



THE 19th ANNUAL PATERSON STUDENT POETRY CONTEST

READING AND AWARD CEREMONY

May 19 6:30 PM

**Passaic County Community College
Gymnasium – Ellison Street at Memorial Drive
Paterson, NJ**

Winners of the 19th annual Paterson Student Poetry Contest, first through twelfth grades, will read their winning poems and receive their awards on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at the Passaic County Community College Gymnasium, Ellison Street at Memorial Drive, Paterson, New Jersey. The ceremony begins at 6:30 pm, and a reception will follow the program.

Winners are chosen in the following categories: Grades 1- 4, Grades 5 - 8, and Grades 9 -12. First and Second prize winners will read their poems and receive cash prizes as well as award certificates; Honorable Mention winners receive award certificates. All winning poems are published in the anthology, *Paterson Kaleidoscope*, and copies of the publication will be distributed.

The contest is the culmination of many poetry and writing workshops that were held in Paterson schools during the school year sponsored by the *Theater and Poetry Project: A Language Arts Enrichment Partnership at Passaic County Community College*. The workshop leaders inspired the students and guided them in expressing themselves through poetry. It was made possible by the principals, teachers and librarians 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, the Paterson Schools, and Passaic County Community College*.

The program is a collaboration of the **Passaic County Community College's Theater and Poetry Project**, the **Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College**, and the **Paterson Public Schools**.

