



University of South Alabama
Department of
**Foreign
Languages**
and Literatures



The University of South Alabama chapter of Phi Sigma Iota invites high school junior and senior students of Spanish, German, and French to participate in our second foreign language essay competition. Phi Sigma Iota is the only international honors society for collegiate foreign language studies. Participants in the competition will write a short essay in their target foreign language. Please follow the guidelines below.

Essay Topic: "Home"

Please discuss. You may interpret this term however you wish. You may focus on dominant or alternate meanings for this term or a combination of these.

Format: The essay must not exceed 500 words in length and must be typed, double-spaced, and in 12 pt, Times New Roman font. Be sure to include your full name, your language, your language instructor's full name and the name of your high school on your essay.

Submitting Your Essay: Essays must be submitted electronically to ems1102@jagmail.southalabama.edu by Wednesday, April 1st.

Essay Evaluation Standards: Essays will be evaluated on the basis of:

- Appropriateness of response to the topic
- Development and support for your position
- Focus and organization
- Clarity and precision of ideas
- Fluency in target language (Spanish, French, German)
- Creativity

The essay will be evaluated by a panel of USA faculty and Phi Sigma Iota student members.

Prize: One winner will be declared for each of the three languages. Each winner receives a certificate of achievement, a \$25 gift card from USA Bookstore, and a dinner for two at Bonefish Grill. Additionally, all contestants will receive a certificate for their participation.

All participants will be invited to the Phi Sigma Iota induction ceremony on April 17th and the winners of the essay contest will be announced at this event.