As we end the Fall semester, may you get enough sleep to finish your projects well, find time to review and study, and stay healthy.

KEEP CALM AND GET READY FOR FINAL EXAM!
FIRST ANNUAL WRITING CONTEST WINNERS!

Poet Karen Lee Lewis, a member Villa’s Creative Writing and Literature Advisory Council, served as judge for our first creative writing contest.

The Fiction Winners are:

   Maria Liegl for an untitled story
   Ryan Weatherbee for “Seven”

Poetry Winners are:

   Gregory John for “Mr. Rubbish Bear”
   Tommy Summage for “The Process”
   Ashley Smith “Each night”

Playwriting:

   Victoria Cobel “Walking with the Night Man”

The winners will receive gift cards to the Villa Bookstore. Please see Professor Joyce Kessel for your awards.

Thanks to all who entered. Your submissions will be considered for publication in the 2016 SKALD here on campus!

“And what, you ask, does writing teach us? First and foremost, it reminds us that we are alive and that it is a gift and a privilege, not a right.”

- Ray Bradbury
Ideally you have registered for Spring, but in case you are still deciding on courses, here’s a playlist of courses, some of which have or are near establishing waiting lists:

**SPRING ’16 Liberal Arts & Core Offerings**

American Sign Language 2 – Global and Historical Contexts – J. Higgins

Astronomy at night (obviously) w/ a Lab -- Scientific Understanding – T. Baker

General Biology w/ a lab -- Scientific Understanding – C. Bosinski

Chemistry w/ a lab -- Scientific Understanding

Microeconomics  -- Business course -- Social & Behavioral Perspectives – S. Thomas

ENG 102 Introduction to Literature  -- Literary Expression – J. Kessel, Dr. Rivera

ENG 103 English Composition 2 – various instructors

ENG 221 Creative Writing - a General Elective – J. Kessel

ENG 322 British Literature -- Literary Expression – E. Battaglia

ENG 392 new course -- Exploring the Contemporary Superhero -- Literary Expression – E. Battaglia and A. Weekley

ENG 393 new course -- Literary Criticism -- Literary Expression – Dr. Rivera

World Civilization 2 -- Global and Historical Contexts – Dr. Meyer

History of US 2 -- Global and Historical Contexts – Dr. Kohler

Liberal Arts Capstone – E. Battaglia

Introduction to College Mathematics w/ lab -- Quantitative Literacy – T. Baker
Probability & Statistics w/ lab-- Quantitative Literacy – T. Baker

Ethics –Dr. Monnin’s section has a Service Learning component -- Philosophical Thought

Philosophy of Person -- on-line - Philosophical Thought – Dr. Hartnett

General Physics w / lab (MAT 111 is a pre-requisite) -- Scientific Understanding – R. Pikas

General Psychology --Social & Behavioral Perspectives – Dr. Doerr

Developmental Psychology --Social & Behavioral Perspectives – Dr. Doerr

Cognitive Psychology -- Social & Behavioral Perspectives (should have taken PSY 101 General Psychology prior) – E. Goddard

Social Psychology -- Social & Behavioral Perspectives -- Dr. Meyer

Abnormal Psychology - Social & Behavioral Perspectives—Dr. Doerr

Introduction to Religious Thought & Practice -- service learning component) Religious Thought – Dr. Monnin

Sociology of the Family -- Social & Behavioral Perspectives – Dr. Meyer

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**ON FINAL EXAMS from campus.ie by Emily Bodkin:**

“It’s that time of year again. This is when the hair starts to turn grey, sleep is lost and your stress levels reach an alarmingly high level.

Yes ladies and gents: it's exam season. Although it only seems like yesterday that you sat in a stuffy exam hall and cried over the fact that you didn’t read that section of your notes that would have helped you answer the question, you are back at square one again. It’s time to brush off the study cobwebs and get your head buried academic journals and reports.
Even if you are one of the lucky few who escape the trials of exams; you are most likely drowning in a pile of continuous assessment assignments. No one is a winner at this time of year. While you can’t avoid deadlines, you have to stop procrastinating and get your working cap on.”