

Recognition of the EMU Poetry Society

WHEREAS, the Poetry Society was founded at Eastern Michigan University in 2001 and has worked to create a campus environment where talented poets can cultivate and perfect their artistry while making positive contributions to the campus community through events such as “The Color of Drums,” a long-standing feature of Eastern’s annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration; and,

WHEREAS, senior Gabriel Green, senior Tiran Burrell, junior Darius Simpson and freshman Scout Bostley have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the innovative art of slam poetry and proudly represented Eastern at the 2015 College Unions Poetry Slam Invitational in Richmond, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, performing their own poetry compositions during the four-day competition, the Eastern team defeated Brown University, UCLA, Temple University, and Swarthmore College in the semi-finals and advanced to the competition’s final round; and,

WHEREAS, competing in the final round against New York University, Virginia Commonwealth University and Simmons College, the Eastern Michigan University Poetry Society team was awarded third place out of 68 collegiate teams at the national competition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents congratulates the Poetry Society team for their outstanding success in competitive performance poetry and commends them for the well-deserved national recognition that they have brought to themselves as well as to Eastern Michigan University.

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