Odyssey Submission Guidelines

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PURPOSE
The *Odyssey* blog (formerly *Connexions*) for the NASPA-sponsored *Journal of College and Character* serves as a platform for emerging and established scholars—both international and domestic—to share their academic inquiries and collaboratively ideate within a community.

AUDIENCE & CONTRIBUTORS
- **Emerging scholars:** Graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and early-career faculty members seeking to share their academic experiences and insights.
- **Established scholars:** Faculty members and independent researchers interested in mentoring emerging scholars, contributing their own reflective journeys, and collaborating with readers to advance their academic inquiries.
- **Higher education professionals:** Individuals working in student affairs, administration, and related fields interested in the academic development and experiences of scholars.

FREQUENCY & DEADLINES
The *Odyssey* blog will be published twice per year and will include six to eight articles per issue, following the academic calendar (Fall and Spring semesters).
- **Fall 2024**
  - RECRUITMENT DEADLINE: October 31, 2024
  - SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 30, 2024
  - EDITING DEADLINE: December 31, 2024
  - PUBLICATION DATE: January 31, 2025
- **Spring 2025**
  - RECRUITMENT DEADLINE: March 30, 2025
  - SUBMISSION DEADLINE: April 30, 2025
  - EDITING DEADLINE: May 30, 2025
  - PUBLICATION DATE: June 30, 2025

WORD COUNT
The word count of blog articles should not exceed 1,500 words.

AUTHORSHIP
You may write the blog article yourself or recruit others. The writing should be professional and academic but can be more casual than a published article in an academic journal.

TYPES OF POSTS
Content should be aligned with the mission and values of the *Journal of College and Character*. Your article can include book reviews, snapshots of research, best practices, theories, philosophical arguments, or related forms of content. Potential topics include:
- Character and spiritual development
- Identity
- Academic experiences and insights
- Research and writing
- Mentorship
- Transition/Change
- Ethics
- Diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice
- Career development
- Technology/Artificial Intelligence

TITLE
Please choose a title for the article that relates to ongoing topics and the mission of the Journal of College and Character. It should have some connection with the influence of higher education on moral, civic, spiritual, or character development.

HEADINGS AND BULLETS
Research suggests that often readers do not closely read large blocks of text online. Readers are more likely to read a passage that is short and is introduced by an interesting heading. Bullet points are recommended! Online readers also appreciate numbered elements such as: "There are three ways to…"

FIGURES AND IMAGES
The web interface for the blog has limitations; therefore, we will not be able to include images with your article outside of your photos.

LONG QUOTATIONS
Avoid long quotations. Feel free, however, to use links to appropriate resources.

LINKS
Please try to limit the number of links to no more than five in the body of the text.

VOICE
To indicate opinions and comments, please write in the first person.

TYPE OF MEDIUM/FORMAT

Send as a Word document via attachment. The editor will post for you.

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APPROVAL
The editor will have final approval over submissions.

COMMENT GUIDELINES
The *Odyssey* blog, as an extension of the *Journal of College and Character,* encourages thoughtful and respectful discourse. To maintain a constructive and collegial environment, we ask that all comments adhere to the following guidelines:

1. **Respect and Professionalism:** Comments should be respectful of and professional toward opposing views. Authors must avoid statements containing libel and slander and should maintain a tone of collegiality. The goal is to foster a positive and inclusive community for scholarly exchange. Avoid personal attacks, inflammatory language, or disparaging remarks.
2. **Relevance:** Ensure that comments are relevant to the post's topic and contribute meaningfully to the conversation. Off-topic comments may be removed. Comments should aim to further the scholarly discourse with insightful perspectives.
3. **Evidence-Based Contributions:** Avoid sweeping generalizations. Claims should be supported with appropriate documentation in APA. This aligns with the journal's commitment to high-quality, original research.

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Submission guidelines adapted from Pamela C. Crosby, PhD.