

2009 West Virginia Young Writers Anthology

May 2009

Introduction

We proudly present the anthology of the 2009 West Virginia Young Writers contest. It showcases the stories of 23 students who first won in their counties in their age divisions and then won at the state level. These Young Writers represent 19 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. In addition to the scholarship winner, six “Honorable Mention” essays are included here as well.

The West Virginia Young Writers Contest has honored good writing by our state’s students in grades one through twelve for 25 years. The contest is an initiative of the West Virginia Department of Education and 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 2009 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, WVDE.

2009 Credits

WV Young Writers Steering Committee 2009

Terry Reale, WV Department of Education
Dr. Jo Blackwood, University of Charleston
Dr. Paige Carney, University of Charleston
Karen Dillon, Coalfield Writers
Mary Hawkins, Coalfield Writers

Barbara Holmes, MUGC, CWVWP
Paul Epstein, CWVWP
Doug Walters, Community Representative
Carolyn Whitlock, University of Charleston
Patricia Banning, CWVWP

WV Young Writers Judges 2009

Barbara Holmes: MUGC
Patricia Banning: Putnam
Mary Hawkins: Logan
Lou Chafin: Kanawha
Jessica Chafin: Member at Large
Carol Mathis: Kanawha

Travis Vandal: Kanawha
Jennifer Allen: Kanawha
Kelly Rucker: Kanawha
Barbara Lewis: Kanawha
Karen Dillon: Logan

Young Writers Contest and Celebration Day is sponsored by

*West Virginia Department of Education
Marshall University Graduate College
University of Charleston
The Charleston Daily Mail*

Editor of the 2009 Young Writers Anthology: Travis Vandal

