2016 THE FOUNTAINHEAD ESSAY CONTEST

FIRST PLACE
- Matthew Long, Blackrock College, Dublin, Ireland

SECOND PLACE
- Luke Dixon, Camden High School, Camden, NY
- Elizabeth Huang, Magdalen College School, Oxford, England
- Linda Kingsman, Thomas Haney Secondary School, Maple Ridge, BC, Canada
- Nicholas Lee, Cornwall Central High School, New Windsor, NY
- Christian Torsell, Lake County High School, Leadville, CO

THIRD PLACE
- Erica Bressner, Douglas County High School, Douglasville, GA
- Joyce Chan, Bayside High School, Bayside, NY
- Hayley Csada, Dr. Martin Leboldus High School, Regina, SK, Canada
- Dune Dills, Colorado Springs Early College, Colorado Springs, CO
- Allan Evans, Robert E. Lee High School, Tyler, TX
- Rebekah King, Canyon High School, Anaheim, CA
- Pallavi Krishnamurthy, Winsor School, Boston, MA
- Laura Shieh, Leland High School, San Jose, CA
- Jose Vega, Abilene High School, Abilene, TX

FINALISTS
- Kevin Adams, South Plainfield High School, South Plainfield, NJ
- Jacqueline Baker, Homeschool, Vestal, NY
- Nathan Blum, Hastings High School, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY
- Sarah Brezenski, Williamsburg Academy, St. George, UT
- Dustin Brown, Dobson High School, Mesa, AZ
- Michael Brown, Harari College Worldwide, Brussels, Belgium
- Kristen Cerne, Naperville North High School, Naperville, IL
- Stephanie Ching, Granada Hills Charter High School, Granada Hills, CA
- Matthew Chu, Sir Winston Churchill High School, Calgary, AB, Canada
- Danielle Cowan, The New York Institute for Special Education, Bronx, NY
- Alexis Daniels, James Irwin Charter High School, Colorado Springs, CO
- Nisha Devasia, Nashua High School South, Nashua, NH
FINALISTS (continued)

- Sophia Dobischok, Maple Ridge Secondary School, Maple Ridge, BC, Canada
- Katarina Docalovich, Maury High School, Norfolk, VA
- Alec Feather, Blue Valley Northwest High School, Overland Park, KS
- Jocelyn Floyd, Glynn Academy, Brunswick, GA
- Margaret Gajda, Lansing Catholic Central High School, Lansing, MI
- Richa Gupta, The International School Bangalore, Bangalore, India
- James Harrison, Calloway County High School, Murray, KY
- Michael Heller, Camden High School, Camden, NY
- Hannah Hemming, La Jolla Senior High School, La Jolla, CA
- Aeowyn Kendall, Alfred Almond School, Almond, NY
- Rumaina Khalid, Milton District High School, Milton, ON, Canada
- Claire Kim, Seoul International School, Seongnam, South Korea
- Maura Kurp, Norwin High School, Irwin, PA
- Moriah Lawrence, Wilson Hill Academy, Austin, TX
- Madelyn McLaughlin, Shore Regional High School, West Long Branch, NJ
- Angela Miranda, Homeschool, Kent, WA
- Zahin Nambar, Westwood High School, Austin, TX
- Hailey Nearman, Westlake High School, Saratoga Springs, UT
- Ann Nguyen, James Logan High School, Union City, CA
- Alana Noonan, Deer Valley High School, Glendale, AZ
- Kaitlyn O’Malley, Osceola County School for the Arts, Kissimee, FL
- Aditya Rao, Phillipsburg High School, Phillipsburg, NJ
- Pablo Rodriguez, South Plainfield High School, South Plainfield, NJ
- Julia Rourke, Goffstown High School, Goffstown, NH
- Charisa Shin, Crosswalk Academy, Dublin, CA
- Madalyn Shults, Oologah High School, Oologah, OK
- Amelia Smith, River Ridge High School, Woodstock, GA
- Jared Stolove, Richard Montgomery High School, Rockville, MD
- Victoria Talvola, The Nueva School, San Mateo, CA
- Benjamin Wightman, Plymouth Whitemarsh High School, Plymouth Meeting, PA
- Jack Wilson, Cactus Shadows High School, Cave Creek, AZ
- Kurlya Yan, Franklin Regional Senior High School, Murrysville, PA
- Robert Ziegler, Oak Park High School, Oak Park, CA
SEMIFINALISTS

