The Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills, in cooperation with Global Classrooms and Miami Dade College's North Campus, is sponsoring an essay contest for middle and senior high school students to celebrate United Nations Day.

- United Nations Day will be celebrated on October 24, 2011.
- To celebrate the ideals and work of the United Nations Organization and to serve as a kick off to this year's Model United Nations Conference program, the Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills is sponsoring an essay contest for all middle and senior high schools.
- Please forward this weekly briefing to all Social Studies Department Chairpersons; however, the United Nations Day Essay Contest is NOT limited to only social studies teachers.
- The essay prompt for this year's contest is:
  - Today's societies, whether politically, economically, or socially, are more and more interdependent. Think of ways that your life is heavily influenced by cultures other than your own. Write to explain to your reader why it is important for young people today to think of themselves as a “Global Citizens” and act as “Global Citizens.”
- Participating in the United Nations Day Essay contest is voluntary.
- It is up to individual schools to determine grading criteria and logistics for conducting the essay contest in order to select ONE winner per school for submission.
- The winning essay from each school should be typed/word processed and should not exceed three pages in length double-spaced.
- Fill out the attached form and send the form with a copy of the winning essay from your school via FAX on or before October 12, 2011 to 305 995-1492. No coverage page is necessary.
- The top three middle and senior high school winning essay writers from the District will be awarded a check as follows: 1st Place- $100.00, 2nd Place- $75.00, and 3rd Place- $50.00. Funding for the awards provided by Global Classrooms UNAUSA Inc.
- These six students (3 from middle school and 3 from senior high school) will be invited to an event to celebrate United Nations Day on October 24, 2011 at Miami Dade College's North Campus. Further details regarding the United Nations Day Celebration will be forwarded to teachers of the winning students accordingly once the winners have been selected.
- If you need additional information, please email rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net, or see the contact information below.

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