2020 Dick Thomas Memorial Student Presentation Competition

Dear Students and Instructors,

Mark your calendars! The 2020 Washington GIS Conference will sponsor the annual Richard ‘Dick’ Thomas Memorial Student Presentation Competition and Award, the DTA. This award was established in 2006 to honor Washington State GIS pioneer and mentor Richard “Dick” Thomas. The intent is to continue Dick’s work of encouraging students to excel in their studies and transition successfully into careers in the field of GIS. WAURISA’s objective is to inspire students to present their original work related to GIS, geography, or geographic research at the annual Washington GIS Conference.

The DTA Student Presentation Competition will occur on Thursday, May 21 during the 2020 Washington GIS Conference at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma, WA.

**Competition FAQs**

- **Prizes**
  - 1st Place $500
  - 2nd Place $250
  - 3rd Place $125

- The DTA Student Presentation Competition is open to all currently enrolled students, and students who have graduated or completed classes within the last year (projects presented need to have occurred while students were still attending school).

- A number of people have requested more time to submit abstracts, so we’ve extended the deadline.

- Presentation abstracts will be accepted from February 1 through March 31.

- Notification of abstract acceptance will be provided by April 10.

- The DTA Submission Form and Additional Guidelines and FAQs are posted on the DTA Competition page of the 2020 Washington GIS Conference website at: https://waurisa.wildapricot.org/page-18154

- Please contact the DTA Coordinator at dta@waurisa.org with any questions.