- Radhika Ahuja, Amity International School, Saket, New Delhi, India
- Jodi Aleshire, Lewis Cass Junior/Senior High School, Walton, IN
- Ryan Alicea, Alexander Hamilton High School, Elmsford, NY
- April Artrip, Conroe High School, Conroe, TX
- Dennis Atanassov, Freedom High School, South Riding, VA
- Katherine Barnes, Pacifica Christian High School, Santa Monica, CA
- Hans Barrels, Oak Ridge High School, Conroe, TX
- Tyler Barton, St. Patrick Catholic High School, Biloxi, MS
- Madison Bauer, Hilton Head Christian Academy, Hilton Head, SC
- Lacey Beamer, Colonial Forge High School, Stafford, VA
- Britney Bidding, Line Mountain Junior Senior High School, Herndon, PA
- Ammon Bingham, Malad High School, Malad City, ID
- Jacob Blaudow, Duncan U. Fletcher High School, Neptune Beach, FL
- Emma Bloom, Middletown High School, Middletown, MD
- Kelsy Boyes, Shawnee High School, Lima, OH
- Genevieve Brock, Newtown High School, Sandy Hook, CT
- Shannon Brunzo-Hager, Greenbrier West Senior High School, Charmco, WV
- Taylor Buck, Charlotte Catholic High School, Charlotte, NC
- Amal Bukhari, Staten Island Technical High School, Staten Island, NY
- Chris Burke, Lewis Cass Junior Senior High School, Walton, IN
- Katie Burns, Lansing Catholic Central High School, Lansing, MI
- Rachel Butala, Rochester High School, Rochester Hills, MI
- Katherine Butler, Hononegah Community High School, Rockton, IL
- Rachel Calvosa, Biotechnology High School, Freehold, NJ
- Charles Carpenter, Deer Valley High School, Glendale, AZ
- Allyson Carter, Lexington High School, Lexington, TN
- Chad Cecil, Amherst Steele High School, Amherst, OH
- Kimaya Chalpe, Head-Royce School, Oakland, CA
- Allison Chambers-Leonard, Maple Grove Junior/Senior High School, Bemus Point, NY
- Tammy Cheng, Bayside High School, Bayside, NY
- Olivia Chipi, Young Women’s Leadership Academy, Fort Worth, TX
- Sung Eun Cho, Harry Ainlay School, Edmonton, AB, Canada
- Michelle Chong, Lexington High School, Lexington, MA
SEMIFINALISTS (continued)

- Brandon Christensen, Davis High School, Kaysville, UT
- Ethan Cook, Warsaw Community High School, Warsaw, IN
- Daniel Corrigan, Santa Susana Magnet High School, Simi Valley, CA
- Robert Craig, Jr., Bloom High School, Chicago Heights, IL
- Rachelle Crow, Findlay High School, Findlay, OH
- Jordan DeGaetano, Leicester High School, Leicester, MA
- Amanda Dershem, Lansing Catholic Central High School, Lansing, MI
- Jaskarn Dhaliwal, Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School, Abbotsford, BC, Canada
- Seth Dickerson, Southmont High School, Crawfordsville, IN
- Mark R. DiGiovanni, Radnor High School, Radnor, PA
- Kenny Dustin, River Hill High School, Clarksville, MD
- Fatima Elfakahany, North Cobb High School, Kennesaw, GA
- Kat Ellig, Cardinal Newman High School, Columbia, SC
- Vayda Farino, Southmoreland Senior High School, Alverton, PA
- Olutobiloba Fayiga, Homeschool, Frisco, TX
- Yuyun Feng, Bayside High School, Bayside, NY
- Matthew Fisher, Southeast School, Yoder, WY
- Esther Fontin, Dutchtown High School, Hampton, GA
- Margaret Foster, North Oldham High School, Goshen, KY
- Krystal Fragozo, Riverside Brookfield High School, Riverside, IL
- Kathleen Freyer, Los Alamos High School, Los Alamos, NM
- Dylan Fulton, Watertown High School, Watertown, MA
- Jaime Garlough, Seaway District High School, Iroquois, ON, Canada
- Shelby Garrett, Peach County High School, Fort Valley, GA
- Ava Giardino, Shore Regional High School, West Long Branch, NJ
- Emma Gilheany, Cabrini High School, New Orleans, LA
- Robert Gillespie, Fox Creek High School, North Augusta, SC
- Andreea Giurgiu, St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School, Richmond Hill, ON, Canada
- Jessica Glynn, Williamston High School, Williamston, MI
- Nicanor Gonzales, Los Alamos High School, Los Alamos, NM
- Jesse Green, Tigard High School, Tigard, OR
- Dov Greenwood, The Frisch School, Paramus, NJ
- Nicholas Gregory, Alma High School, Alma, AR
- Adreana Hailu, Annandale High School, Annandale, VA
SEMIFINALISTS (continued)

