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VILLA MARIA UNDERGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM

The Liberal Arts Department, under the direction of Dr. Ann Rivera, will host what is to be the first annual Undergraduate Symposium on **Thursday March 10 from 11 am- noon** in various rooms on the first floor of the Main Building. The call for creative, innovative and thoughtful work created by Villa students went out late last semester and the initial response will allow for 3 panels of student presenters.

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LITERARY NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Attention all poets & writers: WRITERS' CIRCLE gathering on Thursday March 3 on the 2nd floor of Felician Hall.
- Congratulations to Anastasia Spanhake on the publication of her poem "Shackles of Society" in the December 2015 issue of Anthro/zine. Check it out at http://anthronow.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/1503_AnthroZine.pdf
- Thanks to the initiative of Creative Writing & Lit major De-jon Brice, there is a designated space in the Library to showcase students' creative writing. The Library staff will rotate pieces out as they receive new ones and prefer digital submissions, so any interested students should email their poetry or short fiction to Molly Maloney [mmaloney@villa.edu].

- Congratulations to CW & Lit major Phillip Lee and his students in the Phoenix City Presentation for garnering sixth place, receiving 80 out of 80 points for presentation and winning the Spirit Award for “Most Inspiring Essay.” Check out the video at [Phoenix_City_2116_Presentation.MP4](#). See photo later in this issue of the creative and inspiring youngsters with their mentor Phil!
- The March issue of Buffalo Spree spotlights Earth’s Daughters and their 45 years of celebrating women’s writing. Joyce Kessel is a member of the editorial collective and will be reading with co-editors Kastle Brill, Jen Campbell, Janna Willoughby-Lohr and ryki zuckerman in honor of Women’s History Month at Daemen College on Wednesday March 23 at 7 pm.

E.D. will also be reading in Rochester on Friday April 8 at RIT in the Eastman Auditorium at 3 pm and at Writers & Books at 7 pm.

CALL FOR STUDENT CREATIVE WORK: SKALD ’16!

The deadline for submission to SKALD, Villa’s student creative arts magazine is **Friday April 8**. You can email written work to Joyce Kessel at jkessel@villa.edu. Visual work can be submitted to Bob Grizanti – he will be providing guidelines shortly. We urge all work to have titles! (It is one area we get marked down for every year – a lack of titles, especially on artwork).

CORE VALUE: JUSTICE & PEACE

“Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither

persons nor property will be safe.”

- Frederick Douglass

A PEACE PRAYER

by Tiffany DeJesus

We live in a world with so much destruction
So much to rebuild, endless construction.
I just don't understand, so much fear.
Can someone please make it clear
That we don't have to shed another tear?
Somehow -- look forward to better years
If only we could come together,
Maybe to look forward to forever.
But wait, what am I saying?
Let me take a second to continue praying.
I've only begun displaying
I stand before you shaking,
But brave enough to say
all I wish for is better days...
But in the end I realize that hope is fading away...

