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Samantha Schaefer, a WMU creative writing major who graduated with honors from the Lee Honor College April 28, is the recipient of a Follett Graduate Merit Award from Columbia College Chicago. The award, offered to just four incoming students annually, recognizes outstanding accomplishments and the potential for continued excellence in the college's Creative Writing--Poetry MFA program. Samantha will receive $12,100 toward tuition and fees each academic year. While a student at WMU, Samantha has been involved in a number of activities, including Gold Company II and launching a reading series for undergraduate creative writers. She also served for three years as the peer advisor and assistant of the English Department's Prague Summer Program, which she attended as a student in 2009. Her writing has been published on campus in the Laureate, and also in the Albion Review and Asylum Lake Press. Sam is the co-editor of the Black Tongue Review (a charitable literary arts magazine based out of Chicago).

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