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Charlotte High School Student Semifinalist in International Essay Contest

Charlotte High School student, Senior Mackenzie Baum, was recently recognized for her writing by earning a Semifinalist spot in the 2017 The Fountainhead Essay Contest. This annual contest is open to students around the world.

Baum completed the critical analysis essay as part of her work for her Ferris State course, English 150, one of several dual enrollment courses offered at Charlotte High School. When asked how she felt when hearing that she had won the essay contest, Baum stated that, "Shock was my first thought because I was a Junior, and I thought Seniors were more likely to earn the award than I was." In describing her motivation to compose a compelling essay, Baum went on to state that, "I have always had a passion for writing, even when I was little...I found the subject [matter of the contest] interesting morally." In terms of how the Ferris State dual enrollment course contributed to her success in the essay contest, Baum responded, "I really enjoyed the small classes and the quiet thinking of it and...I felt more comfortable talking [in class about the assignment], because I'm not usually outspoken."



Students from Bulgaria, Canada, Korea, the U.S. and England were among the winners. In recognition of her hard work, Baum received a \$50.00 scholarship and publication on the contest's website.