Kelly Herbert Writing Award: $1,000

The Pace LGBTQA & Social Justice Center is pleased to announce the $1,000 Kelly Herbert Writing Award which will be granted to an undergraduate student on the New York City or Westchester Campuses who demonstrates excellence in writing about LGBTQA Topics. The Award was established by Ms. Julie Hanus to honor Ms. Herbert’s dedication and contribution to the Pace LGBTQA Community. Ms. Herbert, graduated from Pace in 2006 with a BA in English Language and Literature, and was also a recipient of many English Department writing awards.

This award is a tribute to the English Department’s commitment to challenge students in all literary forms as well as to recognize those who are committed to writing about critical topics related to LGBTQ individuals. This award will be part of the English Departments Writing Award Ceremony, April 26, from 11-1PM in the Student Union.

This Year’s Topic: “Reality versus Virtual Reality”

The prevalence of positive LGBTQA websites, marketing and an increased presence on social media websites and other virtual spaces is a big step for the LGBTQA community. Still, legal inequities, bullying and discrimination continues at national and global levels. How should the LGBTQ Community and our allies address the disparities existing between positive messages in campaigns like the It Gets Better Project and the stark realities of cyber bullying, discrimination and continued legal inequity? Can virtual reality bridge the divide?

Be mindful that particular emphasis is placed on the coherence, and cohesiveness in your handling of the topic. An award of $1,000 will be given to the individual with the best essay submission. A great deal of focus is placed on the originality of the essay, the accuracy, and effectiveness of your argument. Your ability to influence the reader’s opinion or attitude is extremely valuable in the selection process.

Grammar, sentence structure, spelling, and punctuation also count, so please edit and proofread your submission carefully. Each submission must be no more than 5-7 pages in length.

The submissions deadline is Friday, April 13th 2012. Submissions may be e-mail to lgbtqacenter@pace.edu with the subject heading: Kelly Herbert Writing Award or mailed/hand delivered to the LGBTQA & Social Justice Center @ 41 Park Row, 9th Floor, Rm. 901, NY, NY 10038.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the award, applicants must currently be enrolled as a Pace University undergraduate student on the New York City or Westchester campus. Applicants will be reviewed for eligibility before their essays are submitted to the committee. Writing that has previously been entered into an award in the English Department competition is ineligible.
Writing Award Application Guidelines

1. Each individual may submit one essay no more than 5-7 pages in length to lgbtqacenter@pace.edu or may hand deliver or mail the submission to the LGBTQA & Social Justice Center @ 41 Park Row, 9th Floor, RM 901, New York, NY 10038.

2. For hand delivered submissions, do not staple submissions—use only paper clips.

3. For your submission you must include a cover page with the following typed information:
   - The heading KELLY HERBERT WRITING AWARD
   - Your name, 9-digit student ID or U #, and major or minor
   - Email address, telephone number(s), local mailing address
   - The title of your submission.

4. Do NOT put your name on any other page. If your essay includes your name in the body of the text, please be sure to change the name.

5. Texts must be neatly typed and printed on standard size 8.5 x 11 inch paper.

6. Texts must be double-spaced.

7. All writing must be carefully edited and proofread.

8. Please keep your originals; writing cannot be returned.

9. Entries must be submitted via e-mail or hand delivered no later than Friday April 13th. If you e-mail your submission, the subject line MUST read: Kelly Herbert Writing Award

If you have questions contact the LGBTQA Writing Award Committee, at lgbtqacenter@pace.edu with the subject of the e-mail reading: Kelly Herbert Writing Award or call the center at 212.346.1952.

AWARDS CEREMONY: April 26, from 11-1PM. 1 Pace Plaza, Student Union