What Is Your Dream? Essay Contest

Inspired by Martin Luther King, Jr.’s famous “I Have A Dream” speech at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963? Use that inspiration and participate in the What Is Your Dream? Essay Contest! Winners of the contest will receive a cash prize and be invited to a celebratory lunch.

Essay Contest Details:
The What Is Your Dream? Essay Contest asks University Honors students to articulate their dreams for their future. The prompt for the What Is Your Dream? Essay Contest is as follows:

Martin Luther King, Jr. dreamed of an America with greater social and economic justice and an America where people no longer found “themselves perishing on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity.” He used his knowledge, talents and skills to work towards that dream.

What is your dream? What is your passion? How will you make the world a better place? And how will you use your time as a University Honors student at the University of Maryland to become a change-maker, innovator of progress, social entrepreneur or problem solver?

An Essay Contest submission must be submitted via email as an attachment to Damien Franze at dfranje@umd.edu. It must be a Microsoft Word document, double-spaced, and contain no fewer than 750 words and no more than 1,000 words. In the body of the email, please provide your full name, UID number, email address and phone number.

Only currently enrolled University Honors students may participate in the Essay Contest (e.g., you must be in the University Honors Program through the fall 2013 semester). Students may not participate in both the What Is Your Dream? Essay Contest and the What Is Your Dream? Photography Contest. Submissions will be accepted until 11:59pm EST on Monday, January 20, 2014, which is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

A panel of judges, made up of University of Maryland faculty and staff members, will select the winners of the What Is Your Dream? Essay Contest. Each winner will receive $250 (which will be applied to their student account) and be invited to a special celebration and lunch event. Winners will be selected and notified of their win in February 2014. The celebration and lunch for winners of the contest will be
held on Thursday, March 13, 2014 from 12:00pm – 1:30pm in the Prince George’s Room of the Stamp Student Union.

**Contest Timeline:**
Contest Launch Date: October, 2013  
Submission Due Date: Monday, January 20, 2014 (by 11:59pm EST)  
Winners Notified: Early/Mid February, 2014  
Non-Winners Notified: Early/Mid February, 2014  
Celebration Event: Thursday, March 13, 2014 (12pm – 1:30pm)

**Questions:**
If you have any questions about the *What Is Your Dream?* Essay Contest, please contact Damien Franze, University Honors Program Coordinator, at dfranze@umd.edu.