

Pennsylvania Economic Association (PEA)

Announces

Best Undergraduate Paper Contest

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*With the winner to be announced at the
Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Economic Association
Alvernia University – Reading, Pennsylvania
June 2 & 3, 2017*

- ❖ To encourage undergraduate interest in all fields of economics, the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Economic Association cordially invites undergraduate students to enter the Pennsylvania Economic Association Best Undergraduate Paper Contest at **Alvernia University** this June. The **winning student author(s)**¹ will receive:
 - A **\$1000** award (first place), **\$750** (second place) and **\$500** (third place)
 - A commemorative **plaque** for the first place and **certificates** for the second and third places
 - Complimentary publication of the **first place** paper in the ***Pennsylvania Economic Review***
 - Picture of the winning student(s) with the PEA President posted on the **PEA website**
- ❖ To enter a paper into the contest, please send the following by **4:00 pm on Monday, May 8, 2017**:
 - A cover letter as an email attachment to **Dr. Orhan Kara** (okara@wcupa.edu)
 - Student's name, class/year, and also full contact information of the **faculty sponsor**²
 - Your complete paper (with a minimum of **7 pages** and a maximum of **25 pages**) including the abstract as an email attachment to **Dr. Orhan Kara** (okara@wcupa.edu)
- ❖ Eligibility
 - Author(s) must be an undergraduate student as of Spring 2017 (December 2016 and May 2017 graduates are also eligible).
 - Students must also register for the conference and must present their papers at the conference.
 - No faculty–student co-authored submissions will be accepted.
 - Student papers must meet the basic requirements of the **judging rubric** available on the PEA website.
- ❖ All manuscripts must be submitted according to the APA guidelines (<http://www.apastyle.org/>).
 - Sample papers are available on the PEA website (<http://www.econpea.org/>).
- ❖ As part of the selection process, papers will be reviewed by a panel consisting of **five economist judges** representing educational and research institutions. Reviewers assigned to each paper will be external to the student's institution and will follow the same scoring rubric.
- ❖ All students will present their papers on **Friday, June 2, 2017**, in dedicated session(s) of the Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Economic Association, at **Alvernia University**. The winning paper(s) will be announced at the **conference luncheon** on Friday, June 2, 2017.

(1) Co-authors will split the monetary prize.

(2) Faculty should encourage their students' participation early in the spring semester.