2017 ATLAS SHRUGGED ESSAY CONTEST

FIRST PLACE
• Christina Jeong, El Paso, TX – University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

SECOND PLACE
• Madison Bauer, Bluffton, SC – Clemson University, Clemson, SC
• Daniel Honey, Stanton, CA – Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
• Kristin Tokarev, Midland, MI – Northwood University, Midland, MI

THIRD PLACE
• Jacob Brunton, Fort Worth, TX – Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
• Tyler Houston, Columbia, IL – Southwestern Illinois College, Belleville, IL
• Starlene Justice, San Bernardino, CA – National University, La Jolla, CA
• Connor Kaeb, Cissna Park, IL – Cissna Park Senior High School, Cissna Park, IL
• Varun Parameswaran, Irving, TX – University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

FINALIST
• Cala Adair, Greenville, SC – University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
• Sarah Bhaskaran, Glendale, CA – La Canada High School, La Canada, CA
• Samuel Blanco, Elgin, TX – Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
• Charlotte Chesney, Livermore, CA – University of Oxford, Oxford, England
• Ethan Davis, Oxford, MS – University of Mississippi, University, MS
• Matthew De Santi, Ventura, CA – California State University Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA
• Connor Forrest, Middlebury, VA – Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT
• Coggin Galbreath, Fair Oaks, TX – Geneva School of Boerne, Boerne, TX
• Dominique Goden, Riverview, FL – University of Tampa, Tampa, FL
• Sean Hansen, Brighton, MI – Kettering University, Flint, MI
• Mark Jacks, Arlington Heights, IL – Kendall College, Chicago, IL
• Douglas Koch, Tucson, AZ – University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
• Ashley Mingus, Aurora, CO – University of Colorado-Boulder, Boulder, CO
• Matthew Pociask, Arlington Heights, IL – University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL
• Luke Sayers, Escondido, CA – Westminster Seminary California, Escondido, CA
• Kayla Simmons, Leicester, NC – Daoist Traditions School of Chinese Medical Arts, Asheville, NC
FINALIST (continued)

- Sara Michelle Weinman, London, Canada – The University of Western Ontario, London, Canada
- Nikos Wright, Burnaby, Canada – University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
- Grant Baker, Singapore – National University of Singapore, Singapore
- Jasmine Baldwin, Huntsville, AL – University of San Diego, San Diego, CA
- Edward Gutierrez, Manchester, CT – Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
- Emily Kulenkamp, Newton, MA – Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
- Tiffani Ray, Amarillo, TX – Amarillo College, Amarillo, TX

SEMIFINALIST

- Brian Allen, Cornelius, OR – Portland State University, Portland, OR
- Christopher Bailey, Wilmington, NC – North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, NC
- Tamara Barriot, El Paso, TX – The Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education, Chihuahua, Mexico
- Emily Becker, Hagerstown, MD – Clear Spring High School, Clear Spring, MD
- Haley Burger, Gainesville, FL – University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland
- Linda Christiancy, Franklin, NE – University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, NE
- Camryn Conroy, Oklahoma City, OK – Crossings Christian School, Oklahoma City, OK
- Jennifer Cooper, Eugene, OR – University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
- Brian Coulter, Tullahoma, TN – Tullahoma High School, Tullahoma, TN
- Cecilia Durci, Brackenridge, PA – St. Joseph High School, Natrona Heights, PA
- Amilia Fehr, Morden, Canada – Prairie College, Three Hills, Canada
- Allison Fugger, Columbus, OH – Miami University-Oxford, Oxford, OH
- Chase Glasser, Milford, MI – Notre Dame Preparatory, Pontiac, MI
- Savannah Gross, Danville, AL – University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL
- Seth Gustavson, Ocala, FL – West Port High School, Ocala, FL
- Christen Hansel, Virginia Beach, VA – Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA
- Cameron Harris, Overland Park, KS – Blue Valley West High School, Overland Park, KS
- Marissa Hegel, Hinsdale, IL – University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago, IL
- Asa Heines, Clear Spring, MD – Clear Spring High School, Clear Spring, MD
- Rachel Houldridge, Provo, UT – Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
SEMIFINALIST (continued)

- Wolfgang Irrig, Greensboro, NC – University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC
- Gareth Jones, Preston, England – University of Central Lancashire, Preston, England
- Paul Kavanaugh, Oakwood, OH – Air Command and Staff College, Montgomery, AL
- Annie Lewkowicz, Valencia, Spain – University of Philosophical Research, Los Angeles, CA
- Madison Lindeman, Powell, OH – High Point University, High Point, NC
- Marco Maldonado, Richmond, TX – University of Houston, Houston, TX
- Elaine McClain-Rowe, Elizabethtown, PA – Elizabethtown Area High School, Elizabethtown, PA
- Elisabeth Miller, Great Falls, MT – University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Pragya Mishra, Houston, TX – DeBakey High School for Health Professions, Houston, TX
- Minh Nguyen, Washington, DC – Howard University, Washington, DC
- Tiffany Orvis, Baltimore, MD – Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
- Dominick Perini, Clear Spring, MD – Clear Spring High School, Clear Spring, MD
- Randall Petersen, Fort Worth, TX – Colorado Technical University, Colorado Springs, CO
- Emily Recker, Imperial Beach, CA – Ocean View Christian Academy, San Diego, CA
- Amanda Ridings, Morton, IL – Morton High School, Morton, IL
- Daniel Rogalski, Park Ridge, IL – Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Kristine Romich, Chicago, IL – Harold Washington College, Chicago, IL
- Alessandro Maria Rubin, Nova Milanese, Italy – University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England
- Adeline Ruester, Crystal Lake, IL – Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL
- Amanda Shoemaker, Carlisle, PA – Homeschooled, Carlisle, PA
- Cameron Simmons, Grand Ledge, MI – Northwood University, Midland, MI
- Dara Simonson, Outlook, Canada – Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Saskatoon, Canada
- Rachel Danae Corley Stack, Tyler, TX – Concordia University, River Forest, IL
- Simona Stancov, Lansing, IL – Indiana University-Bloomington, Bloomington, IN
- Hope Stebbins, Cogan Station, PA – University College London, London, England
- Arielle Thomas, Raleigh, NC – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
- Victoria Tims, Laurel, MD – University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- Angelica Toumbas, Belmont, MA – Columbia University, New York, NY
- Zachary Villaverde, St. Augustine, FL – Bartram Trail High School, St. Johns, FL
- Noah Wortham, Columbiana, AL – Shelby County High School, Columbiana, AL