

# Year of Democracy Essay Contest

- Purpose:** To promote writing across the disciplines.
- Who May Enter:** This contest will be open to any student submitting an essay related to the topic of democracy in a class at Moorpark College from the start of Fall 2008 until March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- Essay Format:** Expository Essay. 500 to 1,000 Words. The student must use 12 point type. Lines must be double spaced. The student's name should be on each page in the upper right-hand corner.
- Award:** The three top winners will read their essays during a special session on Multicultural Day. In addition, the top three essays will be printed in the *Student Voice*. Finally, 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive \$75 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive \$25.
- Procedure:** When an instructor from any discipline is submitted a piece of writing on the topic of democracy that he or she feels is of high merit, that instructor will inform his or her student that he or she is eligible to be a contestant in the Year of Democracy Essay Contest by attaching a form of congratulation with instructions to the student's paper.
- This form will instruct the student to go to the Year of Democracy website, download the Entry and Permission to Publish form, and submit this form along with the essay to Mr. Birchman's mailbox.
- Essays will be judged during the week of March 30<sup>th</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>. Students will be notified at termination of judging.