THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI

SIUE CHAPTER 203 UNDERGRADUATE PAPER COMPETITION

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Chapter 203, announces its annual undergraduate essay competition at SIUE. Three cash prizes will be awarded. Only papers that meet the criteria listed below will be considered.

Submissions should be scholarly essays or research papers that were written while attending SIUE and can be understood by a lay audience. Applicants must be registered as current undergraduate students at SIUE. A student may submit only one paper to the competition; papers submitted to other competitions or used to fulfill class requirements are acceptable.

Eligibility: Any currently enrolled SIUE undergraduate student

Deadline to Submit: Friday, February 27th, 2026 (4:30 p.m.)

Topic: Any topic of interest from any academic discipline

Length: 3,000 words maximum (about 15 pages, not including works cited pages)

Form: Typed, double-spaced with a cover page that includes title, name, and contact information. Papers must be emailed to Undergraduate Paper Competition Chairman Dr. Sorin Nastasia at snastas@siue.edu.

Criteria for Judging:

- Clarity of writing
- Organization
- Originality
- Content
- Documentation

Awards

First Prize: $200

Second Prize: $100

Third Prize: $50

Award recipients will be recognized at the annual Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 203 Initiation Ceremony on March 25th, 2026.

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