

English awards first Staniforth scholarship to senior James Meakim

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James Meakim, a senior in English with a concentration in British and American literature, is the recipient of the first Gwendolyn Staniforth Undergraduate Literary Scholarship Award from the Department of English.

English Chair James Murphy says the \$400 award is to recognize outstanding performance and promise in undergraduate literary studies, and to encourage recipients to pursue further education in this field.

Meakim, who lives in Oakland, has been accepted into the MA program on renaissance literature at the University of York in the United Kingdom.

He said the award was most helpful, as scheduling conflicts had forced him to drop one of his part-time jobs in order to graduate.

Staniforth, who passed away this past year, held a Ph.D. from UCLA and was a professor of English at CSUEB from 1966-1998, specializing in Shakespeare, 16th and 17th century literature, and bibliography.

The selection committee consisted of English professors Jacqueline Doyle, Dennis Chester, and Eve Lynch.

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