Reflections on Lincoln:

Who is Lincoln to You? What Were You to Lincoln?

Annual Lincoln Contests in Essay-Writing and in Art!

Essay Contest:
Write about moments in your life to which Lincoln’s ideas or experiences may have been relevant or significant. The essay may be scholarly or informal, balancing emphases on both your life and Lincoln's.

Essays growing out of commentary on literary or political texts are also appropriate. Citations and references should be made consistent with the two kinds, scholarly or personal essays, either fully, or lightly if at all.

The length should be between four and ten pages, from one thousand to three thousand words. Personal poise, appropriate style, freshness of treatment, and insight are the criteria for winning essays.

Essays will be accepted until 5pm Wednesday March 17, at the desk of the Special Collections, PML 3rd Floor, open M-F from 8 to 5. Submitted essays will not be returned. Winners will be notified by the contest judges by March 31.

The writer of the winning essay will receive $250; second- and third-place essays may also be honored.

Art Contest:
Details are available from Rusty Nelson, Chair and Professor of Art, OP 1221.

Pictured are the Lincoln Oratorical Contest winners from January (L to R) 1st-place winner Samantha Pernicka and 2nd-place winner Chris Schneider. Megan Hoffman, absent here, also tied for 2nd place. Photo by Travis Miller.