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### BI VIGNETTES

#### Promoting Library Research: The Research Review Competition

By Clementine Lewis

This column describes the Research Review Competition, a program developed by the Library of LaGuardia Community College of the City University of New York to promote research and writing skills. The competition asks its users to read, analyze, and synthesize research papers that highlight the library's role in the student's process.

The Library at LaGuardia Community College of the City University of New York is proud to be the international leader of a large and diverse academic program by developing and promoting research and writing skills. The Library also provides an extensive collection of research materials and a variety of services to support the student's research process. In addition, the Library has developed a Research Review Competition to reward students for writing papers that reflect their ability to research and write.

Since 1988, the Library at LaGuardia has offered this successful annual competition to students. The program is designed to reward students who have demonstrated exceptional research and writing skills. Each student who enters the competition is eligible to win a prize. The Library also provides an extensive collection of research materials and a variety of services to support the student's research process. In addition, the Library has developed a Research Review Competition to reward students for writing papers that reflect their ability to research and write.

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**Prizes**

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### Requirements and Guidelines for Competing

The Research Review Panel has developed the following requirements for the research papers:

1. The research paper must be written by a LaGuardia Community College student.
2. The research paper must be written during the current academic year.
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**Writing Criteria and Process for Judging Papers**

To establish a process for judging the research papers, the Research Review Panel first established a list of criteria to be used in evaluating the research papers. The criteria are as follows:

1. The main idea (thesis) must be well defined and well supported.
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Each paper receives a total score from each member of the Research Review Panel. The scores are added and the student with the highest score is the winner.

**The Judging Process**

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**Rating Papers**

The following is a list of criteria to be used in evaluating the research papers. The criteria are as follows:

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### Appendix A

#### Research Review Competition Rules for Entry

The Research Review Competition is jointly sponsored by the Library and Faculty. Each year, the Library at LaGuardia Community College of the City University of New York sponsors a Research Review Competition. The competition asks its users to read, analyze, and synthesize research papers that highlight the library's role in the student's process.

**1. Research Paper Definition**

The research paper must be written by a LaGuardia Community College student. The research paper must be written during the current academic year. The research paper must be written during the current academic year.

**2. Eligibility and Submission Process**

The research paper must be written by a LaGuardia Community College student. The research paper must be written during the current academic year. The research paper must be written during the current academic year.

**3. Rules for Judging Papers**

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# Promotional Flyer

LA GUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Library Media Resources Center

27th Annual Library Research Review Competition

Co-Sponsored by Faculty Council

Deadline: July 9, 2007

Research Review Panel: Teresa Jahn, Maria Spina, Clementine Lewis, Zheny Lu

Panelist Chair: Betty Barber

**REQUIREMENTS**

- The participants will be required to demonstrate their ability to conduct a brief literature search and synthesize relevant sources into their research paper.
- Entries must be prepared on a color laser at LaGuardia during the 2006-07 academic year.
- Entries must be research papers with a grade of A.
- The papers must be submitted by the individual student or by a faculty member.

**RULES**

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**AWARDS**

- All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.
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- The Third Place Winner will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and an Outstanding Academic Achievement Certificate.
- The winners will be invited to attend the Honors Night Ceremony to receive their awards.

# Rating Papers

RATING GUIDE FOR RESEARCH PAPERS

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Panel Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. The main idea (thesis) is sufficiently limited and well expressed.
2. The essay has an effective introduction and conclusion.
3. Each paragraph develops the thesis. In addition, the transitions between paragraphs are clear.
4. References to outside authority are timely, to the point and help develop the thesis. (Bear in mind that sometimes current sources are unavailable.)
5. Integration of original ideas with documented facts and opinions of others is skillfully demonstrated.
6. The writing is clearly the voice of the writer.
7. Sentences are free from grammatical and spelling errors.
8. Sentences demonstrate variety in both length and pattern. In addition, words and phrases are chosen with economy and precision.
9. A consistency of citation and bibliographic form is rigorously maintained.
10. The annotation is analytical and descriptive as well as brief.

