



I'm very pleased to join you all this evening in celebrating an exceptional group of Student Award honorees. The competition for this year's awards was considerable; the Awards Committee had a large and formidable pool of submissions from which to choose. Members of the English department faculty and I have composed brief descriptions of this year's awards recipients and runners up, and I'll read them now, after which, my colleague Joe Torchia will read descriptions of our First Year Composition awards recipients.

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