The 2021 Penn Gold Humanism Honor Society High School Competition:
Healing in the Humanities

Who: High school seniors
What: Essay, art, and poetry contest sponsored by the Gold Humanism Honor Society at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine! The contest winner will have their piece published in Penn Medical School’s literary journal, and the top five will be invited to share their pieces on a virtual panel at the medical school receiving generous honorarium.
When: Submissions are due on March 1, 2021 (Penn UBMS participants should send entries to edwardhm@upenn.edu)

The topic of your submission should be about healing. You can write about healing on a national or societal level or about an experience with healing on an individual level. Your piece can be a personal story or it can be your opinion on the topic. It does not need to be about healing from physical illness. For example, you could write about healing from a societal “ill” such as corruption, racism, or violence.

Submissions can be in the form of an essay, a poem, or a piece of visual art (such as a painting, drawing, or photograph). If you choose to submit an essay or poem, please limit your submission to 600 words. If you choose to submit a piece of art, please also send a 50-150 word explanation of the piece. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Joia Brosco at penn.ghhs@gmail.com. Please email us your submissions by March 1, 2021. Contest winners will be announced on March 10th.