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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Academic Officers
Chief Student Affairs Officers

FROM: Edward Engelbride
Associate Provost 

SUBJECT: The Benjamin and David Scharps Legal Essay Competition

I am pleased to announce the 2012 Scharps Legal Essay Competition and to invite your junior and senior level students at state-operated campuses who are interested in legal issues, or interested in pursuing a career in the legal field, to compete for this program. The topic of this years essay contest is cyber bullying.

The Scharps Award is offered in accordance with a gift accepted by the State University Board of Trustees under the will of Hannah S. Hirschhorn to establish the Benjamin and David Scharps Memorial Fund.

One award of \$1,500 will be presented to the student who has written the best 2,000 word essay describing the role and relevance of law in dealing with a current legal issue. A second award of \$1,000 will be presented to the runner-up. Eligible students include both juniors and seniors.

A copy of the program announcement, along with instructions, application cover sheet and essay topic, is attached. We would ask that you establish a campus contact person who will serve as the coordinator of selection and submission, in accordance with the information contained herein. The campus coordinator is responsible for ensuring that no more than three essays are submitted per campus. Entries will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of campus and System Administration representatives.

The deadline for receipt of the entries is **February 24, 2012**. Submissions should be mailed to: Dr. Edward Engelbride, Associate Provost, State University Plaza S504, Albany, NY12246. If you have any questions, please contact me at 518.320.1286 or at Ed.Engelbride@suny.edu.

We look forward to participation by your campus in this valuable program.

cc: Ken O'Brien, University Faculty Senate
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Scharps Award Committee

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