

**Dean Elinor F. Foster Poetry/Short Prose Contest  
Winners 2000 to Present**

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**2000**

**UNCP Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Angela Heck** “To Ride”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Angela Heck** “My Hero”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Sherry Oxendine Lofton** “Proud to Be Me”

**UNCP Faculty**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **James Bass** “All Hallow’s Eve”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Cindy Saylor** “An Evening with the Ads”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Caverlen Locklear** “My Grandparents”

**Robeson County High School Juniors and Seniors**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Jedidiah B. Locklear** “Friends Forever”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Latanya Smith** “Put That on Everything”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Jeri Egan** “untitled poem”

**Robeson County Residents and Friends of the Sampson-Livermore Library**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Julia Wilkerson Burns** “River Wind”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Venita Jenkins** “Viper”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **H. J. Brooks** “Choppers”

## **2001**

### **UNCP Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Gwen Marie Simmons** “From Darkness to Light: Thank You Mom”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Deana Leach** “To Kate Chopin”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Lyzanne Charles** “I Always Feel as If”

### **UNCP Faculty**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **James Michael Bass** “Into the Night”

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **David W. Young** “Grandpa Bass”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Reid Austin** “My Dog Is Dead”

### **Area High School Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Jarius McNair** “Who’s to Blame?”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Elizabeth Fuller** “What Is a Poem?”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Joshua Wayne Borrer** “The Last Win”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Bethany Brooks** “Loneliness”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Christopher B. Van Vlaanderen** “Passageway”

### **General Public/Friends of the Library**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Chastity Michelle Sellers** “I Am”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **M. Carole Blanc** “A Delicate Thing”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Jenny D. Scott** “Little Eyes and Ears”

## **2002**

### **UNCP Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Phyliss Annelle Waldron** "Unction"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Catharin Lawrence Shepard** "Destinations Unimagined"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Khalil Shakeel** "The State of the States"

### **UNCP Faculty**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **William Bruce Ezell** "Dies Horribilis"

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **James Michael Bass** "And the River Kept Flowing"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **R.W. (Bob) Reising** "Bias"

### **High School Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Tiffany Clark** "Innocence"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Melissa Rebecca Tearry** "Deadlines"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Ryan Roth-Roffy** "America"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Susan Amanda Smith** "New Shoes"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Jessica Webb** "Just Another Day at the Beach"

### **General Public**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Jo Elaine Harrison** "The Tractor"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **John Arnold** "In Circles by the River"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Stella Ward Whitlock** "Literally"

## **2003**

### **UNCP Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Jerry Turner** "Poetry"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Lesley Rene Cafferta** "In Each Other's Eyes"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Tiffany Nicole Alford** "Heart Vacancy"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Christopher Harris** "If I Should Die Today"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Millicent Strickland** "The Discovery"

### **High School Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Stephen Alexander Rowe** "The Rock"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Rochelle D. Davis** "Precious"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Aaron Nowiski** "Alive to Die"

### **General Public**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Garrett Flagg** "Children"

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Stella Ward Whitlock** "Ocean Night"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Nathan Whitt** "Secondary Questions about Divinity"

## **2004**

### **UNCP Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Jaime Lynn Clark** "Riverdrop Coat"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **D'Arcee C. Neal** "Paradox"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Andrea Vukcevic** "Amateur Poet"

### **High School Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Kayla Hayes**, Lumberton Senior High School, "Teenager"

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Sylvia Ann Taylor**, Red Springs High School, "Should I Go"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Nicole Moore**, Fairmont High School, "I'm Still Hanging On"

### **General Public**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Nathan Whitt**, Lumberton, "Exploring Geography"

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Jack Autry**, Red Springs, "If I Had But One Dream"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Steven Byrd**, Lumberton, "Bricklayer"

## **2005**

### **UNCP Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Timothy Clark** "Why"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Monica-Lynn Bryan** "Mirrored Image"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Sonia Jackson** "Only a Glimpse"

### **High School Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Ryan Roth-Roffy**, Northwood Temple, "Everyday Heroes"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Ammy Sun McGuire**, Douglas Byrd High School, "I May Never"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Tanya Simpson**, E. E. Smith High School, "My Truest Friend"

### **General Public**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Betty Jane Chavis** "My Rescue"

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Stella Ward Whitlock** "Baby Blanket"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Edgar Hunt** "Love Valley"

## **2006**

### **UNCP Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Tiffany Nicole Alford** "Through Your Eyes"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Hillary Helms** "A Mother's Colors"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Katrina Y. Tatum** "Ask the Little Bird"

