

*Our purpose is to encourage Penn State undergraduate students to explore ethical values and intercultural issues, and their talent for expressing their views in writing.*

**Please select ONE prompt:**

1. A day before the federal **Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act** celebrated its ninth anniversary, an anti-Semite attacked and killed eleven congregants at the Tree of Life Synagogue. Why is hate so potent, and what can we do about it?
2. Does art matter?
3. *“Everybody is identical in their secret unspoken belief that way deep down they are different from everyone else.” David Foster Wallace*  
What makes us the same?

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Essays should be no longer than 800 words and will be judged on originality, relevance, and creativity. The contest is open to all full-time baccalaureate students who are enrolled at any Penn State campus for the Fall 2018 or Spring 2019 semester.

**1st place: \$500 | 2nd place: \$400 | 3rd place: \$300**

All winners will be acknowledged at the annual Paterno Fellows Recognition Ceremony on February 6, 2019. Winning essays will be published on *Liberal Arts Voices*.

To submit your essay, go to: [sites.psu.edu/paternofellows/essay-contest](https://sites.psu.edu/paternofellows/essay-contest)

**Submission deadline: January 11, 2019**

