

Social Justice Now!



2010-2011 Essay Contest

In conjunction with the college-wide theme "Social Justice Now!" we invite you to submit an essay on ONE of the following topics:

- In a graduation speech at the University of Pennsylvania, U2 rock star Bono challenged students to use their time, energy, and "moral and intellectual capital" to make the world a more equitable and humane place. How would *you* respond to Bono's challenge? What social justice issue strikes you as most in need of our attention in 2010-2011? Why is this issue, in your view, so important?
- Sometimes ordinary people can be catalysts for important social change. If you know someone who has worked to promote social justice and improve the lives of others, share that person's story. Explain how his or her actions have made a difference in your neighborhood, community, or beyond.
- Given the troubled state of the world, it would be tempting to conclude that there is no real remedy for social injustice, inequality, and ignorance. What would be wrong with taking such a position? What would you say to someone who has decided to turn his or her back on the world's problems?
- Many people have been victims of racism, sexism, ethnic or religious stereotyping, or some other form of discrimination. If this has been your experience, how have you responded? How has your experience shaped your view of yourself, as well as your overall outlook on the need for social justice?

Contest Guidelines: All currently enrolled Nassau Community College students are eligible to submit entries. Essays should be between 750-1,200 words, typed in 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and double-spaced. Each essay must be the original work of the student, and all sources must be properly cited. All entries must be attached to an official entry form and sent to the NCC 101 office at 351 Harmon Avenue. Essays will be judged based on content, originality, development of the theme, clarity of expression, and overall writing ability.

ESSAYS MAY BE SUBMITTED THROUGH APRIL 14, 2011

Prizes: First, second, and third place winners and honorable mention recipients will be announced in the spring. Prizes will include merchandise from the NCC Bookstore, gift cards, and more!

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