### **High School Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Ashley Burch**, Cross Creek High School, "That Feeling"

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Ceira Walker**, Scotland High School, "Feel: A Brief Reflection"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Kaitlin Monroe**, Scotland High School, "My Inspiration"

### **General Public**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Alicia Jiles** "Little Girl"

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **James Bass** "Indian Summer"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Elizabeth C. Burgess** "Piney Top Mountain"

## **2007**

### **UNCP Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Amanda L. Merry** “The First Degree Tournament”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Francis Bayog** “No Place for Poets”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Carine Francois** “Reading Between the Lines”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Morgan Lucas** “The First Law of Nature”

### **High School Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Alexandra Herndon**, Fayetteville Academy, “Being a Teenage Girl”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Jessie Gabrielle Locklear**, Purnell Swett High School, “A Soldier’s Prayer”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Zachary Ward**, Dillon Christian School, “Warrior’s Ride”

### **General Public**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Robert Arndt** “Ezekiel at the Blackboard”

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Alicia Jiles** “Charlatan”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Jenny Bruns** “Man-Made Death”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Yvonne Barnes Dial** “That Visit Home”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Stella Ward Whitlock** “Those Soap Opera Blues”

## **2008**

### **UNCP Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Katrina Y. Tatum** “The Strange Fruit”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Hannah Simpson** “Success”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Francis Jayrick Bayog** “The Warmest Winter”

### **High School Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Julia Dent**, Lumberton Senior High School, “The Willow”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Reba Anne Ingram**, Dillon Christian School “Class of 2008”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Wilbert Hunt**, Purnell Swett High School, “True Love”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Wade Redfearn**, Lumberton Senior High School, “Pixelblush”

### **General Public**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Megan Elizabeth Monish** “Dionysian Bees”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Margaret Mason Tate** “Implication”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Emily Threlkeld** “Terminal”

## **2009**

### **UNCP Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Carine Francois** “Porcelain Doll”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Sabrina Taylor** “The Melody of Life”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Charles Grant Merritt** “Wind in My Hair, Sun on My Face”

### **High School Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Sarah Cheyenne Gambrel**, Purnell Swett High School, “The Secret Thoughts of a College Applicant”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Julia Dent**, Lumberton Senior High School, “The Morning Glory”

### **General Public**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Jenny Bruns** “Michelangelo”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Shawn C. Mincik** “Joy Ride”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Dr. Patrick Cabe** “Wallflower Cowboy”

## **2010**

### **UNCP Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Jane T. Pait** “Dance Hall Girl or Southern Belle”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Grant Merritt** “The Space between the Nail and the Hammer”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Darius Johnson** “Ramen”

### **High School Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Mercedes Bright**, Purnell Swett High School, “Papa”

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Julia Dent**, Lumberton Senior High School, “The Snow”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Stoney Mark Locklear**, Purnell Swett High School, “For the Love of the Race”

### **General Public**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Jerry Turner** “A Simple Poem”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Jane Haladay** “Road Prayer”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Sherry O. Lofton** “Don’t Want to Die”

## 2011

### **UNCP Students**

1st Place | **Joshua Webb** “Away Party”

2nd Place | **Maria Beth Hockaday** “Too Early”

3rd Place | **Beth Helsinger** “Reading My Brother’s Eyes”

### **High School Students**

1st Place | **Emily McLamb**, Cape Fear High School, “Drive”

2nd Place | **Addison Fisher**, Cape Fear High School, “Silence before the Storm”

3rd Place | **Matthew Godwin**, Purnell Swett High School, “Crumbled Cracker”

### **General Public**

1st Place | **Dr. Jane Haladay** “It Would Be Enough (for Jack)”

2nd Place | **Jane Pait** “The Haunting”

3rd Place | **Katrina Tatum** “Menopause”

## 2012

### **UNCP Students**

1st Place | **Samantha Cornwell** “Conrad Station, a Ghost Town”

2nd Place | **Michael Gordon Byrd** “Tomorrow”

3rd Place | **Veronica Tillman** “Plight of the Negro”

### **High School Students**

1st Place | **Scott Cherichella**, Flora Macdonald Academy, “Empty”

1st Place | **Amanda Coffman**, East Columbus High School, “The Author and Her Creation”

3rd Place | **Trinity Davis**, Cross Creek Early College High School, “My Sister Went to Heaven  
and I Got Too Much Stuff to Tell Her”

