

## **Announcing the UW-System's Seventh Annual Liberal Arts Essay Competition**

*Sponsored by the University of Wisconsin  
System Advisory Group on the Liberal Arts (SAGLA)*

### **This Year's Topic:**

Liberal education is often thought of as something that happens within the classroom. How, though, have other experiences you have had on your campus helped you understand and appreciate a liberal education?

You may choose from a wide range of extra- and co-curricular experiences, such as student organizations, study abroad, service learning, undergraduate research, lectures, recitals, exhibits, plays, or films. Feel free to choose a single experience or an array of experiences, whichever best fits the development of your own liberal education. Your essay should create a clear picture of the experience(s) and should also make a clear connection between your experience(s) and your liberal education.

As you plan your essay, you may wish to check on the liberal education learning outcomes at <http://www.aacu.org/leap/vision.cfm> . Some of these outcomes could help inform your understanding of the larger framework of liberal education.

NOTE: All submissions are to be original essays, 1,000-1,250 words in length, typed, double-spaced. Each essay must include a title page with the following information: title of essay, student's name, major, institution, college and home address, e-mail address, telephone number, and the following statement: *"I hereby affirm that this is an original essay and my own work."*

### **Eligibility:**

This year's competition is open to any UW System undergraduate student in academic good standing.

### **Award:**

Three awards for \$2,000 each are available (one to a student from the UW Colleges and two to students from the UW comprehensive and doctoral institutions).

### **Submission/Selection:**

- **Students must submit their essays to their Provost's Office (or, for UW College students, to the campus representative) and should consult their campus process and deadlines prior to submission.**

- **ESSAYS SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE UW SYSTEM WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR AN AWARD.**
- Each UW institution will determine its own student essay submission and screening process, including the setting of institutional deadlines by which students will submit their essays to their Provost's Office (or, for UW Colleges, to the campus representative).
- Each comprehensive and doctoral institution may submit no more than three (3) finalist essays; the UW Colleges may submit up to 13 essays (one per campus).

The deadline for submission of finalist essays *from the institutions to SAGLA* is February 17, 2012. These are to be made electronically via e-mail attachment to [mrice@uwsa.edu](mailto:mrice@uwsa.edu).

Final selection of winning essays will be determined by a group of judges from the UW System Advisory Group on the Liberal Arts (SAGLA). Recipients will be notified in spring 2012.