

While we have come together to honor the exemplary writing of **nineteen** students from **five** of RIT's colleges, we have also had the opportunity to take a quick tour of the College of Liberal Arts, to appreciate the rhetoric, methodologies, metaphors, and principles of the disciplines that make up the College of Liberal Arts at RIT.

The awards themselves emphasize the many forms of writing that are produced in Liberal Arts' courses, from first-year portfolios, to advanced research, reflective essays, and creative work. In their comments, the instructors have described what makes a particular piece of writing stand out: the depth of engagement with a critical subject, sophisticated analytical skills, the force of imagination.

We are proud to recognize today's award recipients for the excellent written work they have produced in a variety of forms, for a variety of courses.

Please join me in congratulating the 2007 recipients of the Kearsse Awards, the McKenzie Prize, and the Akyuz/Ozmen Award.