Chaffey College Human Library Essay Contest

Did you enjoy today’s Human Library event? Was it impactful for you? Did you learn something inspirational about someone’s life experience that will influence your life moving forward? Want to share your experiences about the Human Library event?

We are having an essay contest for students who attend the Human Library event and we want you to write about your experience.

The Human Library essay contest prizes consist of a $50 gift card for the 1st place winner and $25 gift cards for 2nd & 3rd place winners. The contest prizes have been generously sponsored by the Chaffey College Bookstore.

Essays are due May 1, 2017 at 4:00pm. Be sure to type your name, email, phone number, and student ID number on your essay. Please hand in your essay to the Rancho, Chino or Fontana Library or email them to mellanie.reeve@chaffey.edu. For more information contact Mellanie Reeve by email or phone at (909) 652-6806.

Choose one of the following questions and write a 1-2 page double-spaced essay:

1. Write an essay briefly summarizing the experience itself and then talk about its importance to you. Did this person give you helpful advice or feedback? What did you discuss that you feel was important?

2. If you want to be more creative with the essay, you can write a story about your Human Library experience.

3. During the Human Library event, did you learn something new about a culture or identity different from your own? What did you learn and how does it relate to your own culture and identity?

4. Choose one of the quotes, on the back of this handout, to use as an inspiration to write about your experience at the Human Library event and how that reflects on your life experiences.
Quotes to use for essay question 4:

**Diversity quotes**

“Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.” — Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Ultimately, America's answer to the intolerant man is diversity.” — Robert Kennedy

“It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength.” — Maya Angelou

“We need to help students and parents cherish and preserve the ethnic and cultural diversity that nourishes and strengthens this community - and this nation.” — Cesar Chavez

**Religious quotes**

"My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness." -- Dalai Llama

"So I say to you, Ask and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." -- Jesus Christ

"Rivers, ponds, lakes and streams - they all have different names, but they all contain water. Just as religions do - they all contain truths." -- Muhammad Ali

**Occupation & Work quotes**

"The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it." -- Mother Teresa

"It is neither wealth nor splendor; but tranquility and occupation which give you happiness." -- Thomas Jefferson

**Sexuality quotes**

"I want young people to know that they can belong - whatever your culture, your religion, your sexuality - that you can live life how you want to live it and feel comfortable how you are.” -- Jesse J

“Coming out is the most political thing you can do.” -- Harvey Milk

“It doesn't matter what color, sex, religion, age, sexual orientation, etc., everyone should have the same freedoms and liberties.” -- Lance Bass