ETA SIGMA PHI

BETA NU CHAPTER

**UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON**

**ESSAY CONTEST 2018**

**Essay topic:**

***The influence of Latin and ancient Greek and Roman culture***

***is almost ubiquitous in modern life. Employing at least three examples,***

***tell how learning about Roman culture and Latin language and literature***

***has affected your awareness of these strong Greco-Roman influences.***

Format: The essays are to be 2-3 pages in length (approximately 750 words). They may be either typed (double-spaced) or handwritten (alternating lines). Each essay will need a cover sheet containing the following information: the name of the student; his/her grade level; the Latin teacher’s name and e-mail address; and the name and address of the school. The student/teacher/school should not be identified on the essay itself. The student may consult books and other reference tools, but not people, in writing the essay. Discussing the topic in class and using the essay as a class assignment is perfectly acceptable as long as the teacher does not make or suggest any changes to what is submitted.

**Eligibility: Entries will be accepted for Latin students attending Spotsylvania, Stafford, or Fredericksburg schools, or whose teacher is a member of the Fredericksburg Area Latin Teachers’ Association (FALTA).**

**Levels of Competition: There will be two levels of competition. The “junior level” will be for students in the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grades, and the “senior level” will be for students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.**

**Prizes: Books and Eta Sigma Phi medals will be given as prizes to winners at each level. Certificates of commendation will be presented for entries deserving honorable mention.**

**Submission: More than one essay may be sent in a single envelope, but each essay must have a separate cover sheet. Teachers are to send the essays to**

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**Submissions must be RECEIVED by Friday March 30, 2018.**

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