On October 22, 2020, the Department of "History of Kazakhstan" of the Karaganda Technical University held an annual ESSE competition on the topic: "N.A. NAZARBAYEV – PERSONALITY, POLITICIAN, LEADER" among 1st year students. Based on the results of the competition, the fundamental and strategic role of the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan - Elbasy N.A. Nazarbayev in the formation and development of modern Kazakhstani statehood, the historical process of Kazakhstan's gaining sovereignty, the formation and further improvement of individual institutions that make up the supporting structures of independence are analyzed.

17 works were submitted for the competition. The competition committee consisting of Ph.D., senior teacher B.F. Nұғman, candidate of historical sciences, senior lecturer Zh.B. Amerkhanova was awarded the following prizes:

I place – *Almat Seil* student of the 33-20-1s group (scientific director, PhD in Philosophy Sagatova A.S.)

II place – *Kirill Akimov*, student of the ST-20-2 group (scientific director, Master of Science in Education, Senior Lecturer Nurligenova Z.N.)

*Shurabaeva Madina*, student of the PO-20s group (scientific director, PhD in Philosophy Sagatova A.S.)

III place – *Igenova Asylai*, student of the ST-20s group (scientific director, PhD in Philosophy Sagatova A.S.)

*Kadyrbek Aziat* student of the group SIB-20-1 (scientific director, Master of Science in Education, Senior Lecturer Tleugabylova K.S.)

*Arnat Kozhabekov*, student of the TMO-20-2 group (scientific director, Master of Science in Education, Senior Lecturer Nurligenova Z.N.)

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