

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southern Colorado Student Literary Conference Grades 6- 12. . .

Why should my school participate? *"Writing is an art, and it is meant to be shared like any other art form—with large and varied audiences. Student writers of this age group seldom have the opportunity to share work with people outside their own small school communities. This conference was founded on the idea that writing has the power to formulate compassions and alliances between young people who rarely come together in friendship. Too much of their experience with one another hinges on competition—at games, knowledge bowls, etc. Writers especially are built of the same stock, and they deserve the opportunity to appreciate one another, to form acquaintances and to realize that, while writing itself can seem like an isolating talent, there is a global community of writers beyond the walls of their usual reach."*

- Jenn Gutierrez, Teacher and Poet



## Call for Papers ...

An interdisciplinary student literary conference seeking to bring students from across the southern Colorado region together and provide them with the opportunity to share ideas. Students grades 6-12 interested in participating are encouraged to submit final proposals by February 1, 2008. Possible topics include:

Poetry                      Fiction                      Narrative Essay  
Literary Criticism      Contemporary Persuasive Issue  
Historical Reference      Cultural Identity      Art or Music Appreciation  
\*Performance Poetry/Spoken Word      \*Musical Solo (original lyrics)      \*Dramatic Monologue

Other topics welcome, as well as audio-visual mediums such as PowerPoint, Web/Blog

*\*Performance/spoken word poetry, musical solo and dramatic monologues will be performed rather than presented. 10min limit.*

Students should convey initial interest by January 25, 2009 (electronic submissions preferred but fax and standard mail also accepted).

## Keynote Speaker

### Pikes Peak Poet Laureate... Aaron Anstett

Current Pikes Peak Poet Laureate, Aaron Anstett's collection *Sustenance* was the finalist for the 1998 Colorado Book Award in Poetry. His second collection, *No Accident*, was selected by Philip Levine for the 2004 Backwaters Press Prize and won the Nebraska Book Award and the Balcones Poetry Prize. A newest collection, *Each Place the Body's*, was published by Ghost Road Press in 2007. His poems have appeared in *American Letters & Commentary*, *Black Warrior Review*, *Indiana Review*, *The Ohio Review*, *Poetry Daily*, *River City*, and *Shenandoah* among many other journals, and he has been featured on Garrison Keillor's *Writer's Almanac*. Anstett has taught Creative Writing at the University of Colorado-Pueblo.



These are important years . . .

*Use them well.*

THE  
COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL

## Conference Details...

Thursday, February 19 - Friday,  
February 20, 2009

Location:  
The Penrose House  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Hosted By:  
The Colorado Springs School

## For Submissions,

### Online...

Complete Proposal Forms  
available online at:  
[scslc.pbwiki.com](http://scslc.pbwiki.com)

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