



AVID Summer Institute 2010 Student Speaker Essay Contest Guidelines and Prompt

Theme: AVID: A Tradition of Innovation, A Future of Transformation

Essay Prompts for the Students:

Think about your experiences with AVID and how working with AVID teachers, tutors and peers has helped you change and define your future. In your essay, please address at least two of the prompts below.

- How have you and your future plans been transformed by your experience in AVID? What kind of future has AVID made possible for you?
- How have your AVID teacher(s), tutors, and peers helped you grow academically or intellectually? How has participating in the AVID program enriched your life, whether because of your peers, tutors or teacher?
- What obstacles have you faced and how has your AVID family helped you to cope and possibly overcome them?

Essays/Speech Requirements

- Essays should be written as a speech. Selected students will read their essays.
- Essays should be approximately 500 words, typed in 12-point font and double spaced (4-5 minutes long if read as a speech).
- Include your full name and school at the top right hand corner of each page of the essay.

Submission Guidelines

- Submission Deadline to AVID Center: **February 5, 2010.**
- Complete the Student Contact Sheet and submit it with your essay.
- Submit essay and contact sheet to your AVID teacher prior to the deadline for review.
- Email your essay and contact sheet to speaker@avidcenter.org using your personal email address. Free email accounts are available through Hotmail and Yahoo. Notification of selection will be sent to this address.