The 19th Annual English Department Student Award Winners

Friday, April 26, 2019  9:30AM-12:00 Noon

The Jedediah Brownbread, Esq. Award
  Madeline Myers

Calista Cummings Award
  Madeline Myers

John T. Dukes Prize in Composition Studies
  Eirik Olson
  Lauren Beach

Sam Ella Dukes Memorial Poetry Prize
  Paul Mangus
  DT McCrea
  Sonia Potter
  Brooklyn Dennison

The Donald A. and Laura Jane Keister Memorial Essay Prize in Literature
  Kyle Cochrun

The Mary K. Kirtz Literary Essay Prize in International Literature
  Floreecia Smith

Literary Guild Excellence in Literary Criticism Prize
  Madeline Myers

The Mary Mostenic Award for Composition
  Caitlyn Zollinger

Aaron “Max” Schuldiner Holocaust Essay Award
  Abby Bashor

The Cathryn C. Taliaferro Shakespeare Essay Prize
  Chad Thatcher
  Sonia Potter

The Marion H. Smith Short Story Prize
  Isaiah Coleman
  Eirik Olson
  Blake Chastain
  Bethany Scarpitti

Literary Guild Student Service Prize
  Erin Siegferth

Carl H. and Dorothy S. Bauer Scholarship
  Jason Jurkowski
  Tom Mocarski
  Noor Hindi
  Bryon Dickon

The Zora M. Ledinko Endowed Memorial Scholarship
  Bryon Dickon

The Dr. John Samuel Phillipson, Jr. Scholarship (Endowed)
  Raquel Miller
  Brandi Yetzer
  Lauren Whitley

The Frank Pixley Memorial Fund Scholarship (Endowed)
  Taylor Brennan
  Leann Bishop
  Wiktoria Moroz

The Dr. Sally Slocum Endowed Scholarship
  Emily Miller

The Mary A. and Joseph E. Snyder Scholarship (Endowed)
  Emily Miller
The 19th Annual English Department Student Awards
Presenters

The Jedediah Brownbread, Esq. Award
Giffels, Stoynoff
Calista Cummings Award
Giffels, Hebert
John T. Dukes Prize in Composition Studies
Booher, Svehla, Stoynoff
Sam Ella Dukes Memorial Poetry Prize
Ambrisco, Biddinger
The Donald A. and Laura Jane Keister Memorial Essay Prize in Literature
Wallace, Thelin
The Mary K. Kirtz Literary Essay Prize in International Literature
Bilia, Rhoades, Biddinger
Literary Guild Excellence in Literary Criticism Prize
Nunn
The Mary Mostenic Award for Composition
Giffels, Rhoades, Wallace, Drabick
Aaron “Max” Schuldiner Holocaust Essay Award
Stoynoff, Wasserman
The Cathryn C. Taliaferro Shakespeare Essay Prize
Ambrisco, Rhoades, Nunn

The Marion H. Smith Short Story Prize
Harrell, Thelin, Wasserman
Literary Guild Student Service Prize
Nunn
Carl H. and Dorothy S. Bauer Scholarship
Drew, Nunn, Thelin
The Zora M. Ledinko Endowed Memorial Scholarship
Biddinger and Ambrisco
The Dr. John Samuel Phillipson, Jr. Scholarship (Endowed)
Bolton, Miller, Zhang
The Frank Pixley Memorial Fund Scholarship (Endowed)
Ambrisco, Drew, Harrell
Dr. Sally Slocum Endowed Scholarship
Chura, Drew, Garcia-DuPlain
The Mary A. and Joseph E. Snyder Scholarship (Endowed)
Hebert, Svehla, Wasserman
Literary Guild Student Service Prize:
Erin Siegfirth

Erin is a senior at The University of Akron, who is majoring in English with minors in both creative writing and consumer marketing. She is the editor-in-chief of AshBelt, the undergraduate literary magazine, and, as a participant in UA’s Roundtable Series on Women in Business, she shows her dedication to bettering not only the English department, but the University as a whole. Besides her contributions to The University of Akron, she is an accomplished poet and has her work published in both Polaris and Lines + Stars. Her ambition to succeed and her commitment to serving the University are limitless.

-- Sonia Potter and Kaylie Yaceczko

John T. Dukes Memorial Essay Prize in Composition:
Lauren Beach and Eirik Olson

The John T. Dukes Memorial Essay Prize in Composition was created by Dr. Thomas Dukes, former English department faculty member, to honor the memory of his late father. John T. Dukes was an Army sergeant and barber who longed for higher education but was unable to pursue it due to profound dyslexia. This prize is awarded in his name each year for an outstanding essay in Composition Studies written by a current graduate student.

This year the committee decided to award a first and second place prize.

Second Place is awarded to Ms. Lauren Beach for her essay: “Is Transfer Possible?: An Exploration of the Research on Transfer.” The committee felt Lauren’s essay was both well written and adroitly engaged the field’s scholarship.

First Place is awarded to Mr. Eirik Olson for his essay: “Itself, a Thing: The Pragmatic Ideation of an Imperfect Self in Writing.” The committee felt Eirik’s essay not only adeptly engaged the field’s scholarship but also added to that conversation.

-- Dr. Lance Svehla