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BDI Essay Competition 2016 Results

The BDI Essay Competition 2016 received 38 submissions. After three rounds of review and evaluation, these three essays are selected for the winning awards:

1st prize - Digi-teacher: Ensuring Quality Education for All by Fariba Islam

This essay addresses the problem of poor quality of education in the secondary school level and the practice of hiring private tutors. Through an informal survey, this essay finds that students do not think that their educational institutions offer them the best education or learning. The author offers interesting ideas as a solution including providing online and offline tutorials to support students looking to improve their learning. Fariba Islam is studying engineering at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

2nd prize - Building a Better Bangladesh by Nishat Anjum

This essay explores how teaching methods in Bangladesh can be transformed for improved student learning. It proposes school level policy measures that could help materialize these changes, and considers the feasibility of their implementation in the current context. The essay introduces best practices from other countries to help us improve the pedagogy in Bangladesh. Nishat Anjum is studying economics at University of Cambridge, UK.

3rd prize - Information Communication and Technology for Agricultural Development by Mumtarin Rabeya

This essay proposes a plan to serve farmers with information technology, a digital “Krishok Sheba” venture. The essay describes how such a plan could be implemented using various communication technologies and how it would assist various aspects of production and marketing of farm products to benefit the farmers. Mumtarin Rabeya is studying economics at Asian University for Women, Chittagong.

BDI is planning to host an Award Ceremony in Dhaka, tentatively scheduled at the Policy Research Institute (PRI) office, Banani, on December 26, 2016, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. In the program, the top three contestants will have an opportunity to present a brief summary of their essays. In the coming weeks, all participants in the essay competition will receive an invitation to attend the award ceremony. The invitation will provide details on the venue and other aspects of the program. For questions, please contact Dr. Munir Quddus at muquddus@pvamu.edu or Dr. Rahim Quazi at rmquazi@pvamu.edu.

Please join us in congratulating the winners.