

2025 Awards

The KU English Department recognizes the following undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty members for the 2024-2025 academic year.

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

THE KENNETH ROCKWELL AWARD

For excellence in the study of literature based upon the submission of one critical essay and a Degree Progress Report

1st Place Tie:

- **Tiffany Fritz**, "The Imperial Propaganda of Supernatural Racialization in White Proto-feminist Literature"
- **Evan Barton**, "Vanishing Mammy at the Color Line: Racial Essentialism and Cultural Discourse in *Black No More* and *Passing*"

THE WILLIAM ALBRECHT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For a significant research project based upon a research proposal. Recipient must be a graduate student enrolled in English at the University of Kansas and returning to KU for at least one more semester of study

- **Jess House & Emma Webster**, for their proposal "A Student-Facing Critical Edition of "Ithuriel," a Proto-Feminist Short Story from 1798 by Anonymous with Emendations by Novelist Jane Porter"

DR. ANNE MARIE TURNER AWARD

For outstanding research in the field of American literature:

- **Tiffany Fritz**

MARGARET FULLER AWARD

For scholarship in Feminist studies:

- **Abisola Akinsiku**

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT TEACHING AWARDS

OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTOR AWARD

The Department of English at the University of Kansas recognizes Graduate Teaching Assistants or Lecturers who have distinguished themselves by the quality of their teaching:

- **Divya Bhalla**
- **Iain Ellis**
- **Tiffany Fritz**

THE MABEL S. FRY AWARD

For excellence in teaching based upon nominations by undergraduate and graduate students of the department:

- **Dr. Sarah Ngoh**

THE SELDEN LINCOLN WHITCOMB FELLOWSHIP

For excellence in scholastic research and promise in the field of teaching based upon a short personal statement, one critical essay, and evidence of exemplary classroom teaching:

- **Emily Council**

STEPHEN F. EVANS AWARD

For excellence in course development. The Department of English at the University of Kansas recognizes Graduate Teaching Assistants or Lecturers who have distinguished themselves by the quality of their course design and development:

- **Abby Breyer**
- **Tiffany Fritz**

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

FIRST YEAR WRITING AWARDS

For excellence in writing for papers written in fulfillment of assignments in English 101, 102, and 105
ENGL 101:

- **Red King**
- **Zoe Nasits**
- **Abby Khoshabe**

ENGL 102:

- **Emma Likens**
- **Maya Chaparala Kabir**
- **Ilana Levenberg**

ENGL 105:

- **Abdullah Asif**

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN 200-LEVEL WRITING

For excellence in writing for papers written in fulfillment of assignments in ENGL 203, 209, 210, and 211

- **Kaila Adams**

ELLIE STRATMAN AWARD

For writing about the arts

- **Charitha Lakkireddy**

JOHN F. EBERHARDT EXCELLENCE IN WRITING AWARD

For English double major or English minor

- **Eleni Chapas**
- **Wyatt Vaughn**

THE HELEN RHODA HOOPES AWARD

For the best essay submitted in fulfillment of a regular class assignment by an undergraduate student

- **Evyn Gadd**
- **Joohye Oh**
- **Madeleine Morris**
- **Maizie Ferguson**
- **Ellen Miller**

ILUS W. DAVIS AWARD

For excellence in expository writing by undergraduate students

- **Cara Broel**
- **Clare Hawkins**
- **Leah Heischmidt**

KENNETH ROCKWELL AWARD

For excellence in the study of literature

- **Naomi James**

SEAN PAUZAUSKIE LITERATURE AND MEDICINE AWARD

For students considering a career in healthcare

- **Emma Buck-Stewart**

BYRON SANTANGELO WRITING PRIZE

For excellence in writing in the environmental humanities

- **Maddie Souser**

OUTSTANDING SENIORS

- **Cara Broel**
- **Ellis Conover**
- **Emilia Gibbs**
- **Myles Gilmer**
- **Clare Hawkins**
- **Jaydn Hayes**
- **Naomi James**
- **Michael Koch**
- **Betsey Lewis**
- **Jake Makela**
- **Alexandra Meyer**
- **Madeleine Morris**
- **Joohye Oh**
- **Sam Schaper**

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT WRITING AWARDS

THE WILLIAM HERBERT CARRUTH MEMORIAL POETRY CONTEST

For undergraduate students based upon the submission of one to three poems

- **Cecilia Moreno**
- **Grace Miller**
- **Magnolia Foster**

THE EDGAR WOLFE AWARD IN FICTION

For best short story by an undergraduate

1st Place (Tie):

- **Hazel Sylvester**
- **Elanie Sturgeon**

2nd Place (Tie):

- **Alexandra Meyer**
- **Luke Donovan**

3rd Place:

- **Priscilla Munoz**

THE THOMAS J. O'DONNELL AWARD IN CREATIVE NONFICTION

Graduate

- **Jude Patenaude**

Undergraduate

1st Place:

- **Naomi James**

2nd Place:

- **Elizabeth Rigney**

3rd Place:

- **Ellen Miller**

4th Place: **Trisha Nair**

5th Place:

- **Elizabeth Mooney**

THE MAXWELL NATURE WRITING CONTEST

For the best nature essay or nature-themed story

1st Place:

- **Elanie Sturgeon**

2nd Place:

- **Maizie Ferguson**

3rd Place:

- **Betsey Lewis**

4th Place:

- **Piper Essington**

THE GUNN CENTER AWARD FOR SPECULATIVE FICTION

For best science fiction, fantasy, or speculative fiction

Graduate

1st Place:

- **Natalie Wolf**, "The Writing on the Walls"

Runner-up:

- **Tiffany Fritz**, "Free Magic"

Undergraduate

1st Place:

- **Alexandra Meyer**, "Rent, Electric, Water"

2nd Place:

- **Cara Broel**, "To Dream in Another Language"

3rd Place:

- **Jaydn Hayes**, "Observation Detail, Detainment S7"

CYNTHIA REISS-CLARK WRITING AWARD

For undergraduate and graduate students in STEM fields whose writing about science makes topics broadly accessible to wider audiences

Graduate: **Evan Barton**

Undergraduate: **Wyatt Vaughn**