), we are excited to welcome you to our first virtual student program, premiering at this year’s SETAC SciCon2! While the virtual conference format is new to most of us, we and the other student leaders of NASAC have been working tirelessly to bring you a student program that will facilitate your scientific and professional development while delivering the same fun and comradery that SETAC veterans know so well and SETAC novices will know soon enough. With this said, we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the novel challenges of the previous year, how they may have affected us, and what to anticipate as we move forward into the future.

This past year has certainly been a tumultuous one. From the first whispers of an impending pandemic to the development of its full-fledged reality, and the concomitant continuance of and increase in calls for long-overdue social change, current students have been faced with a multitude of novel challenges. It is no exaggeration to say we are collectively facing a new, largely uncharted world; one that will affect not only ourselves, but also those who depend upon us. Many of you have undoubtedly encountered and carried the weight of unexpected concerns and felt their ramifications on deeply personal levels.

There is, however, solace in knowing that we do not face these challenges alone. In each of us exists a unique and remarkable set of skills, knowledge, and expertise, that we can use for the betterment of all life on this planet, human or otherwise.

We urge and desperately implore that you do not forget this. That you recognize the potential we have, both as individuals and as a collective, to not only overcome these adversities, but to better ourselves and each other for having faced them. This potential includes opportunities for conscientious allyship with historically marginalized persons, efforts towards effective science communication and advocacy, and continued development of the fields of scientific endeavor that bind us as environmental scientists. In our small part we have tried to provide opportunities for all of these efforts in our student program, but the rest, either related to this conference or otherwise, is up to you.

With all of our very best,

Derek Green (NASAC Chair) & James Feller (NASAC Vice-chair)

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The goal of this document is to help you make the most of your attendance at the virtual SETAC North America annual meeting, SCICON\textsuperscript{2}! Note that the online meeting host allows you to search topics and create a customized schedule. This is a valuable tool to help you manage your time at the conference.

Remember, even if your abstract has been accepted to the conference, you still need to register! And be sure to register for student events (separate registration). You can also take advantage of the Buddy Program. It’s a great way to meet experienced SETACers and get the most out of your meeting! Finally, be sure to stop by and say “hi” to members of NASAC at the Virtual Student Corner — we’d love to meet you!

For general information, check out the conference website https://scicon2.setac.org/
How to get the most out of an online conference

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This year’s online format will mean a new conference experience for new and veteran students alike, so any and all students are encouraged to contact the NASAC chairs or other NASAC student leaders with any questions about how to get the most of their experience!

Benefits of virtual conferences:
- Increased diversity of participants due to lower financial and geographical barriers
- Access to amazing people and information from all over the world
- Less time and money required to attend
- Can attend in your PJs 😊

Organize your session schedule – be sure to include breaks!

Set up a conferencing hub at your computer, notebook, coffee, break timer, with the right light (i.e. “front and centre”) for video chats, etc.

Add the conference to your calendar to avoid double-booking events!
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Before

Test your video, audio, and internet connection. Have a backup plan for when there are hiccups with your technology!

During

Write out daily and conference goals to maximize what you get out of the conference. For example:
• Discuss your research with three new people
• See x number of talks
• Meet two students in your field

Edit your SETAC profile to include areas of interest so you can be found by others. Use this a tool to search for people you want to reach out to during the conference

Talk to colleagues before you go. For example:
• Solicit useful tips about how to manage your time and approach the meeting
• Ask for introductions to make networking easier

After

Minimize distractions - communicate with roommates, colleagues, to let them know you’re unavailable while attending the conference
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Before

Actively participate

During

Take advantage of the ability to ask questions in the chat during live talk sessions, or in each presenter’s textual QandA chat box.

Join events and discussion groups for different topics

Take breaks (get up, grab tea, coffee, a snack, do some stretches, go for a walk)

After

Be on time for talks and events!
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Before
Enjoy the comforts of home!

During
Connect with your peers to enjoy this time together. Take advantage of the Buddy Program!

Take notes!

After
Cultivate your network – chat with people who you’ve identified when preparing for the meeting, or send emails/direct messages to authors of interesting presentations

Click the icons to connect on social media!
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Before

Add people to your network and have a plan to keep in contact

During

Get reimbursed for your conference attendance

Take advantage of the on-demand talks and schedule that into your post-conference life

- Making realistic goals will help you take advantage of this virtual conference feature without being overwhelmed by unlimited talks that you will never watch

After

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Be sure to check out the presentation guidelines!!!
They include helpful tips as well as essential information.
Below is a brief summary.

