



Connecticut State University System

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Dear Connecticut Teacher, Guidance Counselor or Administrator:

The Connecticut State University System (CSUS) is pleased to join with IMPAC to present the **IMPAC-CSUS Literary Awards for Young Writers** competition once again in 2008, and we invite you to encourage students to participate. The awards program, now in its 11th year, is open to young writers ages 13 to 18.

During this school year, two young writers from each of Connecticut's eight counties will each win \$1,000 awards, for either their prose or poetry writing. From this group of county winners, a panel of distinguished judges will select the best two works in the State of Connecticut. The top poet and writer will each earn a trip to Dublin, Ireland, accompanied by a parent, for the presentation of the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award. Statewide poetry and prose champions will be announced during the annual dinner in June 2008 at the Litchfield Inn.

The four universities of the Connecticut State University System – Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic, Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, and Western Connecticut State University in Danbury – will be receiving the initial entries and hosting the county awards (see enclosed material). We are pleased to work with IMPAC and the Connecticut Young Writers Trust in bringing this program to Connecticut, and recognizing the extraordinary writing of Connecticut's young people.

We hope you will help to identify students who are dedicated to their writing, and may be interested in this competition. Entries must be nominated by a teacher in a public or private school, and must be postmarked by February 1, 2008. Please provide students with a copy of the enclosed double-sided entry form. Additional copies are available on the web, at either www.ctstateu.edu or www.ctyoungwriters.org. In addition, you may share this information with other teachers, and if your school has a student newspaper, we hope you will consider publishing this information in an upcoming issue.

IMPAC, a leading global productivity firm, endows the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, which at 100,000 Euros (\$135,000-\$150,000) is the world's largest prize for a single work of fiction. We are fortunate that IMPAC also has a demonstrated commitment to Connecticut's young people, and their writing, through the Young Writers competition.

If you have questions, please contact Andy Thibault of the Connecticut Young Writers Trust at 860/690-0211 or tntcomm82@cs.com. Your assistance in making your students aware of this opportunity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

David G. Carter, Sr.
Chancellor

Enclosure