



2011-2012 FACULTY HONORS SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY
Sponsored by the Honors Program

AWARD: \$500.00

ELIGIBILITY: Students who meet the entrance criteria for the Honors Program and who have successfully completed one or more Honors courses or who have registered for an Honors course for the spring semester of the scholarship award may submit an essay.

TOPIC: The Maryland Collegiate Honors Council's conference theme for March 2012 is "Crossroads." Community college students in particular are keenly aware of how crossroads complicate modern life, as they strive for success while various familial, occupational, and academic obligations overlap and intersect. For this year's Faculty Honors Scholarship Essay, we welcome submissions that explore this intersection between learning and community. How exactly do we acknowledge, define, and validate the "community" in community college? Do college instructors have an obligation to connect their course material to current events at the local and national level? Is it feasible—or even beneficial—for 21st century students to compartmentalize the various aspects of their hectic lives? And finally, do students owe their foremost allegiance to their individual success as learners, or should they embrace Thomas Paine's famous adage that "my country is the world"?

FORMAT: Submitted essays should be 3-4 pages in length, double-spaced, and typed using a standard 12-point font (Times New Roman or Ariel). Use MLA style documentation and include an MLA style Works Cited page as the fourth or fifth page. Include a title for your essay and at the end of the essay, include your full name, address, phone number, email address, and the last four digits of your social security number.

SUBMISSIONS: Attach your essay as a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) to an email to atavel@worwic.edu, or deliver a hard copy to Professor Tavel's faculty mailbox in AAB 326 (the Arts and Humanities Department office). The deadline for submissions is **January 20, 2012**.

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