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## **Stockton Students Linda Dilworth-Diego of EHT, Brigid Sadorf of Cape May Court House Win Mimi Schwartz Writing Awards**

Dr. Mimi Schwartz of Princeton Inspires and Encourages Budding Authors

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The Writing Program at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey recently announced that two Stockton undergraduates majoring in literature won Mimi Schwartz writing awards.

Linda Dilworth-Diego, a resident of Egg Harbor Township, was awarded the Mimi Schwartz Creative Nonfiction Award for her piece titled "La Moreneta," a powerful meditation on how a summer in Spain led her to reassess her identity as an African American woman. Brigid Sadorf, a resident of Cape May Court House, was awarded honorable mention for her piece titled "Triangulation," a tale of the friendship between three young people set in Las Vegas in the 1990s.

On **Thursday, April 29, 2010**, Linda Dilworth-Diego will read her award-winning essay at Stockton's Writing Program Showcase from **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** in the Townsend Residential Life Center (TRLC). The Writing Program Showcase is an annual event that features the talented students enrolled in Stockton's advanced Writing Program courses.

The Mimi Schwartz contest is judged anonymously by a professional writer external to Stockton College. This time around, Sarah Dickerson, a professor of creative nonfiction at Grand Valley State University in Michigan, judged the competition. Dickerson, who holds an MFA from the University of Iowa, has been published in the *Fourth Genre*, *Fugue* and the *Gihon River Review* as well as many others. Dickerson commented on Dilworth-Diego's writing, "The imaginistic and thematic unity of the piece illustrates how the best creative nonfiction can be at once public and personal, analytical and lyrical, objective and subjective."

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Dickerson said about Sadorf's writing, "I especially like the dialogue and the skill with which the author allows the characters to reveal themselves through their actions."

The Mimi Schwartz Creative Nonfiction Award, funded by Stockton's Writing program, is presented semiannually to a Stockton student. Dr. Mimi Schwartz, a veteran teacher, lecturer and author, is a professor emerita of writing at Stockton College. Dr. Schwartz has taught at Stockton for over 20 years, and she is the author of five books. Her most recent book, *Good Neighbors, Bad Times Echoes of My Father's German Village*, won the ForeWord Book of the Year Award for Memoir in 2008 and the New Hampshire NHWP Outstanding Literary Nonfiction Award. Dr. Schwartz's books on writing instruction are used nationwide in writing programs. As Judith Copeland, assistant professor of writing at Stockton explained, "Mimi Schwartz is not only a writer's writer; she is also an outstanding instructor of writing."

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