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Honors Senior Project Proposal

My academic career at West Liberty as an English Writing and Rhetoric student has included instruction in three distinct types of writing: academic, creative, and journalistic. While my academic and journalistic writing instruction has culminated in significant senior projects and extracurricular experiences during my senior year, I plan to use my Honors Senior Project to add a similar capstone to my creative writing courses.

For my project, I plan to write an original fictional work which should amount to between 40 and 50 pages total and which builds upon the techniques, ideas, and themes that I have gained from my coursework in writing and literature.

When I was twelve years old, I wrote a six-chapter fantasy story about a twelve-year-old girl named Savannah who befriended talking animals and went on magical adventures. My hope for my honors project this semester will be to take this children's story, important to my life because it signaled the start of my interest in writing, and rework some of the original characters and other elements into a completely new story set in the modern day with a protagonist in her twenties.

The purpose of the project is to use creative writing to show my personal and academic growth since I wrote my first story to now, and I intend to interweave old characters with new ideas and themes that I have learned from my courses here at West Liberty.

My faculty advisor for this project will be Dr. Scott Hanna.

Project Timeline:

January

- Brainstorm ideas
- Create a story outline
- Begin writing

February

- Compose the first half of the manuscript (20-25 pages)
- Workshop with Dr. Hanna

March

- Compose the second half of the manuscript (an additional 20-25 pages)
- Workshop with Dr. Hanna

April

- Final editing and proofreading
- Final workshop with Dr. Hanna
- Presentation of final project