

**ETA SIGMA PHI
BETA NU CHAPTER
UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON
ESSAY CONTEST, 2006**

TOPIC: *Horace wrote “Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.” Is this sentiment still relevant today?”*

Format: The essays are to be 2-3 pages in length or approximately 750 words. They may be either typed (double-spaced) or handwritten (alternating lines). Each essay will need a cover sheet containing the following information: the name of the student, his/her grade level, the Latin teacher's name, and the address and phone number of the school. The student/teacher/school should not be identified on the essay itself. The student may consult books and other reference tools, but not people, in writing the essay. This essay may also be used as a class assignment as long as the teacher does not make or suggest any changes to what is submitted.

Eligibility: Entries will be accepted for Latin students attending Spotsylvania, Stafford, or Fredericksburg schools or whose teacher is a member of the Fredericksburg Area Latin Teachers' Association (FALTA).

Levels of Competition: There will be two levels of competition. The “junior level” will be for students in the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grades, and the “senior level” will be for students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.

Prizes: Official Eta Sigma Phi bronze and silver medals will be given as prizes to winners at each level. Certificates of commendation will be presented for entries deserving honorable mention. All who are awarded medals or certificates will also receive a Latin dictionary.

Submission: More than one essay may be sent in a single envelope, but each essay must have a separate cover sheet. Teachers are to send the essays to

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Submissions must be postmarked by January 17th, 2007.
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