

Wild Hope Center for Vocation
2023 Student Essay/Video Contest

The Wild Hope Center for Vocation invites currently enrolled full-time undergraduate students to write an essay or create a video on the calling to engage globally and promote human and ecological flourishing in our world.

How does global engagement promote human and ecological flourishing?

PLU's vision for global education enhances students' capacity for critical thought, intercultural communication, as well as student knowledge about the interconnectedness of the world. PLU education achieves this outcome through the exploration of links between classroom learning and community settings at home and abroad. Committed to educating students for a just, healthy, sustainable, and peaceful world, PLU weaves global education through almost every aspect of a student's study. World events shape our lives, and PLU's curriculum reflects that reality.

Consider the ways in which PLU provides students with the unique opportunity to promote human and ecological flourishing through the lens of global education with an emphasis on two or more of the following questions -

- Reflect on your own place and culture in the world. How does this influence your sense of calling and purpose? Consider your field of study or intended field of study. How does that relate?
- How has global education inspired your understanding in order to create and maintain relationships and deepen your commitment to human and ecological flourishing? Consider religious, geopolitical, and ecological contexts.
- In what ways has global engagement allowed you to demonstrate curiosity about other cultures and work to understand them through experiences within those cultures?
- How has global education prepared you for living a life of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care in a globally interconnected world?

Please submit your essay or video, including cover sheet, via email to Laree Winer, Associate Director for the Center for Vocation, at winerll@plu.edu no later than March 15, 2023, 11:59 p.m. Please note that some video files may be too big to email and should be uploaded to the google drive and a link provided in an email.

Formatting: The cover sheet is to include your name, your PLU I.D. #, a current mailing address, PLU email address and telephone number.

Helpful Resources on Vocation:

1. The university's [mission statement](#).
2. The Wild Hope [statement on vocation](#) at the Center's website.
3. The core element of Lutheran Higher Education titled "[Discerning one's Calling](#)".

Essay format must follow these guidelines: A minimum word count of 1,000, and a maximum word count of 1,250 (the word count must be noted at the end of the essay); the pages should be numbered; double-spaced with 1" margins, 12 pt. Calibri or Times New Roman font, and submitted in .docx or .pdf format. The essay should include citations, and those citations should be in MLA, APA, or Chicago style.

Video format must follow these guidelines: Write a 300-400 word script (2-3 minute video) that is carefully crafted and well-organized where you clearly introduce your listeners to the topic, discuss the relevance/meaning/or complexities of the topic, and leave the audience with a thoughtful take-away. Videos should maintain a respectful tone. Keep in mind that you are presenting to the PLU community and to the public: you will want to present yourself well. Use technology and resources creatively to produce a high-quality video that is the result of careful reading and research as well as editing and execution. Clarity is key. You need to craft your script with the PLU and public audience in mind, making sure that your sentences are meant to be heard, not read. The degree and quality of editing of the script will make an impact on your audience. Additionally, the script should mark citations from your reading, though you do not need to mention these citations directly in the video. An imaginative visual presentation with well-selected images is encouraged.

Suggested Resources

Audacity: free audio editing software(<http://www.audacityteam.org>)

iMovie: video editing software available for use in the Design Lab computers

Review of submissions

Faculty and staff who are members of the Center for Vocation Advisory Committee will review student submissions.

Announcement

All winners will be notified through their PLU email. The winning submissions will also be announced via the Center's social media accounts and featured on the Center for Vocation's web page. **Winners will receive their prizes and be honored at the annual Wild Hope Banquet on Wednesday, Mar 22, 2023 .**

Questions?

Contact Laree Winer at winerll@plu.edu or 253-535-7192

Good luck! We're excited to see what you create!