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North Carolina College Media Association Recognizes Belmont Abbey College Literary Journal -- *Agora*

BELMONT, N.C. (March 25, 2015) – Belmont Abbey College announced today that *Agora*, the college’s literary and art journal, was awarded four top prizes from the North Carolina College Media Association. The 2014 edition of *Agora* as a whole received the third place award for Best of Show, and it was awarded first place for fiction, second place for poetry, and second place for photography.

The winning works are as follows:

- “The Lamp of the Body” by Brother George Rumley: first place for fiction
- “Vision” by Richard Wilson: second place for poetry
- “The Swan of Lake Luzern” by Emily Colker: second place for photography

“The recognition of *Agora* by the NC College Media Association is a great honor for all of us who take part in the effort to produce the best literary journal we can for Belmont Abbey College,” said Dr. Rebecca Munro, Assistant Professor of English and Faculty Moderator for the *Agora*. “These four awards not only give evidence of the talented student artists and writers who attend our school, but also of the enormous amount of work done by the *Agora* student editors: reading, choosing, judging, editing, and attempting to represent the voices of the Abbey community.”

Agora is Belmont Abbey College’s student literary magazine, published yearly during the spring semester. A call for submissions of poetry, short fiction, essays, graphic art, and photography goes out yearly to students and faculty, and a student board of editors decides what works will be published. Over the school year, the *Agora* staff also holds several “Poetry, Song, and Story Evenings” to which students and faculty are invited to come and share favorite or original poems, stories, and songs.

Each fall, Belmont Abbey submits its latest edition of *Agora* to the North Carolina College Media Association for the statewide college media contests. *Agora* competes with other literary journals by North Carolina colleges and universities of 6500 and fewer students. Belmont Abbey has submitted *Agora* to the contest since 2010. In 2010 *Agora* won first prize for poetry; every other year since then it has won an honorable mention in fiction, poetry, and photography. This year’s awards represent the best showing yet for the publication.

Founded in 1876 by Benedictine monks, Belmont Abbey College a small, Catholic, private college focuses on the development of the whole person in mind, body and spirit. Located just 10 miles west of Charlotte, N.C., the College currently serves nearly 800 traditional students and more than 600 adult students.

For more information and to view the award-winning issue visit: www.belmontabbeycollege.edu/agora/