ASI Environmental Affairs Commissioner

Abstract

This budget is to allocate six hundred dollars towards only environmental essay prize by the Environmental Policy Committee.

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Environmental Affairs Commissioner – Budget request: \$600

Proposal:

The Environmental Affairs Commissioner is requesting to allocate \$600 for cash prizes to students who are able to answer the questions (listed below) accurately, honestly, and concisely. In light of the current health crisis our students are impacted by, this prize hopes to alleviate difficulties that may be faced by current students. This essay will also be part of the Earth Week celebrations we had previously intended to do but were unable to because of COVID-19. The Environmental Policy Committee is requesting \$600 to have three separate prize winners for \$200 each.

ENVIRONMENTAL ESSAY

Questions:

- 1. What changes do you want to see at Cal State LA make to become more sustainable and how would you go about this?
- 2. How have you contributed to the Cal State LA campus to become more eco-friendly and eco-conscious? **Must answer both questions to be considered for the prize.**

Word Limit: 500.

Eligibility Requirement:

- Must be a current full-time or part-time Cal State LA student
- Provide one (1) reference (faculty, staff, job no friends or family members)

Grading:

 A rubric will be followed by the graders to determine whether the essay writer is eligible and has followed all rules.

Reason:

Cal State LA needs to improve in executing programs, projects, and events to promote sustainability and environmental awareness throughout campus. Based on the 2019 STARS Report, Cal State LA has particularly scored low on the Campus Engagement and Public Engagement aspects. Our "Earth Week" plans sought to remedy these issues and present our campus as one at the forefront of sustainability alongside our diverse community. However, with the current situation we are unable to hold in-person events. This prize will serve to motivate current students to celebrate earth day and continue to partake in eco-friendly manners for years to come. This essay particularly focuses on the Cal State LA community (see question) and aligns with ASI's strategic goals as the EPC ensures to satisfy areas related to communication (involving all Cal State LA members), involvement (appealing to a diverse population and creating volunteering opportunities), and advocacy (ASI will be at the forefront when advocating for sustainability issues).