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Faculty Voices Essay/Video Contest

The Free Exchange on Campus coalition is excited to be involving members of the campus communities at American colleges and universities in the Campus Voices campaign. As part of this campaign, we're introducing the Faculty Voices Essay/Video Contest, where professors like you can recognize their peers for outstanding work in engaging their campus in the vibrant exchange of ideas that occurs every day.

You understand the hard work that goes into developing courses and campus programs that expose students to a diverse range of intellectual viewpoints and issues, and you know how important these opportunities are to the educational experience. There are those, however, who see these engagements as a dangerous form of indoctrination rather than as an educational opportunity. They've been successful in finding a platform to have their views heard. *This is your chance to tell the **real** story of what goes on in the classroom and how one of **your colleagues** makes real education possible.*

We invite you to nominate a colleague in a 1,000-word nomination essay or a three-minute nomination video, detailing how this individual engages his or her campus community in the classroom, in research activities, through mentoring and advising, or through participation in events on campus. You may:

- Detail how the nominee engages her or his students in a discipline. (This should not simply describe interesting pedagogical techniques, but rather should focus on how a faculty member gets students to tackle the core issues of a discipline.)
- Demonstrate how the nominee uses controversial topics to broaden students' intellectual horizons.
- Discuss how the nominee engages students with "dangerous ideas" that challenge students to think beyond what they already know.

Your nomination also should reflect on why an unfettered intellectual environment is so crucial to the great work these faculty members perform. The intention is not just to highlight "star" faculty, but to inspire discussion among faculty of what practices are worth noting and why.

Free Exchange will award a **\$500** prize to the nominee chosen as the most outstanding of those described in the submissions received (based on the decision of a panel of faculty and student judges), and **\$250** to two runners-up. All submissions will be featured on the Free Exchange on Campus Web site and at YouTube, and print submissions will be turned into materials that can be used in legislative and other political fights to tell the real story of what's happening in higher education.

This contest will run from now until March 14, 2008, with the winners to be announced in the spring of 2008. Submissions (videos should be burned onto a CD/DVD) should be sent to:

Faculty Voices Contest
c/o AFT Higher Education
555 New Jersey Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

You may also submit your entry via email to facultyvoices@freeexchangeoncampus.org.

We look forward to hearing your voice as part of the conversation!