

**Garaventa Center for Catholic Intellectual Life and American Culture announces its annual Essay Contest for the 2021-2022 academic year:**

**What would-could-should happen if my cellphone broke and was out of service for a month? Would I still exist? Would I still be me? Would the world I know expand? Would it contract? What about when the month was over? How might my world and relationships in that world be different? Write an essay that answers your response to “If My Cellphone Broke for a Month.”**

**Contest Rules:**

- Essays should be no more than 1,000 words, typed, and double-spaced
- Don't shy away from emotional “oomph.” Be honest, even playful
- Each essay should include a personal title (do not use the contest theme as a title) on a **separate cover page** which includes author's name and complete contact information, including high school name, sponsoring teacher's name and email, and **author's email & permanent mailing address**
- Student and high school name must not appear on the essay pages (only on the cover sheet)
- Students who make submissions must be current **juniors**
- Open to all Catholic High Schools in Alaska, Hawai'i, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah & Washington
- Each school may submit up to four essays, each sent as a separate Word attachment (**not pdf**)
- Submission deadline is Friday, February 11, 2022

All submissions **must** be electronic: please send as a Word attachment (not pdf) via email to [garaventa@up.edu](mailto:garaventa@up.edu).

There will be two top prizes and three honorable mention awards. Authors of the top two essays will receive \$500 and each honorable mention winner receives \$250. These awards are not scholarships, but cash awards for the contest.

The top two essays will be recorded by professional actors and posted as podcasts on iTunes and on our website, [up.edu/garaventa](http://up.edu/garaventa).

Please feel free to post this announcement.

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