

WV Young Writers Day Schedule 2024

University of Charleston May 3, 2024

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Registration - Riggleman Hall

9:00-9:15 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies - Riggleman Hall Auditorium

Introduction: **Dr. Barbara O'Byrne**, Director, Central WV Writing Project

Welcome: **Dr. Martin Roth**, President, University of Charleston

Greetings: **Ms. Michele Blatt**, State Superintendent of Schools, West Virginia Department of Education

Presentation: **Mr. Randall- Reid Smith**, Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Arts, Culture & History. On behalf of Governor Jim Justice

Presentation: Laura Tracy Baisden Exemplary Teaching of Writing Award

9:15-9:45 a.m.

Keynote Presentation Ashley Belote

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Young Writers Workshops

Anna Smucker

Grades 1-2, Erma Byrd Gallery (Riggleman Hall, 3rd floor)

Ashley Belote

Grades 3-4, Appalachian Room (Geary Student Union, GSU, 2nd floor)

Daniel Boyd

Grades 5-6, Frankenberger Art Gallery (Geary Student Union, GSU 2nd floor)

Patricia Miller

Grades 7-9, Riggleman Hall Room 134

Marc Harshman

Grades 10-12 Riggleman Hall, Room 120

Helen Southall

Pre-registered teachers, Riggleman Hall, Room 123

Parents and Other Adults

*Join Dr. Stephanie Burdette for a writing activity,
Ballroom, 3rd floor of Geary Student Union*

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Lunch

Lunch tickets will be provided for the student, their two accompanying guests, and teachers. Due to limited food service staffing, no additional meals will be made available.

Students in grades 1-6 will be dismissed at 11:00 and must be picked up by a parent or guardian for lunch.

Students in grades 7-12 will be dismissed for lunch at 11:10 a.m.

Box Lunches served outside, patio area of the Clay Tower

In the event of inclement weather, lunches will be served in the 3rd floor ballroom. The ballroom and rooms used for student workshops will be made available for lunch seating.

Dignitaries Luncheon

Staunton Annex

12:00-12:30 p.m.

Author Tables and Book Sales

Riggleman Hall Rotunda

12:30-1:00 p.m.

Student Lineup

Grand Entrance on 3rd floor hallway of Riggleman Hall

Students only - please no parents

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Awards Ceremony, Riggleman Auditorium

Readings by first place state winners

Recognition of county winners.

Please no photos during handing out of certificates; a designated photographer will take photos of all winners. Photos will be posted on the WVDE website.

3:00 p.m.

Drawing of Door Prizes

*West Virginia Book Company will have books and CDs for sale in the Rotunda in Riggleman Hall.
Authors/Presenters may be available to sign books/CDs there from 12:00-12:30 p.m.
University of Charleston Admissions staff will have an information station available in the Rotunda from 8:00 –
1:00 for any interested high school students or parents.*