- Daegon Haycock, Malad High School, Malad City, ID
- Cameron Herrera, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, Durham, NC
- Reece Hightower, Southmont High School, Crawfordsville, IN
- Madyson Ho, Millbrook High School, Raleigh, NC
- Jarred Holland, Deer Valley High School, Glendale, AZ
- Julia Hou, Stuyvesant High School, New York, NY
- Rachael Huegerich, Nevada High School, Nevada, IA
- Meenu Johnkutty, Kennedy Catholic High School, Somers, NY
- Lauren Johnson, Findlay High School, Findlay, OH
- Nicholas Jones, Ocean Lakes High School, Virginia Beach, VA
- Ryan Jones, Jesse C. Carson High School, China Grove, NC
- Hannah Jorgensen, Cate School, Carpinteria, CA
- Ila Kanneboyina, River Hill High School, Clarksville, MD
- Dara Kaye, Bayside High School, Bayside, NY
- Sydney Kelndorfer, Central High Sedgwick Public School, Sedgwick, AB, Canada
- Caroline Kilaghbian, La Cañada High School, La Cañada, CA
- Michelle Krasovitski, Vaughan Secondary School, Thornhill, ON, Canada
- Rachel Krull, Raytown South Senior High School, Raytown, MO
- Lukas Kulbis, Riverside Brookfield High School, Riverside, IL
- Wendy Lam, Bayside High School, Bayside, NY
- Danielle Laraque, Woodbridge High School, Woodbridge, NJ
- Layni LeBlanc, Walker High School, Walker, LA
- Max Lin, Klein High School, Klein, TX
- Lyric Lott, Homeschool, Roxbury, CT
- Chris Maiolé, Aleithia Learning Community, Birdsboro, PA
- Devon Makse, Northern Secondary School, Toronto, ON, Canada
- Lara Malaver, Alexander Hamilton High School, Elmsford, NY
- Harshini Malli, Monroe Township High School, Monroe Township, NJ
- Jacob Manvell, Riverbend High School, Fredericksburg, VA
- Renee Martin, North Eugene International High School, Eugene, OR
- Maura McCampbell, Memorial High School, Houston, TX
- Colin McDuffee, Fairfield Community High School, Fairfield, IL
- Conor McKinley, Memorial High School, Houston, TX
- Gabriela Mederos, Miami Sunset Senior High School, Miami, FL
SEMIFINALISTS (continued)

