
2000

UNCP Students
1st Place | Angela Heck “To Ride”
2nd Place | Angela Heck “My Hero”
3rd Place | Sherry Oxendine Lofton “Proud to Be Me”

UNCP Faculty
1st Place | James Bass “All Hallow’s Eve”
2nd Place | Cindy Saylor “An Evening with the Ads”
3rd Place | Caverlen Locklear “My Grandparents”

Robeson County High School Juniors and Seniors
1st Place | Jedidiah B. Locklear “Friends Forever”
2nd Place | Latanya Smith “Put That on Everything”
3rd Place | Jeri Egan “untitled poem”

Robeson County Residents and Friends of the Sampson-Livermore Library
1st Place | Julia Wilkerson Burns “River Wind”
2nd Place | Venita Jenkins “Viper”
3rd Place | H. J. Brooks “Choppers”
2001

UNCP Students

1st Place | Gwen Marie Simmons “From Darkness to Light: Thank You Mom”
2nd Place | Deana Leach “To Kate Chopin”
3rd Place | Lyzanne Charles “I Always Feel as If”

UNCP Faculty

1st Place | James Michael Bass “Into the Night”
1st Place | David W. Young “Grandpa Bass”
3rd Place | Reid Austin “My Dog Is Dead”

Area High School Students

1st Place | Jarius McNair “Who’s to Blame?”
2nd Place | Elizabeth Fuller “What Is a Poem?”
3rd Place | Joshua Wayne Borror “The Last Win”
3rd Place | Bethany Brooks “Loneliness”
3rd Place | Christopher B. Van Vlaanderen “Passageway”

General Public/Friends of the Library

1st Place | Chastity Michelle Sellers “I Am”
2nd Place | M. Carole Blanc “A Delicate Thing”
3rd Place | Jenny D. Scott “Little Eyes and Ears”
2002

UNCP Students
1st Place | Phyliss Annelle Waldron  "Unction"
2nd Place | Catharin Lawrence Shepard  "Destinations Unimagined"
3rd Place | Khalil Shakeel  "The State of the States"

UNCP Faculty
1st Place | William Bruce Ezell  "Dies Horribilis"
1st Place | James Michael Bass  "And the River Kept Flowing"
3rd Place | R.W. (Bob) Reising  "Bias"

High School Students
1st Place | Tiffany Clark  "Innocence"
2nd Place | Melissa Rebecca Tearry  "Deadlines"
3rd Place | Ryan Roth-Roffy  "America"
3rd Place | Susan Amanda Smith  "New Shoes"
3rd Place | Jessica Webb  "Just Another Day at the Beach"

General Public
1st Place | Jo Elaine Harrison  "The Tractor"
2nd Place | John Arnold  "In Circles by the River"
3rd Place | Stella Ward Whitlock  "Literally"
2003

UNCP Students
1st Place | Jerry Turner "Poetry"
2nd Place | Lesley Rene Cafferta "In Each Other's Eyes"
3rd Place | Tiffany Nicole Alford "Heart Vacancy"
3rd Place | Christopher Harris "If I Should Die Today"
3rd Place | Millicent Strickland "The Discovery"

High School Students
1st Place | Stephen Alexander Rowe "The Rock"
2nd Place | Rochelle D. Davis "Precious"
3rd Place | Aaron Nowiski “Alive to Die"

General Public
1st Place | Garrett Flagg "Children"
1st Place | Stella Ward Whitlock "Ocean Night"
3rd Place | Nathan Whitt "Secondary Questions about Divinity"
2004
UNCP Students
1st Place | Jaime Lynn Clark "Riverdrop Coat"
2nd Place | D'Arcee C. Neal "Paradox"
3rd Place | Andrea Vukcevic "Amateur Poet"

High School Students
1st Place | Kayla Hayes, Lumberton Senior High School, "Teenager"
1st Place | Sylvia Ann Taylor, Red Springs High School, "Should I Go"
3rd Place | Nicole Moore, Fairmont High School, "I'm Still Hanging On"

General Public
1st Place | Nathan Whitt, Lumberton, "Exploring Geography"
1st Place | Jack Autry, Red Springs, "If I Had But One Dream"
3rd Place | Steven Byrd, Lumberton, "Bricklayer"

