PRIZE in BIOETHICS
Third Annual Essay Competition

Award: 1st Prize – $250.00
Contest Deadline: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. EST

GOAL OF THE COMPETITION: This annual essay competition intends to help raise awareness of today's urgent ethical issues confronting the health care industry and providers. This annual competition aims to initiate and facilitate a dialogue across the university that helps to cultivate skills in students that promote the key Bellarmine values of civic engagement, critical reflection, moral courage and leadership.

ELIGIBILITY: Registered full- or part-time undergraduate or graduate students enrolled in the College of Health Professions at Bellarmine University during the fall 2017 semester. This includes all College of Health Professions major programs, minors and the Health Care minor.

ESSAY TOPIC: Healthcare is one of the biggest problems in the U.S. and one of its most important issues. While repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act has been at the top of the Congressional agenda for the Republican majority and newly elected Republican President in 2016, the American Health Care Act, the replacement bill for the ACA, did not make it to a vote in the Senate. While Congressional leaders continue to disagree, Americans continue to use and need health services and the cost of healthcare continues to rise.

The U.S. has failed to develop an effective health policy partly because we disagree about some of the most fundamental values that inform both policy and practice. Clearly, there is still no consensus about what constitutes a good healthcare system.

ESSAY TOPIC QUESTION: What are the key values that should form the foundation of an equitable and accessible healthcare system?

REVIEW CRITERIA:
- Clear articulation and expression of ideas.
- Carefully proofread essay.
- Good grammar, punctuation and paper mechanics.
- Well thought-out and focused essay.
- Creative, thoughtful, reflective and imaginative.
- *NOTE: This year both the Prize in Bioethics and Prize in Social Justice essay competitions deal with the same topic, however, the questions are different. While a student may submit essays to both competitions, submitting the same essay to both competitions will result in disqualification from both competitions.*
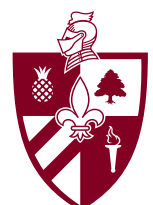
ESSAY FORMAT:
- Approximately 1500 words, please address the Essay Topic Question.
- Include essay title.
- Write in a formal voice and articulate a clear thesis statement.
- Follow the APA Style Manual.
- Author's own work.
- One essay per student.
- Type in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced with 1" margins and numbered pages.

Submissions will be judged anonymously, so your paper must be prepared for blind review. Omit all identifying references, such as your name. Be sure to remove this as well in the 'properties' of the document.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS:
- Send essays and cover page electronically to Dr. Katherine Johnson at kjohnson@bellarmine.edu.
- Your cover page document must include: your name, title of essay, word count, your major, graduation year, undergraduate/graduate status (freshman, sophomore, etc.) and full or part-time status, email address, student ID number, contact phone number and name of your faculty mentor.
- Entries must include verification from a faculty mentor. Your mentor will verify the quality and authenticity of your essay. Once you submit your essay, your mentor will be sent a form to sign and return to Dr. Katherine Johnson at kjohnson@bellarmine.edu no later than Wednesday, November 15, 2017.
- Save essays and cover page as a Word or PDF document.
- In the subject line of the email, please write "Bioethics Essay Submission 2017."
- Submit your essay no later than 5 p.m. EST on Tuesday, October 31, 2017.
- No paper or hardcopy submissions will be accepted.

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THE AUTHOR OF THE WINNING ESSAY WILL BE NOTIFIED BY 5:00 P.M. EST ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017.