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AJAS Scholarship Winners – **Saagar Jain** of Pinecrest School, Fort Lauderdale. Saagar will receive a full scholarship to enter the AJAS competition in Austin in February 2018. Two other students, **Ben Badnani** – Pinecrest School, and **Stefan Abi-Karam** – American Heritage School won scholarships from FAS that will cover registration for the conference.

Call for Membership for the 2017 – 2018 year

To be able to compete you must be a member. The last chance to pay dues without the late charge is December 15th. **Late membership is accepted until December 31st but it may delay acceptance of the paper. PLEASE turn in your applications and dues.**

Chapter Membership forms and instructions can be found here: [Chapter Membership](#)

Individual Membership forms and instructions can be found here: [Individual membership](#)

Call for Research Papers for the 2018 meeting on March 10, 2018 The FJAS meeting will be held in Barry University, 11300 NE 2nd Ave Miami Shores, FL 33161

All FJAS members are invited to submit their experimental or literary research papers to the preliminary FJAS competition. ALL entries **MUST** be received by **11:59 pm on January 15, 2018**

PLEASE NOTE the changes for this year – FJAS Competition

Submit all papers to: leyajoykutty@gmail.com

Sponsors are asked to

- **ENTER** students into the competition by filling out this form – [Student Registration](#)
- **SUBMIT** a list of projects entered to: leyajoykutty@gmail.com

Research Paper Summary Guidelines

Complete Instructions can be viewed in detail here: [Paper Submission Guidelines](#)

Experimental Paper Judging rubric can be viewed here: [Experimental Paper Rubric](#)

Literary Paper Judging rubric can be viewed here: [Literary Paper Rubric](#)

Or linked on the Florida Junior Academy section of the www.floridaacademyofscience.org website.

Some common errors last year, which decreased the score for “following directions”, were:

- The attachment was larger than the maximum of 2 MB
- Student’s name was in the attachment’s file name or within the paper
- Abstract was too long and/or not written in lay-language
- Acknowledgments were included in the paper

Competition Procedures

Papers are assigned to sessions from the information provided in the email and the number of papers submitted. It is the goal of the FJAS Director to place similar papers in the same session and to allow for equal chances for all submissions to be selected for the March 10th competition. For this reason papers are sorted by:

- Grade level (middle school or high school)
- Type of paper (literary or experimental)
- First choice category for the experimental papers
 - Biology
 - Environmental
 - Medical
 - Physical

Behavioral projects could be given a half session or session dependent on the number of papers

If the sessions for each grade level have differing number of entries then papers will be moved at the discretion of the FJAS Director or designee using the second choice provided on the email. It is the goal for each preliminary judge to review approximately the same number of papers and to select the best 10 – 15 (depending on registration) which will be invited to compete at the FJAS competition. This gives the students equal opportunities of being selected.

Special Award for Seniors

Once high school seniors are selected to present at the state competition, an application will be available to submit information for the scholarship presented at the FJAS competition in addition to the place awards. These applications will be sent with the confirmation of presenting students and the competition registration forms. Scholarships are only given to students that remain in Florida to attend college.

2018 FJAS Competition

The **2018 Florida Junior Academy of Science Competition** will be held March 10th, 2018 at Barry University, 11300 NE 2nd Ave, Miami Shores, FL 33161

More details about the campus and lodging are available on pages 3 and 4 of the “Call for Abstracts” found on the www.floridaacademyofsciences.org website in the “What’s new” under the “Welcome” tab.

The tentative schedule is:

9:00 - 9:40 AM	Registration and check on rooms
9:45 AM	Welcome
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Judging sessions
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Awards Ceremony after the Business Meeting

A detailed and more up to date schedule will be sent out as soon as arrangements are finalized with the venue.

Registration for the Competition will be \$10 per student that attends. Checks or cash will be collected during registration. Once presenters are notified, sponsors should submit a complete list of students attending the competition.

Guidelines for Presentations

Students have 10 minutes to present their material. The judges then have 3 minutes to ask the presenter questions. A moderator should be in each room to insure that everyone follows these guidelines. Students are encouraged to practice their presentations to insure coverage of the entire presentation in the allotted time. The list of presenters will be sent to the sponsors in mid -February.