International Affairs Essay Competition

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The Virginia Journal of International Affairs, the University of Virginia’s only undergraduate foreign affairs research journal, is partnering with the Miller Center of Public Affairs and the International Relations Organization to sponsor an undergraduate essay competition examining lessons from past presidencies and history in general to inform the debate on contemporary policy challenges in international relations. All UVA undergraduates are invited to participate.

**PROMPT**

*In his inaugural address, President Joe Biden stated that “America is back.” Should the future of America’s foreign policy be one that embraces multilateralism or should it take a more unilateral approach? Use historical examples or case studies from prior presidential administrations to make your argument about the present.*

**LENGTH:** 800-1000 words, plus references

**DUE:** 11:59 PM, Sun. March 28th to mh8uk@virginia.edu.

*One winner, and two other finalists will receive cash prizes up to $200!*

- Selected students will be invited to an honorary luncheon at the Miller Center
- Winners announced mid-April

The best essays will concisely link historical examples from prior presidents together to make an argument about how the Biden Administration should address today’s global policy challenges.

For more information or to answer any questions contact Matt Heller, special projects coordinator for the Virginia Journal at mh8uk@virginia.edu