

Festival of Words Student Creative Writing Contest

Students in grades 3-12 from across the Acadiana-area are invited to participate in a writing contest sponsored by the National Writing Project of Acadiana and the Festival of Words. Students entered their original writing in four (4) categories: poetry, fiction, multimedia, and advertisement.

Contest winners were announced and invited to read their original writing pieces November 5, 2022.

We'd like to again congratulate the 2022 Festival of Words Student Creative Writing Contest Winners:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fiction:

1st place—Alma Carver, J. Wallace James, "Erica's Hurricane"

Poetry:

1st place—Shya Hebert, Broadmoor Elementary, "Painting Words" & "Simple Love on Christmas"

2nd place—Avalyn Xanamane, Coteau Elementary, "Rely"

3rd place—Jeremiah Smith, Breaux Bridge Elementary, "Freedom"

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fiction:

1st place—Hannah Pham, Broussard Middle School, "When Everything Went Wrong"

2nd place—Grace Barras, Youngsville Middle School, "Romney"

3rd place—Amelia Hoyt, L.J. Alleman, "Huddled to a Lie"

Honorable Mention—Destiny Roberson, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, "A Day in His Life"

Poetry:

1st place—Austin Funk, Richard Elementary, "Starry Night: An Ekphrastic Poem"

2nd place—Sadi Jo Guillory, Richard Elementary, "Empty Feelings"

3rd place—Margan Lazard, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, "The Cycle"

HIGH SCHOOL

Advertisements:

1st place—Jaley Joseph, Acadiana High School, "Mean Girls: Jaley Joseph 4 Senior Class President"

2nd place—Dorian Brown, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, "The Frosty Hoodie"

3rd place—Ruby Thibodeaux, Acadiana High School, "Groovy"

Multimedia:

1st place—Amber LeBlanc (lyrics) and Harmony Richardson (music), Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, "Drowning"

2nd place—Bethany Johnston, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, "Haunted Room"

Fiction:

1st place—Aaron Jack, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, "An Uninteresting Story"

2nd place—Sha'Jayia Dugas, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, "Mamma Never Knew"

3rd place—Ella Ostheimer, Home School, "The Human Candle"

Honorable Mention—Bethany Johnston, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, "Inspired by 'Clue'"

Poetry:

1st place—Carmen Lopez, Ovey Comeaux High School, "Apathy"

2nd place—Colton Mayfield, Ovey Comeaux High School, "Birthday Crash" & "Must Have Been Unimportant"

3rd place—Madison Lanclos, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, "Heart of the Riddler"

Honorable Mention—Savannah Blanco, Lafayette High School, "The Flow of Words"



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Volunteer Shoutout!



Thank you to all our Festival Acadiens Beer Booth Volunteers!

We appreciate your help and hope to enjoy some cajun music and a beer with you again next festival!



Southern Screen Festival 2022



For the first time, The Southern Screen Festival partnered with NWP-A and *The Current* for the Short Fiction Writing Competition!

Writers submitted original prose with the theme "Celebration and the South".

Congratulations to the Top 10 Finalists!

Winner—"Swampkitty"
by Scarlett Davis

"Carried"
by Triston Aillet
"Frank's First Gun"
by Alan Brickman

"Jambalaya"
by Rhonda Egan
"Home Place"
by John Francois

"Train of Thought: A Short Story"
by Ne'shara Hardmon
"You, Mawmaw, and Me: Together Again"
by Beth Harris
"Pine"
by Kristi Jeansonne

"The Last Fight at Pontiac Point"
by Danielle Moroux
"Joffrey Belaire"
by Duncan Thistlethwaite

Read their pieces by visiting southernscreen.org

Join Our Short Story Society!

One Thursday evening a month, NWP-A hosts a short story society meeting from 7-8:15pm. NWP-A affiliates take turns choosing two short stories and leading that month's group discussion!

Are you interested in joining and leading?

Check out our Facebook page or website for meeting details and contact information!

English Journal Publication

NWP-A Leadership Team Members Dr. H. Michelle Kreamer, Megan Breaux, and Dr. Toby Daspit were published in the National Council of Teachers of English's *English Journal*! Supported by a college-access grant, they created a virtual summer program to help students enhance their creative and critical writing.



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"Improving the Blank Page: Cultivating Authentic Writing in Virtual Spaces"

Conference Highlights

TCW 2022—Transforming Literacies: More Than Meets the Eye

Dr. H. Michelle Kreamer, Megan Breaux, and Dr. Toby Daspit presented

"The Epiphanies Everywhere Book Launch: Coming Together After Being Apart"
at the Transitioning to College Writing (TCW) 2022 Symposium in Oxford, MS on October 21, 2022.

NCTE 2022—¡Sueños! Pursuing the Light!

Megan Breaux, Dr. Toby Daspit, and Dr. H. Michelle Kreamer are presenting at the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Annual Convention in Anaheim, CA on November 19, 2022.

Their presentation is titled

"Epiphanies Everywhere: A Student-Led Publishing Project Creatively Chronicling a 7-Year College-Access Program",

which will include a discussion about the "Epiphanies Everywhere" book publishing project and will give participants an opportunity to become familiar with creative writing exercises that were implemented to prepare students for the roles of interviewers, writers, and editors.

Congrats, Thanks, & Good Luck!

Our amazing graduate student, **Peyton Corwin**, is graduating with her master's in counseling! She will be starting a new journey as a Provisionally Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC). We will miss her greatly, but are so happy for her! **Congratulations, Peyton!**