- Miranda Mize, El Camino High School, Ventura, CA
- Jayden Moore, Madrid Junior/Senior High School, Madrid, IA
- Rebekah Moore, Alma High School, Alma, AR
- Jessica Morales, Marquez High School-Libra Academy, Huntington Park, CA
- Kaylee Myracle, Lexington High School, Lexington, TN
- Summer M. Notte, Shore Regional High School, West Long Branch, NJ
- Emma O’Kelley, Findlay High School, Findlay, OH
- Sarah Opst, Homeschool, Mt. Pleasant, PA
- Jacob Palmer, Corry Area Middle High School, Corry, PA
- Thomas Pedtke, Homeschool, Shirley, MA
- Hayden Peterson, Malad High School, Malad City, ID
- Paige Petrosky, Caledonia High School, Caledonia, MI
- Anthony Phan, Deer Valley High School, Glendale, AZ
- Joseph Philleo, Carmel High School, Carmel, IN
- David Pribyl Pierdino, Riverside Brookfield High School, Riverside, IL
- Crystal Pires, Bayside High School, Bayside, NY
- Alexandra Poit, Miami Sunset Senior High School, Miami, FL
- Joshua Polzin, Buffalo High School, Buffalo, MN
- Therese Poulin, Seton Home Study School, Front Royal, VA
- Emily Qin, Sir Winston Churchill High School, Calgary, AB, Canada
- Yuelin Qiu, Old Scona Academic School, Edmonton, AB, Canada
- Katherine Ranck, Westminster High School, Westminster, MD
- Xeurelli Rangel, Deer Valley High School, Glendale, AZ
- Rohan Rao, Johns Creek High School, Alpharetta, GA
- Matthew Raymond, Homeschool, Rochester Hills, MI
- Alyssa Reece, Millikan High School, Long Beach, CA
- Tulani Reeves-Miller, River Ridge High School, Woodstock, GA
- Eric Reiss, Malad High School, Malad City, ID
- Anna Rentz, Lansing Catholic Central High School, Lansing, MI
- Sarah Roark, Terre Haute North Vigo High School, Terre Haute, IN
- Rebecca Roberson, Branson High School, Branson, MO
- Kaitlyn Roberts, Holy Name Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School, Worcester, MA
- Harley Robertson, Maury High School, Norfolk, VA
SEMIFINALISTS (continued)

- Marcos Rodriguez, Har-Ber High School, Springdale, AR
- Olivia Rosario-Hoover, Valparaiso High School, Valparaiso, IN
- Adeline Ruester, Crystal Lake South High School, Crystal Lake, IL
- Jenessa Salanga, Mountain View High School, Mesa, AZ
- Joanna Sanchez, Cesar E. Chavez High School, Delano, CA
- Phoebe Scott, Lexington High School, Lexington, TN
- Stephen Semidey, Alexander Hamilton High School, Elmsford, NY
- Noah Serrano-DeJesus, Bayside High School, Bayside, NY
- Jaclyn Shapiro, Shore Regional High School, West Long Branch, NJ
- Emma Shaw, East Paulding High School, Dallas, GA
- Lila Shelley, Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School, Richmond, VA
- Jieru Shi, Chantilly High School, Chantilly, VA
- Taylor Shrum, Har-Ber High School, Springdale, AR
- Chandan Sidhu, Yuba City High School, Yuba City, CA
- Courtney Singleton, Wakefield High School, Raleigh, NC
- Evan Smith, Homeschool, Henrico, VA
- Bella Spearman, Findlay High School, Findlay, OH
- Kelsi Sprague, Shortridge Academy, Milton, NH
- Megan Swartzfager, Cleveland High School, Cleveland, MS
- Stephanie Tarnai, Archbishop Carney Secondary School, Port Coquitlam, BC, Canada
- Joshua Tatum, Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School, Midland, PA
- Faith Taylor, Findlay High School, Findlay, OH
- Luke Taylor, Findlay High School, Findlay, OH
- Jerod Tew, Fox Creek High School, North Augusta, SC
- Sydney Theis, Lansing Catholic Central High School, Lansing, MI
- Rachel Thibeau, Pentucket Regional High School, West Newbury, MA
- Levi Thomas, Lewis Cass Junior/Senior High School, Walton, IN
- Anthony Tokarz, Ridgewood High School, Ridgewood, NJ
- Jimmy Tran, Mexia High School, Mexia, TX
- Ngoc Tran, Dr. Ralph H. Poteet High School, Mesquite, TX
- Kacie Van Meter, Seckman Senior High School, Imperial, MO
- Tia Vang, Rio Linda High School, Rio Linda, CA
- Daniel Waas, Riverside Brookfield High School, Riverside, IL
- Hannah Wagner, St. Patrick Catholic High School, Biloxi, MS
SEMIFINALISTS (continued)

- Naomi Waldon, Rio Rancho High School, Rio Rancho, NM
- Courtney Welker, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School, Santa Ynez, CA
- Oliver Whang, Mountain Lakes High School, Mountain Lakes, NJ
- Tyler White, Coffee High School, Douglas, GA
- Benjamin Wilde, Snow Canyon High School, Saint George, UT
- Charles Wilson, Edgewater High School, Orlando, FL
- Daniel Yassky, Stuyvesant High School, New York, NY