



BAY PATH COLLEGE

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EDUCATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Campus Theme Essay Contest 2013: Lead with Compassion

Guidelines

Awards:

First Place: \$500 **Second Place:** \$250 **Third Place:** \$100

Note: First place winner will share his/her essay with the community during Academic Achievement Day on April 10, 2013.

Eligibility:

The contest is open to all currently enrolled Bay Path College students.

Essay Prompt:

This year, you have the choice of two prompts around which to center your essay.

(1) Nationally and internationally, we recognize women who lead with compassion. For example, Ashley Judd, who has shared her story with the Bay Path community, recently announced that she was considering running for US Senate against the conservative Republican Mitch McConnell. Malala Yousafzai, at age 11, gave voice for the education of girls in Pakistan, and who at age 14 (months ago) was shot in the head at close range by the Taliban for giving voice to the cause. One could easily make an argument that Ashley and Malala lead with compassion. However, there are women leading with compassion closer to home, closer to the students at Bay Path College.

Write an essay in which you define what is meant by this year's campus theme: "Lead with Compassion" and explain how someone you know of or someone you know fits the definition. To focus your essay, consider the following:

How is compassion a leadership quality?

Why would this woman be a leader because she is compassionate?

Describe how a woman in your life is compassionate, how she is a leader, and how she leads with compassion.



(2) This year's Campus Theme, Lead with Compassion, asked us to reflect on and discuss the intersections between leadership and compassion. Many great thinkers and writers have considered how leadership and compassion are intertwined. Consider the following quotations and respond to one of them. Be sure to focus your essay around a single idea that conveys to your understanding of what it means to lead with compassion.

"Leaders on every level should be primarily interested in rendering compassionate caring for others."

— Marvin J. Ashton, "There Are Many Gifts"

"Our task must be to free ourselves... by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty."

— Albert Einstein

"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."

— Dalai Lama XIV, *The Art of Happiness*

"Compassion is a verb."

— Thich Nhat Hanh

"For me, I am driven by two main philosophies: know more today about the world than I knew yesterday and lessen the suffering of others. You'd be surprised how far that gets you."

— Neil deGrasse Tyson

What the Readers Look For:

- Adherence to guidelines
- Originality and imagination
- Clear articulation and genuine grappling with the concepts presented
- Thoroughly thought-out, tightly focused essays
- Eloquence of writing style
- Observation of rules for Standard English usage (grammar, punctuation, mechanics) in writing.

Essay Format:

- In 3,000 – 4,000 words (3 – 5 pages), single out issues and identify dilemmas.
- Essays may be written in formal or informal voice, but most importantly an individual voice must be evident.
- The essay should be developed from your point of view and may take the form of an analysis that is biographical, historical, literary, philosophical, sociological or theological.
- Essay must be the original, unpublished work of one student. Only one essay per student may be submitted.
- Photos and graphics should not be part of the essay.

- Essay should be titled, typed in 12-point font easily readable (such as Times New Roman), double spaced with 1” margins and numbered pages.
- Submissions will be judged anonymously. **So please, no name or identifying references (i.e. your name or professor) on your essay.**

Submission of Materials:

- To ensure that essays reflect your finest work, entrants are encouraged to meet with a writing tutor to receive advice.
- Entries must be submitted either electronically as an email attachment or in hard copy (see details below). **A completed entry form must accompany each entry.**
- To enable the winner selection committee to read without bias, your essay should NOT contain your name.
- Contest entries must be submitted by the deadline (March 10, 2013, 11:30pm EST).
- You may edit your unfinished submission at any time, but once submitted, you will not be able to edit your entry.
- Please note that due to volume of entries, no material will be critiqued or returned.

Contest Deadline: Sunday, March 10 at 11:30pm (EST)

Please deliver entries and submission form to Kellie Lavoie in Elliott 201 OR attach essay as Word .doc and entry form in .pdf form to: CampusThemeEssayContest@baypath.edu

Bay Path College Campus Theme

Essay Contest 2013– Lead with Compassion Entry Form

(This form must accompany your essay)

Writer Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Ph#: _____ Email: _____
Campus/Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Student Academic Standing (School year 2012-2013):

- Traditional Student One Day Student Graduate Student
 First Year Sophomore Junior Senior

Major _____ Minor _____

Please Note: By submitting an essay entry and signing this entry form, student writers agree to grant to Bay Path College, a non-exclusive, assignable, perpetual, license to produce, publish, distribute, transmit, exhibit, and license the essay and any portions thereof in any format by any and all means, uses and media, whether audio, print, audiovisual or otherwise, now or hereafter known, in any geography, in all languages without financial compensation.

By signing my name in this space:

- I certify that I have read **Bay Path College 2013 Campus Theme Essay Contest Guidelines**
- I certify and affirm that this essay represents my independent and original work
- I agree, if I am awarded the first place prize, to work with a small team of BPC faculty/staff who will assist me in revising my essay and preparing to present it to the campus community on Academic Achievement Day
- I certify that I am a student enrolled at Bay Path College and that all information submitted above is accurate

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submission Information - Thank you for sharing your ideas and for participating in the Essay Contest. You may submit your entry in one of two ways:

- (1) Deliver a hard copy of your essay, and this original form with signatures to:
Kellie Lavoie, Office 202, Elliott Hall, OR
- (2) Email to: CampusThemeEssayContest@baypath.edu (Send an electronic version of your essay saved in MS Word format; scan this form with original signature, save as a .pdf, and include as an attachment to your email.)

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