

Introduction

We proudly present the anthology of the 2008 West Virginia Young Writers contest. It showcases the stories of 19 students who first won in their counties in their age divisions and then won in the state contest. These Young Writers represent 26 counties from around the state. Included are the winners of first, second, and third place in each age/grade category, plus the winner of the Barbara W. Walters Memorial College Scholarship. The work of grade 12 writers who were awarded honorable mention for this scholarship will be published online:

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The West Virginia Young Writers Contest has honored good writing by our state's students in grades one through twelve for 24 years. The contest is an initiative of West Virginia's writing project sites: NWP@West Virginia University, Central West Virginia Writing Project at Marshall University, South Charleston campus, and Marshall University Writing Project in Huntington which includes satellite site Coalfield Writers. The 2008 contest was co-directed by Barbara Holmes, director of the Central West Virginia Writing Project, and by Terry Reale, coordinator of English and language arts, West Virginia Department of Education,