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South Aiken High Literary Mag azine Earns National Awards

Recognition for the 2015 edition o f Calliope 6 R X W K \$ L N H Q + L J K 6 F K R R O · V winning literary magazine, was slow to roll in. But when the accolades did begin to arrive, they astonished the P D J D] L Q H · Ván d/ VeVen I longtime creative writing teacher and literary magazine faculty adviso r Ginger Dunker.

Submissions for individual stories, photos , and art included in the 2015 edition of Calliope failed to gain traction at the state level , but later, the magazine itself would receive the highest award offered by t he National Council of Teache rs of English, a First Place award from t he American Schola stic Press Association, a rating of Excellent by t he Southern Interschola stic Press Association and a Superior rating from t he South Carolina Sch olastic Press Association.

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7 KLV ZDV WKH ILUVW \HDU ZKHUH ZH GLG QRW ZLQ DQ\ VW entries. Then we started winning all of these national awards for the magazine, ZKLFK ZH IHOW ZDV VRUW RI LURQLF μ Frecognition the Hours of the Value of the State and nationally far exceeded our expectations, but I always hear from people at the state and national level who say they cannot believe WKH TXDOLW\ RI ZRUN WKDW FRPHV RXW RI RXU VFKRRO D they see from major universities. That aspect of the magazine LV QHYHU D VXUSUL

7KH PDJD]LQH·V VWDII VSHQGV WKH PDMRULW\ RI WKH \HDL submissions. The process of actually putting the magazine together then kicks into high gear just after spring break, which is just around the corner.

The theme of the 2015 edition of Calliope was ´SRZ μ The 2016 edition will be centered around D WKHPH RI ´IUDJPHQWV μ

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Most members of the Calliope staff start out by reading submissions and helping