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Cal Poly Creative Writing Winners To Read Their Work April 16

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The winners of Cal Poly's annual creative writing contest will read their work, and the latest edition of the campus literary magazine, "Byzantium," will be unveiled at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 16, in the Sandwich Factory on campus.

Art & Design student Paul Barrett from Templeton won first place in fiction for his story "Lullaby." English major Kevin Cabaniss from Murrieta earned first place in poetry for "When My Father Hit a Pole."

Each writer will receive \$100, provided by Knowlton Brothers Furniture in Oceano and the Cal Poly English Department's student academic fee committee.

Additional winners who will read Friday night include second-place fiction writer Michael Sweeney from Shingle Springs; third-place winner Barbara Torrey, Atascadero; and Pismo Beach resident Alex Bittner, who won an honorable mention.

Students reading their poetry entries will be second-place winner Sarah Grieve from Carpinteria; third-place winner Zach Snider, Novato; and Santa Maria resident Kristen Sanders, honorable mention. Second- and third-place winners also earn cash prizes.

Usually about 90 minutes long, the Annual Creative Writing Contest awards reading is always a great event, because it's the night the best student writers on campus present their creative work before an audience of lively literary enthusiasts, said English Professor and event organizer Kevin Clark.

The event is sponsored by Cal Poly's WriterSpeak series, the English Department and the College of Liberal Arts. Refreshments will be provided. Admission is free and the public is invited.

For more information, contact Clark at 756-2605.

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