

## Congratulations to the **BEAUDRY AWARD** finalists!



### **Julia Blanchard**

**Julia Blanchard** is the daughter of David and Nancy Blanchard from Twinsburg, Ohio. She is an English major on the Creative Writing track and a Catholic Studies minor. She is planning to spend her next year (or more) doing service in the Cleveland area, and she hopes to eventually get her MFA in Creative Writing.

#### **Leadership**

For the last two years, Julia has served as a Resident Assistant in Sutowski Hall. Through this position, she has been able to act as a mentor and role model for first-year students and create a strong, inclusive community. She served as Vice President and President of Alpha Omega, the Catholic devotionals society. In Alpha Omega, Julia practiced servant leadership through organizing retreats, community events, and monthly Festival of Praise worship experiences. Additionally, she has spent three years as a consultant in John Carroll's Writing Center where she helps coach students on an individual basis to improve their writing skills, as well as training new consultants through leading and observing consultations with them.

#### **Commitment to Christian Values**

Julia loves assisting at Mass as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, and sacristan. She has participated in eight retreats at John Carroll, including Manresa 18 and the 8-day Silent Retreat. Through her involvement in Alpha Omega, she has collaboratively planned 24-hour Adoration, Stations of the Cross, and a weekend retreat centered on how to live out one's faith in college. She is also preparing for her second summer as a staff member for Catholic HEART Workcamp, a national organization that holds week-long faith-based service camps for high school students, where Julia has been able to share her faith and love of service with students from across the country.

#### **Academic Achievement**

Julia is a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honors Society, and Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honors Society. She has had creative work published in the Sigma Tau Delta literary journal, as well as the Carroll Review, and she was invited to present her work at two creative writing conferences. She also wrote a one-act play, *The Charity Case*, which was performed this past semester. Julia is a member of the Honors Program, and she has made the Dean's List every semester. She was a recipient of the JCU Porter Scholarship for students in the humanities.

#### **Service to the University and/or Civic Community**

Julia is a member of the Arrupe Scholars Program for service and social justice, and she has helped plan events such as the Ohio Fair Trade Expo, Footprints for Fatima, and the Oxfam Hunger Banquet. Julia has participated in three immersion experiences: Louisville, Kentucky; Ecuador; and Uganda. Julia also worked for two summers and a school year with Boys Hope Girls Hope and their summer camp for academically-motivated middle school students from under-resourced school districts in Cleveland or Akron. Through this program, Julia taught drama lessons to 60-plus students, directed plays, assisted in the English classroom, planned field trips, and taught leadership sessions. She received the Champion Award for Service in 2012.