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### **Quill ceremony and poetry reading slated for May 6**

**Neosho, MO** - The Crowder Quill, a literary and art magazine of Crowder College, will host the annual awards ceremony with a campus- and community-wide poetry reading. The event will take place Friday, May 6 at 7 p.m. in Elsie Plaster Community Center Auditorium on the campus of Crowder College in Neosho, Mo.

The public is welcome. RSVPs for poetry are requested; others are welcome to the microphone as time permits. Poetry that is NOT published in this edition of the Quill is encouraged, as the magazine will be made available following the ceremony.

"This year's ceremony and publication continues the 36-year tradition of our mission to encourage and showcase our area's authors and artists," said Latonia Bailey, Crowder Quill adviser since 1994.

The event will also include the announcement of those whose entries were chosen to be published in the 2016 edition and awards presentations.

All published entrants will receive a certificate for gold, silver, bronze or honorable mention. Award placements will not be announced until the ceremony. Afterwards, light refreshments will be served.

The ceremony is being hosted in conjunction with the Art Department's student art open house in which a reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Longwell Museum.

Hand-delivered Quill art entries are now available for return by arrangement. Entrants should email [Lbailey@crowder.edu](mailto:Lbailey@crowder.edu) or call [417-455-5410](tel:417-455-5410).

A PowerPoint Presentation will showcase the winning photography and art entries during the ceremony. Remaining entries will not be displayed but will be available for pickup after the ceremony.

The Magazine Production class comprise the staff and judged the entries, designed the magazine, and host the ceremony. Current staff members are Clara Brodeur, Diamond; Ulises Camacho, Rogers, Ark.; Rebekah Clay, Pineville; Whitney Crinklaw, Stockton; Vada Harris, Neosho; Megan Kehoe, Neosho; Celeste Ponce, Neosho; Katherine Pollock, Neosho; Christian Smith, Joplin; Kaylee Starks, Granby; Drew Young, Pierce City; and adviser Latonia Bailey, Goodman.

The Crowder Quill recently received a national award of "Best Community College Literary Magazine" from the American Scholastic Press Association for the 2015 edition, the third consecutive year for the prestigious award. Members of the 2015 staff were Alexis Arenas-Andrade, Springdale, Ark.; Kerrigan Arnold, Reeds Springs; Alyssa Beck, Buffalo; Jacob Dalton, Anderson; Logan Hamby, Neosho; MaryBeth Hertzog, Pleasant Hill; Kate Kelley, Neosho; Ashley McGee, Jane; Sofia Sanchez Salcedo, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Owen Swearingen, Wheaton; Drew Young, Pierce City; and adviser Latonia Bailey, Goodman.

Begun in 1980, the Quill is published each spring; the contest deadline is Feb. 1 each year, and divisions are high school, Crowder students, and community adults. The categories are fiction, nonfiction, poetry, 2D art, 3D art, digital art, color photography, and black and white photography. Entries are received online via the

website [www.CrowderQuill.com](http://www.CrowderQuill.com).

Winners of the contest, sorted by hometown, are as follows:

Anderson  
Kierra Weber  
Karynn Alley  
Jilberto Alejo  
Kristan Anacito  
Alisha Dziennik  
Henri Whitehead  
Leandra Tuggle  
Jewell Parnell  
Aurora  
Merry Anne Tate  
Kim McCully-Mobley

Bella Vista  
Mary Stewart

Carl Junction  
Mark Cole  
Jessica Sellers  
Sevie Kinzer  
Stormi Norton  
Carly Reeves  
Makayla Draeger

Carthage  
Taylor Haskins

Cassville  
Teresa Boston

Diamond  
Liz Spence  
El Dorado Springs  
Jennifer Snyder

Exeter  
Tyler Dallis

Fort Smith  
Julio Gonzalez

Goodman  
Aydan Hutchinson  
Amanda Quinn

Granby  
Gabriel Cole  
Jacqueline Cole  
Kaylee Starks

Greenfield  
Jennifer Benson

Joplin  
Salma Moustafa  
Seth Wolfshorndl  
Jera White  
Joanne Kim

Sarah Aggus  
Brienne Shackles  
Ethan Ross  
Chris Smith  
Lauren Jackson  
Sophia Miller  
Tiffany Durbin

Liberal  
Catherine Williams

Miami  
Elise Siler

Monett  
Amy Sampson  
John Baty, Jr.  
Collin Randles  
Itzel Cervantes  
Jovany Serrano  
Emilee Kuschel

Mount Vernon  
Linda Sparkman

Neosho  
Esmeralda Hernandez  
John Mills  
Sandy Peters  
Skylar Howe  
Tori Murray  
Kaitlyn Welch  
Leslie Wright  
Megan Kehoe  
Alec Fehring  
Barry Charter  
Latonia Bailey  
Vada Harris  
Emily Waldrop  
Celeste Ponce

Noel  
Ryann Rosenbohm  
Kayla Reese  
Parker Owens

Pineville  
Darren Clay  
Daniel Cowen  
Rebekah Clay  
Lacey Boze

Pleasant Hill  
Mary Beth Hertzog

Rich Hill  
Melissa EntriKin

Seneca  
Fanita Forero  
Chayse Jones  
Sarah Hill

Verona  
Seth Hilton

Webb City  
Travis Scheerer  
Reese Dalton  
Margarite Stever

Wentworth  
Nicole Foster

Wheaton  
Lyda Yang