The Washington DC Chapter of the Acoustical Society of America (ASA) will hold its 13th Mini Conference on Acoustics (MCA) / Best Student Paper Competition (with a cash award) on Thursday, May 2, 2019, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, in Gowan Hall Room #126 at the Catholic University of America (right by the Metro station exit). This year we are also hosting an Acoustic STEM Contest in the afternoon. Social refreshments & dinner are available starting at 6:00 pm.

If you are presenting at the national ASA conference, another conference, or have interesting acoustics research work to discuss, we invite you to give your presentation at the ASA DC Chapter’s MCA. Take this chance to practice your talk and get useful feedback from local acousticians! Speakers will have 15 minutes to present their work (12 min. for presentation + 3 min. for questions). A projector is available. In the event if we receive more abstracts than time allotted for the MCA, priorities will be given to student presenters. To register to present please send your presentation title and abstract to David Lechner (66lechner@cua.edu) and Shane Guan (guan@cua.edu) by Monday, April 29, 2019.

The Acoustic STEM event (3:30-6:00 pm) is open to local Washington DC public, charter, and private high schools to compete in creating an acoustics video within 2 hours using the materials kits that the WDC ASA chapter provides. The videos will be shown to attendees of the MCA during the social and award session (6:00-6:40). The first place prize is $150, and 2nd place is $50. Up to 7 teams may participate.

MCA Program Schedule:
6:00 - 6:30 pm Social reception with food and drink.
6:20 - 6:30 pm Show STEM videos (expect about 2 to 3 minutes each), Voting, & Award prizes.
6:40 - 8:30 pm ASA DC Regional Chapter MCA & Best Student Paper Competition Presentations

Event Location:
Room 126 is on the ground floor level of Gowan Hall. The Catholic University of America is located directly across the street from the Brookland Redline station exit. Street parking is available along the John McCormack Dr., NE. Directions: https://www.catholic.edu/resources/Maps%20and%20Directions/index.html

Attendance & RSVP Contacts:
The events are free to attend, and there are no chapter membership or attendance fees. Acoustical Society membership is NOT required to attend. Food and refreshments provided during the social reception from 6:00–6:30pm. **Feel free to forward this announcement and invite others to join us!** Please RSVP if possible to Dave Lechner (66lechner@cua.edu) or Shane Guan (guan@cua.edu) by April 29, 2019, so we know how much food and drink to prepare. ASA DC Chapter is on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/groups/ASAChapterDC.