

## College Writing Committee Announces The First Annual Student Writing Contest

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The PCCC College Writing Committee announces the inaugural Student Writing Contest now open to all PCCC college-level students.

Contestants must submit a 1,000 word essay, in regulation format, about the future of their chosen field of study. [\(Read more about topic guidelines\)](#)

The deadline for submission is October 10, 2014. Essays will be judged anonymously by PCCC faculty members, and prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners.

“We will be looking for well-organized, thoughtful essays that show originality and creativity and that are, of course, free of grammatical and spelling errors,” said Martha Brozyna, a history professor and Committee member.

The topic was chosen by the Committee to encourage both creative and academic writing skills. Though students may do research for their essays, Professor Brozyna said the emphasis should be on “personal narrative with original thought.”

She added, “The essay should motivate students to consider likely future developments in their majors and how such developments will impact their careers.”

The writing contest represents the first time the College Writing Committee has reached out directly to students, said Professor Brozyna. The Committee, she said, generally works “behind the scenes” with other faculty members to develop and implement initiatives that encourage and improve student writing in all subject areas, not just English classes.

“We want students to realize that writing doesn’t stop after college,” said Professor Brozyna. “Good writing will be an important part of their professional and personal life.

“They shouldn’t think of it as a chore; they should embrace it as a particularly liberating form of self-expression.”

[See the complete Contest Guidelines and Entry Requirements.](#)