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THREE TALENTED SCHOLARS WIN SHIMER COLLEGE'S MONTAIGNE COMPETITION

Shimer College, the Great Books College of Chicago, is pleased to announce the three winners of its Montaigne Scholar's Competition. **Mark Surya**, of Morganville, New Jersey, won a full-tuition scholarship; **Kelsey Crick**, of Louisville, Kentucky, and **Edward Vlcek**, of Chicago, won half-tuition scholarships. All scholarships are renewable for four years, with a full-tuition prize worth over \$100,000.

Surya, Crick, and Vlcek participated in the 5th Annual Montaigne Scholars' Competition at Shimer College on the weekend of February 19-20. They were among 44 students competing. Participants came from all over the US and abroad. There were many exemplary young scholars present, and in addition to the major scholarship winners, several students have been awarded honorable mention awards of up to \$8,000 a year.

Prior to arriving on Shimer College's campus, each competitor read "Of Repentance," an essay by Michel de Montaigne. Shimer faculty judged the participants based on their onsite written response to Montaigne's work, as well as their participation in a class conducted in Shimer's unique seminar style. All applicants to Shimer were eligible to compete.

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