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Crowder Quill Magazine Wins “Best Magazine” National Award

Neosho, MO - The Crowder Quill, the literary/art magazine of Crowder College, has again been awarded the prestigious top award of “Best Community College Literary-Art Magazine” for the 2500+ enrollment category from the American Scholastic Press Association as well as “First Place with Special Merit.”

The organization, located in College Point, New York, judges college and high school publications for content, organization, design, presentation, and creativity.

The award was based on the spring 2014 publication. Staff members included Taylor Best, Joplin; Karen Davidson, Pea Ridge, Ark.; Emily Haase, Neosho; Amelia Hill, Carl Junction; Aaron Kocurek, Neosho; Ryan Land, Goodman; Joseph Mandelbaum, Joplin; Anissa Morris, Neosho; Joanna Savalza, Neosho; and staff adviser Latonia Bailey, Goodman.

“The Crowder Quill is an excellent publication! You have mastered not only the elements of a good publication but you have also published excellent works from your school population. The Crowder Quill is a model for those up-and-coming magazines and inspiration for those magazines that haven’t quite aced the necessary skills,” said Richard Plass, chairman of the contest, in a congratulatory letter to the Quill staff.

Entries for the current 35th anniversary contest are due Feb. 4. Categories include fiction, nonfiction, poetry, art, and photography for high school and Crowder College students as well as adult community members. Winners will be notified in April and recognized at an awards ceremony May 7 on the Neosho campus of Crowder College.

Since, 1980 the Quill has been published and distributed free on campus and in the community to “showcase and encourage artists and authors,” said Bailey.

For more information, contact Quill@crowder.edu or find the entry form with guidelines at www.CrowderQuill.com.

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