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Essay Assignment

Application for the Honours College Science, Society and Self

Introduction:

Welcome to the application process for the Honours College: Science, Society and Self. We are thrilled that you are considering this opportunity to enhance your academic journey. As part of your application, you are required to submit an essay that reflects your motivation, aspirations, and potential contributions to the program. This essay is your chance to shine and show us why you belong in this distinguished group.

Assignment Details:

Essay Title: Aspirations and Contributions to the Honours College Science, Society and Self.
Length: 500-700 words

Format: Your essay should be typed, double-spaced, and submitted in PDF format. Please use a standard 12-point font such as Times New Roman, and ensure your essay is proofread for spelling and grammatical errors.

Content Requirements:

Your essay should address the following key points:

1. Introduction to Your Academic and Personal Background:

- Briefly introduce yourself, focusing on your academic interests, achievements, and any experiences that have shaped your desire to excel.

2. Motivation for Joining the Honours College:

- Describe what motivates you to apply for this Honours program. Discuss any challenges you have overcome in your academic journey and how these experiences have prepared you for the rigor of the program.

3. Your Academic and Career Aspirations:

- Articulate your academic goals, career aspirations, and how being a part of the Honours program will help you achieve these objectives. Consider mentioning specific areas of research, scholarship, or creative endeavors you wish to explore.

4. Contribution to the Honours Community:

- Reflect on what unique perspectives, skills, or experiences you bring to the Honours program. How do you plan to contribute to the academic and social fabric of the program? Discuss any leadership roles you have held or wish to undertake within the Honours community.

5. Conclusion:

- Summarize your key points and reiterate why you believe you are a suitable candidate for the Honours College. End with a reflection on how you envision your growth within the program and your potential impact on the university and beyond.

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Evaluation Criteria:

Your essay will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Clarity and coherence of writing
- Depth of reflection and insight
- Demonstration of academic potential and motivation
- Originality and specificity of your aspirations and contributions

Submission Guidelines:

Please submit your essay through the application form before 31 August 2024. The file should contain your name and student number (D_Reffes_3455221.pdf)

Conclusion:

This essay is a crucial component of your application to the Honours College. It is not only an assessment of your qualifications but also a reflection of your character, aspirations, and commitment to excellence. We look forward to learning more about you through your writing and to the possibility of welcoming you into our Honours community.

Good luck!