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Congratulations to Brigitte Blanco

Ten students applied for the AJAS scholarship and nomination. Brigitte Blanco of Pine Crest was selected for the scholarship to attend American Junior Academy of Science and American Association for the Advancement of Science Conference in San Jose, California.

Did you notice the changes in the ISEF Rules?

There are some major changes in the Research Plan outlined on page 30 of the ISEF Rules. Many of you compete in a regional science fair, SSEF and ISEF and I want to make sure you noticed the differences.

A – is now the rationale for the project and not the question

B – included the question and hypothesis

Now you must describe the results and attach this to the research plan.

For FJAS, we don't have these changes. See the guidelines on the website for writing the paper and submitting the paper to the competition. Please remember all students conducting experimental projects should go through the approval process for science fair meeting all of the criteria for both ISEF and SSEF. These ISEF guidelines are available online at <https://student.societyforscience.org/forms> and the SSEF Supplement can be found at www.floridassef.net under "Student Researchers".

Prevent the Common Mistakes

Each year students lose points because they don't follow the guidelines for submitting the papers. The most common problems that caused students to lose points were:

Generic attachment name (FJAS paper is not appropriate, use key words of the paper title)

Student's name, school, or mentor's name appears in the paper or in attachment file name

Papers exceeded the 2MB size – these were sent back to be corrected, but delayed acceptance

Many judges and myself have limits on our inbox and large files were not always accepted.

2014 – 2015 Important Dates

December 31st – Last day to join FJAS without paying late fees

January 25th – 27th – Junior Science Engineering and Humanities Symposium at University of Florida

January 31st – Deadline for submitting entries to FJAS

February 11th – 15th – American Junior Academy of Science in San Jose, California

March 21st - FJAS competition will be held at St Leo University in St. Leo, Florida

March 31st – April 2nd – SSEF in Lakeland, Florida

May 10th – 15th – ISEF in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania