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St. Charles, Mo.— Lindenwood students who are interested in writing have an opportunity each year to submit their work for a selection of writing contests sponsored by the English Program. The submission deadline for this year's contests is Feb. 23.

Students may compete with essays or creative writing, and winners are recognized at the annual honors convocation on April 26.

Contests include:

The Linda Ross Creative Writing Award: Open to students at the sophomore level or above. This award goes to the student who, in the judgment of the English faculty, has submitted the best creative writing that year. Students should submit a portfolio of a minimum of six poems, OR a portfolio of at least three short stories, OR one longer work, such as a play or a novel.

The Howard Barnett Essay Award: Open to students at or above the sophomore level. This award goes to the student who, in the judgment of the English faculty, has written the best essay of the year.

The Jean Fields Award: Open to freshman students only. This award goes to the freshman who, in the judgment of the English faculty, has produced the best essay OR the best creative writing that year. Students should submit an essay, OR a portfolio of poems, OR a portfolio of short stories.

A complete list of rules is attached with this press release.

"The writing awards are a long-standing tradition that celebrate our common past and our hope for the future," said Ana Schnellmann of the English program. "Professors and students come together in a community of writers and readers who exchange ideas and share the sense of excitement and discovery that comes with composition."

Schnellmann also added that the awards are a way of connecting the past to the present.

"Howard Barnett and Jean Fields were dedicated professors here who loved to see students succeed," Schnellmann said. "The Ross family of the Linda Ross award supports the work of the English faculty at LU."

For more information, call Schnellmann at 949-4873 or Kyle Glover at 949-4875.

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