Jefferson Center First Annual Essay Contest

We are pleased to announce the first annual Thomas Jefferson Center Undergraduate Essay Contest. In order to recognize some of the outstanding work that our undergraduates have been doing, the Center will be offering an award for the best essay on the great books submitted by an undergraduate.

The winner of the contest will receive a prize of $200. There will also be a $100 prize for the runner up.

**CRITERIA:** The essays will be judged on the quality of their writing and the depth of their thinking. They should show a mastery of the texts under consideration and an ability to make sound arguments on the basis of them. Moreover, they should show an awareness of and a willingness to reflect seriously about the permanent problems of human life.

**REQUIREMENTS:** The essay should be between 1500 and 3000 words. The essay should address a theme of permanent importance for human life by means of an interpretation of a great book or a number of them. Papers you've written for CTI classes or other classes at the university are eligible. You can also submit an original piece.

The papers should be double spaced with page numbers and printed on one side of each page. Submissions should have a title page that includes the name and email address of the author.

**SUBMISSION:** All essays should be submitted in hard copy to Jenna Bacon in Batts 2.116 by Tuesday, April 29, at 5 PM.

The winners will be announced and contacted by email during finals period.