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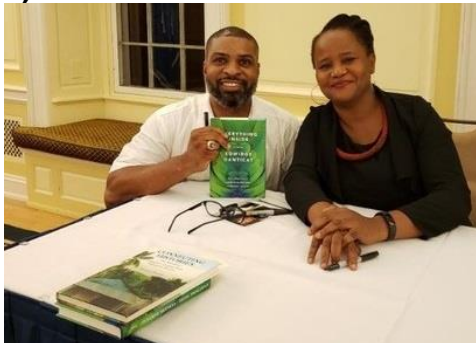
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## 1) MA STUDENT ALEXANDRA OMOGBADEGUN FEATURED IN *FORBES'S* UNDER 30 SCHOLAR LIST



MA student **Alexandra Omogbadegun** was selected to be one of *Forbes's* Under 30 Scholars. The selection allows Alexandra to attend The Forbes Under 30 Summit, which brings the world's best young leaders, founders, and creators for a life-changing four days of connecting, learning, teaching, and building. The Summit will give Alexandra the opportunity to hear from prestigious keynote speakers, be a part of panels on topics of creativity, technology, fashion, philanthropy, and so much more. She will also have the chance to attend exclusive networking sessions, explore Detroit, and do community service around the city.

## 2) MA STUDENT PHIL JULIEN MEETS EDWIDGE DANTICAT



MA student **Phil Julien** met and spoke with author Edwidge Danticat at the Library of Congress last week. Literary works such as 1994's *Breath, Eyes, Memory*, 2004's *The Dew Breaker*, and this year's *Everything Inside* have led to Danticat winning prestigious awards such as the Pushcart Short Story Prize, the National Book Critics Circle Award, and a MacArthur Fellows Program Genius Grant.

### 3) MLA STUDENT PAPER CONTEST



The Modern Language Association seeks submissions from students of exemplary research papers written in MLA style for publication on The MLA Style Center.

The five papers that best meet the submission criteria will be published on the site, and the authors of accepted papers will receive a certificate and a \$50 gift card to an online bookstore. Papers will be evaluated by the MLA's editorial team, and the finalists will be chosen by a committee composed of high school and college faculty members. Each student may submit one paper for consideration by the committee.

Deadline: 28 October 2019

Click here for more information: [https://style.mla.org/mla-student-paper-contest/?utm\\_source=mlaoutreach&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=stylestudentpapercontest](https://style.mla.org/mla-student-paper-contest/?utm_source=mlaoutreach&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=stylestudentpapercontest)

### 4) MFA PROGRAM AT GEORGIA COLLEGE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

A good MFA program is hard to find, but we believe the MFA Program at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Georgia offers unique opportunities for MFA students dedicated to the craft and purpose of creative writing. GCSU's famous alumna, Flannery O'Connor, lived in Milledgeville on her farm, Andalusia, and of our beautiful, Southern town, she wrote "When in Rome, do as you done in Milledgeville." Our MFA students certainly get a lot done in their three years in Milledgeville.

What makes us unique? We are a fully-funded, full-residency 3-year MFA program located in Flannery O'Connor's hometown of Milledgeville, Georgia. We offer everything you could find at flagship state universities, but because we are part of a small, public Liberal Arts university, our

students are immediately welcomed into a close-knit, creative community. We sponsor a Visiting Writers series, bringing nationally-renowned writers to campus each semester, as well as a graduate student reading series, and our faculty work closely with students not only as workshop teachers, but as professional mentors.

The MFA Program offers workshops with award-winning faculty in fiction, creative nonfiction, and poetry, and because we believe in expanding creative possibility and passions for our students, we require students to take cross-genre workshops. Additionally, we offer courses in journal design and editing. Students are able to put their practical skills to creative and purposeful good use while serving as members of the editorial staff of Arts & Letters, our national literary journal, and one of the premier journals of the Southeast.

**We are fully-funded:** all students receive full tuition remission as well as a Graduate Assistantship. As part of this assistantship, students gain real-world teaching experience, and work at our Writing Center as tutors, teach undergraduate Composition and Introduction to Creative Writing Courses, and teach in our Early College Program which is modeled on the Writers in the Schools Program. This real world teaching experience is essential for those students who hope to continue with teaching careers and/or community service careers. We also participate in the Peace Corps Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program which offers assistantships to Peace Corps volunteers.

Click here for more information: <https://www.gcsu.edu/artsandsciences/english/mfa>

## 5) HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: KNOWLEDGE CONTEST

### 7th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month



### Knowledge Quiz



1. The term "Hispanic" stems from the Latin word for which region of the Ancient Roman Empire?
2. Singer Camila Cabello's (#1s "Havana" and "Señorita") has parents from which two countries?
3. Pupusas (thick flatbreads made of cornmeal and stuffed with cheese, beans, or chicharrón) originated among the Pipil tribes of which country?
4. The Underground Railroad first ran South to which Spanish colony that created America's first city of free blacks?
5. ¿Qué autor colombiano ganó el Premio Nobel de Literatura por obras como *100 años de soledad*?



Singer Camila Cabello



MLB Player Manny Machado

Submit answers at [www.bowiestate.edu/hispanicmonthquiz](http://www.bowiestate.edu/hispanicmonthquiz) by October 15.

1st Place: \$50 gift card for the BSU Bookstore

2nd Place: \$25 gift card for the BSU Bookstore.

Submit your answers here: <http://www.bowiestate.edu/hispanicmonthquiz>

## 6) HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: WRITING CONTESTS

First Place: \$100 Scholarship and \$50 BSU Bookstore Gift Card

Second Place: \$25 BSU Bookstore Gift Card

 **Hispanic Heritage Month**  
**Writing Contest** 

**Academic:** Write an academic essay that focuses on themes or issues related to Hispanic culture. Essays can be expository, argumentative, and/or research-oriented. Essays can come from any discipline (History, Literature, Psychology, Natural Sciences, Public Health, Business, Fine Arts, etc.). Entries in English and Español are welcome.

First Place: \$100 scholarship and \$50 BSU Bookstore gift card

Second Place: \$25 BSU Bookstore gift card

**Creative:** Write a poem, short story, script, graphic novel, or creative non-fiction piece that features themes, issues, or characters related to Hispanic culture. Entries in English and Español are welcome.

First Place: \$100 scholarship and \$50 BSU Bookstore gift card

Second Place: \$25 BSU Bookstore gift card

*Email entries to Dr. Horacio Sierra at [hsierra@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hsierra@bowiestate.edu) by October 15.*



## 7) SIGMA TAU DELTA



### Membership Requirements:

- Candidates for undergraduate membership must have completed a minimum of two college courses in English language or literature beyond the usual requirements in freshman English. The candidate must have a minimum of a B or equivalent average in English and in general scholarship and must have completed at least three semesters or five quarters of college course work. Candidates for undergraduate membership need not be majoring or minoring in the discipline of English.
- Candidates for graduate membership who did not hold undergraduate membership must be enrolled in a graduate program in English or one of its specializations, have completed six semester hours of graduate work or the equivalent, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.
- Lifetime Membership Fee: \$80. \$35 goes to the Nu Nu chapter, which will bestow you with Honor Cords and a Medallion at your Induction Ceremony that you can wear during graduation. The other \$45 goes to Sigma Tau Delta's national office, which will supply you with your Sigma Tau Delta society pin and certificate. The fee must be paid in cash.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please email [hsierra@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hsierra@bowiestate.edu)