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President's Corner

Hello Denver Branch Members!

Spring is almost here! I think this winter has been one of the most trying in a long time. For those of us who have lived in Colorado for a long time, you know it could be worse! I was reminded of the March snowstorm in 2003 that completely shut down the city for a week and ripped the canvas roof off of DIA. Then there was the March snowstorm of 2021 that dumped 27 inches! Let's hope winter goes "out like a lamb" this year!

We held our 2023 Denver Branch Shakespeare Competition this year at the DCPA Education Center. They did a beautiful job of hosting and Sam Wood was so very gracious. I am so grateful for Cami Van Anne and all of her hard work in helping to run the event as well as her M.C. skills! Our winner was Denver School of the Arts senior, Ben Feldman. Second Place went to Cherry Creek High School student, Eliana Yokomichi, and third place went to Grandview High School student, Abigail Walden. We had a wonderful turnout from friends and family of the competitors. Ben and his mother will travel to NYC for him to participate in the National Competition to be held on April 24, 2023. The location and time have yet to be determined.

Well that's all for now! Stay safe and warm!

Sincerely,

Cindy Poinsett, President ESU-Denver Branch

Save the Date Upcoming ESU Calendar



Saturday March 11 9:30 – 11:30	Board of Directors Meeting St. John's Cathedral 1350 N. Washington
Monday April 24	ESUUS Shakespeare Competition New York, NY
Sunday April 30 12:00pm	Othello Sie FilmCenter 2510 E. Colfax Avenue
Saturday May 20 9:30-11:30	Board of Directors Meeting St. John's Cathedral 1350 N. Washington

Howard F. Beckley Writing Competition



The Howard F. Beckley Writing Competition wrapped up a successful 13th year by asking students to listen to Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's TED Talk "The Danger of a Single Story," and then produce an essay discussing how Adichie's ideas apply to their own personal narrative.

This year's winners were:

- 1st: Lynae Lambert Arapahoe High School
- 2nd: Linh Le Eaglecrest High School
- 3rd: Nicholas Alred Bear Creek High School
- 4th: Adriana Nilov East High School

The Dr. Howard F. Beckley Writing Competition was established by the ESU Denver Branch in the Fall of 2010. The late Dr. Beckley was passionate about helping students improve their writing skills before their post-secondary education. Though he did not see it come to fruition, Dr. Beckley's vision took root. The first competition was tailored for High School Juniors and Seniors working on essays for their college applications and has evolved to a High School only competition with timely prompts.

DENVER BRANCH SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION



On Saturday, February 11, area students, their families, and ESU members gathered at the Denver Center for Performing Arts (DCPA) Education Center for the Denver Branch Shakespeare Competition. The students shone as they delivered their selections of Shakespeare's monologues and sonnets.

The DCPA-provided judging panel included skilled professionals, David Saphier, Rachel Taylor, and Patrick Elkins-Zeglarski, each of whom brought years of professional theatre and educational experience to the job. The competition was fierce and the judges engaged in thoughtful deliberation before crowning Ben Feldman from Denver School of the Arts as the top-place winner for the second year in a row. Eliana Yokomichi of Cherry Creek High School grabbed second place while Grandview High School's Abigail Walden received third place honors.

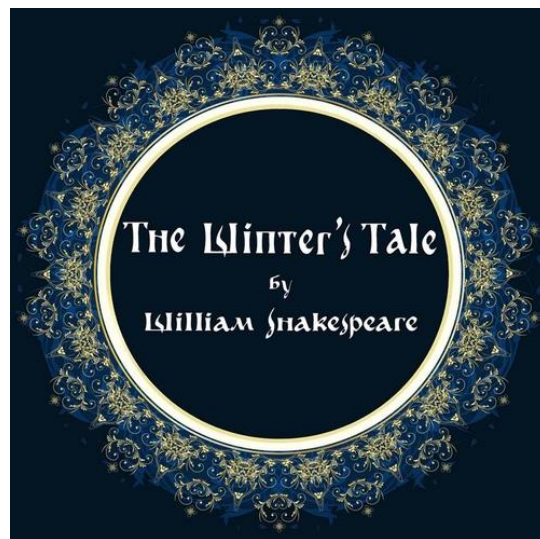
Ben will represent the Denver Branch at the National ESUUS Competition on April 24th in New York, NY. The ESU National Shakespeare Competition is a performance-based educational program serving grades 9-12. Since 1983, the competition has engaged more than 400,000 young people. Approximately 2,500 teachers and 20,000 students in nearly 60 ESU Branch communities participate each year.

ESU Denver outing to the
National Theatre production of Othello
Sunday, April 30 at 12:00pm Sie Film Center 2510 East Colfax Avenue.
Othello is filmed live on the Lyttleton stage of the National Theatre



Ticket price: \$22.00 approx.
Respond to denver@esuus.org by **Friday, April 7th** with interest

Mark your Calendars for the Annual Colorado Shakespeare Festival



The Winter's Tale Saturday, August 5, 7:00pm

Look for Reservation Details at a later date

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 4 PM (ET)

The London of Sherlock Holmes
by Annamaria Dall'Anese,
Blue-Badge Guide of London



The London of Sherlock Holmes by Dr. Annamaria Dall'Anese

Hosted by the ESU Central Pennsylvania Branch

Sherlock Holmes knows everything about you: he sees your shoes and knows where you come from; he shakes your hand and he knows what job you do; he looks at the wrinkle in your brow and he knows what you are thinking. But how much do you know about Sherlock Holmes? During this virtual tour of Sherlock Holmes's London, you'll answer quiz questions to collect clues to identify a mysterious London location. And, on the way, you will learn a lot about Sherlock and his creator.



Annamaria Dall'Anese has lived in over a dozen countries over four continents, and her job is to show you why she thinks that London is the best city in the world! As a Blue-badge tourist guide qualified in French, Spanish, and Italian, as well as English, she can show you both the most iconic attractions and the hidden gems of the British capital. Having delivered over 1000 tours for people from all walks of life, Annamaria has the skills to look after independent travelers, families, corporate clients and groups of students.

Having worked in the healthcare sector and having completed a PhD in medical anthropology at UCL, London's oldest university, she also enjoys working with medical doctors and healthcare professionals.

Annamaria has lived and worked in New York City and Los Angeles, as well as Vancouver, Paris, Venice, Madrid, and the Swiss Alps, and she will make you feel as comfortable in London as if you were in your own sweet home.