

## **Kudos for our Students**

Seniors **Molly Hartzog** and **Rachael Loftin** and MA students **Raquel Hollingsworth** and **Ja'Net Blackmon** won the **Howell H. Gwin Memorial Scholarship**.

**Kiley Sullivan** and **Diamond Maxwell** won the **William H. Magruder Scholarship**.

MA students **Misty Smith** and **Raquel Hollingsworth** and senior **Lisa McMurtray** won the **Eugene Butler Creative Writing Award**.

**Elizabeth Teeple** received the **Peyton Ward Williams Distinguished Writing Award**.

**Josiah Meintz** won the **Linda Brasher/Mary Ann Dazey Award** for the best essay written in Advanced Composition

**Rachael Loftin** won the **Lewis and Betty Noland Book Award**.

Freshman English major **Ann Elizabeth** won third place in the **Maroon Edition Essay Contest**.

Research Assistants **Brandi Williams**, **Abigail Voller**, and **Jessica Mann** made significant contributions to one of Dr. Crossley's publications in *Language Testing*.

**Leslie Adams**, MA, has excelled in her creative writing PhD program at the University of Illinois.

**Misty Jameson**, MA, earned her PhD at the University of Georgia and now serves as an assistant professor at Lander University.

**Lynn Mullen**, BA, pursues her master's degree in communication at Auburn University.

**Ester Neal**, BA, received her MBA at MSU and works now as a research analyst in Huntsville, Alabama.

**James Redd**, MA and current lecturer, will begin his PhD studies in the fall at the University of Nebraska.

**Andy Black**, BA, received his MA in Medieval Studies at the University of Memphis. He has also begun PhD studies at the University of Maryland.

**Laurie Buchholz**, MA, serves as Director of the Study Skills Center at Monterey Peninsula College.

**Tiffany Love Curtis**, MA, pursues the PhD in English and creative writing at the University of Southern Mississippi.

**Wesley Venus**, MA, received his PhD in English from the University of Georgia.

**Michael Shelton**, MA, teaches English at Hebron Christian School. He also serves as president of the Mississippi Poetry Society.

**Kathy Ward Shields**, BA, completed her MS in Library and Information Science at the University of North Carolina Greensboro.

**Emily Stinson**, MA, pursues her PhD in literature and creative writing at Western Michigan University.

**Angela Taylor Brewer**, BA, received her MS at MSU and now serves as an assistant editor at McGraw-Hill.

**Alexis Powe**, BA, earned her MA at LSU, served as lecturer in our department and as

an instructor in technical communication for MSU's College of Engineering. After teaching English in Korea, she now serves as an instructor and coordinator in the Office of International Education.

**Susan Walker**, BA, earned her Juris Doctor degree at St. Louis University and now practices law in St. Louis.

**Shannon Brewer**, BA, earned her law degree at the University of Florida and now practices law in Orlando.

**Beth Clayton Luthye**, BA, earned her MA at Florida State University and taught

writing in Tennessee. Currently, she works as compassion ministries coordinator for a faith-based organization that provides aid for people in the Caribbean.

Our Xi Kappa chapter of the English honorary society, **Sigma Tau Delta**, has inducted four new members. Led by **president Lauren Shook** and by advisor **Dr. Michael Kardos**, STD has continued its sponsorship of creative writing and readings; they have also gathered and donated clothes and supplies for Safe Haven and donated books to the Starkville Public Library.

