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Warming Station Poems

The BMCC English Department held its second annual Warming Station Poems contest this winter from November 24th to December 24th. Poets worldwide were invited to enter the contest for \$3 per poem for up to 5 poems and all proceeds go to help fund the Pendleton Warming Station. This year's contest raised over \$160.

Started by a simple observation that the response to winter weather has different perspectives from beautiful and peaceful to brutal and grim, the English Department faculty saw an opportunity to meld poetry with community action.

The event was announced at the First Draft Writers' Series at the Pendleton Center for the Arts and promoted through social media. The BMCC English Department used this vehicle to reach out to the larger literary community and has proven to meet its goals by receiving submissions from writers from the Midwest of the United States to as far as Africa.

This year's winning submissions are as follows:

1st place – Vivian Wagner

Ms. Wagner is an associate professor of English at Muskingum University in New Concord, Ohio. The titles of her poems include *Kill the Devil*, *Survivalists* and *At Death's Door*.

Honorable Mention – Katie Darby Mullins

Ms. Mullins teaches creative writing at the University of Evansville. The title of her poem is *Self-Portrait Through the Eyes of My Ex*.

Honorable Mention – Emma Bolden

Ms. Bolden is the author of *medi(t)ations* (Noctuary Press) and *Maleficae* (GenPop Books). The title of her poem is *As One Would Imagine After*.



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Honorable Mention – Tracy Mishkin

Ms. Mishkin is a call center veteran and an author with a PhD and an MFA student in Creative Writing at Butler University. The title of her poem is *Sun Gone*.

To read the selected poems go to <http://libguides.bluecc.edu/content.php?pid=692231&sid=5741940>.

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