

Professional Writing Majors Win Awards and Scholarships



Professional Writing majors are among this year's winners of the Salisbury and Two

Towers Awards—the most prestigious student awards given by WPI. **Kathleen Ferguson** is one of fifteen graduating seniors recognized by the Salisbury Award for their distinguished academic achievements. **Amanda McCullough**, a pre-vet double major in biology and Professional Writing, is one of the two winners of the Two Towers Award, given annually to two outstanding members of the junior class.

Each year, the Professional Writing program gives an MQP Award for the outstanding senior project. The 2006 winner is **Kathleen Ferguson**, for “Branding and Public Relations at Commonsense Trust” (advised by John Trimbur). **Katrina Hildebrand** won the MQP Award in 2005 (advised by Lorraine Higgins), and in 2004, the MQP Award was shared by **Michael Crouch** (advised by Lee Fontanella and John Trimbur), and **William Bradley** (advised by Ruth Smith and Chrys Demetry).

In the past two years, Professional Writing majors have also won an annual scholarship for outstanding writing and communication juniors given by the Society of Professional Communicators (SPC) in Worcester. In 2003, the SPC recognized the exemplary writing ability of **Anthony Wiczorek** by awarding him the Elaine Cencak Memorial Scholarship, which included a \$1,000 prize—split with Kimberly Dunbar of Clark University—and a one year honorary membership to the SPC. Tony's work for the Charles Dickens Museum in London impressed the SPC's judges, as did his diversity awareness training workshops to help raise awareness within the WPI community of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues. In 2004, **Kathleen Ferguson** received the \$1,000 prize and one year SPC membership from the Elaine Cencak Memorial Scholarship. The SPC described Kathleen as a “sophisticated writer and thinker—exactly the kind of star that SPC should

recognize.” Judges cited her work editing chemistry curriculum and designing web sites as reasons for awarding her the scholarship.