3rd Place | **Harris Hamed-McClean**, Cross Creek Early College High School, “The Father that I  
Never Knew”

### **General Public**

1st Place | **Dr. Stan Knick** “The Bishop’s Chair, Savannah”

2nd Place | **Dr. Jane Haladay** “Evening after Rain”

3rd Place | **Tony Rex Chavis** “The Visitors”



## **2013**

### **UNCP Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Zachary R. Lunn** “Everything Ends”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Michael Curtis Houck** “Play Fort”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Isaiah Daniel** “Glass Moon”

### **High School Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Harris Hamed**, Cross Creek Early College High School “For the Sake of the Forgotten”

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Nicholas I. Hill**, Cape Fear High School, “The Subtle Bite”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Logan Frederick**, Lumberton High School, “A Tale of Heroism and Dental Hygiene”

### **General Public**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Julia Dent** “The Icicles”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Dr. Jane Haladay** “Memorial Day: Rosebud Reservation, Lakota Nation, SD”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Dr. Eric Dent** “The Last Time?”

## **2014**

### **UNCP Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Quincee Tompkins** “A Place Forgotten”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **M. Gordon Byrd** “Don’t Forget Me”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Zachary Lunn** “Smoking Cessation”

### **High School Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Colleen Locklear**, Purnell-Swett High School, “Love is for the Birds”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Jack Frederick**, Lumberton High School, “Bartholomew Baxley and the Tale of Forbidden Love”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Lauren Colonair**, North Temple Academy, “The Card”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Sequoyah Barton**, Purnell-Swett High School, “Take It Slow”

### **General Public**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Jean Sexton** “But I Dream of Green”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Jennifer Lowry** “I think I will be...”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Mary-Louise Witmore** “Kept”

## **2015**

### **UNCP Students**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Zachary Lunn** “Spousal Support”  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Kathryn Caroline Kelly** “What Goes Up”  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Jack Pevyhouse** “A Scarecrow and a Poettree”

### **High School Students**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Briana M. Branch**, SandHoke Early College High School, “The New Lost Generation”  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Nicolle M. Rentas-Rodriguez**, SandHoke Early College High School, “One- Thousand Pages in One Lifetime”  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Martina Litty**, Scotland Early College High School, “Dear Lily”

### **General Public**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Marie Louise Witmore** “Alzheimer’s”  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Dr. Jane Haladay** “In Time”  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Dr. Stanley Knick** “Not Too Long”

## **2016**

### **UNCP Students**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Zachary Lunn** “A Contract Flight from Kuwait International Airport”  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Rebecca Wey** “Stop This Train”  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Joanne Bradshaw** “The Name”

### **High School Students**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Allyson Miller**, SandHoke Early College High School, “Forgotten Warmth”  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Nicolle Rentas-Rodriguez**, SandHoke Early College High School, “The Mother Who Created Earth”  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Alexandra Rye**, East Columbus High School, “Flaw Analysis, and Why Honey Bees Don’t Care for Them”

### **General Public**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Marcia Long** “Forty-five”  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Robert Arndt** “Meditation, without Cursor”  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Amelia Philbrook** “Experiencing Snow”

## **2017**

### **UNCP Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Morgan Butler Feltz** “Black Earth, Man’s Classic”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Cayce Carson** “Not Your Grandfather’s Mother Nature”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Kimberly Fuqua** “Woman in the Mirror”

### **High School Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Martina Litty**, Scotland Early College High School “Loss”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Alyson Horn**, Hoke County High School, “My To-Do List”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Michaela York**, SandHoke Early College High School, “The Window”

### **General Public**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Robert Arndt** “Old Man, Mowing Grass”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Marie L. Witmore** “The Child-Creature”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Barbara Collins** “This Business of the Cross”

## **2018**

### **UNCP Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Morgan Butler Feltz** “The President Is Writing Me Love Letters”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Tatiana D. Cleveland** “Hypnopompia”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Citori Swink** “Butterflies”

### **High School Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Nakiya B. Locklear**, Scotland High School, “Where I’m From”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Martina Litty**, Scotland Early College High School, “Rest”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Collin Dunn**, St. Pauls High School, “Theatre”

### **General Public**

1<sup>st</sup> Place | **Jane Haladay**, “Kith (All the Beautiful Radiant Beings)”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place | **Tonya Elk Locklear**, “Ebb & Flo of Life's Dream”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place | **Debora Henderson**, “Hungry Sky”