If you are a dreamer, come in
If you are a dreamer, a wisher, a liar,
A hope-er, a pray-er, a magic bean buyer...
If you’re a pretender, come sit by the fire
For we have some flax-golden tales to spin.
Come in!
Come in!
—Shel Silverstein, “Invitation”
~WELCOME~
Dr. Meg Pearson, Department Chair

Recognition of Sigma Tau Delta Inductees

Thomas Strickland Memorial Collection Presentation

~FIRST YEAR WRITING AWARDS~

Jane B. Hill Award for Excellence in First Year Writing
Tinotenda Dube

The Stanley Parkman Excellence in Writing Award
Lakreasha Abner

The Stanley Parkman Excellence in Tutoring Award
FYW Instructor: Sarah Hendricks
Graduate Student: Paisley Burklow

STEAM Poster Award Winners
Karly Beck, Alicia Carter, Cedric Cash, Sydney Francis, Maureen Ikpeoha, Ali Jones, Georgette LaPann, Alexis Mpezo, Patricia Nguyen, Amelia Reynolds, Johnny Smothers, Nadea Walters, Kelsey Wilson

~UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS~

Recognition of Gordon Watson Award Recipient
Keri Jones

Insight Awards
Seniors: Trevor Johnson, Thomas Jordan, Whitney Nelson
Juniors: Lanaisha Jones, Cassandra Libbin

Most Promising New English Major
Kaley Smith

Most Outstanding English Education Majors
Hannah Brooks, Marisa Sorensen

Most Outstanding English Minors
Julia Lenderman, Thalia Young

Most Outstanding Film Studies Minors
Patrick Brian Harris, Leslie Robertson
Most Outstanding Creative Writing Minor
Tegan Pedersen

Robert L. Snyder Award for Most Outstanding Contribution to a Senior Seminar
Dr. Matt Franks (Spring 2017): Shelby Hearn
Dr. Alison Umminger (Spring 2017): Ashley Otey
Dr. Angela Insenga (Fall 2017): Allison Perrigo and Anthony Thomason
Dr. Patrick Erben (Fall 2017): Melissa Nicole Johnson

Kay Magenheimer Poetry Prize
Tessa Bradbury

Ben W. Griffith Fiction Prize
Justin Loveless

Creative Nonfiction Prize
Lenee Hardister

Mr. Marion L. & Mrs. Douglass Fisher Award
Chyna Gowan

H.O. Lovvorn Scholarship
Tanner White

Sally Pafford Memorial Scholarship
Anna Tumlin

Willie Maude Thompson Scholarship in English
Ingrid Pritchett, Marisa Sorensen

Dr. George W. Walker English Scholarship
Tanner White

Mary Anne (Sugar) Wilson Goreau DeVillier Scholarship
Sonora Lanham, Summer Rand

~GRADUATE AWARDS~

Graduate Insight Award
Lauren Bridges, Benjamin Fuller, Morgan Mileham Murphy

Most Outstanding Graduate Students
Amy Lavender, Elijah Miles

Dr. James W. Mathews Distinguished Endowed English Scholarship for Graduate Studies
Hailey Hughes
Dr. James W. Mathews Prize for Best Graduate Student Essay
Benjamin Fuller

Dr. Corliss Hines Edwards, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Paisley Burklow, Christina Paige Goodwin

~DAVID BOTTOMS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA~
Kendra Parker

~FACULTY TEACHING AWARDS~

English Program Service Award

Martha Saunders Excellence in Teaching First-Year Writing Award

Best Nomination Letter for Robert Reynolds Excellence in Teaching Award

Robert Reynolds Excellence in Teaching English Award

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