The Coastal Carolina Community College One Book, One Community committee invites CCCC students to participate in our second annual OBOC Essay Contest! This contest is open to anyone who takes at least one class during the fall 2019 and/or spring 2020 semesters: this includes Curriculum (all associate’s degree, diploma, and certificate programs), Continuing Education, College and Career Readiness (formerly Basic Skills), and Early College*. This year’s OBOC Essay Contest theme is Every Journey a Story, and some suggestions about how to structure the essay are listed below. The committee is seeking beautifully written personal essays; in other words, first person pronouns are fine, and there are no research requirements. However, any information obtained from outside sources must be documented. Essays must be typed, double spaced, and emailed to Dr. Davonna Thomas (thomasd@coastalcarolina.edu) no later than Friday, February 20, 2020.

Students are encouraged to read the 2019-2020 OBOC book, Call Me American: A Memoir, by Abdi Nor Iftin, as a source of inspiration, but essays need not directly address the book. Essays must fall in the range of 500-1500 words. Students are welcome to submit an essay that was submitted as a class assignment, but please do not submit an essay that has already been published. Please include your name, CCCC email address, and preferred phone number in your submission.

The winner(s) will be notified during the week of April 6, announced to the campus community, and honored at the SGA Banquet on April 30, 2020.

**Possible essay types:**
- Personal narrative about a journey you have taken (re-telling of a true memory)
  - Please note that not all journeys cover great distances...
- Reflection on the meaning of the word “journey” or on the phrase “every journey is a story”
- Opinion/editorial/think piece on a social issue related to themes contained in Call Me American: A Memoir
- Reader Response to Call Me American: A Memoir (a personal reflection after reading the book)
- Review of Call Me American: A Memoir (an evaluation of the book using a chosen set of criteria)
- Textual analysis (“breaking down” Call Me American: A Memoir) and explaining its deeper meanings)

**Recap of requirements:**
- Typed
- Double spaced
- 500-1500 words
- Email to thomasd@coastalcarolina.edu as a .doc or .docx file type.
- Include “OBOC Essay Contest” in subject line
- Include name, CCCC email address, and preferred phone number in body of email
- Submissions will be accepted starting November 1, 2019
- Deadline is February 20, 2020

*C CCC Faculty and Staff are ineligible to participate in this contest.*