2005
UNCP Students
1st Place | Timothy Clark "Why"
2nd Place | Monica-Lynn Bryan "Mirrored Image"
2nd Place | Sonia Jackson “Only a Glimpse"

High School Students
1st Place | Ryan Roth-Roffy, Northwood Temple, "Everyday Heroes"
2nd Place | Ammy Sun McGuire, Douglas Byrd High School, "I May Never"
2nd Place | Tanya Simpson, E. E. Smith High School, "My Truest Friend"

General Public
1st Place | Betty Jane Chavis "My Rescue"
1st Place | Stella Ward Whitlock "Baby Blanket"
3rd Place | Edgar Hunt "Love Valley"
2006

UNCP Students
1st Place | Tiffany Nicole Alford "Through Your Eyes"
2nd Place | Hillary Helms "A Mother's Colors"
3rd Place | Katrina Y. Tatum "Ask the Little Bird"

High School Students
1st Place | Ashley Burch, Cross Creek High School, "That Feeling"
1st Place | Ceaira Walker, Scotland High School, "Feel: A Brief Reflection"
3rd Place | Kaitlin Monroe, Scotland High School, "My Inspiration"

General Public
1st Place | Alicia Jiles "Little Girl"
1st Place | James Bass "Indian Summer"
3rd Place | Elizabeth C. Burgess "Piney Top Mountain"
2007

UNCP Students
1st Place | Amanda L. Merry “The First Degree Tournament”
2nd Place | Francis Bayog “No Place for Poets”
3rd Place | Carine Francois “Reading Between the Lines”
3rd Place | Morgan Lucas “The First Law of Nature”

High School Students
1st Place | Alexandra Herndon, Fayetteville Academy, “Being a Teenage Girl”
2nd Place | Jessie Gabrielle Locklear, Purnell Swett High School, “A Soldier’s Prayer”
3rd Place | Zachary Ward, Dillon Christian School, “Warrior’s Ride”

General Public
1st Place | Robert Arndt “Ezekiel at the Blackboard”
1st Place | Alicia Jiles “Charlatan”
3rd Place | Jenny Bruns “Man-Made Death”
3rd Place | Yvonne Barnes Dial “That Visit Home”
3rd Place | Stella Ward Whitlock “Those Soap Opera Blues”
2008

UNCP Students

1st Place | Katrina Y. Tatum “The Strange Fruit”
2nd Place | Hannah Simpson “Success”
3rd Place | Francis Jayrick Bayog “The Warmest Winter”

High School Students

1st Place | Julia Dent, Lumberton Senior High School, “The Willow”
2nd Place | Reba Anne Ingram, Dillon Christian School “Class of 2008”
3rd Place | Wilbert Hunt, Purnell Swett High School, “True Love”
3rd Place | Wade Redfearn, Lumberton Senior High School, “Pixelblush”

General Public

1st Place | Megan Elizabeth Monish “Dionysian Bees”
2nd Place | Margaret Mason Tate “Implication”
3rd Place | Emily Threlkeld “Terminal”
2009

UNCP Students

1st Place | Carine Francois “Porcelain Doll”
2nd Place | Sabrina Taylor “The Melody of Life”
3rd Place | Charles Grant Merritt “Wind in My Hair, Sun on My Face”

High School Students

1st Place | Sarah Cheyenne Gambrel, Purnell Swett High School, “The Secret Thoughts of a College Applicant”
2nd Place | Julia Dent, Lumberton Senior High School, “The Morning Glory”

General Public

1st Place | Jenny Bruns “Michelangelo”
2nd Place | Shawn C. Mincik “Joy Ride”
3rd Place | Dr. Patrick Cabe “Wallflower Cowboy”

2010

UNCP Students

1st Place | Jane T. Pait “Dance Hall Girl or Southern Belle”
2nd Place | Grant Merritt “The Space between the Nail and the Hammer”
3rd Place | Darius Johnson “Ramen”

High School Students

1st Place | Mercedes Bright, Purnell Swett High School, “Papa”
1st Place | Julia Dent, Lumberton Senior High School, “The Snow”
3rd Place | Stoney Mark Locklear, Purnell Swett High School, “For the Love of the Race”

