



Thursday, January 4, 2001

## OU students honored for "Writing Excellence"

Twelve students recently were honored by the Department of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism at Oakland University during the annual Writing Excellence Awards luncheon.

OU Trustees Ann Nicholson and Penny Crissman, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Lou Esposito, Dean of Students David Herman and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences William Macauley honored the award recipients at the luncheon.

"We were impressed by the high quality of writing exhibited in these papers submitted to a wide range of OU courses," said Ron Sudol, chair of the selection committee that reviewed nearly 100 submissions.

In the category of research papers, Brian Felice of Troy won first place for his paper, titled "Crohn's Disease: What is the Best Form of Treatment?" Elaine Nast of Bloomfield Township won second place for her research paper, titled "Who Will Teach My Child...And Where? Dismantling Special Education in Favor of Full Inclusion." A tie for third place honors was shared by Megan Pier of Lancaster, Ohio, for her paper, titled "Vitamin C: Beneficial or Harmful?" and Chris Duda of Clinton Township for his paper, titled "Satanism."

For the personal and expository essay category, first place honors were shared by Alicia Sanzica of Harrison Township for her essay, "Men of Ice;" and Olga Foreman of Roseville for her essay, "Outside the Classroom." Brigette Meldrum of Harrison Township took second place for her essay, "Ballet Slippers, Pipers and Syncopated Beats." Third place honors went to Robert F. Clymer of Beverly Hills for his essay, "Small Wonder: Reflections of a 'Late-in-Life' Father as he Holds His Infant Twin Granddaughters."

In the advanced writing and writing across the disciplines category, Janet L. Steigerwald of Rochester Hills won first place for her paper, "It's All Relative: A Study of Kinship Term Acquisition." Second place went to Megan Ryan of Sterling Heights for her paper, "Chasing the Sun;" and third place was shared by Michael Murphy of Farmington Hills for his essay, "Myke Thom: A Profile;" and Kara W. Sokol of Walled Lake for her essay, "The Right to Bear Arms."

Oakland University is a comprehensive state-supported institution of higher education located in Oakland County, Michigan. The university has 109 bachelor's degree programs and 63 graduate degree and certificate programs. Dedicated to preparing learners for the 21st-century workplace and society, Oakland University is organized into the College of Arts and Sciences and the Schools of business Administration, Education and Human Services, Engineering and Computer Science, Health Sciences, Nursing; and the Honors College.

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