NOW IN ITS 14TH YEAR, THE CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE YOUNG WRITERS’ CONFERENCE (CCYW), A RESIDENTIAL WRITERS’ WEEKEND FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, CONVENES THIS MAY 23-MAY 25 ON THE HILLSIDE CAMPUS OF BURLINGTON’S CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE. IF YOU ARE AN EMERGING WRITER; IF YOU’VE EVER DREAMED OF STUDYING THE CRAFT WITH CELEBRATED AUTHORS; IF YOU’VE EVER LONGED TO MEET OTHERS WHO SHARE YOUR PASSION FOR STORY, DRAMA, AND SONG; THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR YOU. PARTICIPATE IN OVER TEN HOURS OF INTENSIVE FICTION, POETRY, SONGWRITING, CREATIVE NONFICTION, DRAMATIC WRITING, AND ENVIRONMENTAL WRITING WORKSHOPS; EXCHANGE AND CRITIQUE MANUSCRIPTS; ATTEND FACULTY READINGS AND CRAFT SESSIONS; AND MEET ONE-ON-ONE WITH YOUR WORKSHOP LEADER. ON FRIDAY, GO TO THE GOOD PLACE WITH OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER, RENOWNED ESSAYIST, NATURALIST AND ACTIVIST TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS. AND THERE’S MORE: FRIDAY EVENING, READ TO JAZZ WITH MICHAEL CHORNEY’S CELEBRATED LITERARY JAZZ ENSEMBLE, OR READ POEMS AND PROSE TO OPEN MIC. ON SATURDAY, SLAM THE NIGHT AWAY WITH OUR OWN IN-HOUSE ORACLE, THE RENOWNED VERMONT SLAM CHAMPION, GEOF HEWITT. LATER, LET THE BADGER OUT WITH THE YOUNG WRITERS’ IMPROV THEATER, AND KICK UP YOUR HEELS AT THE SPECTACULAR YOUNG WRITERS’ CONTRA DANCE. SPECIAL NOTE: HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND WRITERLY PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY AS CHAPERONES, AND ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THEIR OWN ADULT WRITING WORKSHOP.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS is the author of the environmental literature classic, Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place. Her other books include: An Unspoken Hunger: Stories from the Field; Desert Quartet; Leap; Red: Patience and Passion in the Desert; The Open Space of Democracy; Finding Beauty in a Broken World, and When Women were Birds. Her writing has appeared in The New Yorker, The New York Times, Orion Magazine and numerous anthologies worldwide as a crucial voice for ecological consciousness and social change. She has worked as a “barefoot artist” in Rwanda, camped in the remote regions of Utah and Alaska wildernesses, and was featured in Ken Burns’ PBS series on the national parks. In 2006, she received the Robert Marshall Award from The Wilderness Society, their highest honor given to an American citizen.
WHO’S QUALIFIED?  
APPLICATION to the Champlain College Young Writers’ Conference is open to all high school-aged students. We’re interested in serious, talented young writers who also show a level of maturity and responsibility appropriate for attending a weekend workshop on a college campus. Along with the application, poets/songwriters are asked to submit two copies of a one-page writing sample. Songwriters are encouraged (but not required) to forward a CD or MP3 of their work. Fiction, non-fiction, dramatic writing, and environmental writing applicants should submit two copies of a writing sample of no more than three pages. Application forms are available on our website: champlain.edu/write. If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact Lesley Wright: ccyw@champlain.edu or (802) 247-5920. DEADLINE Applications should be postmarked by February 15, 2014. Early submissions are encouraged. FEE The all-inclusive fee for the 2014 Champlain College Young Writers' Conference is $345, and is due after acceptance. CHAPERONES Teachers and writerly parents are invited to attend all events and participate in their own workshop, free of charge.

FOR A FULL SCHEDULE OF CCYW 2014 EVENTS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: CHAMPLAIN.EDU/WRITE

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