

TCTC Student Wins Borders Gift Certificate

Each month the Literacy Committee at the TCTC devises a monthly writing contest for the student body. The chance to win a \$25 gift certificate donated by Borders provides ample motivation for students to put their thoughts in writing. Co-chairs Paula Baco and Charmayne Polen say that the December contest always sparks the greatest number of student entries. The task is to compose a two page essay describing why the subject of their letter deserves to receive the gift certificate.

Briana Garner, a junior from Maplewood, enrolled in Cosmetology was the winner. She wrote about her father. Briana characterized her father as the strongest person that she has ever known. She wrote, "He has a degenerative disc disease that is extremely painful. Despite his disability, my dad he tries to make everything fun and exciting, even though he is in great pain. He has vowed to live his life to the fullest regardless of the fact that he is disabled. My father is more than my dad. He is my best friend."

Briana entered the contest because reading is her father's favorite hobby. On Christmas day, he will have an additional reason to appreciate his daughter. There were many excellent essays submitted by students, but Briana's reflected the spirit of the season. It is better to give than to receive.

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