2018 NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE JESSAMYN WEST WRITING CONTEST

The English Department of Napa Valley College invites unpublished works of short fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction for the 2018 Jessamyn West Creative Writing Contest. First, second and third place winners will be selected in each of the three categories. **A first prize of $150, a second prize of $100, and a third prize of $50 will be awarded in each of the three categories.** All winners will have their work published in our *Jessamyn West Creative Writing Contest Anthology* (medium to be determined). In addition, winners will receive free entry to all public events, including craft lectures and readings, at the 2018 Napa Valley Writers' Conference (**July 29 - August 3**). The contest is open to all Napa Valley College students enrolled in classes on a full or part-time basis during the last twelve months.

The deadline for receipt of entries is <u>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 AT NOON</u>. Entries will be screened by the English Department with final judging done by professional writers from outside the college. All manuscripts must adhere to the following guidelines:

Participants may enter a maximum of one story, one essay, and five poems. All entries must be typed in a standard 12- point font and should be original and previously unpublished works.

Fiction and Non-Fiction: Entries should be typed, double-spaced with 1" or 1 ½" margins and should not exceed twenty pages.

Poetry: Poets may enter a maximum of five poems *or* five pages of typed poetry.
To clarify: There should be no more than one poem per page and no more than one column of poetry on a page even if the lines are skinny enough to fit two columns side by side. If one or more poems are longer than one page, the total number of poems must be reduced so that the entire manuscript is no more than five pages. Complete an entry form for **each** poem.

Your name should not appear anywhere on the manuscript itself.

Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Follow all formatting guidelines for submissions. Email your submissions as a MS-Word attachment along with the completed entry form for each entry. Links to any online document storage such as Google Docs, OneDrive, or Dropbox, will not be accepted. Email electronic submissions to gstofan@napavalley.edu.

Entry forms are available online at:
http://www.napavalley.edu/academics/LADS/English/Pages/JessamynWestWritingContest.aspx

Submissions must be received by <u>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 AT NOON</u> in order to be eligible.

Manuscripts that do not follow the formatting guidelines or that do not have a completely filled out entry form with complete information will be disqualified.

Results will be announced in early May, and an awards reception and reading will be held in the Community Room at Napa Valley College on Wednesday, May 9, 3:00-5:00 pm. For further information, please contact Jacob Knight, writing contest coordinator at jknight@napavalley.edu or Gina Stofan, division secretary at 256-7726 or gstofan@napavalley.edu.

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For the manuscript to be accepted, you must fill out the form completely.

Name _____ NVC Student ID_____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip_____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Title_____

Category (CHECK ONE): ☐ Fiction ☐ Poetry ☐ Non-Fiction

Are you currently enrolled in an English course? If so, who is your instructor? _____

I certify that the attached work is entirely my own. I also hereby give my permission for the publication of my work in our **Jessamyn West Creative Writing Contest Anthology** *in the event that it wins. I understand that I am granting Napa Valley College publication rights but will retain all rights, including the right to publish it elsewhere.*

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Your Signature/Name

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gstofan@napavalley.edu.

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