I encourage our Communication Majors to consider submitting a research paper for presentation at the Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference, which is part of the Western States Communication Association Conference, to be held February 13-17, 2009, in Phoenix, AZ. If you plan to go on to graduate school, a conference presentation is an excellent way to bolster your application as an already-active scholar. If you plan to go right into the workforce, listing a competitive conference presentation on your resume may demonstrate that your academic preparation is that much more sound than that of fellow applicants.

If you are interested in submitting a paper, your professors should be able to assist you in revising and submitting a paper to the conference.

The Department of Communication may be able to assist with some funding for travel to this conference should you have a paper accepted for presentation. If you have a paper accepted for presentation, contact me directly at regarding funding.

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December 1 Is Deadline for USRC Submissions
by Kathryn Sorrells, Second Vice President

Kathryn Sorrells
USRC: The 6th year annual conference is an extraordinary opportunity for undergraduate researchers! We welcome papers from a diverse range of philosophical, theoretical, and methodological approaches to the study of communication.

Benefit to students: Students have an opportunity to craft and share their research in a professional presentation with undergraduate students from the Western region and the U.S. Students gain supportive feedback from scholars in the field and learn about graduate studies in communication.

Saturday, February, 14, 2009 at the Convention Hotel in Mesa, Arizona.

Deadlines and particulars: The deadline for paper submissions is December 1, 2008. Papers must be received by 5 pm PST on December 1st.

Please submit papers to Professor Kathryn Sorrells as a Word attachment to electronic mail (kathryn.sorrells@csun.edu). Please include all author contact information (name, mailing address, email address, and phone number) on a separate page from the title page. Papers should be between 18-25 pages in length.

Students who submit must be undergraduate students at the time of submission. Students should not submit more than one paper for which they serve as primary author. Co-authored papers are welcome.

For more information, please contact USRC Coordinator, Kathryn Sorrells (kathryn.sorrells@csun.edu).

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