Purpose
This research poster competition encourages and recognizes incoming freshmen who investigate and design a research project based on the central theme of the 2015-2016 Bearkats Read to Succeed common reader, *Enrique’s Journey*, by Sonia Nazario.

Common Reader Undergraduate Research Prompt
The story in *Enrique’s Journey* by Sonia Nazario recounts the unforgettable quest of a Honduran boy looking for his mother, eleven years after she is forced to leave her starving family to find work in the United States. Braving unimaginable peril, often clinging to the sides and tops of freight trains, Enrique travels through hostile worlds full of thugs, bandits, and corrupt cops. But he pushes forward, relying on his wit, courage, hope, and the kindness of strangers. As Isabel Allende writes: “This is a twenty-first-century Odyssey. If you are going to read only one nonfiction book this year, it has to be this one.” Now updated with a new Epilogue and Afterword, photos of Enrique and his family, an author interview and more, this is a classic of contemporary America.

Develop a research project and produce a research poster presentation in which you analyze one of the topics suggested in the Curriculum Guide, or develop your own topic in collaboration with your faculty advisor. Visit www.shsu.edu/fye-contests for further information.

Eligibility
The contest is open to all freshmen who enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) at Sam Houston State University in the fall 2015 semester.

Prize
A scholarship valued at $500 will be awarded to the freshman student submitting the winning poster. The winner will also be invited to lunch with Sonia Nazario and be recognized on November 17 and 18, 2015.

Application
Posters must be submitted by 4:00 pm, Monday November 2, 2015, to the Honors College office, AV4, Room 201. Electronic submissions of the research paper are required and must be submitted to honor@shsu.edu. Submissions should be sent as email attachments (Microsoft Word documents, RTF files, or PDF files only). Submissions by traditional mail are also acceptable. Please mail submissions to:

Dr. Maria Holmes
Associate Dean
Honors College
Box 2479
Huntsville, TX 77341
Rules of the Contest

1. All applicants must be students enrolled at Sam Houston State University full-time during the fall 2015 academic term.

2. All research posters will be standard size according to the NGL requirements.

3. Standard poster sizes are 4’ w x 3’ h. Tech services in the library will print posters. Go to http://library.shsu.edu/services/techshop.html for more information. Also note that there is a fee for poster printing and check with your advisor, they may be able to find money to help cover costs.

4. All submissions must include the submission cover form information on the next page. The poster itself must not contain the student’s name since posters will be evaluated anonymously.

5. A student may submit only one entry.

6. Winners will be notified by the Sam Houston State University Honors College.
SUBMISSION COVER FORM

The 2014 – 2015
Sam Houston State University
Common Reader
Fall 2015 Undergraduate Research Poster Contest

Entry due no later than 4 p.m. Monday November 2, 2015

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Student’s Full Name __________________________________________
Student’s ID Number __________________________________________
Student Email Address _________________________________________
Telephone Number _____________________________________________

Faculty Advisor Signature ___________________________ Date __________

I am submitting an original research poster for Common Reader 2015 Undergraduate Research Poster Contest. I certify that this research is my own work. I understand that my research poster will be submitted to the 2016 Undergraduate Research Symposium. The poster may be used by Sam Houston State University for publication in promotional materials.

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Student Signature Date

Sponsored by the Sam Houston State University Elliott T. Bowers Honors College