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The Crowder Quill is a literary-art magazine published by the Magazine Production class at Crowder College in order to encourage and showcase the creative abilities of local writers, artists, and photographers, as well as provide a cultural link between Crowder College and our surrounding communities.

The publication is funded through Crowder College as an educational tool and service to the community. Both the contest and publication are free. *The Crowder Quill* is published each spring semester in May.

The contest deadline is around Feb. 1 each year.

For more information about the contest and publication, see pages 80-86.

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Each year, members of the Crowder Quill staff choose a recipient for dedication of the annual publication. The honor is given to someone who has made a significant contribution to the publication in some way.

This year, the publication is dedicated to husband and wife team Dennis and Charlene Bergen, retired art instructors from McDonald County High School.

The Bergens have been strong supporters of *The Crowder Quill*, helping many students through the years to enter the contests. McDonald County High School won the traveling trophy several years under their leadership. Both Dennis and Charlene submitted several paintings and drawings of their own, individually, that won awards and were published in the magazine through the years.

Dennis taught art at McDonald County High School for 27 years before retiring. He taught K-8 prior to that and now has five former students teaching art in that school district alone.

"My favorite part of teaching art is to see students discover and develop talents they didn't know they had," Dennis says. "Art is also a way to teach life lessons and build self-esteem in students who may not have excelled in other areas."

Since retiring in May 2017, Charlene continues to teach art, traveling with the new and innovative program called "Art on the Van Gogh" bus which serves the students in McDonald County as well as the surrounding communities. As the owner of Bergen Studios, she enjoys conducting professional development opportunities for certified teachers and creates artwork for shows and individuals.

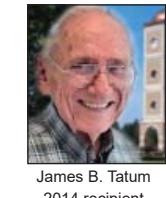
Charlene was awarded the McDonald Co R-1 District Teacher of the Year in 2014 and was a candidate for Missouri State Teacher of the Year. She has taught for Missouri State University, and her art students have won awards such as the Congressional Art Award in Washington D.C., and also the Jefferson City Senate Award.



Dennis and Charlene Bergen, retired McDonald County High School art instructors

Past Recipients

The first *Quill* dedication was for James B. Tatum, who helped found the college in 1963 and served on the Board of Trustees for more than 50 years, distinguishing himself as the longest-serving board president of a community college anywhere.



James B. Tatum
2014 recipient

As Print Shop Supervisor, Jon Finley printed more than 50 editions of the publication from the time he was hired in fall 1987-2015.



Jon Finley
2015 recipient

Dr. Kent Farnsworth, former president of Crowder College, was a great support of the *Quill*. Now a successful published author, Farnsworth serves as a model for aspiring authors, artists, and photographers.



Dr. Kent Farnsworth
2016 recipient

Dan Richard founded the *Quill* in 1980 to create an outlet for aspiring authors and artists and continued to advise the publication until 1988 when he retired. His legacy lives on.



Dan Richard
2017 recipient



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