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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 24-27 in Austin, Texas), which includes:
  - Up to $400 USD toward travel to Austin, Texas;
  - Up to two (2) nights lodging (Saturday and Sunday nights only);
  - One (1) complimentary conference registration.

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

Eligibility Requirements

Student must be enrolled at a NISOD member college for the spring semester to participate.

Students must be at least 18 years old by May 2025.

The faculty, staff member, or administrator written about in the essay must currently be employed by the college.

The student and the faculty, staff member, or administrator written about in the essay must be able to travel to Austin to participate in the Student Essay Contest presentation held during NISOD's annual conference.

Timeline

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

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