

Stan Singer Excellence in Writing Award A Mater Dei Community Scholarship

Overview

Stan Singer, a former Mater Dei teacher and 1957 alumnus, passed away June 10, 2016, at his home in Phoenix, AZ. Stan was a university professor, writer, and historian. Following his years at Mater Dei, Stan received his Ph.D. from UCLA. Among the colleges where he taught include UCLA, Arizona State University, Cal State, and East Tennessee State.

Stan was a most beloved teacher at Mater Dei, and Mater Dei was a special place for Stan. He kept in contact with several students that he had taught over the years and was instrumental in writing the Mater Dei History Book that was released in 2010.

Because of his love for Mater Dei, his wife, Lenna DeMarco, and his four children, Stefanie Woolverton, Michelle Goldberg, Sean Singer, and Shannon Norris, have created an endowment in Stan's memory, the Stan Singer Excellence in Writing Award Endowment for Mater Dei High School, that will present a monetary award each year to a graduating senior who excels in writing.

Lenna explains, "In Mexico, there is the tradition of 'The Three Deaths.' The first is when you take your last breath, the second is when you are buried, and the third is when the last person who knows your name passes. With this endowment, we hope that Stan will never experience the third death."

Objective

The Stan Singer Excellence in Writing Award will be awarded to a senior with outstanding writing skills.

Administration and Award

A scholarship committee made up of the English Department will receive and review all scholarship applications, and the winner will be announced at the annual Honors Awards ceremony held in May. The winner will receive a \$500 check to be applied toward a post-secondary education.