

BAZZANELLA LITERARY AWARDS

An Annual Writing Competition in the English Department



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The *Bazzanella Literary Awards* is one of Sacramento State's longest and most popular scholarships since its inception in 1981.

Named after the late Dr. Dominic J. Bazzanella, an English professor and Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, the awards encourage undergraduate and graduate students in the English Department to submit their work to highlight excellence across multiple mediums.

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Competition Rules

Submissions Accepted in Spring 2025

All students currently enrolled at CSU Sacramento and an English major or minor during the Spring 2025 semester are eligible to enter. There is no minimum unit requirement, however, students cannot be auditing courses. Students must have a matriculated classified status of either undergraduate or graduate. The competition will be separated between undergraduate and graduate students and determined by their Spring 2025 class standing. Manuscripts must be original work by the author and must not have been published or have won a prize in a previous literary contest.

Categories

There are four categories and students (in their particular class standing) may enter more than one category but may submit only one entry in a single category. There is a separate judge for each of the four categories. The judges are not members of the current Staff or Faculty of Sacramento State. Here are the categories:

Poetry *Short Fiction* *Creative Nonfiction* *Critical Analysis*

Prizes

- First-Place Prizes in Each Category will be \$200
- Second-Place Prize in Each Category will be \$100
- Winning Entries in Each Category will be Published in the *Bazzanella Booklet* and at *Bazzanella Literary Awards* website.
- There will be an awards ceremony and reception for the winners and their guests at the Engrained Restaurant at Sac State in early May 2025.

Manuscript Guidelines

All entries will be accepted from February 3 to March 3 in the Spring 2025 semester. For information on manuscript guidelines, please visit the [Bazzanella Literary Awards](#) website via the English Department website.

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