

The 11th annual Dr. Michael N. Compton

PUBLIC AFFAIRS ESSAY CONTEST



**RESILIENT PEOPLE
RESILIENT FUTURE**
Public Affairs 2025-2026

Entry deadline: October 19, 2025

WINNER RECEIVES \$2,000 CASH!

\$1,500 in cash for you *plus* \$500 donated in your name to a charity/non-profit of your choice.

HOW TO ENTER

Submit your original short essay of 250-1,500 words on any aspect of the 2025-2026 public affairs theme:
Resilient People, Resilient Future.

EMAIL your essay and cover page before midnight on October 19, 2025 to:
PublicAffairs@MissouriState.edu

Winners will be contacted and awarded in November.

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This contest is sponsored by IDEAL—the Institute for Development of Ethics And Leadership, a non-profit established by MSU alumni of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity. Dr. Compton was a 1970 MSU graduate who was student body president, an active member of Sigma Pi and founder of IDEAL. Prior to his passing in 2014, Dr. Compton was dedicated to IDEAL supporting MSU's public affairs mission.



**Members of the MSU Chapter of Sigma Pi are not eligible to compete in this contest.*

PLUS 5 additional prizes awarded!

Two \$300 second place prizes

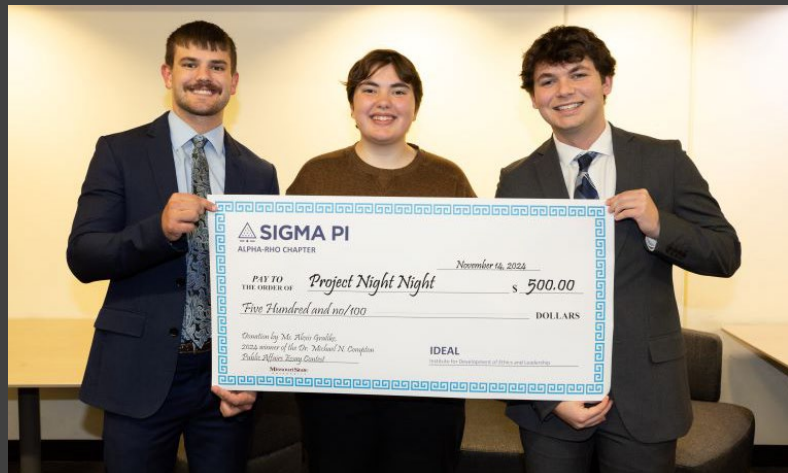
Three \$150 third place prizes

**OPEN TO ALL FULL-TIME MSU STUDENTS
CLASSIFIED AS FRESHMAN THROUGH SENIOR
LEVELS ATTENDING ON THE SPRINGFIELD CAMPUS.
GRADUATE LEVEL STUDENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.**



CONTEST DETAILS

View complete information and theme description at
publicaffairs.missouristate.edu/EssayContest



Alexis Galike (middle), Education major, 2024 first place recipient.

All aspects of this essay contest are at the discretion of IDEAL and the essay review committee.
Flyer expires October 19, 2025. Campus contact: Office of Public Affairs Support at 836-8832.