General Public

1st Place | Jerry Turner “A Simple Poem”
2nd Place | Jane Haladay “Road Prayer”
3rd 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
1st Place | Zachary R. Lunn “Everything Ends”
2nd Place | Michael Curtis Houck “Play Fort”
3rd Place | Isaiah Daniel “Glass Moon”

High School Students
1st Place | Harris Hamed, Cross Creek Early College High School “For the Sake of the Forgotten”
1st Place | Nicholas I. Hill, Cape Fear High School, “The Subtle Bite”
3rd Place | Logan Frederick, Lumberton High School, “A Tale of Heroism and Dental Hygiene”

General Public
1st Place | Julia Dent “The Icicles”
2nd Place | Dr. Jane Haladay “Memorial Day: Rosebud Reservation, Lakota Nation, SD”
3rd Place | Dr. Eric Dent “The Last Time?”

2014

UNCP Students
1st Place | Quincee Tompkins “A Place Forgotten”
2nd Place | M. Gordon Byrd “Don’t Forget Me”
2nd Place | Zachary Lunn “Smoking Cessation”

High School Students
1st Place | Colleen Locklear, Purnell-Swett High School, “Love is for the Birds”
2nd Place | Jack Frederick, Lumberton High School, “Bartholomew Baxley and the Tale of Forbidden Love”
3rd Place | Lauren Colonair, North Temple Academy, “The Card”
3rd Place | Sequoyah Barton, Purnell-Swett High School, “Take It Slow”

General Public
1st Place | Jean Sexton “But I Dream of Green”
2nd Place | Jennifer Lowry “I think I will be…”
2nd Place | Mary-Louise Witmore “Kept”
2015

UNCP Students
1st Place | Zachary Lunn “Spousal Support”
2nd Place | Kathryn Caroline Kelly “What Goes Up”
3rd Place | Jack Pevyhouse “A Scarecrow and a Poettree”

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

General Public
1st Place | Marie Louise Witmore “Alzheimer’s”
2nd Place | Dr. Jane Haladay “In Time”
3rd Place | Dr. Stanley Knick “Not Too Long”
2016

UNCP Students

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

High School Students

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

General Public

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

2017

UNCP Students

1st Place | Morgan Butler Feltz “Black Earth, Man’s Classic”
2nd Place | Cayce Carson “Not Your Grandfather’s Mother Nature”
3rd Place | Kimberly Fuqua “Woman in the Mirror”

High School Students

1st Place | Martina Litty, Scotland Early College High School “Loss”
2nd Place | Alyson Horn, Hoke County High School, “My To-Do List”
3rd Place | Michaela York, SandHoke Early College High School, “The Window”

General Public

1st Place | Robert Arndt “Old Man, Mowing Grass”
2nd Place | Marie L. Witmore “The Child-Creature”
3rd Place | Barbara Collins “This Business of the Cross”
2018

UNCP Students
1st Place | Morgan Butler Feltz, “The President Is Writing Me Love Letters”
2nd Place | Tatiana D. Cleveland, “Hypnopompia”
3rd Place | Citori Swink, “Butterflies”

High School Students
1st Place | Nakiya B. Locklear, Scotland High School, “Where I'm From”
2nd Place | Martina Litty, Scotland Early College High School, “Rest”
3rd Place | Collin Dunn, St. Pauls High School, “Theatre”

General Public
1st Place | Jane Haladay, “Kith (All the Beautiful Radiant Beings)”
2nd Place | Tonya Elk Locklear, “Ebb & Flo of Life's Dream”
3rd Place | Debora Henderson, “Hungry Sky”

2019

UNCP Students
1st Place | Joshua Wayne Webb, “Cactus Buffalo”
2nd Place | Courtney Maria Williams, “Oh, Heck!”
3rd Place | Deann Andrews, “Red Ribbons”

High School Students
1st Place | Olivia Abriel McCoy, Scotland County High School, “Fusion”
2nd Place | Benjamyn Charles Elliott, Cape Fear High School, “Connotation”
3rd Place | Alexis Marie Gathings, Richmond Early College H.S., “No Beauty in Bones”