**Platform**
- Video recording of 12 min or less
- **Upload your recording by Monday, 2 November, 2020**
- Presenters are expected to be responsive to messages in their presentation chat boxes during a **two-hour time block daily** and especially on the day an associated live session discussion is scheduled, if any
- If you do not get a chance to ask your question during the talk, the chat boxes are open throughout the meeting

If you do not want anybody taking pictures or videos of your slides, use the image in the bottom right of this slide. For the original image and more meeting policies, check out the website [here](#).
Presentations – Poster

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Poster
• Prepare a .pdf (can contain links and audio)
• **Upload your recording by Monday, 2 November, 2020**
• Aim for clarity and simplicity
• Use simple backgrounds so as not to distract from the message
• Compress pictures to “on-screen” quality before saving (typical screen resolution is 72 dpi)
Student activities at a glance

Sunday, 15 November

+ Student Corner | 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. CDT

Monday, 16 November

+ Student Corner | 5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. CDT
+ Student Virtual Happy Hour | 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. CDT

Tuesday, 17 November

+ Exploring Career Choices | 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. CDT

Wednesday, 18 November

+ Colgate-Palmolive Student Seminar | 1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. CDT
+ Massive Team Trivia Student Mixer | 7:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m. CDT

Note: All student activities will be hosted on Zoom
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**Student Corner**

- **Games Night**

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**Virtual Student Corner**

- **SUNDAY**
  - November 15th
  - 7:30-9:00 PM CST

- **MONDAY**
  - November 16th
  - 5:00-6:00 PM CST

**Conference Planning Tips**

- **Student Leader Opportunities**

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**Chat with other students**

**Get information on the student program**

**Meet with student leaders of the **[NASAC](#)**!**

**Learn how experienced and new student members can get involved**
**Details:**

- Monday: Laid back games night!
- Wednesday: Register as a solo player or as a team of up to 10 individuals (solo players can be added to smaller teams)
- 3 rounds with three types of questions: pop culture, sports trivia, and general!
- Join with personal Zoom accounts!
- Prize for winning team!
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**EXPLORING CAREER CHOICES**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 1 PM – 3 PM CST

**LEARN ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER PATHS**

**TALK TO SETAC PROFESSIONALS FROM ACADEMIA, BUSINESS, AND GOVERNMENT**

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**ACADEMIA**

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**BUSINESS**

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**GOVERNMENT**

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Click to register now!
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**VIRTUAL STUDENT NOONTIME SEMINAR**

November 18th | 1-2pm CST | Zoom Talk and Live Q&A Session

Supported by: Colgate Palm-Olive

**Dr. Kelly Ramirez**

Assistant Professor
Department of Biological Sciences
University of Texas El Paso
Co-Founder 500 Women Scientists

Dr. Ramirez is a microbial ecologist interested in characterizing the diversity and biogeographical patterns of soil microbes across the globe. In addition to her scientific research, Dr. Ramirez is committed to making science more inclusive for women other marginalized people.
We are challenging you to summarize your research in a creative and engaging short video intended to share your science with the general public – cash prizes for winners!

**DETAILS:**

- The video duration must be kept under 1 minute
- Example video [here](#)
- Be safe and professional in presenting your work, but otherwise, be creative!
- Videos will be posted on TikTok, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, and the Students of SETAC Outreach Blog
- Winners based on likes and shares - **$250 for 1st place, $150 for 2nd place, and $50 for 3rd!**

Submit videos here!

View promo video!

Rules, tips, and tricks!
SETAC membership benefits include:

- Online subscription and access to:
  - Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry
  - Integrated Environmental Assessment and Management
  - SETAC Globe
  - Membership Directory

- Discounts on:
  - SETAC books
  - SETAC webinars and session recordings
  - Periodic special reductions below member prices on SETAC publications

- **Registration fees**

- Access to student awards and fellowships
- Free resume posting at the SETAC Career Center
- Register [here](#)!

NASAC membership benefits include:

- Join an amazing team of dedicated students to help plan student events such as the YES meetings, Student Socials, and Student Noontime Seminar
- Contact Chair (Derek Green, d.green@usask.ca) to join!
GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR PREP, AND SEE YOU AT SCICON$_2$!