es'say (es'a), n. [OF.essai.]
1. A literary composition, Analytical or interpretative, dealing With its subject from a more or less Personal standpoint.

*Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*

**2015 BORDER CROSSING ESSAY CONTEST**

The theme “How has the I-House experience impacted you?” was chosen to allow students to ask themselves how living at I-House has affected their perceptions, choices, and dreams. Students are expected to describe an experience they had while thinking about meeting people from different ethnic backgrounds; events that had an impact on their lives; conversations in hallways, and bathrooms, roommate situations, eating in the dining hall, cross-cultural discussions, dances, volunteering or anything else that may have touched them in some way.

The authors of the three best entries will be chosen by a committee, which may include Board Members, the Director of Programs, and Betsey Warrick.

**Winners receive the following prizes:**
- 1st Prize - $250
- 2nd Prize - $150
- 3rd Prize - $100

The winning entries will be announced and read at Spring Candlelight *Sunday Supper on April 26th, 2015*

**Essay Submission Deadline: 4pm, April 1st, 2015**
BORDER CROSSING ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM
To be filled out by participant and included with entry:

Name: ________________________________ Country: __________________

Local Address: ______________________________________________________

Phone #: ____________________ Social Security #: ________________________

Field of Study/Occupation: ________________________________

Resident: _____ Alumnus: _____ Dates of Residence at I House: _________

Non-resident Member: _____ Years of Membership: _____________________

I certify that this is my original work. I hereby give International House all
rights to this work. This includes, but is not limited to, the right to edit,
publish, reprint, and distribute copies of this work without compensation or
notice.

Signature: __________________________ Date: ______________

[DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE -- FOR PROGRAM OFFICE USE ONLY]

Designation: __________________________

Result: __________________________

Comments:
Border Crossing Essay Information (for Entrants)

Essays should be **no more than three pages typed double-spaced**. The essays may be in the form of a story, narrative, or poem. Your name should **only** appear on the enclosed cover sheet entry form. **DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY.** All identifying information will be removed for judging.

Every year, the types of essays selected vary, as do the people who serve as judges. We are **not** looking for a specific type of essay but rather an original essay that expresses your experiences at I-House and the impact they have had on you.

Many aspects of the essays are considered as part of the judging, and this is done in such a manner which neither favors nor discriminates against native speakers of English. We encourage all residents to submit entries.

**DEADLINE**
Wednesday, April 1st, 2015 at 4pm

**WINNERS ANNOUNCED**
April 26th, 2015 at Sunday Supper
*Selected essays will be read during Sunday Supper*

Thank you for participating in the 2015 Border Crossing Essay Contest!
**Good luck!**