Announcing the UW System’s Tenth Annual Liberal Arts Essay Scholarship Competition
Sponsored by the University of Wisconsin System Advisory Group on the Liberal Arts (SAGLA)

The UW System Advisory Group on the Liberal Arts (SAGLA) is pleased to announce the tenth annual Liberal Arts Essay Scholarship Competition.

Award: Three awards for $2,000 each are available (one to a student from the UW Colleges and two to students from the UW comprehensive and doctoral institutions).

Eligibility: This year’s competition is open to any UW System undergraduate student in academic good standing.

This Year’s Topic:

Students pursuing liberal educations learn to make connections across disciplines. At first it can seem difficult, however, to bridge the gap between the sciences and humanities, since these disciplines not only offer different content but also different modes of thinking.

Discuss a time in your college education when you have made connections between a humanities class and a science class that have resulted in unexpected and meaningful insights. Feel free to go beyond your own experiences by discussing essays/commentaries on this topic by other writers or speakers you've encountered in college.

Strong student essays will invite reader engagement through description and reflection on personal experience, as well as demonstrate careful consideration of the prompt. To learn more about the goals of a liberal education, you may wish to check the liberal education learning outcomes at [http://www.aacu.org/leap/vision.cfm](http://www.aacu.org/leap/vision.cfm).

Winning essays from recent years can also be viewed on the contest website: [http://liberaleducation.uwsa.edu/scholarship/](http://liberaleducation.uwsa.edu/scholarship/).

NOTE: All submissions are to be original essays, 1,000-1,250 words in length, typed, double-spaced. Each essay must include a title page with the following information: title of essay, student’s name, major, institution, college and home address, e-mail address, telephone
number, and the following statement: “I hereby affirm that this is an original essay and my own work.”

**Submission/Selection:** The deadline for submission to the LAE Dean’s Office is Friday, January 30, 2015. These are to be made electronically via e-mail attachment to friesc@uwplatt.edu. Our campus may submit no more than three finalist essays.

Instructors are encouraged to incorporate the prompt into their classrooms as a way to introduce and discuss liberal education and/or as a class assignment.

Final selection of winning essays will be determined by a group of judges from the UW System Advisory Group on the Liberal Arts (SAGLA). **Recipients will be notified in spring 2015.**

**For more information on the Liberal Arts Essay Scholarship Competition,** go to: [http://liberaleducation.uwsa.edu/scholarship/index.htm](http://liberaleducation.uwsa.edu/scholarship/index.htm)