**TOTAL SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Values to be assigned**

- 0: No Content Over Writing Area
- 1: Little Content Shown
- 2: Average Content or Correctness Shown
- 3: Skillful Content Exhibited

# Research Review Competition Process

 **Library Media Resources Center**  
**LaGuardia Community College/CUNY**  
 31-10 Thomson Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101

## The Research Review Competition

### Objectives

The competition is beneficial to the library, faculty, and students as indicated by the following objectives:

#### Faculty and Students:

- To encourage and support research and writing skills across the disciplines
- To instill pride and confidence in students, by highlighting and rewarding their research skills in the library and classroom

#### Library:

- To provide library faculty insights into research assignments and enable the librarian to provide more engaged guidance for students at the Reference Desk
- To obtain information on current research topics from various disciplines and use it as an additional collection development tool for the library
- To promote collaboration between the library and faculty from all academic disciplines
- To provide an opportunity for faculty members from diverse academic disciplines to get involved in promoting information literacy
- To highlight the vital role that the library plays in the academic process

For additional information please contact:  
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## The Research Review Competition Process

### Process for Students

Students may submit research papers with a grade of "A" from *all academic disciplines* and from all courses taken during the current academic year. The papers must be accompanied by a completed application form and may be submitted by the individual student or by a faculty member. More than one paper may be submitted.

Students may obtain an *application form* from the Reference Desk, the Library's web site, classroom instructors or email postings from the Library.

Students may submit papers (with completed *application form*) throughout the academic year to the Chairperson of the Panel by the established deadline.

The names of the students who win *First Place, Second Place, Third Place and Honorable Mention* are posted in the Library in July.

At the end of the competition, all students who submitted papers are sent letters by August:

- Students who submitted the *winning papers* receive a *letter of congratulations*, which provides information about awards and the Honors Night held in September.
- All of the students who do not win are sent *letters thanking them for their participation* and listing the names of the winners.
- All of the students who enter the competition receive an *additional letter* with a *Certificate of Participation* by September. This certificate includes a signature from the President of the College, Library Chairperson, Panel Chairperson and Faculty Council Chairperson.
- The winners' classroom instructors are sent a *thank you letter* for encouraging their students to submit papers. They are also invited to attend Honors Night to support their students.

The awards vary each year according to funding received from LaGuardia's Faculty Council and the Library. The 2007 awards will include the following:

- First Place Winner** will receive a **\$100 U. S. Savings Bond** and an **iPod Shuffle**.
- Second Place Winner(s)** will receive a **\$75 U. S. Savings Bond** and a **USB 256 MB Flash Drive**.
- Third Place Winner(s)** will receive a **\$50 U. S. Savings Bond** and a **USB 256 MB Flash Drive**.
- Honorable Mention Winner(s)** will receive a **\$25 Bookstore Certificate**.
- All winners** are invited to attend the **Honors Night Ceremony** and receive an **Outstanding Academic Achievement Certificate** from the college.
- All of the students who enter** the competition will receive a **Certificate of Participation** from the Library.

### Process for Panel Members

The Panel's Chairperson implements publicity by:

- posting college-wide e-mails to faculty, staff and students
- distributing program flyers
- writing articles for library and college newsletters
- posting announcements on the Library's web site and providing program flyers at the Reference Desk

The Panel's Chairperson screens all papers submitted to ensure that guidelines are met and distributes copies of eligible papers to each panel member.

During the academic year, the Panel's Chairperson convenes meetings with Panel members from *various academic disciplines* to accomplish tasks in stages:

- First meeting at the beginning of the academic year includes:
  - reviewing guidelines and forms
  - discussing publicity and establishing dates for additional meetings
- Second meeting during the Spring Semester includes:
  - reviewing and distributing papers to Panel members
  - establishing a date to submit ratings to Panel's Chairperson
  - establishing a date to select the winning research papers
- Third meeting after the papers have been reviewed and rated includes:
  - reviewing ratings and selecting winning research papers
  - reviewing competition guidelines for any new modifications

The Chairperson and Panel meet and review compiled ratings, discuss papers, and select the winners.

