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Festival of Writing displays students' work

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"The Festival of Writing underscores the value of writing," said Anne Becker, Festival of Writing coordinator. "Any type of project that uses words to communicate the message is eligible."

Last year's entries included a broad range of topics, including art, linguistics, marketing, and wellness, health promotion and injury prevention. All OU students are encouraged to participate in this year's event, regardless of their major. Individual and group writing projects also are welcome.

"It's fun for the students to come out and show off their work," Becker said. "The range and quality of exhibits is amazing."

Student projects will be on display from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms. Oral presentations will be scheduled throughout the day.

During the festival, students gain valuable communication experience as they share information about their projects and field questions from attendees. However, participants are not required to remain at the festival all day, but displays must be set up between 8 and 8:30 a.m. and removed by 5 p.m. If the display needs to be monitored, students can arrange for classmates to assist.

Refreshments will be served throughout the day, and attendees who complete a survey will be entered in a drawing to win a door prize.

Last year, 150 students presented their work and more than 250 people attended.

To participate in the Festival of Writing, students must submit a proposal by Wednesday, March 24. Entry forms are available on the **Rhetoric Program** Web site or by contacting Becker at (248) 370-4125 or abecker@oakland.edu.

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