**2025 Eastern Literary Festival for High School Students**

**Friday, April 4, 2025, Student Center, Eastern Connecticut State University**

8:00-9:30 Open Mic in Student Center Café

Possible Campus Tours

Buses drop off students outside the Student Center across from Cervantes Parking Garage. Eastern students will be there to escort groups to Student Center Lobby for check-in, then to the Student Center Café

8:00-9:30    Student Center Café: Water, Coffee, Pastries

9:30-9:45         Betty Tipton Room (BTR): Welcomes by Raena Beetham (Admissions) and Dr.

Donaghy

9:45-10:30      BTR: Keynote Speaker Frederick-Douglass Knowles II gives an inspiring talk about writing

Prize Winners Announced by Dr. Torockio

10:30-11:45     Student Center meeting rooms

Writing Workshops--breakout sessions led by experienced writers. Prize

winners and finalists will workshop with keynote speaker.

11:45-12:15  Lunch for Students, Teachers, and Staff (provided by Eastern)

12:15-1:00    BTR: Open Mic Student Reading

Contest Winners are invited (but not required) to read their work during this time

1:00               Program ends

* Schools interested in tours would take them at this time or during the open mic period.
* Students return to buses outside the Student Center across from Cervantes Parking Garage

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