

PRIZE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE

THIRD ANNUAL ESSAY COMPETITION

First Prize: \$250 • Contest Deadline: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 5 p.m. EST

GOAL OF THE COMPETITION

The Lansing Prize in Social Justice is an essay competition intended to help students reflect upon social justice initiatives as well as their service to community and beyond. 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

The U.S. provides Americans rights such as the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Our health status plays a central role in how we are able to enjoy these freedoms. To some Americans, in order to protect the freedoms to which we are entitled as citizens, all members ought to have access to affordable healthcare. Indeed, without our health, we cannot enjoy or fully participate in these freedoms.

The U.S. is currently in the process of reforming its healthcare policy. Politicians on both sides of the aisle are dissatisfied with the current state of the Affordable Care Act. While the ACA provides many benefits to consumers, the rising costs of healthcare, among other obstacles, have put a damper on the practicality of its implementation. At the heart of the debate are conflicting perspectives about the nature and goals of healthcare.

ESSAY TOPIC QUESTION

What is the most important goal of healthcare and why?

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 #, 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 only.
- In the subject line of the email, please write "Social Justice 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.

The author of the winning essay will be notified by 5 p.m. EST on Friday, December 1, 2017.