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USGS: Inaugural Student Geologic Map Competition



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Alexandria, VA - The U.S. Geological Survey is hosting the inaugural Best Student Geologic Map Competition. This competition is open to university-level students and entries will be judged at the 125th Annual Geological Society of America Meeting held in Denver, CO from October 27th through 30th 2013. A judging panel will select three winners during a special session convened on October 29th, 2013. The special session will double as a networking hour for students to share their experiences and techniques.

The competition is open to all students at any level of their academic career (B.S., M.S., or Ph.D.) who has created a geologic map through recent field work. Along with being publicly recognized at the meeting, winning students will receive field tools such as a Brunton Compass or rock hammer, and will be given the opportunity to publish their map in the Student Edition of the *Journal of Maps*.

Each map should stand on its own without explanation by the student author, and the competition website defines the specific judging criteria for the Best Student Geologic Map Competition. Students should contact the official U.S. Geological Survey representative by September 6th, 2013 to be considered for the 2013 competition.

This event is hosted by The US Geological Survey (USGS) and the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP) in partnership with The Geological Society of America (GSA), GSA Foundation, Association of American State Geologists (AASG), American Geosciences Institute (AGI), American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG), and the Journal of Maps. This event is being cross-promoted as part of the American Geosciences Institute "Geologic Map Day" for the 2013 "Mapping Your World" Earth Science Week. Details about "Earth Science Week" can be found at: www.earthsciweek.org.

For complete competition details visit: <http://community.geosociety.org/2013AnnualMeeting/Conference/StudentInfo/MapCompetition>

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The American Geosciences Institute is a nonprofit federation of geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 250,000 geologists, geophysicists and other earth scientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geosciences education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment.