Scholarships & Awards – 2013

The English department at NMSU awards a number of scholarships and prizes to outstanding undergraduate and graduate students in our programs.

The following are the 2013 award winners:

**Undergraduate Awards**

**Paideia Documented Argument Contest**

*Students enrolled in ENGL 111 in the summer or fall of the year the award is given are eligible to win. Three Documented Arguments will be selected as winners with a monetary prize and will have the opportunity to be published in the upcoming Paideia issue. Awards will be decided by the Writing Program Administrators.*

- 1st place: Samantha Silva, “Nourishing Babies on Base: A Call for Military Breast Feeding” (Adriana Caraballo, instructor)
- 2nd place: Chris Fulbright, “The Great American Melting Pot is Still Boiling” (Emily Haymans, instructor)
- 3rd place: Estevan B. Lopez, “Music and its Benefits” (Rob Mills, instructor)
- Honorable Mention: Adrian Cruz, ”The Other Side of Gaming” (Jessica Havstad, instructor)

**Robert A. Wichert Endowed Memorial Award for Creative Writing**

*Two awards will be given to undergraduate students who have written an outstanding piece of fiction, poetry, or drama in an English class. The winners of this award are determined by the Creative Writing faculty.*

- Matthew Hopper (prose)
- Shelbi Meissner (poetry)
- Honorable Mentions: Claire Koleske, Alexandra Ecsedy, Desiree Gomez

**Dr. Larry L. Wilson Endowed Memorial Scholarship**

*This award is given to a New Mexico resident majoring in English with a GPA of 3.0 or better who demonstrates financial need, but does not qualify for aid. Determined by the Department Head in consultation with Financial Aid. Preference is to returning students.*
• Cassandra Taylor

Elizabeth Jean Wichert Endowed Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given to one or more seniors majoring in English.

• Emily Williams

Joseph H. Forsyth Endowed Memorial Scholarship

One or more native New Mexican juniors majoring in English with a 3.5 GPA or better can be awarded this scholarship. The Department Head determines the winner.

• Arthur Tillbrook

Lucille Earnhart Roney Endowed Scholarship

• Bernice Koppner

Marion P. Hardman Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Two awards will be given to outstanding juniors or seniors majoring in English. Students must have completed 80 credits to be eligible. The Undergraduate Studies Committee determines the winners.

• Matthew Hopper
• Jessica Gobble

Mary Powell Ambrose Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Award to an outstanding junior or senior English major, the winner of this scholarship is selected by the Undergraduate Studies Committee.

• Shelbi Meissner

Stuart C. Brown Award for Excellence in Writing

Awarded annually to one or more outstanding undergraduate students majoring in English with an emphasis in Rhetoric and Professional Communication.

• David DeAlejandro

Sutherland-McManus Memorial English Scholarships

Two awards are given to undergraduate students who have submitted a piece of work that was originally written for an English class. The categories are: 1) the best literary critical essay and 2) the best work of nonfiction prose (including essays, reports, and electronic documents). This award is decided by the Undergraduate Studies Committee. From these two winners, the Emerson Award winner will be determined.
• Ashley McGuire
• Emily Williams

Verna Newman Rule Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Determined by the Department Head, this award is given to a junior or senior student with the highest GPA. If there is a GPA tie, the number of credit hours will be used as a criterion. No applications accepted.

• Tzeni Karampoiki (junior)
• Claire Koleske (senior)

Emerson Award

Selected from the Sutherland-McManus Memorial English Scholarship winners, this award recognizes outstanding writing by an undergraduate student in English. This award is decided by the Undergraduate Studies Committee. No applications accepted

• Emily Williams

Graduate Awards

Elizabeth Jean Wichert Scholarship

This scholarship is given to one or more English Department graduate students.

• Jennifer England
• Edward O’Casey

Frank Waters Fiction Lectureships

Awarded to three outstanding graduate students enrolled in the MFA in Creative Writing program. This award is decided by an outside judge and the Creative Writing faculty.

