Congratulations on the knowledge and skills you have gained during your time as an undergraduate! Your Senior Project allows you to share that knowledge and showcase it in a final presentation to students and faculty in your department. Your department faculty will choose one speaker to go on to the Senior Project Honors Competition.

**Senior Project Honors Competition Format:** The Senior Project Honors Competition involves three events. Participants in the Senior Project Honors Competition will give their presentations on two different days, each time in a 6-7 minute format, and answer questions from the audience each time. Between the two presentations, participants will receive coaching.

For 2020 these events will take place via Zoom as follows:
- **Saturday afternoon, JUNE 13:** Present your talk to a panel of judges and your advising faculty. Take 5-8 minutes of questions from the judges.
- **Sunday afternoon:** Receive personalized coaching on your presentation and delivery skills from a professional communications coach. (date and time to be confirmed)
- **Thursday afternoon, JUNE 18:** Present your talk to an audience that includes your peers (other undergraduate students), faculty, University Trustees, and the same judges as on Saturday. Take 2 minutes for questions from the audience.

**Evaluation Criteria:** The judges will be evaluating presentations using the Senior Project Honors Competition Rubric & Feedback Form. Once their decisions are made, all the participants will be notified by email.

If you are chosen to represent your department at the Senior Project Honors Competition:

1. Please notify Dr. Jane Schmidt-Wilk, Dean of Teaching and Learning (jschmidt@miu.edu) as soon as you are selected.
   a. Give her your name, the title of your talk, your email address, and the best phone number to reach you.
   b. Schedule a time for your Saturday talk with Dr. Schmidt-Wilk.
   c. Confirm your attendance at the special coaching session on Sunday.
2. Make sure your talk will fit into the 6-7 minute range allotted. A timekeeper will interrupt you if you have not finished your talk at 7 minutes. If that happens, you’ll be allowed to finish your sentence, but that’s all.
3. Any visual element of your presentation should be available for you to deliver online from your computer. When it is your turn to present, you'll be given permission to share your screen, which will show us any audio/video or slide content that you might wish to share. If you have any questions about working with your visuals or other forms of media through Zoom, please contact Ben McClendon in advance at bmclendon@miu.edu.
4. Dress professionally for both presentations.
5. You may record your first presentation and review it afterwards with your faculty advisor to see how you could improve.
6. Try to arrange to view all the presentations on Saturday. By watching “the competition,” you may get ideas of how to improve your own talk. You can also view presentations from prior years on YouTube.
7. Invite your friends and family to view the final presentations on Thursday.
8. Stay online to the end of the final presentations—Student Government will be conferring an award on each of the candidates.
If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jane Schmidt-Wilk, Dean of Teaching and Learning at jschmidt@mum.edu

If you are chosen as a winner of the Senior Project Honors Competition:
1. You will be notified by email. When you receive the email, please reply to confirm that you received the message.
2. Plan to attend the Awards Ceremony at 8:00 PM Friday evening in Dalby Hall.
3. Dress professionally.
4. Look on the stage for a seat with your name on it.
5. Come forward to receive your award when your name is called. You won't need to make a “thank you” speech.

Visuals: Your presentation is to be a live, oral presentation and should include some visual supporting material (such as slides, self-made video clips, or props).

Video-recording: We hope that all presentations will be recorded on video. If that happens, after the Senior Project Honors Competition, you may be invited to have the video of your talk posted on MIU's YouTube website. If your talk is selected for posting it will be important that you can show that your visuals meet the requirements expressed in copyright laws. The best way to do this to create your images yourself (take the photos yourself, etc.). But if you have to acquire content from another source, we recommend taking screenshots of the terms of use, licensing agreements, and sourcing where you acquired any content.

Copyright regulations regarding visuals: The following sites offer additional information about using copyrighted material:
- www.dmoz.org/Society/Law/Legal_Information/Intellectual_Property/Copyrights/
- 10 Big Myths About Copyright Explained http://www.templetons.com/brad/copymyths.html
- More on Copyright http://www.lawgirl.com/copyrights.html
- Copyright and Fair Use http://fairuse.stanford.edu/

Please see the document “Senior Project Honors Competition Dates and General Guidelines” for the dates and more details about the events.