### Responsibilities of Panel Members

The responsibilities of the Panel include:

- reviewing and rating papers on individual forms (over a set period)
- sending ratings to Panel's Chairperson
- compiling ratings into one list is done by the Panel's Chairperson

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# Rules for Entry

## RESEARCH REVIEW COMPETITION

### RULES FOR ENTRY

THE RESEARCH REVIEW COMPETITION IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE LIBRARY AND FACULTY COUNCIL. AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN WRITING A RESEARCH PAPER WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS AT HONORS NIGHT EACH SEPTEMBER. PAPERS WILL BE JUDGED BY A PANEL OF FACULTY MEMBERS. ALL OF THE DECISIONS OF THE RESEARCH REVIEW PANEL ARE FINAL.

#### I. RESEARCH PAPER DEFINED

For the purpose of this competition, the research paper is defined as an expository paper on a single subject. The writer must demonstrate skillful integration of original ideas with documented facts and opinions of others.

#### II. ELIGIBILITY AND NOMINATION PROCEDURES

- Research papers that receive a grade of "A" in a LaGuardia course during the current academic year may be nominated either by the student author or by the instructor who graded the paper.

- NO ENTRY WILL BE CONSIDERED UNLESS IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ATTACHED COVER SHEET AND MEETS ALL OF THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED BELOW.**

#### III. BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE RESEARCH PAPER

- All entries must demonstrate the student's knowledge of essay structure (i.e., introduction, body and conclusion), correct grammar, spelling and punctuation, as well as a mature vocabulary and style.
- All entries must include correct footnotes, endnotes or internal documentation. A minimum of three sources in the bibliography must be annotated. If the original paper does not include an annotated bibliography, it must be added for the competition. The annotations should demonstrate the student's ability to locate and critically evaluate a variety of information sources.

#### IV. SUBMIT ALL ENTRIES TO THE RESEARCH REVIEW PANEL IN THE LIBRARY, BY JULY 9, 2007, ROOM E-101 AT THE REFERENCE DESK

## RESEARCH REVIEW COMPETITION APPLICATION FORM

- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number and Street City State Zip Code
- E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone: Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
- Last Four Digits of the Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Title of research paper \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 b) LaGuardia course for which this paper was written: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 c) Semester: \_\_\_\_\_ d) Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 e) Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 f) Grade awarded to paper by instructor: \_\_\_\_\_
- Declaration of entry:** I have read the rules of the Research Review Competition and my entry complies with them. I have attached my \*research paper (including page with grade) with complete footnotes or other documentation and annotated bibliography. I hereby submit this entry for the consideration of the Research Review Panel and authorize the Panel to include it in a publication of winning Research Review Competition papers should it be selected to receive an award.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ENTRIES TO THE RESEARCH REVIEW PANEL  
 IN THE LIBRARY AT THE REFERENCE DESK.  
 BY JULY 9, 2007

\*submit the following: 1) research paper with the grade of "A"; 2) bibliography with at least 3 annotated citations, and 3) completed application form.

# News Article

**LAGUARDIA *Live* WIRE**  
#26 May 2003

## Annual Library Research Review Competition

**By Clementine Lewis, Associate Professor, Library**

For the past 23 years, the library has sponsored a Research Review Competition. Over 300 students have submitted research papers, with more than 60 winners. During 1994-95, Faculty Council began to co-sponsor the competition, providing U.S. Savings Bonds for all the winners.

Here's how the competition works: Students and faculty are invited to enter research papers via collegeweek announcements. Reference librarians can provide additional information. Research papers may be submitted throughout the academic year, with an annual deadline in July. A faculty panel from various disciplines reviews, evaluates and selects winning papers. This year's deadline will be July 12.

