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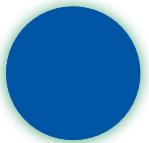
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PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

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2023 NACTA Professional Portfolio Contest Rules

Hosted by Modesto Junior College School of Agriculture

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Teams and Eligibility

1. All contestants must be currently enrolled in a two-year or a four-year institution and pursuing an undergraduate degree. Two-year and four-year teams will be evaluated using the same scoring rubric. Separate awards will be made for both team and overall individuals in each division.
2. A Professional Portfolio team will consist of 4 team members with the top three scores counting towards team awards. Official team members must be identified during registration prior to the contest. Individuals may also participate as official contestants for individual awards if a school does not have a full team.
3. A school can enter as many extra individuals as they wish in addition to the official team. Extra individuals must pay the full registration fee. They can compete for individual awards and are considered official contestants for future eligibility.
4. A competing individual may compete in this contest up to four times as an official contestant in a national NACTA Professional Portfolio contest, twice in the Two-year division and twice in the Four-year division. A contestant that placed in the top three in the contest in the previous year is still eligible to compete in the same contest for another year of competition.

Event Description and Guidelines

1. Students will create professional portfolios that could be used to accompany them in job interviews. Only one portfolio entry allowed per student.
2. Each portfolio must fall into one of the following career categories to be identified at the time of conference registration in April:

- Plant Science
- Animal Science
- Agriculture Business
- Agriculture Communications/Education
- Agriculture Mechanics

3. Portfolios will be scored accordingly:

Area Scored	Point Value
Appropriate Cover; professional and appropriately accommodates all material contained in the portfolio.	10
Table of Contents	5
Introductory Statement; written with the career category in focus and no longer than one page in length.	50

Resume; written and constructed with the career category in focus and no longer than one page in length. Sections which must be included are: header, professional objective, education, experience, references. Other sections/information may be added at the student's discretion as long as the required sections are included.	50
Work samples; showcase skills in the career category.	25
Letter of Recommendation #1; no longer than one page.	10
Letter of Recommendation #2; no longer than one page.	10
Free Pages; the content in this section is open to the choice of the student.	20
Overall quality of the portfolio; professionally presented, grammar, spelling, formatting, organization, portfolio is no longer than 10 pages in length, etc.	20
Total	200

4. Portfolios must be delivered at time of conference registration.
5. Each individual portfolio cannot be more than 10 pages in length. Every additional page over the 10 page maximum will result in a 25 point deduction for each extra page.
6. Portfolios may be picked up after the awards banquet.