

The 2017 Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference (MAAC) is scheduled to be held at the, Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center, 2800 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia [from March 16th](#) through the 19th (<http://www.maacmidatlanticarchaeology.org/conferences.htm>).

On behalf of the MAAC, I am soliciting sponsorships for student presenters. Recognizing that student involvement is vital to the long-term health and vitality of the organization, MAAC actively encourages student participation. The student sponsorship program was initiated in 2007 to help offset some of the financial burden of conference attendance for students and thus encourage greater student involvement. In every year since 2007, all of the students participating in the annual student paper competition have been sponsored, as well as additional students randomly selected from those giving papers but not competing. MAAC sees the sponsorship program as an excellent means of encouraging student participation without impacting the meeting and membership revenues of the organization. We also see the sponsorship program as a way to assist you in building networks with other archaeologists while supporting the professional growth of a future generation of regional archaeologists.

It is the hope that consulting firms, organizations, and individuals will continue to make this program successful by sponsoring student presenters. **Sponsorship involves contributing the cost of one year's student membership to MAAC and the conference registration fee; a total of \$60.00.** All sponsors will be listed in the MAAC conference program and sponsored students will receive \$60 directly from MAAC.

To become a sponsor, send a check for \$60.00 made to MAAC to Dr. Elizabeth Moore at the address below:

Dr. Elizabeth Moore
Curator of Archaeology
Virginia Museum of Natural History
21 Starling Avenue
Martinsville, VA 24112

Sponsors for student presenting a paper also can submit a \$60 payment online, through MAAC's PayPal system on the "Conference" page of the website: <http://www.maacmidatlanticarchaeology.org/conferences.htm>

Please consider being a student sponsor for the 2016 MAAC meeting. Let me know if you have any questions regarding the program, or if you would like to sponsor one or more students. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,
Gregory Lattanzi, MAAC President-elect
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