



Top student essays on ethical issues in brain science selected in the Neuroethics Essay Contest

September 18, 2019 – The International Neuroethics Society (INS) and International Youth Neuroscience Association (IYNA) have selected **Khayla Black**, **Sunidhi Ramesh** and **Prithvi Nathan** as the winning authors of the Neuroethics Essay Contest in 2019.

The contest aims to promote interest in neuroethics among students in high school, university, and early career training programs. Neuroethics is a scientific discipline that explores issues involving brain research, emerging technologies, ethics, policy, and law. For the first time in its sixth year, the contest was open to high school students with support from the IYNA.

Each winner received a 1-year membership to the INS and has been invited to be recognized at the 2019 INS Annual Meeting in Chicago, October 17-18, 2019. Authors attending the event will receive a \$250 travel stipend. The winning essays will be published on the Dana Foundation website, and all eligible submissions to the high school category will be considered for publication in the IYNA Journal.

The following essays were selected as the top submission in their respective categories:

- [CNS Intervention in the Courtroom: An Ethical Evaluation of the Rehabilitative Potential of SSRIs](#) by Khayla Black, New York University Shanghai (Academic Essay)
- [Growing Brains: Warnings from a Cell Line that Became Immortal](#) by Sunidhi Ramesh, Sidney Kimmel Medical College (Essay for a General Audience)
- [The Right to Neurotechnology: Exploring the Government's Role on Societal Stratification in the Future of Human Enhancement](#) by Prithvi Nathan, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (High School Essay)

Several other authors of general audience essays qualified for a mentorship opportunity with INS Chief Operating Officer Elaine Snell, a professional science writer. They include:

- Natalia Filvarova, University of Munich
- Saffanat Sumra, University of California, Berkeley
- E. Kate Webb, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Information about the winning authors is available on the [Neuroethics Essay Contest](#) webpage.

The contest is organized annually by the members of the INS [Student/Postdoc Committee](#) and has been supported each year by Dr. Michael Patterson, former editor of the *Kopf Carrier* and long-time supporter of neuroethics.

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