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SUMMARY: WAYNE COLLEGE WRITING PROJECT ADDS WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Orrville, Ohio, Aug. 20, 2007 – The University of Akron Wayne College encourages creative writing with its annual writing competition. Originally designed for students at Wayne and in area high schools, the competition was opened to the general public last year with a regional writing award. This year the event organizers have added the Writer of the Year Award.

The award will recognize excellence and achievement by a published writer who resides in Wayne, Holmes or Medina counties. The achievement may be for a lifetime of work or for a recent success. The nominees may be writers of poetry, short stories, nonfiction, newspaper, magazines or novels. A published writer may be nominated or may self-nominate for this honor, which includes a distinctive award and a \$500 cash prize.

“We’re excited about adding the Writer of the Year award,” says Dr. Susanna Horn, coordinator of the Wayne College writing center and organizer of the Wayne College Writing Project. “We see this as a natural extension of the events that we have held since we started the writing competition in the fall of 2000. We started with the student writing competition, added the Writers Workshop in 2003, included a regional writing competition last year and now this new award. There’s so much talent in this area; I look forward to reading the nominations.”

Nomination forms will available at area libraries, bookstores, Heartland Point, in the Wayne College Smucker Learning Center or at the Web site at www.wayne.uakron.edu/LearCen/writeroftheyear/. For more information, contact Horn at 1-800-221-8308, ext. 8962, or 330-684-8962.

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