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Four New Mexico Students Honored for Superior Writing by National Council of Teachers of English

(Santa Fe, NM) – Four New Mexico students were honored by the National Council of Teachers of English with achievement awards in writing.

William Young, Farmington High School, Margaret Gavin and Sining Zhou, La Cueva High School, and Lauren Harding, Albuquerque Academy, were recognized for writing excellence. A total of 1,937 students were nominated by their schools, and 595 students nationally were chosen as outstanding writers.

Judging was based on students' samples of their own best prose or verse and on impromptu themes that are written under supervision. In selecting the winners, the judges looked for writing that demonstrated effective and imaginative use of language to inform or move an audience.

Janet Martin, from Angel Fire, was the state coordinator. For more information on this program go to:

[HTTP://WWW.NCTE.ORG/ABOUT/AWARDS/STUDENT/AA](http://www.ncte.org/about/awards/student/aa)

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