• 1st place: William Clattenburg
• 2nd place: Barry Pearce
• 3rd place: Philip Johnson

Harris-Kunz Endowed Award in Poetry

• Patrick Clark

Kevin McIlvoy Endowed Fellowship

• Paul French
Keith Wilson & Joe Somoza Poetry Prize

In honor of retired NMSU faculty members Keith Wilson and Joe Somoza. Three awards are decided by an outside judge in cooperation with the Creative Writing faculty, and are awarded to outstanding graduate students enrolled in the MFA in Creative Writing program.

- 1st place: Barry Pearce
- 2nd place: William Clattenburg
- 3rd place: Bryant Million
- Honorable Mentions: Paul French, Emily Haymans

Mary L. and Ellis Wright Endowed Writing Scholarship

- Melinda Bezdek
- Marzie Ghasempour
- Savannah Johnston
- Electra Rich
- Anthony Tome
- Naima Woods

Ruth Scott Academy of American Poets Prize

A graduate student poet enrolled in the MFA in Creative Writing program is awarded this prize which is decided by an outside judge and the Creative Writing faculty. For more information, contact the Creative Writing faculty chair.

- Ross Howerton
- Honorable Mentions: Jennifer Eldrige, Sarah Gzemski, Edward O’Casey

Charles & Pamela Sphar Scholarship

For an outstanding female English Department graduate student with a GPA of 3.0 or better in need of financial assistance, this scholarship is selected by the English Department Head in consultation with the Graduate Studies Committee and Financial Aid Office.

- Jennifer Eldrige

Emerson Award

Selected from the Sutherland-McManus Memorial English Scholarship winners, this award recognizes outstanding writing by a graduate student in English. This award is decided by the Graduate Studies Committee. No applications accepted

- Emily Katseanes

Mercedes Delos Jacobs Book Prize

- Nathan Taylor, “Optick Languor” (poetry)
- Christopher Rosenbluth, “Talking as Men Do” (fiction)
English Department Research & Creative Activities Award

One or more small awards will be awarded in support of expenses related to their academic research or creative activities. The Graduate Studies Committee makes recommendations to the Department Head.

- Sessily Watt
- Emily Katseanes
- Kelly Whitney

Stuart C. Brown Award for Excellence in Writing and Teaching

Awarded annually to one or more outstanding graduate students in Rhetoric and Professional Communication.

- Jennifer England
- Rebecca Powell

Sutherland-McManus Scholarships

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- Sessily Watt (nonfiction)
- Barry Pearce (literary criticism)
- Honorable Mention: Sessily Watt (literary criticism)

Verna Newman Rule Scholarship

Determined by the Department Head, this award is given to an outstanding master’s and doctoral student with the highest GPA. No applications accepted.

- Erin Easley
- Hayley Cotter
- Emily Katseanes
- Rebecca Powell
- Jennifer Bracken Scott
- Karen Trujillo

Outstanding Writing Center Consultant Award

- Phillip Bode

Outstanding Rhetoric and Composition Instructor

- Emily Katseanes
Outstanding Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences Instructor

• Jennifer England

Outstanding Professional Communications Instructor

• Dylan Retzinger

Outstanding Graduate Assistantship Award

• Rebecca Powell
• Karen Trujillo

NM Higher Education Department Fellowship Award

• Kelly Medina-Lopez
• Jeannette Monsivais

Diversity Graduate Assistantships

• Savannah Johnston
• Dominique Salas

Graduate School's Tuition Fellowship

• Felicita Arzu
• Genvieve DesGeorge
• Erin Easley
• Jennifer England
• Kelly Medina-Lopez
• Jeannette Monsivais
• Amanda Munoz
• Barry Pearce
• Dominique Salas
• Anthony Tome

Graduate School's Merit-Based Enhancement Fellowship

• Erin Easley
• Jennifer England
• Sessily Watt

Mike Watts Outstanding Leadership GA Scholarship

• Edward O'Casey

Arts and Sciences Outstanding Student Service Award

• Michael Alarid