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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Entries Sought For the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Desert Heritage Writing Contest**

*Barstow, Calif.* – (Feb. 7, 2011) - Barstow Community College is seeking entries for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Desert Heritage Writing Contest. Barstow area students in fifth grade through community college and home schooled students are encouraged to enter this annual competition created and organized by BCC instructors to improve area students' communication skills.

Entries may be submitted in three categories – nonfiction, fiction, and poetry, and are encouraged to be submitted online at <http://www.bcconline.biz/dhwc/>. The entry deadline for online submission is 11:59 p.m. Feb. 23. The non-online entry deadline is 5 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Office of the President at Barstow Community College. Participants can review all information about the contest, its history, writing tips and more at [www.barstow.edu](http://www.barstow.edu) and accessing the Desert Heritage Writing Contest link. Entry forms are also available for pick-up at Barstow Community College's Instruction Office or the Office of the President.

Winners will receive a letter inviting them to the awards ceremony planned for April 23 at 2 p.m. in the interim Performing Arts Center. The awards ceremony is open to the public. More than 550 entries were received last year from area writers and awards range from plaques to cash prizes.

Barstow Community College is located at 2700 Barstow Road. For more information concerning the Desert Heritage Writing Contest, please contact Penny Shreve at 252-2411, ext. 7486.

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