

# “Compose” your thoughts

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Roger Rook rooms 204–209 as well as McLoughlin 121 hosted Clackamas Community College’s annual writing event “Compose” last Saturday.

Beginning at 8:45 a.m., light snacks and water were served for participants as they gathered for a full day’s worth of workshops on “fiction, nonfiction, poetry, comics, publishing, and more,” according to clackamas.edu.

Workshops began at 10:45 a.m. and were all taught by local authors and publishers; the last sessions of the day started at 3:30 p.m. and ran until 5:30 p.m. The full event itinerary with detailed descriptions of each workshop was offered online so that attendees might pick and choose their classes.

Compose is open to everyone from writers and poets to lovers of literature and publishers alike. The event is low-cost with a registration fee of \$20. Though the event is all

day, lunch is not provided by the college or covered in the cost of registration.

Hosted by the English department, Compose aims to “teach attendees how to tell stories in meaningful ways, giving them the opportunity to network, share ideas and learn from special guest speakers,” according to the English department’s Compose registration page.

“I don’t have the final numbers yet, but we had approximately 120 conference-goers this year,” said Nicole Rosevear, Compose organizing team member.

With the event aimed at “Creative writers across a range of genres interested in learning more about and continuing to improve their craft,” Rosevear said. “Anyone interested in creative writing and at any stage with their writing is welcome.”

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Compose offers an opportunity for writers of all levels of skill to learn from local authors and publishers.

## JOURNALISM COMPETITION RECOGNIZES COLLEGE NEWSPAPERS

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Once a year, college newspapers from all over Oregon gather to compete in the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association’s Collegiate Newspaper Contest. Submitting stories on a variety of topics, including best section, best writing and best photography.

The competitors, including major universities such as Portland State University, and community colleges, such as Clackamas Community College, are split into three separate groups depending on the size of the college. For some categories, groups are combined due to the quantity or quality of the entries.

Entries were taken several months in advance, but the award ceremony was held on May 18, giving the colleges an opportunity to be present when the organization announced the winners and receive their awards in person.

Group one, consisting of the large universities, was dominated by PSU’s Vanguard, winning 42 awards in total, including first, second and third for best section, first and second for best headline writing, and first for best series.

There was more competition between the publications included in group two though it wasn’t uncommon for group’s two and three to be combined. Overall, though, the University of Portland’s Beacon won out by a small margin with 11 awards in total.

Mt. Hood Community College’s Advocate won out for group three, bringing home 20 awards, including first place for best section, best special section and best series.

The Clackamas Print brought home three first place awards: Best Headline Writing for Doug Fry’s “Whatever floats your pumpkin,” best writing for Ian Van Orden’s “Should history guide our understanding of gun control” and Best News Story for Kristin Wolers’ and Elizabeth Kessel’s “College instructor investigated for falsifying student records.” Several second and third place awards were also given to the Print.

## MARYLHURST UNIVERSITY CLOSES ITS DOORS

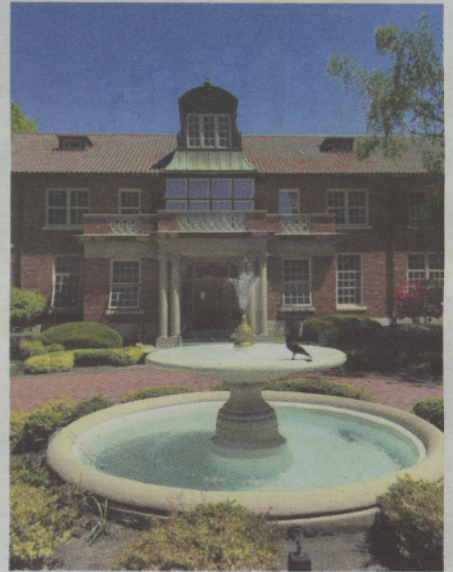
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After nearly 125 years as a higher learning institution, Marylhurst University is closing its doors at the end of this year, according to their website and automated voicemail, following a vote by the Board of Trustees. Falling enrollment was cited as one of the primary reasons for the decision.

The large 50-acre property will return to the “Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, who will make future plans for the property in alignment with their mission and values,” according to the university’s website.

“Despite these efforts, we were unable to see a viable financial path that would have enabled us to sustain the high level of academic programming for which we have always strived and that would not cause harm to our students, faculty and staff,” the website stated.

Marylhurst University was founded in 1893, making it one of the oldest collegiate institutions in Oregon.



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