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Dear incoming fall 2021 University Honors Program Student,

Welcome to Honors in Paradise at Florida Atlantic University!

We are excited to announce that the University Honors Program the annual essay-writing contest based on this year's selected common reading *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri.

If you would like to participate in this contest, be sure to address the following topics in your essay:

- *For you, what was the most fascinating/bewildering/surprising/inspiring passage/moment of the book?*
- *Why do you think it had such an impact on you?*
- *Based on your academic or professional goals (state your intended field of study or work), how did the passage change/transform/challenge your world view?*

A committee will select at most 3 (three) winning essays. The authors of these essays will receive a certificate of recognition and a \$250 award to be applied against their student account and any balance they may have. If there is no balance at the time, the University will then issue a check.

The books and the award are possible thanks to the generosity of the Kenneth R. Williams Fund. The winners will be recognized at the University Honors Program Recognition Ceremony on Monday, November 18 (from 4-4:50 pm).

Participation in this contest is not obligatory, but we would like to hear from you.

Instructions

- Submit your essay electronically by **Friday, 8 November, 5pm**
- Please limit your essay to 2 pages (500 words)
- Include your name, Z number, and FAU email address (on a separate sheet of paper)
- Email the documents to : Ms. Mary Downing Patterson mpatterson@fau.edu

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Ann Gosser-Esquilín". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mary" and last name "Esquilín" being more prominent.

Mary Ann Gosser-Esquilín, Ph.D.
University Honors Director