

### PJC hosts 39th writing awards



Talented writers were honored at the 39th year of the Paris Junior College writing awards on Wednesday.

“This ceremony gives us a chance to recognize and encourage our students in their writing endeavors,” said organizer and PJC English instructor Marsha Dennis.

David King of Quinlan received the Outstanding Student in English. Stephanie Bradford from Sulphur Springs was named Outstanding Student in a Foreign Language and Iliana Chakarova from Banskó, Bulgaria, received Outstanding Student in English as a Second Language.

“Swingers of Birches,” the anthology of first prize-winning entries published by the Communications and Fine Arts Division and produced by the PJC Print Shop, was distributed at the reception following the awards ceremony. To receive a copy, contact the English Department.

Winners by category from Hopkins County include:

Poetry: fourth, “The First Day,” Wendy Perea of Sulphur Springs, PJC-Sulphur Springs Center.

Research Essay with Documentation: third, “Living Wills,” Stephanie Hogue of Sulphur Springs, PJC-Sulphur Springs Center.

Short Story: first, “Rebel Ray of Sunshine,” Aldyn Lee Green of Pickton, PJC-Sulphur Springs Center; honorable mention: “Galactic Warriors,” Stephanie Gray of Sulphur Springs, PJC-Sulphur Springs Center.

**Learn about education careers at PJC-SSC April 30 information session**

Anyone interested in becoming a teacher or having a career in education should attend one of two information sessions to be held on April 30 at the Paris Junior College-Sulphur Springs Center.

Learn how to become a certified teacher in Texas, certification options, field experience requirements, and about the criminal history background check.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and interact with PJC students currently completing their coursework in education at PJC.

The sessions, at 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. or 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., will be in Room 107 in the PJC-Sulphur Springs Center located at 1202 West Houston St.

For more information about the sessions call 903-782-0421.