

About the Magazine

Equinox is the literary and arts magazine that is exclusive to the Campus Honors Program of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. It was created, organized, and published by Campus Honors Program students.

The mission of *Equinox* is to share the artistic and creative talents of Campus Honors Program members. Its name, borrowed from astronomy, reflects this mission: the vernal and autumnal equinoxes are days of the year when day and night are seen equally. The duality of day and night reflects the balance between academic and artistic achievement among Campus Honors Program scholars.

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Letter from the Editors

Hello, you charming, wonderful, and spectacular people! We know that you are all charming, wonderful, and spectacular people, because in your hands you hold the second issue of *Equinox*, the Literary and Arts Magazine of the Campus Honors Program!

(Hold for Applause.)

(I can't hear you applauding.)

(Oh wait, I'm an inanimate piece of paper with writing on it. And yet a little voice in your head is repeating everything I say...)

Tangents into the metaphysical aside, this issue is the continuation of a project started two years ago for Chancellor's Scholars to demonstrate their creativity outside of the classroom in a way distinct from the numerous academic awards they have received. We began the initial research for a literary magazine all the way back in 2012 (such history) and were both proud and delighted to find other like-minded people who wanted to create something awesome. The inaugural issue was a huge success, combining art of all mediums and poetry and prose of all different styles. Every contributor brings something unique to the magazine, making it a delight to read.

After that, well, there was no stopping momentum. (Physics joke!)

With a vastly increased editing and reviewing team, two fantastic Managing Editors, a brilliant Editor-in-Chief (beloved dictator), and even more CHP student contributors, there are more people than ever (AKA, more people than last year) working to create the beautiful magazine you see before you.

We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed creating it.

And now, without further ado,

we present to you,

Equinox Issue #2!

(It's a literary magazine! We can rhyme!)

Sincerely,

Samantha Fuchs, *Editor-in-Chief*

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