

MAP-Works Essay Contest Winner Announced

If you see James Schwartz around campus, congratulate him on being the winner of the first ever MAP-Works Essay Contest and the recipient of the first place prize: an iPad. Schwartz, from New Haven, is a 25 year old returning student in his freshman year, majoring in English.

Jennifer Oxtoby, coordinator of IPFW's MAP-Works program, said they were "...thrilled with the response...We asked students to tell us about how participating in MAP-Works had affected their college experience...18 entries were received, and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs George S. McClellan was asked to select the winner from the top five."

Here is the last paragraph of James' essay which sums up his first semester experience and thoughts on MAP-Works.

"Overall, I have to say I've fared a lot better than I thought I would as a full-time returning student. I've been incredibly privileged with a few meaningful, friendly connections on campus. And, I've been brave enough to prioritize my college schedule—to *make time for sleep*. I've been able to say no to other things in order to study, and keep my grades up. I've been able to maintain (and am pretty sure I'll finish with) a 4.0 GPA. Perhaps I owe it all to the MAP-Works surveys. Perhaps I owe it to my own determination, and willingness to be taught and guided. Perhaps I owe a bit to both. In any case...*long live MAP-Works Surveys!*"