



## **24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PATERSON STUDENT POETRY CONTEST READING AND AWARD CEREMONY JUNE 8**

Sixty nine winners of the twenty-fourth annual Paterson Student Poetry Contest, first through twelfth grade, receive their awards at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, June 8, at the Passaic County Community College Theater, Ellison Street at Memorial Drive, Paterson, New Jersey. First and second prize winners will read their poems and receive cash prizes, and Honorable Mention winners will receive certificates.

The award ceremony celebrates the publication of the anthology What I Want to Tell You: Poems By The Young People Of Paterson. The poetry writing program is the result of collaboration between the Theater and Poetry Project (TAPP) and the Poetry Center, both at Passaic County Community College, and the Paterson Public Schools.

Among the dignitaries in attendance will be Dr. Steven M. Rose, President of Passaic County Community College and Dr. Donnie W. Evans, State District Superintendent.

The contest is the culmination of many poetry writing workshops led by professional poets in Paterson schools during the school year administered by TAPP. The poets inspired the students and guided them in expressing themselves through poetry. It was made possible by the principals and teachers who encouraged their students to participate in the contest, and through the generous support of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts / Department of State, and Passaic County Community College. For more information: contact: Susan Amsterdam (973) 684-6182.

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