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CUNY Ethics and Morality Essay Contest: **Virtue**

Essay Topic: Virtue

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Open to all CUNY undergraduate and graduate students!

Submission Deadline
Friday, September 30, 2016

- Best Essay (\$1,000)
- First Runner-up (\$300)
- Second Runner-up (\$200)



L to R: Dr. K.Y. Chynn & Radya Shaheed
(2015 Winner, Lehman College)

The goal of the Chynn CUNY Ethics and Morality Essay Contest is to stimulate college students to ponder the topic of morality, and to broadcast the best essays, in an attempt to promote the teaching of morality in American education.

In today's modern society, virtues have slowly begun to lose their importance, or oft forgotten, in the busy daily goings of people's lives. By recognizing the importance of virtues in our lives, it will lead to better communication, understanding, and acceptance between us and our fellow man.

Seven Virtues

Prudence/Wisdom
Justice
Fortitude/Courage
Temperance/Self-control
Faith
Hope
Charity

Five Constant Virtues

Ren (Benevolence, Love)
Yi (Righteousness)
Li (Propriety, Loyalty, Filial Piety, Chastity, Respect)
Zhi (Wisdom)
Xin (Integrity, Honesty, Fidelity)

Select one Virtue to discuss in detail. Please incorporate all of the following points in your essay:

- Tell us about your own experience in practicing the Virtue you have chosen to write about and what personal reward or satisfaction have you gained from it.
- Why did you think the Virtue that you chose was an important one to practice in your life?
- What obstacles did you encounter in practicing this particular Virtue and how did you, or do you, still strive to overcome the difficulties?

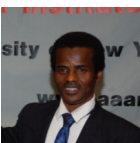
Full rules and application available online.



2011 Winner
Sean McCormick
City College of NY



2012 Winner
Jesaiah Prayor
Queensborough CC



2013 Winner
Walter Marcus
LaGuardia CC



2014 Winner
Maria Mahin
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