

ACSM Southwest Chapter

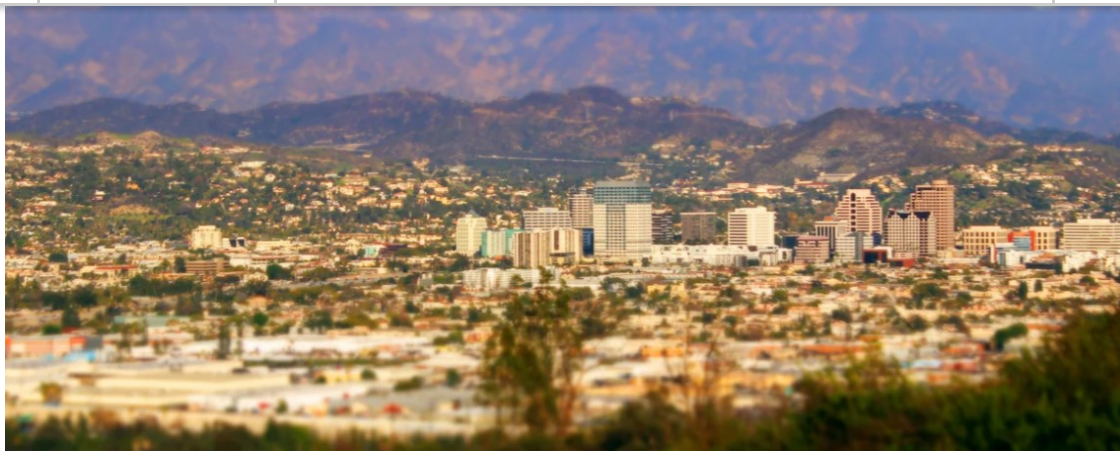
Here are some brief but important updates from the
Southwest American College of Sports Medicine!



‘25 SWACSM Conference

The 2025 SWACSM Annual Meeting is October 17th to 18th at the [Marriott - Burbank Airport!](#)

[Click here to learn more about Burbank, CA!](#)



Early-Career Faculty Award

SWACSM has received a grant to support innovative activities in accordance with ACSM's strategic priorities. The grant supports the faculty by either:

1. Providing \$1000 to present at the '25 SWACSM Regional Meeting; or
2. Providing \$1000 in research funds with the commitment to attend the '26 SWACSM Regional Meeting

Eligible faculty include those who received their terminal degree within the last 5 years; postdoctoral scholars are eligible. For more information, please contact James Navalta at james.navalta@unlv.edu with any questions.

Applications due Friday, September 5th, 6:00 pm PDT

Apply for the Early-Career Faculty Spotlight

**Present a workshop or
tutorial at the '25
SWACSM Annual
Meeting**



tutorials. Please complete this form
(note, proposals will be considered
continuously until all spots are filled).

Submit Proposal Here

SWACSM 2025 Abstract Submissions

Students are encouraged to present their research at the 2025 SWACSM Annual Meeting, which provides opportunities for students to participate in an oral presentation or poster session. All student research award candidates (expanded abstracts for oral presentation) and poster presenters (general abstracts) should submit abstracts through the [International Journal of Exercise Science \(IJES\) Conference Proceedings website](#).

More information on abstract submission will come in July, 2025.

All abstracts will be published in IJES after the conference concludes.

General Abstracts

The submission deadline for general abstracts for one of the poster sessions is **Friday, September 12th, 2025, 6:00 pm PDT**.

Student Research Award Competition

The submission deadline for the expanded abstracts for the Student Research Award Competition is **Friday, September 5th, 2025, 6:00 pm PDT**.

For questions regarding General Abstract submissions, contact Dr. Fabiano Amorim (amorim@unm.edu).

For questions regarding the expanded abstract submissions, contact Dr. Matt Seeley (matt_seeley@byu.edu).

2025 SWACSM Student Travel Grants

SWACSM offers scholarships for outstanding undergraduate and graduate student work.

Student Travel Grants for the 2025 SWACSM Annual Meeting are available in amounts up to \$500. This grant is meant to support conference related expenses such as registration,

2025, at 6:00 pm PDT. If you have questions about SWACSM Student Travel Grants, please direct them to Member at Large for Abstracts and Awards, Dr. Matt Seeley (matt_seeley@byu.edu).

[Apply for the Student Travel Grant](#)

2025 SWACSM Recognition Award

Do you know of someone who has made significant contributions to the field of sports medicine or exercise science through scholarly achievement and/or service to SWACSM?

If so, please consider submitting a nomination for the SWACSM Recognition Award.

We give out one award each year at our annual meeting in October. The board keeps all nominations on file, so if your nominee is not chosen this year, they will remain in consideration for future years. For a list of previous winners, please visit our website.

Submit nominations by **Friday September 5, 2025, at 6:00 pm PDT.**

[Click here to a Recognition Award Nomination](#)

SWACSM 2025 Jeopardy Bowl!

The 14th annual Southwest Student Jeopardy Bowl returns and will be held at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport (2500 N Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505) on Friday October 17th, 2025. All Universities and Colleges are invited to bring a team of 3 currently enrolled undergraduate students to answer questions on categories such as anatomy, bioenergetics, biomechanics exercise physiology, environmental aspects, cardiovascular physiology, sports nutrition, special populations, and ACSM guidelines. Faculty should identify a team of students who can work together in answering questions based on the categories. Each team is encouraged to bring students and faculty to watch and support their team, wear their school colors, and cheer them on to victory!

questions will be easier than double jeopardy, and a final jeopardy question will be the most difficult. All questions will have a dollar amount associated with the answer, and the team with the highest total at the end of the night will be the winner.

The winners of the SWACSM competition will represent the Southwest Chapter at the Annual ACSM meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah in May/June 2026 at the Annual Student Bowl Competition. The SWACSM winning team will also receive ACSM Annual Meeting registration (paid for by the National ACSM) and partial funds for travel, lodging, and food (paid in part by the Regional Chapter). Note that each University or College will be expected to contribute to a portion of the cost.

All Universities interested in competing must register by 5:00pm PDT Friday, October 10th, 2025, to guarantee your spot in the competition. Although each institution in the region can submit the names for up to two teams, institutions are only guaranteed one spot.

Registration for Jeopardy will be available soon. As part of the registration process you will need to have:

1. Full names and emails of 3 undergraduate students (one will be named team captain).
2. Name and email of a Faculty mentor/Professional or Graduate student sponsor available to serve as a judge during the competition.
3. PowerPoint or Google slide with all team members' full names, pictures, and the school name and logo.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help run the competition, please contact Member at Large for Abstracts and Awards, Dr. Jeffrey Bernard, jbernard1@csustan.edu.

Congratulations to the newly elected members

Trustees!

Newly elected members are Dr. Nicole Dabbs, FNCSA (President-Elect), Dr. Marcus Michael Lawrence, CSCS (Member-at-Large, Communications), and Dr. Scott Drum, FACSM, ACSM-CEP, CSCS (Member-at-Large, Abstract & Awards).



If you would like to be more involved with SWACSM, please keep an eye out for future emails.

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