ENGINEERS WEEK 2018
HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION

Engineers Week (February 18-24, 2018) 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. A county, regional and state winner will be selected from both divisions.

ESSAY PROMPT (9TH-10TH GRADE STUDENTS)
To many, West Virginia is perceived only as an “energy state.” How could engineers help attract other industries to the state, or how can engineers draw more businesses in through the energy sector using new technology/practices?

ESSAY PROMPT (11TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS)
A problem plaguing WV is we are training/educating young professionals, and then they are leaving the state for other job opportunities. How could we bring more engineering companies in to the state to help ease this problem?

CRITERIA
• Must be a student in West Virginia 9th-12th grade (public school, private school, or home schooled).
• 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, high school students must submit their essay online.
• Sources must be cited. Plagiarized entries will immediately be disqualified.
• Entries must be received no later than Wednesday, February 14 at 5 p.m.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT DATES:
County winners:
Monday, February 19, 2018
First place from each division will win a Statler College gift bag

Regional winners:
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
First place from each division will win a $25 Visa gift card

State winners:
Friday, February 23, 2018
First place will win an Amazon Fire HD8 and a camp scholarship or Statler College scholarship

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

All entries must be received by: Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 5 p.m.

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