Engineers Week 2020
High School Essay Competition
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Engineers Week (February 16-22, 2020) is a national, annual celebration of how engineers make a difference in our world, with goals to increase public dialogue about the need for engineers and to bring engineering to life for students, educators, and parents. This year, WVU’s Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources is sponsoring an essay competition for West Virginia high school students. Winners will be selected at the county, regional, and state level for the 9th/10th level and 11th/12th level.

Read about the NAE’s Grand Challenges for Engineering:
http://www.engineeringchallenges.org/challenges.aspx

Essay Prompt (Contestants will be judged in two divisions- 9th/10th and 11th/12th grade)
Pick one NAE Grand Challenge that you think would have the greatest impact on your community and propose a solution to help our state.

Criteria
• Must be a student in West Virginia in 9th-12th grade (public school, private school, or home schooled).
• Minimum of 1 page/ Maximum of 3 pages, double-spaced.
• Essays will be judged on quality of writing, with a focus on student’s main idea and creativity.
• To be eligible for judging, students must complete online form with submission.
• Sources must be cited. Plagiarized entries will immediately be disqualified.
• Students don’t have to be specifically interested in engineering to participate.
• If an entry was submitted last year, you must pick a new grand challenge.
• Entries must be received no later than Wednesday, February 12 at 5 p.m.

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED:
County winners:
Monday, February 17, 2020
1st place from each division will win a Statler College gift bag

Regional winners:
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
1st place from each division will win a $25 Visa gift card

State winners:
Friday, February 21, 2020
1st place from each division will win an Amazon Fire HD6 and a camp scholarship or Statler College scholarship

Entries must be submitted online at www.statler.wvu.edu/essaycomp

Winners will be notified by email and announced on social media.
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