

TO OUR READERS:

The Achievement Awards in Writing are conferred by the National Council of Teachers of English to recognize the accomplishments of high school juniors as writers. Winners must demonstrate ability at writing under two different sets of conditions: they must offer a piece of their "best writing," in any form or genre, drafted and revised over whatever time seems necessary; and they must write a short essay, completed under supervision within seventy-five minutes on a subject set by the Achievement Awards Advisory Committee and responded to by all candidates for the awards in any particular year. Students from Minnesota high schools who received an Achievement Award in Writing are:

Gina Anderson, Anoka Senior H.S., Anoka

Lisa Berman, Edina H.S., Edina

Erika Diemert, Brainerd Senior H.S., Brainerd

Jennifer Imsande, Brainerd Senior H.S., Brainerd

Andrea Key, Hopkins H.S., Minnetonka

Maria Lindstrom, John Marshall H.S., Rochester

Nathan Markell, Eagan H.S., Eagan

Lynda E. Oien, Mahtomedi H.S., Mahtomedi

Justin Olson, Thomas Jefferson H.S., Bloomington

Colleen O'Shaughnessy, Convent of the Visitation, Mendota Heights

Divya Srinivisyan, Hopkins H.S., Minnetonka

Karin Stangler, Burnsville Senior H.S., Burnsville

Joshua Vessey, Edina H.S., Edina

The State Coordinator for the NCTE Achievement Awards is Lois Anderson from Edina Senior High School. Our congratulations to this year's winners and to their teachers who worked so closely with them.

Complimentary copies of *Braided Lives: an Anthology of Multicultural American Writing* were sent to every secondary language arts teacher in the state. The book is the product of a first-time joint publishing effort by the Minnesota Humanities Commission and the Minnesota Council of Teachers of English. Initial response to the text is positive and the regional conferences dedicated to presentations and discussions about the book have been well-attended by interested teachers. In the next (Spring 1992) issue of MEJ, we will publish an extended review of *Braided Lives*.