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SOA Creative Writing Majors Sweep National Carl Sandburg Student Poetry Contest

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Who: *Five SOA Creative Writing Students*

National High School Winners for Carl Sandburg Student Poetry

Contest:

James Rode (12th Grade) – 1st Place for "Having Found the Gulf Motel"

Liv Provosty (9th Grade) – 2nd Place for "Her Refuge"

Roey Leonardi (9th Grade) – 3rd Place for "Technicolor"

Elliot Hueske (9th Grade) – Honorable Mention for "Cosmos Bipinnatus"

National Middle School Winners for Carl Sandburg Student Poetry

Contest:

Maya Green (8th Grade) – 1st Place for "Dear Barbados"

What: *SOA Creative Writing Majors (James Rode- 1st place for High School, Liv Pro and Middle School students for the Annual Carl Sandburg Student Poetry Contest coordinated by the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site (81 Carl Sandburg Lane, Flatrock, NC 28731.) These students will be honored at Blue Ridge Community College this Friday, April 15 where they will read their winning poems and receive their awards. Also, the winning students' poems will be exhibited at the Carl Sandburg Home for a year and visitors will read and vote on their favorites over the next 12 months culminating in a "People's Choice" Award at the end of the 2016-2017 academic year. About this sweeping win, Chief of Visitor Services for the Carl Sandburg Home, Sarah Perschall says to SOA Creative Writing Faculty, "You have an incredibly*

successful and talented group of young poets.” This year's poetry contest theme was "Legacy" in honor of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016.

Where: *Awards Ceremony at Blue Ridge Community College: 180 West Campus Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731*

Student poetry exhibited for 12 months at the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site (81 Carl Sandburg Lane, Flatrock, NC 28731.)

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About the Carl Sandburg Home and National Student Poetry Contest:

The legacy of Carl Sandburg is preserved and protected by the National Park Service, because he left a lasting impact on the nation with his writing. This year the NPS celebrates it's 100th anniversary of protecting and preserving the stories and places of our nation, and leaving a legacy for future generations. We invited students to think about what Legacy means. What is worth remembering, preserving, protecting, sharing? Students wrote poems that expressed what in their life (i.e. family, a special place, a favorite toy or game, etc) is so special that they want to preserve and protect it for the future.

For more info, on the Carl Sandburg Home and contest click here:

<http://home.nps.gov/carl/learn/news/student-poetry-contest.htm>

About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and several specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities led by associate superintendents. Options include specialized programs in science,

engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.