Students who receive an "A" grade on a research paper for a course taken at LaGuardia during the current academic year are eligible to enter. The winning essay must demonstrate the ability to conduct a literature search, incorporate relevant sources, and effectively express the main idea or thesis. The research paper also must be accompanied by a "Works Cited" or "References" list, with at least three annotated sources.

All students who enter the competition receive a Certificate of Participation, which includes the president's signature. Competition winners receive an Outstanding Academic Certificate, as well as the following:

- First Place - \$100 U.S. Savings Bond
- Second Place - \$75 U.S. Savings Bond
- Third Place - \$50 U.S. Savings Bond

Winners receive recognition at the annual Honors Night ceremony.

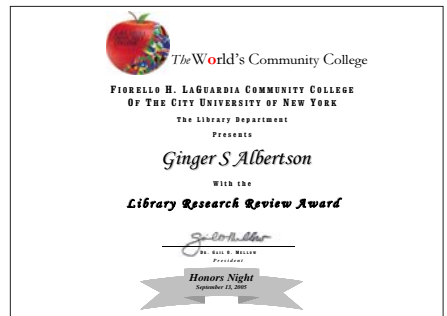
Official entry forms with rules are available at the reference desk in E-101. Submissions are made to the panel chair in the library. Students and faculty may contact members of the Research Review Panel for additional information:

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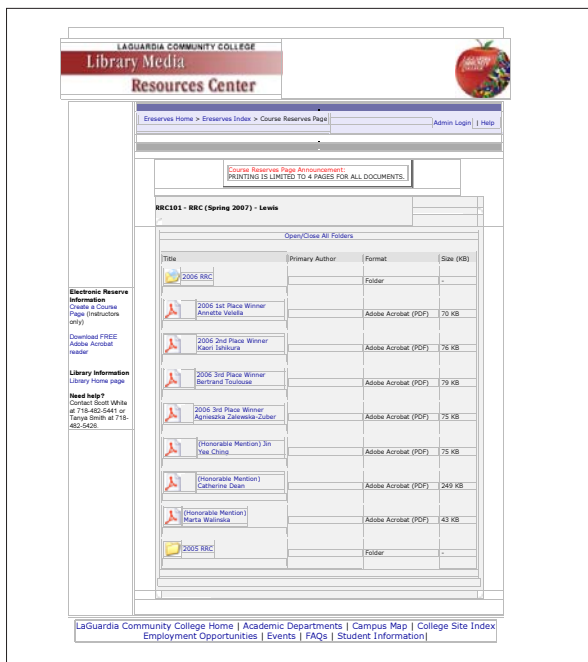
Students' participation, supported by faculty's collaborative efforts, has contributed to the success of this competition. Please join us in our efforts to promote excellent scholarship at LaGuardia.

LaGuardia Live Wire is produced by the Office of Marketing and Communications. Submissions are welcomed by e-mail at [Livewire@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Livewire@lagcc.cuny.edu), by phone at extension 5060 or in person in room E-506.

# Certificates



# Access Through Docutek ERes Web Site



Left to right: Clementine Lewis (Chair, Research Review Panel) holding Annette's Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, Nedy McMillis (Classroom Instructor for First Place Winner), and Annette Vellela (2006 First Place Winner)



Front center: Dawn R. Hunter (2005 First Place Winner with First Place Prize, an Apple iPod)  
Second row, left to right: Sally Mettler (Faculty Council President), Daniel Hegarty (Classroom Instructor for First Place Winner), Clementine Lewis (Chair, Research Review Panel), and Jane Devine (Chief Librarian)



Left to right: Clementine Lewis (Chair, Research Review Panel), Pearlie Singh (2004 First Place Winner with Outstanding Academic Achievement Award), and Eleanor Tignor (Classroom Instructor for First Place Winner)

# Review Panel



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