STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

NISOD invites you to participate in the Scott Wright Student Essay Contest! Describe in a 500-word essay how a faculty member, staff member, or administrator encouraged you to complete a course, finish a semester, or graduate from college and how that encouragement helped you reach your goal(s).

The Prize
Three (3) winning student authors and the featured faculty members, staff members, or administrators in the winning essays will each receive:

- $1,000 USD
- Travel to the International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence (May 28-31 in Austin, Texas), which includes:
  - Up to $400 USD toward travel to Austin, Texas;
  - Up to three (3) nights lodging (Saturday, Sunday, Monday nights only);
- One (1) complimentary conference registration.
(Note: Winning authors will read their essays on stage during the conference’s Excellence Awards Dinner and Celebration on Sunday, May 25.)
In addition, each winning student author’s college will receive a complimentary one-year NISOD membership.

Evaluation Criteria
Submissions will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
- Content
- Originality
- Clarity
- Organization
- Conciseness
- Grammar

Timeline
- Contest opens: August 19, 2024
- Submission deadline: March 7, 2025
- Winners notified: March 21, 2025
- Winner acceptance due: April 4, 2025
- Winners’ photos due: April 18, 2025
- Prize presented and essay read at NISOD conference: May 25, 2025

Visit www.nisod.org/sec for complete details.